

SEASONAL FLAX SCOUTING CHART



Flax growth stages (Turner 1987; adapted from Chapter 4 of [Flax Council of Canada's "Growing Flax-Production, Management & Diagnostic Guide"](#) (Fifth Edition)

- 1 – Cotyledon
- 2 – Growing point emerged
- 3 – First pair of true leaves unfolded
- 4 – Third pair of true leaves unfolded (start of leaf spiral)
- 5 – Stem extension
- 6 – Buds visible
- 7 – First flower (early branching)
- 8 – Full flower (capsules start forming, continuation of branching)
- 9 – Late flower (most branches and capsules formed)
- 10 – Green capsule (seed white, lower leaves yellow)
- 11 – Brown capsule (seeds light brown, plump pliable, branches, stem and upper leaves green/yellow, middle leaves partly senescent, lower leaves shrivelled or dropped)
- 12 – Seed ripe (seeds brown, branches and upper leaves senescent, stem still green/yellow)

