

CANDLE LOOKS PROMISING

The latest newsletter from Canbra Foods Limited, states that Candle, a new yellow-seeded double zero rapeseed variety, grown under contract for the first time this year, appears to be responding well to Alberta conditions. Yields up to 50 bushels per acre are being received and one grower from Claresholm, an area hard hit by drought this summer, reports twenty bushels from his stubbled-in field.

Initial shipments also indicate that the oil content is as high as Tower, while fibre content is lower. From this it would appear that the potential is excellent both for oil production and for rapeseed meal. Further information on this new variety will be available during the coming months and will be reported in future editions.

FALL SOIL TESTING RECOMMENDED -

(Richard Leitch, Alberta Soil and Feed Testing Laboratory)

Soil testing can tell you the amount of plant nutrients that remain in the soil after you have harvested your crop and the nutrients that should be replenished for next year's crop. Without the knowledge obtained from a soil test, you might apply too much of a fertilizer and waste money and time. On the other hand, under-fertilization may cause crops to do poorly.

Analysts recommend sampling cultivated fields intended for Spring planting after October 1. Soil temperatures are low enough after that date that little change in nutrient levels will occur before freeze-up. Sampling frozen soil is not recommended because it is almost impossible to get a representative sampling when the ground is frozen.

Take a 0-6-inch soil sample from 15 - 50 places in the field. Then thoroughly mix the samples together in a clean pail and submit approximately a pint of the mixture for testing. Do not mix soil samples that come from fields with different management or a different cropping history.

Air-dry soil samples as soon as you have collected them. This can be done by spreading the soil samples thinly on clean paper, 2 - 3 days, at room temperature.

MEETINGS:

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| Semi Annual Board of Directors Meeting of the Rapeseed Association of Canada - Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon. | October 13, 1977       |
| Semi Annual Meeting of the Canada Grains Council - Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal, Quebec                   | October 25 & 26, 1977  |
| Agricultural Outlook Conference - Government Conference Centre, Ottawa, Ont.                                 | December 12 & 13, 1977 |