



# Minnesota Canola Council

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## MINNESOTA CANOLA COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN WATER QUALITY DIALOGUE

MCC President, Beth Nelson, participated in a dialogue group convened by Environmental Initiative (formerly known as MEI) working to develop a “shared understanding” of agriculture’s role in addressing issues related to water quality in Minnesota. The group was convened at the request of state agencies and environmental organizations. The Minnesota Ag Water Resources Coalition lead by Warren Formo has also contributed funding to the effort. Those representing agriculture in the next round of meetings include: Dave Preisler, Minnesota Pork Producers; Bob Lefevbre, MN Milk Producers; Riley Maanum, MN Corn Growers; Mike Youngerberg, Minnesota Soybean Growers; Perry Aasness and Chris Radatz, Minnesota Farm Bureau; Bruce Miller and Thom Petersen, Minnesota Farmers Union; Warren Formo, MN Ag Water Resources Coalition; and Loretta Jaus, Organic Valley. For more information, go to [www.environmental-initiative.org](http://www.environmental-initiative.org).

## GREAT TURNOUT FOR COUNCIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE – DECEMBER 2010

The Council’s annual winter meeting was held at Gene’s Bar and Grill in Roseau. With more than 100 people registered for the event attendance and spirits were high as those present took in a number of educational sessions and socialized with fellow growers. Industry representatives were on hand to exhibit their products and services. The “Lucky Doubles” Dinner, Casino Nite & Auction was well-attended and provided an enjoyable end to a productive day. The Outstanding Service Award was awarded to Rob Proulx, CPC Site Agronomist.

## RA HARVEST PRICE ANNOUNCED

The USDA Risk Management Agency set the 2011 Crop Insurance Price Elections for canola at \$26.30 per hundredweight. 2011 is the first year of the new Common Crop Insurance Policy (Combo) that replaced APH and Revenue Assurance for various crops. Producers had the option of choosing Yield Protection, Revenue Protection, and Revenue Protection with the Harvest Price Exclusion.

## MCC/NCGA JOINT RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MCC and NCGA have a joint research advisory committee that determines the most productive allocation of available research dollars, including North Central Regional NCRP and Sclerotinia Initiative funds. The committee meets annually and includes two producers and industry representation from each state. In addition, the committee includes university representatives from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. If you would like copies of research reports please contact the Council.

## ‘10-‘11 JOINT COMMITTEE

**Curtis Amundson**, MCC - Producer  
**Hugh Hunt**, MCC - Producer  
**Jay Bjerke**, MCC - Industry  
**Wally Brandjord**, NCGA - Producer  
**Kyle Rollness**, NCGA - Industry  
**Dave Gehrtz**, NCGA - Industry  
**Brian Jenks**, NCGA - University

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## 2011 NCRP FUNDING MATRIX

Researcher	Project	Funding
<b>NDSU (Jenks)</b>	Effect of Saflufenacil and Flumioxazin Applied Preharvest on Canola	<b>\$16,788</b>
<b>NDSU (Jenks)</b>	Impact of Preceding Crops on Incidence & Severity of Disease in Canola	<b>\$12,095</b>
<b>UM (Porter)</b>	The Minnesota Canola Production Centre & Canola Research	<b>\$47,467</b>
<b>NDSU (Johnson)</b>	Seeding Date & Production System (Herbicide Resistance/Variety) Influence on Canola Performance	<b>\$34,647</b>
<b>NDSU (del Rio)</b>	Identification of Herbicide-Resistant Canola Lines with Resistance to Blackleg	<b>\$29,046</b>
<b>NDSU (Rahman)</b>	Development of New Canola Germplasm for Increased Oil Content	<b>\$28,034</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$168,077</b>

## 2011 CANOLA-SPECIFIC SCLEROTINIA INITIATIVE RESEARCH FUNDING

Researcher	Project	Funding
<b>NDSU (del Rio)</b>	Development of Canola Breeding Populations & Identification of Herbicide-Tolerant Breeding Lines with Resistance to Sclerotinia Sclerotiorum	<b>\$72,000</b>
<b>NDSU (del Rio)</b>	Optimizing Management of Sclerotinia Stem Rot of Canola Through Fungicide Use	<b>\$37,000</b>
<b>NDSU (del Rio)</b>	Identification of Resistance and Pathogenicity Genes Associated with Sclerotinia Sclerotiorum Infection Using Next-Generation Sequencing	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$169,000</b>

