

Eastern Oilseeds: Innovation to Maximize Competitiveness and Sustainability



# Commodity Focus for 2018-2023 ECODA CAP

- Canola: resistance development, agronomics, potato rotation
- Soybeans: Non-GM IP market diversification and improved performance
- Peas/mustard: intercropping, potato rotation
- Camelina: intercropping, potato rotation, double cropping, germplasm evaluation
- Hemp\*: agronomics and variety evaluation
- Aquafeed: plant-based products for diet inclusion









# Industry Partners are Key



- Must have commercial viability
- Market evaluation annually
- Industry support through contributions (cash and inkind) and review

















#### Canola-Potato Rotation

**Environmental and Economic Impact of Canola in Potato Rotation in Eastern Canada** Aaron Mills, Judith Nyiraneza, Tandra Fraser AAFC-Charlottetown

# **Objectives:**

- Agronomy: cover crop compatibility for each cropping system; effects of fall plow vs. winter cover crop; yield components and agronomic metrics of all crops in all rotations; disease effects on all crops including potato
- <u>Nutrient management</u>: N credits from different cover crops; N use efficiency; Soil enzyme activities associated with C, N, and P cycling
- Soil health: Nutrient ratio in the whole soil and microbial biomass; Soil aggregate stability and particulate organic matter during potato phase; Assess the effects of Brassicas on mycorrhizal colonization of subsequent crops; Evaluate mycorrhizal inoculant application to improve potato yield and quality

#### Canola-Potato Rotation

#### Cropping Systems Implemented:

	2017		2018		2019	2020		2021		2022
Rotaton	Main crop	Cover crop	Main crop	Cover crop	Main crop	Main crop	Cover crop	Main crop	Cover crop	Main crop
1	barley	red clover u/s	red clover	red clover	potato	barley	red clover u/s	red clover	red clover	potato
2	canola/pea	winter wheat	winter wheat	red clover	potato	canola/pea	winter wheat	winter wheat	red clover	potato
3	soybean	ryegrass o/s	corn	ryegrass o/s	potato	soybean	ryegrass o/s	corn	ryegrass o/s	potato
4	canola	cereal rye	pea	cereal rye	potato	canola	cereal rye	pea	cereal rye	potato
5	canola	red clover	corn	ryegrass o/s	potato	canola	red clover	corn	ryegrass o/s	potato
6	soybean	mustard	corn	ryegrass o/s	potato	soybean	mustard	corn	ryegrass o/s	potato
7	pea	cereal rye	canola	cereal rye	potato	pea	cereal rye	canola	cereal rye	potato
8	corn	ryegrass o/s	canola	cereal rye	potato	corn	ryegrass o/s	canola	cereal rye	potato
9	canola	winter wheat	winter wheat	red clover o/s	potato	canola	winter wheat	winter wheat	red clover o/s	potato
10	pea	winter wheat	winter wheat	red clover o/s	potato	pea	winter wheat	winter wheat	red clover o/s	potato

o/s = overseeded u/s = underseeded



# Mustard/Potato Research

Enhancing Profits and Sustainability in potato rotations using brown mustard for soil health and export grain production - Steve Howatt & Aaron Mills

#### **Objectives**

- Determine effect of mustard grown for grain vs. green incorporation on wireworm reduction and subsequent potato tuber yield and quality
- Create predictive model of yield and economic return for a potato rotation with both options.
- Quantify the economic and environmental return of a rotation with grain vs. plow down

#### Mustard/Potato Research

#### Year 1: Mustard Year

3 strips (in field)

- 1) mustard allowed to mature for grain harvest
- 2) mustard plowed down at peak flowering prior to full seed development
- 3) a check treatment of spring cereal (barley, wheat, oats or mixed grain).

#### Year 2: Potato Crop Survey

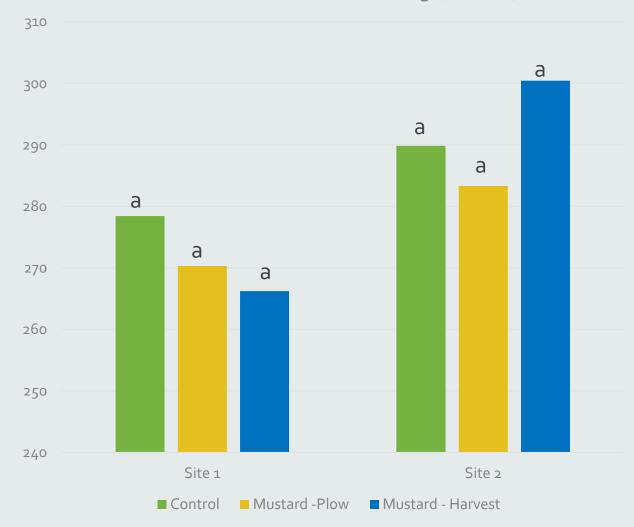
Harvest 1m sections to assess tuber yield and quality

\*\*Cycle 1 completed....looking for cooperators for next cycle (2020-2022)\*\*

# 2019 Potato Data (PEI)

No significant difference \*

#### Potato Marketable Yield 2019 (cwt/ca)



# Intercropping

Improving soil health and land-use efficiency through intercrops with pulses - Claude Caldwell and Aaron Mills

**Objective:** Determine variation in intercrop performance of two brassica species with peas evaluating soil health and LER as determinants for performance.

