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North Dakota Canola

Hybrid Trial Results for 2021 and Selection Guide

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Canola is a major oil crop in the northern Great Plains, particularly in North Dakota. In 2021, North Dakota accounted for approximately 81% of the 2.15 million canola acres planted in the U.S. This publication summarizes canola hybrid performance at the various North Dakota State University Research Extension Centers. The relative performance of the hybrids is presented in table form.

Give special attention to yield results of those trials nearest to your production area when evaluating varieties or hybrids in these trials. Also, attempt to view yield averages of several years rather than using only one year's data as a determining factor. In addition, consider other agronomic characteristics, such as maturity, lodging score and oil percentages, if available.

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2021 Growing Season Update

Canola fieldwork began at the end of April, with 1% of the acres planted by April 25 and 20% planted by May 10. On May 10, the topsoil moisture was rated at 52% very short. Frost was reported during the period May 26-28 and caused some stand issues in certain fields.

By July 5, 64% of the canola crop was flowering, compared with the average of 65% on the same day. Many parts of the state experienced a warm midsummer, and drought conditions existed. By the last week in July 2021, the North Dakota office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service reported the canola crop condition as 25% very poor, 25% poor, 30% fair, 19% good and 1% excellent. By Sept. 13, 72% of the canola acres were harvested. In general, the 2021 season was challenging, and yield is estimated to be about 1,100 pounds per acre for North Dakota.





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Table 1. Canola Production, North Dakota 2008-2021.

Year	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production
	(1,000) Acres)	(lb.)	(1,000 lb.)
2008	910	895	1,460	1,306,700
2009	730	725	1,840	1,334,000
2010	1,280	1,270	1,720	2,184,400
2011	890	850	1,500	1,275,000
2012	1,460	1,455	1,380	2,007,900
2013	920	915	1,820	1,665,300
2014	1,200	1,190	1,800	2,142,000
2015	1,410	1,400	1,780	2,492,000
2016	1,460	1,450	1,840	2,668,000
2017	1,590	1,560	1,600	2,496,000
2018	1,590	1,580	1,960	3,096,800
2019	1,700	1,610	1,800	2,898,000
2020	1,510	1,490	1,960	2,920,400
20211	1,750	1,720	1,100	1,892,000
Average	1,314	1,293	1,683	2,169,893

¹Forecast U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Source: North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service – USDA.

Table 2. April-September 2021 Average Temperature, Precipitation and Rankings for Selected North Dakota Locations.

Location	Average Temperature (Ranking)	Total Precipitation (Ranking)
Bowman	62.2 F (third warmest period since 1915)	8.8 inches (21st driest period since 1915)
Bismarck	64.8 F (the warmest period since 1875)	7.3 inches (sixth driest period since 1875)
Cavalier	59.7 F (17th warmest period since 1934)	10.1 inches (17th driest period since 1927)
Fargo	63.7 F (fifth warmest period since 1881)	12.3 inches (27th driest period since 1881)
Minot Exp. Station	60.9 F (ninth warmest period since 1905)	9.1 inches (21st driest period since 1894)
Williston Exp. Station	62.4 F (sixth warmest period since 1894)	7.3 inches (18th driest period since 1894)
North Dakota Average ¹	61.2 F (fifth warmest period since 1895)	10.4 inches (12th driest period since 1895)

Source: Adnan Akyüz, NDSU, North Dakota state climatologist.

About This Publication

Variety trial data from all NDSU Research Extension Centers for all crops can be found at www.ag.ndsu.edu/varietytrials. The agronomic data presented in this publication are from replicated research plots using experimental designs that enable the use of statistical analysis. The LSD (least significant difference) numbers beneath the columns in tables are derived from the statistical analyses and only apply to the numbers in the column in which they appear. If the difference between two varieties exceeds the LSD value, it means that with 95% or 90% probability (0.05 or 0.10 level), the higher-yielding variety has a significant yield advantage. If the difference between two varieties is less than the LSD value, then the variety yields are considered similar. The abbreviation NS is used to indicate "no significant difference" for that trait among any of the varieties.

