

## **Executive Director's Report**

Rick Mitzel

I would like to start my report this time by thanking all the registered mustard producers for their support this past year.

It looks like spring is right around the corner with the warmer temperatures and talk about getting inputs in place. This past year has seen increased mustard prices from previous years and as a result more interest in growing mustard. Early indications are that the mustard acres will be up in 2022 from 2021 slightly. Some of the early forecast for precipitation for the summer seem to be closer to normal so we can hope those are correct.

In January of 2022 Sask Mustard had their Annual General Meeting and due to covid the meeting was virtual. There were presentations made by the Sask Mustard board Chair Derek Dewar, the auditors Lingard and Dreger, Chuck Penner gave his market update, and I made a presentation on Sask Mustards new uses. The meeting was well attended and there was a lot of good information.

There has been a lot of interest in the new seed varieties we have to offer those being the Hybrid Brown 18 and the Yellow 80. The yield increase over open pollinated varieties has growers very interested in these two varieties. Indications are that there is some seed of these two varieties left but it is getting low. Mustard 21 is also working on a new Oriental variety that is also a hybrid and we are hoping to have some seed available for the spring of 2023 for demonstration purposes, but we will keep you updated as the year moves along.

I hope everyone has a safe and productive year in 2022!!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Mitzel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rick Mitzel, Executive Director