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# Moving past the Bill 6 rhetoric

**AgCoalition meetings** focus on creating sensible workplace safety rules

## BY JENNIFER BLAIR AND **JILL BURKHARDT**

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The Alberta government's town halls on Bill 6 last winter were explosive, but recent industry-led meetings didn't produce similar fireworks.

"I thought the meeting went very well. There were lots of ideas thrown around between farmers and the facilitators," said Turin-area farmer Kevin Serfas, who attended AgCoalition's producer meeting in Lethbridge on June 22.

"The atmosphere was more, 'OK, let's work with government.' There's some good things about this bill, but there's some really bad things about this bill, so let's work with them and throw ideas around.

"There are compromises that can be made that will keep most people happy."

The Alberta Agriculture Farm and Ranch Safety Coalition - more commonly known as AgCoalition — hosted producer meetings at three locations in Alberta in late June to "offer feedback into the consultation process with the government,"

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# New verified beef program makes a timely debut

Revamped VBP program means producers can document their animal care, biosecurity, and environmental practices



The marketplace is sending signals it wants verified sustainable beef, and the new VBP Plus program gives producers a way to show they are doing just that. PHOTO: CANADA BEEF

# BY ALEXIS KIENLEN

**¬** he newly launched Verified Beef Production Plus program is taking Canada one step closer in its quest towards verified sustainable beef, says one of its designers.

"This is just from my perspective, but we have always had early adopters — the people who believe in it — but there have never been clear market signals," said Cecilie Fleming, chair of the committee that revamped the original VBP program.

"People did it just because it was the right thing to do. Now we're getting market signals that the end-users are looking for those attributes. No longer can we say what we're doing — they are asking us to demonstrate what we're doing."

fied Beef Production, which focused on on-farm food safety. The new, voluntary program — open to cow-calf producers, backgrounders and feedlots owners contains modules that address animal care, biosecurity, and environmental sustainability. It is part of the Canadian Cattlemen's programming, approved by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and meets the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef's recently drafted indicators for sustainable beef.

The rollout of VBP Plus also seems timely, since retailers such as Earls Restaurants and McDonald's have recently put an emphasis on sourcing sustainable beef. But the timing is coincidental as VBP Plus has been in development

"This is part of the push to define sus-

VBP Plus builds off the original Veritainable beef and our program is one of the programs that can make that happen," said Fleming, who raises Angus seedstock near Granum. "My phone, and the provincial co-ordinator's phone, has been ringing off the hook. Before this was coming, people knew it was coming and they wanted it, especially after a lot of discussion and social media came to light

> "There was evidence that we didn't really have a full robust program and now we do. It's not in reaction to Earls — it's just our timing."

> Consumers' growing interest in how cattle are raised means food retailers and the food-service sector are also interested in sustainable beef, said the national manager of VBP Plus.

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Every rancher hates this hard-to-control weed, but stem mining weevils just eat them up (from the inside)

BY MADELEINE BAERG

Per very year, Canada thistle takes a big bite out of the productivity of Alberta forage and grasslands. But an increasing number of producers is biting back — in a wholly natural way.

biting back—in a wholly natural way. In late August, the West-Central Forage Association will once again import hundreds of cartons of little black bugs from an insectary in Montana. These weevils will make their way into the enthusiastically waiting hands of dozens of Alberta forage and livestock producers frustrated by costly and difficult-tomanage Canada thistle.

Once released into infestations, the weevils will deliver an all-natural, permanent, self-perpetuating biocontrol solution to the troublesome weed.

"I can't believe how many phone calls we are getting from farmers about Canada thistle stem mining weevils," Melissa Freeman, who is co-ordinating the importation of the stem mining weevils for the forage association, said earlier this year.

"The demand is definitely there, and growing. In 2014, we had 89 people order weevils through us. Last year, we had 120 people confirmed on our list, but a late snowfall down in Montana meant the adult insects couldn't be collected so we weren't able to bring any up. And this year, we're getting tons of calls."

Canada thistle is an ultra-competitive noxious perennial weed. Every pound of Canada thistle biomass reduces grazing land's desirable biomass by two pounds.

The weed can seem almost impossible to attack. In addition to producing thousands of seeds, its deep and extensive root system can self-propagate, sending up shoots every few inches for 20 feet or more. Control options are limited as livestock refuse to eat the spiny leaves except when the plant is tiny; mowing allows the hardy root system to send up countless more shoots; tillage simply spreads the self-propagating roots; and herbicides are typically undesirable or impossible to apply on grazing land.

Canada thistle stem mining weevils, approved as a biological control agent in Canada 40 years ago, are attracting much greater interest because they are environmentally friendly — and they really work.

Freeman bought six trays of weevils for her farm two years ago.