The CV is a measure of variability in the trial. The CV stands for coefficient of variation and is expressed as a percentage. Large CVs mean a large amount of variation that could not be attributed to differences in the varieties. **The CVs for yield in 2021 tended to be higher than normal and data should be interpreted with caution.** In the tables, the mean indicates the average of the observations in the column. Only compare values within the table and look for trends for the desired trait among different experimental sites and years.

Oil and harvest yield were adjusted to 8.5% moisture, except where otherwise indicated in the footnotes. Oil content is intended to differentiate among hybrids at one location. LSD values should be used to determine differences among hybrids. **The oil content data are not intended to be compared among locations.**

Presentation of data for the varieties tested does not imply approval or endorsement by the authors or agencies conducting the tests. NDSU approves the reproduction of any table in this publication only if no portion is deleted, appropriate footnotes are given, the order of the data is not rearranged and NDSU is credited for the data.

¹Statewide values are calculated based on all available locations in North Dakota rather than the mathematical average of the list above.

Table 3. Company Name	, Short Name U	sed in the Tables and URL With Company Information.
Company/Brand	Short	URL
BASF	BASF	agriculture.basf.us/crop-protection/products/seeds/invigor.html
BrettYoung	BrettYoung	www.brettyoung.ca/us-seed-crop-inputs/canola
Bayer/Dekalb	Dekalb	www.dekalbasgrowdeltapine.com/
DuPont/Pioneer	Pioneer	www.pioneer.com/us
Dyna-Gro Seed	Dyna-Gro	www.dynagroseed.com
Integra Fortified Seed	Integra	www.wilburellisagribusiness.com/integra-seed/
Meridian Seeds/Canterra	Meridian	www.meridianseeds.com/product-information/canola/
Nuseed SA	Nuseed	www.nuseed.com
Star Specialty	Star	www.starspecialtyseed.com
WinField/Croplan	Croplan	www.winfieldunited.com/products/winfield-united-seed/

Table 4. 2021 Summary	of TruFlex, Lib	erty Link	, and Clearfi	ield Canola Hy	ybrids in No	rth Dakot	a	
Company/			Blackleg	Clubroot	REC	REC	REC	Irrigated
Brand	Hybrid	Type ¹	Rating ²	Resistance ³	Langdon	Minot	Williston	Williston
BASF	L233P	LL	R	No	X	X	X	X
BASF	L234PC	LL	R	Yes	X	X		
BASF	L255PC	LL	R	Yes	X	X		
BASF	L340PC	LL	R	Yes	X	X	X	X
BASF	L343PC	LL	R	Yes	X	X		
BASF	L345PC	LL	R	Yes	X	X	X	X
BASF	LR344PC	TFLL	R	Yes	X	X	X	X
Croplan	CP7130LL	LL	R	No	X	X	X	
Croplan	CP7144LL	LL	R	No	X	X	X	
Dekalb	DKLL82SC	LL	R	No	X	X		
Dekalb	DKTFLL21SC	TFLL	R	No	X	X		
Dekalb	H19W94354	LL	R	No	X			
Dyna-Gro	DG 200CL	CL	R	No	X			
Meridian	CS2500 CL	CL	R	No			X	
Meridian	CS2700 CL	CL	R	Yes	X		X	
Meridian	CS4000 LL	LL	R	Yes	X	X	X	
Pioneer	P505MSL	LL	R	Yes	X	X		
Pioneer	P506ML	LL	R	Yes	X	X		

¹LL = Liberty Link, CL = Clearfield System and TF = Roundup Ready TruFlex.

²Blackleg rating provided by company, R = Resistant.

³Hybrid Clubroot resistance rating provided by company.

