Safflower

Carthamus tinctorius





About Safflower

- Safflower is a thistle-like plant containing one to five yellow-orange flower heads per branch.
- The crop is native to Asia and Africa but is now seen grown in the western United States.
- Safflower is in the same plant family as sunflower.



Uses

- Oil extracted from its seeds can be used to make...
 - * heat-stable cooking oil
 - * cosmetic products
 - * paints and varnishes
 - * livestock feed



Fast Facts

- California grows about 50% of safflower in the U.S.
- Safflower was originally grown to make red or yellow dyes out of its flowers for food preparation and clothing items



Safflower at Clearview Farm

...more information coming soon!