- Determine the effect of brassica: pea intercrops on soil health.
- Evaluate the relative benefits of brown mustard and camelina as companion crops for peas.
- Determine the best intercrop ratio to obtain optimum Land Equivalent Ratio (LER) for oil, protein and per hectare profitability.

# Previous Trial Data (2017/18)

- Higher pod height in pea:camelina intercrop vs monocrop
- Brassica hold up peas reducing rates of lodging
- LER consistently over 1 = higher return per acre with intercrop (1.04 1.14)
- No significant impact on pea protein with various seeding rates

Intercrop Data (\*Sask data: https://saskpulse.com/files/newsletters/180606\_Intercropping\_pulses\_with\_mustard.pdf)

Crop Type	Pea Yield (kg/ha.)	Brassica Yield (kg/ha)	LER
Yellow Peas (mono)*	3746 (b)	-	1.00
Yellow Pea + brown mustard*	4634 (a)	95	1.33
Green Peas (mono)*	456o (a)	-	1.00
Green Peas + brown mustard*	4250 (ab)	140	1.08
2017 NS Data			
Green Pea (mono)	4300 (a)		1.00
Green Pea + camelina	3600 (b)	480	1.15

#### Intercrop Data

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Crop Type	Seed + N Cost (\$/ac)	Net Return (\$/ac)
Yellow Peas (mono)*	\$67.28	\$322.30
Yellow Pea + brown mustard*	\$71.82	\$444.02
Green Peas (mono)*	\$90.96	\$485.50
Green Peas + brown mustard*	\$88.32	\$497.58

2018 Data Based on Yellow Pea \$7/bu, Green Pea \$8.50/bu and Brown Mustard \$0.35/lb

#### **Camelina**

**Evaluation of diverse camelina germplasm to enhance profits and sustainability in Eastern Canadian rotations -** Claude Caldwell and Steve Howatt

#### **Objectives:**

- Assess if producers can use a short season (< 80 day), high quality camelina type to follow winter wheat and produce a double crop economically and sustainably.
- Determine bio fumigation effectiveness of a long season (160 day), high glucosinolate lines of camelina as a plough-down in a potato rotation.
- Evaluate how a potato rotation with camelina for seed compare to the traditional mustard plough-down both in economic and environmental terms.





# Short Season Camelina (<80 days)

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# **Short Season Camelina**

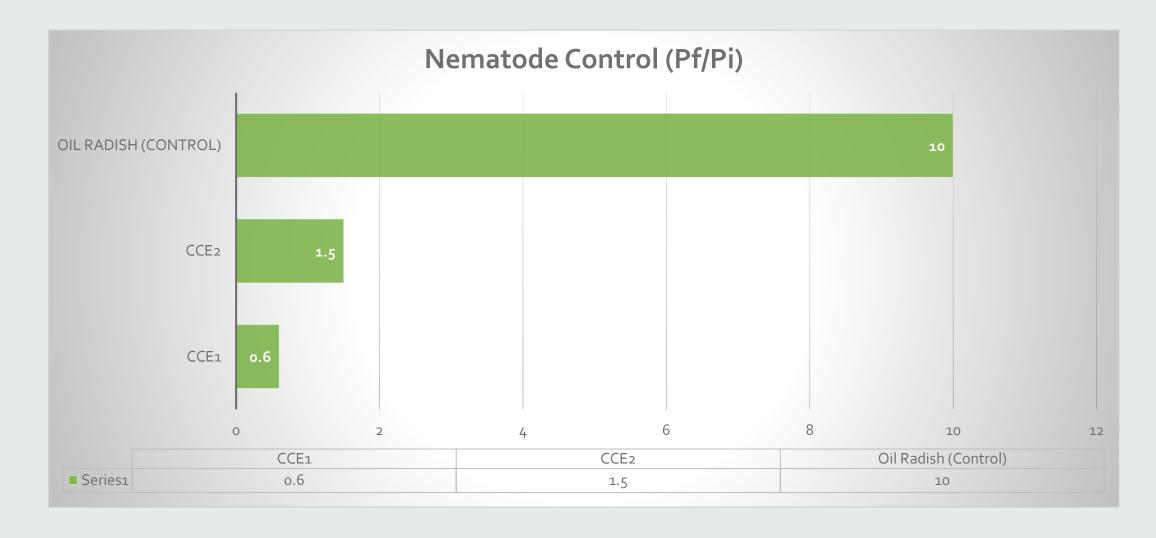
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# Long Season Camelina (>160 days)



#### Camelina Nematode Control



# Opportunities to Learn More

#### Social Media Platforms

- Twitter:@CanadaOilseeds
- Instagram: easterncanadaoilseeds
- Webpage: <u>www.ecodainc.ca</u>
- YouTube

Grower Days: summer/fall 2020-2022

