

Oilseed Field Trials and Biodiesel Feasibility

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Since 2007, The Northeastern Wyoming RC&D has been partnering with UW Cooperative Extension, the Wyoming Business Council, conservation districts and local producers to test the viability of *Camelina sativa* as a local oil seed crop. Sheridan, Campbell, Platte and Goshen County producers have grown about 30 tons of dryland camelina and a commercial biodiesel plant is currently being developed in Sheridan County.



In 2009, the RC&D Partnered with the Sheridan Co-op and local producers to test the feasibility of producing irrigated crops for the Sheridan biodiesel plant. RC&D has worked with producers to convert old hay fields to canola, sunflowers and safflower. The financial feasibility of oil seed presses and crop budgets were developed to help producers and the Co-op understand management decisions and production economics.

The RC&D continues to respond to inquiries for agronomic and marketing information on oilseeds and biodiesel. Information packets, seminars and news articles are being used to generate interest and stimulate value-added opportunities. Monitoring of producer-led field trials and sharing results will continue to be an important part of the project in 2010.