Table 5. 2021	Summary of TruF	lex and R	Roundup R	eady Canola l	Hybrids in No	rth Dakota.	·	
Company/			Blackleg	Clubroot	REC	REC	REC	Irrigated
Brand	Hybrid	Type ¹	Rating ²	Resistance ³	Langdon	Minot	Williston	Williston
BASF	LR344PC	TFLL	R	Yes		X	X	
BrettYoung	BY 6204TF	TF	R	Yes	X	X		
BrettYoung	BY 6207TF	TF	R	Yes	X	X		
BrettYoung	BY 6211TF	TF	R	No	X	X	X	X
Croplan	CP9978TF	TF	R	No	X	X	X	X
Dekalb	DKTF91SC	TF	R	No		X	X	
Dekalb	DKTF96SC	TF	R	No	X	X		
Dekalb	DKTF99SC	TF	R	No	X		X	
Dekalb	DKTFLL21SC	TFLL	R	No	X	X		
Dyna-Gro	DG 760TM	TF	R	No	X	X		
Dyna-Gro	DG 761TM	TF	R	No	X	X		
Integra	7361RC	TF	R	Yes	X	X	X	X
Meridian	CS2600 CR-T	TF	R	Yes	X	X	X	
Meridian	CS3000 TF	TF	R	Yes	X			
Nuseed	NC155 TF	TF	R	No	X	X		
Nuseed	NC401 TF	TF	R	No	X	X	X	X
Nuseed	NC471 TF	TF	R	No	X	X	X	
Nuseed	NC527CR TF	TF	R	Yes	X		X	
Pioneer	45CM39	RR	R	Yes	X	X		
Star	Star 402 RR	RR	R	No		X		
Star	StarFlex	TF	R	No	X	X	X	X

Star StarFlex TF R No x x x x THybrids are traditional oil type, RR = Roundup Ready, TF = Roundup Ready TruFlex and LL = Liberty Link.

²Blackleg rating provided by company, R = Resistant.

³Hybrid Clubroot resistance rating provided by company.

Table 6. 2021	Table 6. 2021 Canola - Roundup Ready - Langdon - Authors, B. Hanson, L. Henry and J. Faul.										
Company/		Days to	Flower	Days to	Plant		Oil	Seed	Yield		
Brand	Hybrid	Flower	Duration	Maturity	Height	Cover ¹	Content	2020	2021		
		$(DAP)^2$	(days)	$(DAP)^2$	(inch)	(%)	(%)	(1	o/a)		
BrettYoung	BY 6204TF	43	16	83	38	93	42.6	2,870	1,646		
BrettYoung	BY 6207TF	44	18	86	41	83	43.8		1,826		
BrettYoung	BY 6211TF	41	18	82	34	85	41.0		1,262		
Croplan	CP9978TF	40	18	82	34	80	41.9	3,543	1,313		
Dekalb	DKTF96SC	44	17	84	37	87	42.0	2,830	1,531		
Dekalb	DKTF99SC	41	18	82	35	90	42.9		1,793		
Dekalb	DKTFLL21SC	39	19	79	34	91	43.0		1,438		
Dyna-Gro	DG 760TM	41	18	83	37	81	42.3	3,307	1,412		
Dyna-Gro	DG 761TM	42	17	82	35	82	43.6	3,013	1,322		
Integra	7361RC	41	18	82	35	85	42.8	3,249	1,676		
Meridian	CS2600 CR-T	39	19	80	34	76	43.9	3,325	1,367		
Meridian	CS3000 TF	38	19	81	32	81	43.4		1,484		
Nuseed	NC155 TF	40	19	82	32	84	40.9		1,224		
Nuseed	NC401 TF	40	19	82	34	93	43.5	3,552	1,668		
Nuseed	NC471 TF	42	17	84	35	89	42.4		1,438		
Nuseed	NC527CR TF	41	18	84	34	93	43.3		1,700		
Pioneer	45CM39	41	16	81	35	90	46.3	3,159	1,880		
Star	StarFlex	41	17	82	36	88	43.4	3,076	1,519		
Mean		41	18	82	35	86	42.9	3,192	1,528		
CV %		1.4	3.4	0.8	4.2	4.1	0.7	8.4	8.0		
LSD 0.05		0.5	0.5	0.6	1.4	3.4	0.3	384	123		
LSD 0.10		0.4	0.5	0.5	1.1	2.8	0.2	320	103		

Trial was planted on May 24 and harvested on Aug. 31.

Plants were at 5- to 6-leaf stage.

