

The very late flax got nipped by the frost last week and hundreds of acres were spoiled. It has been demonstrated for the second time that farmers cannot sow flax until the first of July and expect to have it ripen in time to escape the frost. There is no country on earth where you can sow and reap grain in from 50 to 60 days let alone North Dakota. Farmers will have to sow their flax earlier. The great trouble is in this country that farmers try to farm too much, consequently a great deal of grain is stuck into the ground in a poor way and at too late a day to reasonably expect it to mature before the frost catches it. All grains ought to be in the shock or stack by September first at the outside and if they are, there is not much danger of frost in this country nine years out of every ten. There will be a big decrease in the flax acreage next year we opine.