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## Front cover credit

A field of flaxseed in bloom is a beautiful sight rarely found outside of North Dakota. Ninety-five percent of the flaxseed produced in the United States is grown in North Dakota. Farmers once raised nearly 3.5 million acres of flaxseed in North Dakota, but in the 1990's acreage fell below 100,000. As consumers have discovered the health benefits and other uses have increased, flaxseed has gained popularity once again in North Dakota fields. In 2004, flaxseed was planted on 490,000 acres.

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