Table 7. 2021 Canola - Irrigated - Roundup Ready - Williston - Authors, J. Jacobs, A. Turnquist and T. Tjelde.											
Company/		Days to	Flower	Days to	Plant	Test	Seed	l Yield			
Brand	Hybrid	Flower	Duration	Maturity	Lodge	Weight	2020	2021			
		$(DAP)^1$	(days)	$(DAP)^1$	$(0-9)^2$	(lb/bu)	(1	b/a)			
Brett Young	BY6211TF	48	17	95	1.5	52.3		3,255			
Croplan	CP9978TF	49	16	95	2.3	51.9	2,612	3,130			
Integra	7361RC	50	18	95	2.0	51.8		2,831			
Nuseed	NC401 TF	50	17	98	2.3	52.6		2,376			
Star	StarFlex	50	16	96	2.0	52.2	2,308	2,338			
Mean		49	17	96	2.0	52.2	2,460	2,786			
CV %		2.6	9.8	1.1	45.9	0.6	10.5	11.8			
LSD 0.05		1.9	NS	1.6	NS	0.5	NS	507			
LSD 0.10		1.6	NS	1.3	NS	0.4	306	415			

Trial was planted on May 13 and harvested on Aug. 30. Previous crop: spring wheat.

¹Cover - visual rating of percent area of plot covered by plant growth. This is a measure of stand and vigor.

²DAP = Days after planting.

¹DAP = Days after planting.

²Lodging: 0 = none, 9 = lying flat on the ground.

Table 8. 2021	Canola - TruFlex,	Liberty L	ink and C	learfield - l	Langdon	Authors,	B. Hanso	n, L. Henr	y and J. I	₹aul.
Company/			Days to	Flower	Days to	Plant		Oil	Seed	l Yield
Brand	Hybrid	Type ¹	Flower	Duration	Maturity	Height	Cover ²	Content	2020	2021
			$(DAP)^3$	(days)	$(DAP)^3$	(inch)	(%)	(%)	(1	b/a)
BASF	L233P	LL	41	17	79	36	75	42.1	3,565	1,436
BASF	L234PC	LL	41	17	80	37	78	42.4	3,195	1,371
BASF	L255PC	LL	46	14	84	38	73	43.3	2,961	1,200
BASF	L340PC	LL	44	17	82	36	74	41.3	3,414	1,351
BASF	L343PC	LL	44	16	83	37	75	43.4		1,641
BASF	L345PC	LL	44	16	82	40	83	42.3	3,135	1,512
BASF	LR344PC	TFLL	42	16	83	36	79	42.8	3,020	1,485
Croplan	CP7130LL	LL	43	17	82	37	78	43.5		1,238
Croplan	CP7144LL	LL	43	18	83	39	75	43.2		1,421
Dekalb	DKLL82SC	LL	41	19	82	36	75	43.2	3,169	812
Dekalb	DKTFLL21SC	TFLL	41	18	80	35	70	43.2	3,327	978
Dekalb	H19W94354	LL	42	19	82	37	70	43.7		964
Dyna-Gro	DG 200CL	CL	47	15	87	42	83	40.8	2,644	1,518
Meridian	CS2700 CL	CL	48	16	87	44	69	42.5	2,722	1,696
Meridian	CS4000 LL	LL	43	18	84	36	67	42.4	3,321	1,076
Pioneer	P505MSL	LL	43	17	83	36	74	42.1		1,216
Pioneer	P506ML	LL	42	18	82	37	72	44.1		1,037
Mean			43	17	83	38	75	42.7	3,134	1,291
CV %			1.7	4.5	0.9	4	7	1.0	8.2	17.6
LSD 0.05			0.6	0.7	0.7	1	5	0.4	331	204
LSD 0.10			0.5	0.6	0.6	1	4	0.3	277	172

Trial was planted on May 25 and harvested on Sept. 1.

