

CROP DEVELOPMENT CENTRE STATUS REPORT

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Mission: The Crop Development Centre is a field crop organization which seeks to improve economic returns for farmers and the agricultural industry of Saskatchewan and western Canada by improving existing crops, creating new uses for traditional crops, and developing new crops.

Goals and objectives of the centre: The Crop Development Centre provides new varieties to the agriculture value chain which show genetic improvement in the following crop kinds: spring wheat, durum, high-yielding wheat, canaryseed, spelt, malt, feed and food barley, milling and feed oat, pea, lentil, chickpea, dry bean, and flax.

Types of activities undertaken to achieve mandate: Research and development; graduate student training; outreach.

Governance: The Crop Development Centre resides within the Department of Plant Sciences, College of Agriculture and Bioresources. It comprises a Director, nine research scientist positions devoted to plant breeding and plant pathology, and a professional, technical and administrative staff of approximately 110.