

## FARMER MARK REPORT

The crops in North Dakota look great this year. The spring wheat tour was just completed and the consensus was that this year's hard red spring wheat crop would be 8 bushels per acre above the average. The same cooler than normal weather that is good for wheat has also had a positive impact on our Golden Valley Flax crop for the year. As you can see from the picture of our blooming flax field the prolific number of blossoms is well beyond what we normally see.

All of the beautiful flowers will eventually turn into the reproductive part of the flax plant and form flax bowels. A cool weather pattern that has been circulating out of Canada is allowing all of the flax plants to be developed to their fullest potential. We are looking forward to an abundant crop of the highest quality.

Last year's flax crop which was given the Grand Champion Flax trophy in Northeast North Dakota at the fair in October of 2008 has been sitting in a bag waiting for the North Dakota State Fair in Minot held every year at the end of July. I wanted to enter the sample for state competition but the time has just flown by. We are adding onto our home on the farm while at the same time trying to get ready for all of our relatives coming to the farm for our son's wedding in the middle of August. One day last week when I was up on the new rafters passing up plywood and I remembered the entry date for our Golden Valley Flax at the state fair. Needless to say I was too busy to run out to Minot with our award winning entry. However that brings to mind the promotion code that we will use for this newsletter. The promo code will be "Wedding" because we are looking forward to a wonderful new life for our son Jarrod and his bride Elise. We will be waiting to hear from you and we will be glad to continue to supply you with our Golden Valley Flax, fresh from our farm to your home.

Sincerely,  
Mark Hylden