"It takes awhile for the population to build up — as much as five years — so we didn't expect much at first," she said. "Last year, we saw a bit of a difference. This year when we went to check our



pastures, there was almost no thistle. We've seen a very big difference."

There's no official recommendation regarding how many weevils are required — it depends on the size of your thistle infestation, budget, and how quickly you want to get rid of the thistle.

An entire tray should be placed in a single infestation in order to allow the bugs to build up a self-perpetuating population. Once the weevils gain decent control of the patch of thistle, they will travel short distances in search of more thistle. Their movement is relatively slow — Canadian field studies found they move about 90 metres from over six years.

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MELISSA FREEMAN



Canada thistle stem mining weevils are available to purchase from Integrated Weed Control in Bozeman, Montana. This year, a tray of 105 weevils will cost US\$125 (plus shipping). To bring the bugs across the Canadian border, an importer must hold a Canadian import certificate.

Because the weevils are susceptible to heat and cold, and shipped items are often delayed at the Canadian border, Canadian customers should plan to pick up their weevils at the U.S. insectary and then personally transport them across the border rather than shipping them

While anyone may privately arrange an import certificate from the Canadian government, most Alberta producers instead opt to have the West-Central Forage Association handle the



The larvae of adult weevils (left, which are two to three millimetres in length) cause major damage in Canada thistle. PHOTOS: WEST-CENTRAL FORAGE ASSOCIATION





A heavy infestation of Canada thistle in 2010 (top) prior to the release of the weevils and the same patch of ground in 2012 (bottom). Photos: D. ENGSTROM

paperwork and customs requirements. In late August, forage association staff plan to drive down to Bozeman to pick up the insects, drive them across the border, and hand deliver them to pro-

ducers along a set route up through

For more information, contact the WCFA at manager@westcentralforage. com or 780-727-4447.

# HUMANS — your most important farm resource

Attracting and retaining good workers on your farm doesn't just happen - you have to make it happen

BY ALEXIS KIENLEN

f you don't have people, you don't have a farm. It's as simple as that.

While most producers think about their farm in terms of their livestock and crops, they neglect to think about the people, says a rural business specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

But that needs to change, Abby Verstraete told attendees at the recent Grazing School for Women

"Human resources will become a bigger issue in farming as farms get bigger and employment becomes more of an issue," she said. "People don't look at human resources as something they can manage and save costs on, but you really can see direct returns if you spend time in that area."

Start by thinking about the longterm goals for your operation, she said.

"Think about the bigger picture and how human resources will fit into your farm's strategic plan and your business planning. It should also fit with your philosophy and your goals."

Then define the roles and responsibilities for everyone on the farm, whether they are employees or family.

"I would emphasize that it's just as important to have good management practices with family because you are less likely to communicate well with them," said Verstraete. "You are more likely to make assumptions that they will know what you are talking about, and assumptions that they know what roles or responsibilities you want them to take."

Miscommunication comes with a big cost if it results in stressed animals, broken equipment, or lost productivity. It's key to have



Everyone working on a farm — whether employees or family — should have a job description and know their roles and responsibilities. PHOTO: THINKSTOCK

clearly defined expectations for every worker and clear lines of authority, she said.

Employers should also continually assess their labour needs and see how those needs line up with their current work force.

"If they don't match, sometimes it's as easy as looking at job descriptions and moving around responsibilities with people who are on the farm," said Verstraete.

Job descriptions pinpoint responsibilities and determine what each team member has to do.

"These are also good for succession. People can see who is doing what, and it's formal and written down"

Compensation is tricky and Verstraete's advice was to talk to other

employers, look at job postings to see what employers in your area are offering, and use online resources. (One she recommended was the agri-talent section of the Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council website — www.cahrc-ccrha.ca — which lists agricultural jobs across the country.)

When writing a job description, make sure it's accurate.

"It's an agreement on both sides," she said. "They want to know what they're stepping into and you want to know that they can handle it."

Consider offering benefits, as well as things such as specialized training or mentorship, to make yourself a more attractive employer. "Often people working in the agriculture industry are looking beyond compensation, and are looking for training or mentorship," said Verstraete. "This is what keeps them engaged and passionate. They're going to keep learning in the industry and be able to develop. It's a human need to feel that you are continually growing."

Communication is the key, she added.

"People should know what is expected of them at work. This sounds like the easiest thing ever, but it can be very complex and can get confusing."

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resources

Farm Management Canada has articles, books, and other tools at www.fmc-gac. com.

Manitoba's Agriculture Department has a free online publication called Human Resource Management for Agriculture Organizations that can be found at www.gov.mb.ca/agri culture (search for "human resource management").

# Food development centre gets \$10-million boost

Crop commissions welcome funding to expand the Leduc food development facility

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A \$10-million expansion of the food development facility in Leduc is being welcomed by the provincial wheat and barley commissions.

