



Lucy Sharratt, CBAN Coordinator, from March 16, 2010 Press Release [/Press/Press-Releases/GE-Crops-Parliament-to-debate-the-need-for-export-market-acceptance-before-commercial-release](#) target="\_self">Parliament to debate the need for export market acceptance before commercial release [/Press/Press-Releases/GE-Crops-Parliament-to-debate-the-need-for-export-market-acceptance-before-commercial-release](#)

**March 4, 2010: Farms saved flax seed protected!** Grain company Viterra and others want to force farmers wishing to grow flax in 2010 for Europe to abandon their farm-saved seed and purchase certified seed instead. The industry failed in this attempt. The reversal was announced by the Flax Council of Canada after it learned that that breeder seeds samples from three more flax varieties (that makes five in total!) have tested positive for GE contamination! Farmers were very clear that they wanted to keep their saved seed. About 75% of Canada's flax farmers use farm-saved seed. *The best solution is to test these seeds supply, both farm-saved seed and certified seed,* said National Farmers Union President and flax producer Terry Boehm. Buying certified seed would have added another cost to farmers who face lower prices and market uncertainty, and are already paying for testing and cleanup.

**March 4, 2010: Bill C-474 would stop GE seeds from creating market chaos as seen in the current flax contamination crisis.** [/Take-Action/Action-Closed-Bill-C-474](#) target="\_self">Click here for information and to take action.

**January 18, 2010:** [Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Flax/National-Farmers-Union-Press-Release](#) target="\_self">Press Release, "Grain Companies Exploit Flax Situation to Tighten Visé on Farmer Seeds Saving" National Farmers Union.

**November 18, 2009:** 35 Countries Hit by Flax Contamination as Japan Finds Contamination.

**New! October 29, 2009:** [/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Flax/Flax-contamination-briefing-for-MPs-October-2009](#) target="\_self">Flax contamination briefing for Members of Parliament.

**October 5, 2009 - Press Release:** [/Press/Press-Releases/GM-Flax-Contamination-from-Canada-Soars-to-28-Countries](#) target="\_self">GM Flax Contamination from Canada Soars to 28 Countries: But Canadian Farmers Still Have No Answers

**October 2, 2009 - Update:** Protest at Canadian Consulate in Luxembourg over GM flax contamination from Canada, & "GMO Cultivation = EU Contamination".



**September 10, 2009 - Press release:** [/Press/Press-Releases/Illegal-GM-Flax-Contaminates-Canadian-Exports](#) target="\_self">Illegal GM Flax Contaminates Canadian Exports: Contamination of European Food Threatens Canadian Export Markets