

2021 Field Pea Challenges & Tips for 2022

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2021 was abnormally dry and hot in Manitoba. Peas may be known as a 'dry-season' crop, but they suffered like many others because of low rainfall. It wasn't only lack of rain that limited the crop, but other crop management 'sins' like seeding too shallow, low seeding rates, herbicide carryover and untimely/unfocused weed control. Which highlights again, regardless of weather (too dry, too wet, too hot, too cold) that implementing good crop management practices can show wins in the field and in the bin.

Focusing on 2022 with high fertilizer costs and a wicked hangover from the 2021 dry weather, field peas are looking promising to farmers because of low nitrogen fertilizer needs and promising prices. Before the peas are in the ground though, there is a lot of planning to do and options to think about. Then to get them into the bin means putting the planning into practice. There were a few standouts that showed greater success in 2021, which should give increased success in all years. There are also some watch-outs, as when crop acres start to increase, the pests move in!