"We hope this capital injection will be a catalyst for further innovation from the Food Processing Development Centre," said Alberta Barley chair Mike Ammeter, who farms near Sylvan Lake.

The centre and Agrivalue Processing Business Incubator will gain an additional 2,350 square metres of business incubation and development space. The centre provides equipment and services to help new and established companies develop their products, test their business plans, and grow their business.

"As farmers in this province we are growing high-quality food ingredients for international markets, so it is great to see this type of investment to fur-

ther advance value here at home," said wheat commission chair Kevin Auch, who farms near Carmangay.

The centre helped Siwin Foods, a maker of ready-to-eat meals such as potstickers and stir-fry sizzlers, get off the ground, said company president Qiang Lin.

"The food-processing centre in Leduc has supported our company in its development and helped create the climate for our success," he said. "We have now built a new 3,250-squaremetre facility in Edmonton, employ 47 people, and ship our Alberta-grown and -made products across Canada and recently listed with a major retailer in Japan."

Alberta's food and beverage sector is No. 2 in manufacturing in the province, employs about 25,500 people, and generates sales of more than \$13 billion.

"Seeing the crops we grow being used as ingredients to make new and innovative products is exciting to growers," said Auch.



Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Oneil Carlier (centre) is given a tour of the Food Processing Development Centre after announcing a \$10-million expansion.

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# **OPINION**



# Supply management: Time to change

The demise of the Crow Rate and the wheat board shows that long-term policies can change in a hurry

**BY GORD GILMOUR**MANITOBA CO-OPERATOR ASSOCIATE EDITOR

few years back, while working as a writer for our sister publication *Country Guide*, I spoke at some length with Saskatchewan-based agriculture economist Murray Fulton, about how farm policy is typically set in Canada.

He told me that what tends to happen is something he called "punctuated equilibrium" — which is to say that Canadian agriculture policy tends to reach a state of consensus on a topic, then remain there for quite some time.

Over time, new issues appear, and pressure begins to slowly build under the surface. Eventually it begins to bubble up, reach a boiling point, then boiling over in a flash of action — like the death of the Crow Rate or the move to an open market for western wheat and barley.

He also told me, in his opinion, we were probably at the start of the process where the pressure would begin to build on supply management. With the benefit of hindsight, he's beginning to appear downright prescient.

There's little doubt pressure is rising. Various trade agreements threaten to both undermine it and cap future growth. Columns in both the farm press and mainstream media increasingly take issue with it. Recently Maxime Bernier, a Conservative MP from Quebec and candidate for the party's leadership, broke ranks and said it is time to reform the system. A pair of University of Manitoba researchers recently received a national economics award for a policy paper examining the outsize impact supply management has on poor households.

In a nutshell, their case states that supply management is a regressive tax that rich and poor alike pay at the same rate, and the higher prices of basic grocery staples is driving poor households to less healthy and wholesome options.

Drip by drip, the dam is breached, and change now appears inevitable—the question is no longer if, but when, how and by whose design, in my opinion.

So far, supply-managed commodity groups have taken a fighting stance, battling every perceived threat. It's certainly understandable. After all, the current system appears to have functioned well for them for decades now. But in a strategic sense, I believe this is an error. After a while policy-makers will just conclude the farmers in question are resistant to change and they'll impose a solution, like it or not.

When the punctuation is reached, governments tend to act the same no matter the party in power, or the issue at play. It can be summed up pretty simply: distract them, rip the bandage off, and run like hell. It would be nice to think a new generation of leaders might actually display leadership, but don't count on it.

If they won't, industry will need to, or risk being saddled with a deal they've had little input on.

I'm not suggesting giving away the farm, of course, and I don't think even the most ardent free market proponents are either. The truth is a lot of commodities are subsidized in a lot of different ways in a lot of different places. But what makes supply management unique is that it's been singled out as a trade-distorting policy and essentially shuts Canada out of export markets for commodities, in particular dairy, while spinning off unintended consequences at home.

Agricultural economists Al Mussell, Doug

Hedley and Kamal Karunagoda examined this in a widely discussed policy paper, *Canadian Dairy Exports: The Knowns, Unknowns, and Uncertainties.* In it they noted many other countries provide both direct and indirect subsidies, but don't suffer the same sort of trade backlash, because of the different way those subsidies are viewed.

In fact, the milk sector looks, to the casual observer, like the supply-managed commodity that's currently under the most duress. There's a well-documented mismatch between production and consumer demand that's resulted in ever-rising butterfat imports. There's a thriving grey market in U.S. milk solids that are crossing the border by exploiting a poorly understood loophole. Our exports are unwelcome because of supply management, while at the same time our domestic market is opening to dairy imports, suggesting Canadian producers are likely to lose out market share with no chance of a replacement.