# MINNESOTA CANOLA COUNCIL

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Minnesota Canola Council is dedicated to the canola industry through leadership, research and education, providing a competitive edge to Minnesota's producers and the canola industry.*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Curtis Amundson** - Chair (Roseau)  
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### EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS

**Jay Bjerke** - Winfield Solutions  
**Neil Juhnke** - Northstar Agri Industries  
**James Loewen** - Bunge Canada  
**Larry Mueller** - Mycogen/Dow AgroSci.  
**Dave Olson** - Bayer CropScience  
**Mitch Stevens** - Salol Elevator - CHS

### STAFF

**Beth Nelson** - President  
**Jon Dockter** - Associate Director  
**Jenna Knoblauch** - Communications Dir.  
**Chelsea Russell** - Event Coordinator

### 2010/2011 EXPENDITURES AND YEAR-END GAIN

#### Income

Checkoff (6¢ per cwt)	\$35,875.00	
Interest; Grants; Donations; Misc.	<u>65,492.00</u>	\$ 101,367.00

#### Expenditures

Research	\$17,055.00	
Regulatory; Legislative	12,152.00	
Promotion; Education; Public Relations	19,050.00	
Administrative/Board	<u>13,307.00</u>	61,564.00

#### Net Gain

\$ 39,803.00

#### 2010/2011 Ending Fund Balance

**\$86,624.00**



### 2011 CANOLA PRODUCTION CENTRE (CPC)

The 2011 CPC was located north of Northern Resources Cooperative on the west side of Roseau. While early-season moisture stress was observed on a small portion of the site, most studies had good growing conditions and produced average to above-average yields.

The 2011 CPC was planted on May 18 and 19. Seedbed conditions were near ideal at planting, and timely rainfalls 4 and 11 days after planting resulted in excellent stand establishment. Slight moisture stress was observed in some plot areas shortly after herbicides were sprayed

on June 16, as rainfall events on June 18, June 21-22, and June 26-27 deposited 0.66, 1.29, and 0.81 inches of rainfall, respectively. However, rainfall and temperature conditions were near ideal throughout the rest of the growing season. Public trials included the small-plot variety & systems trial; a nitrogen, sulfur, and boron fertility trial; a date of planting trial conducted in conjunction with NDSU; and a harvesting methods trial.

The Council continues to rely on its CPC for valuable agronomic information. The information garnered from these trials is intended to offer producers scientific, easily adaptable information to help them produce canola more efficiently and profitably. For a full CPC report, contact the Council office.

### MINNESOTA CPC FIELD DAY, GOLF TOURNEY - JULY 2011

A picture-perfect day greeted participants of the Minnesota Canola Council's 14th Annual CPC Field Day. More than 50 growers and industry representatives gathered to view plots located near Northern Resources Co-op as CPC Site Agronomist Rob Proulx led participants through the 10-acre site (see trials above). The field tour was followed by a burger lunch and the always popular Canola Hackers Golf Scramble. Nineteen teams squeezed onto the course to compete for the \$200 1st place prize with this year's scramble resulting in some familiar faces taking first place. This year's champion was Team Pioneer (Matt Millner, Tony Brateng, Amy Brateng, and Steve Dahl). Coming in as the second place finisher was Northstar Agri Industries (Neil Juhnke, Mike Berry, Dan Fabian, and Don Bricker). The afternoon ended in the clubhouse with refreshments, socializing, a short awards ceremony, and a pig roast dinner. *Thanks to all those who made this event possible.*

### MCC PARTICIPATES IN SEED MEETING IN AITKIN - JANUARY 2011

MCC participated in a seed meeting held at the Moose Lodge in Aitkin, MN, in January 2011. The meeting was sponsored by Aitkin Feed & Farm Supply and featured agronomic information about a number of crops including corn, soybeans, and canola. With over 30 people in attendance, participants heard first from Jon Dockter, Associate Director of MCC, who talked about the mission and activities of the Council, as well as crop insurance and market prices. A grower panel discussion followed featuring three MCC board members - Curt Amundson and Mike Hagen of Roseau, and Rob Rynning of Kennedy. The discussion gave attendees the opportunity to ask questions of and talk with growers who, combined, have close to 50 years of canola growing experience. This was the second time the Council participated in the Aitkin seed meeting. These meetings are intended to provide growers with agronomic, economic, varietal, and rotational information to allow them to more easily incorporate canola into their rotations.



1<sup>st</sup> Place - (L to R) Matt Millner, Tony Brateng, Amy Brateng, Steve Dahl.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Mike Berry, Neil Juhnke. (Not pictured: Dan Fabian, Don Bricker.)