Table 9. 2021	Table 9. 2021 Canola - Irrigated - Liberty Link - Williston - Authors, J. Jacobs, A. Turnquist and T. Tjelde.										
Company/		Days to	Flower	Days to	Plant	Test	Yield				
Brand	Hybrid	Flower	Duration	Maturity	Lodge	Weight	2021				
		$(DAP)^1$	(days)	$(DAP)^1$	$(0-9)^2$	(lb/bu)	(lb/a)				
BASF	L233P	50	16	96	1.5	51.6	2,679				
BASF	L340PC	52	15	96	1.5	51.2	2,955				
BASF	L345PC	53	15	97	2.3	51.6	2,975				
BASF	LR344PC	53	14	96	1.8	51.8	2,573				
Mean		52	15	96	1.8	51.6	2,795				
CV %		1.7	8.4	0.6	50.4	0.2	7.6				
LSD 0.05		1.4	NS	1.0	NS	0.2	338				
LSD 0.10		1.2	1.6	0.8	NS	0.2	274				

Trial was planted on May 13 and harvested on Aug. 30. Previous crop: spring wheat.

¹LL = Liberty Link, CL = Clearfield System, and TF = Roundup Ready TruFlex.

²Cover - visual rating of percent area of plot covered by plant growth. This is a measure of stand and vigor. Plants were at 5- to 6-leaf stage.

³DAP = Days after planting.

¹DAP = Days after planting.

²Lodging: 0 = none, 9 = lying flat on the ground.

Table 10. 2021	Table 10. 2021 Canola - Liberty Link - Minot - Authors, E. Eriksmoen, A. Kraklau and J. Hansen.										
Company/		Days to	Flower	Days to	Plant	Oil	Yie	eld ¹			
Brand	Hybrid	Flower	Duration	Maturity	Height	Content	2020	2021			
		$(DAP)^2$	(days)	$(DAP)^2$	(inch)	(%)	(lb	o/a)			
BASF	L233P	45	23	78	32	37.3	2,172	633			
BASF	L234PC	46	22	79	33	37.2	2,109	661			
BASF	L255PC	48	20	80	33	38.9	1,538	840			
BASF	L340PC	45	24	80	34	36.9		690			
BASF	L343PC	44	24	79	36	37.7		834			
BASF	L345PC	46	25	81	34	36.8	1,911	851			
BASF	LR344PC	44	23	79	34	39.4		1,018			
Croplan	CP7130LL	48	22	80	32	37.6		528			
Croplan	CP7144LL	46	23	80	33	37.9		732			
Dekalb	DKLL82SC	43	24	77	28	38.6	1,838	773			
Dekalb	DKTFLL21SC	44	23	77	29	38.7	2,304	620			
Meridian	CS4000 LL	47	25	81	34	37.4	2,838	434			
Pioneer	P505MSL	47	23	80	37	35.9		695			
Pioneer	P506ML	47	22	78	33	38.2		691			
Mean		46	23	79	33	37.7	2,101	714			
CV %		3.9	7.8	1.4	10.0	2.8	4.6	35.6			
LSD 0.05		NS	NS	2	5	1.8	162	415			
LSD 0.10		3	3	2	4	1.5	134	345			

Trial was planted on May 11 and harvested on Aug. 13.

¹The 2021 trial sustained extreme heat and drought stress. Data from 2021 should be viewed with caution.

 $^{^{2}}DAP = Days$ after planting.

Company/	Canola - Roundup Ready -	Days to	Flower	Days to	Plant	Oil	Yield ¹
Brand	Hybrid	Flower	Duration	Maturity	Height	Content	2021
	•	$(DAP)^2$	(days)	$(DAP)^2$	(inch)	(%)	(lb/a)
BASF	LR344PC	45	24	78	32	38.6	718
BrettYoung	BY 6204TF	48	23	81	31	36.4	731
BrettYoung	BY 6207TF	50	23	83	34	39.3	455
BrettYoung	BY 6211TF	47	23	78	30	35.8	603
Croplan	CP9978TF	44	28	81	31	35.6	598
Dekalb	DKTF91SC	44	24	77	29	36.7	609
Dekalb	DKTF96SC	47	24	81	33	37.1	704
Dekalb	DKTFLL21SC	43	25	77	30	37.0	545
Dyna-Gro	DG 760TM	45	25	80	31	37.7	742
Dyna-Gro	DG 761TM	44	26	80	31	39.0	895
Integra	7361RC	47	23	80	31	36.2	584
Meridian	CS2600 CR-T	44	24	79	29	37.7	828
Nuseed	NC155 TF	44	28	80	30	34.9	738
Nuseed	NC401 TF	47	24	81	33	37.6	714
Nuseed	NC471 TF	46	25	81	34	38.6	727
Pioneer	45CM39	46	22	80	31	40.1	863
Star	Star 402 RR	43	27	80	31	39.5	783
Star	StarFlex	44	27	78	34	37.6	650
Mean		45	25	80	31	37.5	694
CV %		2.2	4.1	1.1	7.0	2.0	21.8
LSD 0.05		2	2	1	4	1.2	NS
LSD 0.10		1	1	1	3	1.0	212

Trial was planted on May 11 and harvested on Aug. 13.

¹The 2021 trial sustained extreme heat and drought stress. Data from 2021 should be viewed with caution.

²DAP = Days after planting.

Table 12. 2021 C	anola - Roundup Ready	- Williston - A	uthors, G. Pr	adhan and C.	Wahlstrom		
Company/		Days to	Flower	Days to	Plant	Test	Seed Yield ¹
Brand	Hybrid	Flower	Duration	Maturity	Height	Weight	2021
		$(DAP)^2$	(days)	$(DAP)^2$	(inch)	(lb/bu)	(lb/a)
BASF	LR344PC	46	18	87	29	50.8	466
BrettYoung	BY 6211TF	41	23	83	28	51.6	589
Croplan	CP9978TF	40	24	84	29	51.0	589
Dekalb	DKTF91SC	39	24	83	27	50.9	606
Dekalb	DKTF99SC	41	22	83	25	52.3	710
Integra	7361RC	42	23	84	28	50.5	528
Meridian	CS2600 CR-T	40	22	84	25	50.7	650
Nuseed	NC401 TF	41	20	85	28	52.4	432
Nuseed	NC471 TF	43	18	85	30	50.7	375
Nuseed	NC527CR TF	41	21	82	26	50.9	446
Star	StarFlex	41	24	83	29	52.2	607
Mean		41	22	84	28	51.3	545
CV %		2.9	7.5	1.2	10.2	0.6	25.0
LSD 0.05		1.7	2.3	1.5	4.0		200
LSD 0.10		1.4	1.9	1.2	3.4		167

Trial was planted on May 11 and harvested on Aug. 13. Previous crop: soybean.

Table 13. 2021 Canola - Clearfield - Williston - Authors, G. Pradhan and C. Wahlstrom.									
Company/		Flower	Days to	Plant	Test	Seed Yield			
Brand	Hybrid	Duration	Maturity	Height	Weight	2020	20211		
		(days)	$(DAP)^2$	(inch)	(lb/bu)	(lb/a)	(lb/a)		
Meridian	CS2500 CL	20	82	32	52.3	1,086	746		
Meridian	CS2700 CL	22	86	33	51.6	969	577		
Mean		21	84	32	52.0	1,027	661		
CV %		10.0	4.1	8.3	0.4	11.8	17.0		
LSD 0.05		2.6	4.2	3.2	0.3	128	137		
LSD 0.10		2.1	3.4	2.6	0.2	105	110		

Trial was planted on May 11 and harvested on Aug. 13. Previous crop: soybean.

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Company/		Days to	Flower	Days to	Plant	Test	Seed Yield ¹
Brand	Hybrid	Flower	Duration	Maturity	Height	Weight	2021
		$(DAP)^2$	(days)	$(DAP)^2$	(inch)	(lb/bu)	(lb/a)
BASF	L233P	45	19	84	32	53.2	658
BASF	L340PC	45	19	86	33	53.1	777
BASF	L345PC	47	19	86	35	52.2	755
BASF	LR344PC	45	17	85	33	52.0	688
Croplan	CP7130LL	45	19	86	34	53.4	767
Croplan	CP7144LL	45	19	86	31	52.0	722
Meridian	CS4000 LL	43	21	86	34	52.7	713
Mean		45	19	85	33	52.7	726
CV %		2.4	9.3	1.2	9.1	0.4	15.6
LSD 0.05		1.6	2.6	1.6	4.5	0.3	NS
LSD 0.10		1.3	2.1	1.3	3.7	0.3	NS

Trial was planted on May 11 and harvested on Aug. 13. Previous crop: soybean.

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