Left unaddressed, it will be death by a thousand cuts. Rather than sticking their collective heads in the sand and hoping for the best, I strongly believe supply-managed producers would be best served by having a painful conversation amongst themselves. They should be taking a long and hard look at what criticisms of the current system might be most valid, and attempting to address them.

There's still plenty of time to take a more proactive approach to this situation, and nobody appears to be making a case for leaving farmers high and dry, holding the high-priced bag of quota they just bought.

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# Big crop on the horizon — should we be worried?

# Even if this year's crop isn't a whopper, the pressure on the grain-handling system is intensifying

BY LAURA RANCE

here are some among us who plan their drive across the Canadian Prairies so they do most of it under the cover of darkness, ostensibly to avoid the tedium of vast horizons on which there is "nothing" to see. To each their own.

I've taken that drive twice this spring — with the help of good company and a bag of Manitobagrown sunflower seeds. Each time, I found the experience awe inspiring

Most recently, what was most impressive was just how green it is from Alberta, which suffered a crippling drought last year, across Saskatchewan to Manitoba, where farmers right now are feeling the effects of a little too much rain.

After a seeding season that was frighteningly dry, no one here is complaining too much. Any crop losses from those drowned-out low spots will be more than offset by the yields coming off the rest of the fields. And the sense of relief farther west was palpable.

Some farm leaders are observing the same thing. Agricultural Producers of Saskatchewan issued a release urging the railways and the grain industry to prepare for a potentially large crop.

President Norm Hall notes that in 2013-14 the railways claimed surprise at the size of the crop, which led to a "logistical nightmare," costing farmers \$1.5 billion in lost revenues.

To be fair, everyone, even farmers, was surprised at the size of the 2013 harvest. Overall, western Canadian farmers produced a whopping 77 million tonnes, a 28 per cent increase of the previous record of 60 million tonnes set in 2008.

Of course, it's too soon, way too soon to be predicting a 2016 bin buster considering the long list of ways things can go wrong before harvest. Production variability has historically been one of the logistical wild cards for this sector trying to plan.

But the emerging reality for the grain-handling and transportation sector is that despite year-to-year variability there continues to be sustained annual growth in production.

In its report issued earlier this year, the panel reviewing the Canadian Transportation Act found volumes have increased on average about one per cent per year over the past three decades as a result of investments in technology and better agronomic management. Another report found that wheat yields have increased 43 per cent and canola by 56 per cent since the

early 1980s. That pace of growth is expected to speed up, not slow

As well, production of wheat and coarse grains is giving way to more oilseeds, pulses and special crops. This too changes the grain-handling and transportation dynamic.

Canada faces several unique challenges relative to its competitors in the global marketplace.

Farmers here are more heavily dependent on the export market, exporting 70 per cent of their wheat, 50 per cent of oilseeds and 25 per cent of coarse grains.

Their grain must travel farther to reach tidewater. Western Canadian grain travels between 1,450 and 1,950 kilometres, while other grain-producing countries, such as Australia, Brazil, or any of the European countries, deal with a much shorter haul, in the range of 320 to 400 kilometres, the federal report said.

Ninety-four per cent of Canadian grain exports move by rail, compared to 50 per cent in the U.S. and Australia.

There is a shortage of "adequate" off-farm storage. Combined commercial port and inland storage in Canada can hold about 20 per cent of average annual production. The U.S. can store more than 50 per cent of its crop. Australia has room for 175 per cent.

The "just-in-time" delivery

approach this country has relied upon is an even bigger challenge now that the co-ordinating function the former Canadian Wheat Board played in drawing grain into the system using quotas and contracts has ended.

The point is, if the 2016 crop doesn't turn out to be a whopper the next one might; the pressure on the handling system is intensifying.

The industry heaved a sigh of relief when the federal government opted to extend the emergency provisions imposed on the railways during the 2013-14 grain transportation crisis.

But other than that, there has been no indication that the need for policy to address these increasing pressures on the grain-handling system is very high in the federal government's priorities.

These temporary provisions buy the government some time to more fully consider the report's recommendations or alternatives as proposed by many of the industry groups that have responded.

But policy development and implementation is a lengthy process—even when there is consensus. Until the constraints on the grain-handling and transportation system are addressed, Canada and its farmers will struggle to reap the full benefits of their productivity.

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# **OPINION**



# It's not just the price of beef that drives cattle values

Hides are a big part of the profitability equation for packers and when buyers of leather cut back, producers feel the pain

BY BRENDA SCHOEPP

here has been some great despair over cattle prices this year.

Fed cattle dropped below sea level when they decided to descend. This was not entirely unexpected, but we still don't have a lot of cattle inventory in Canada and our North American economy is OK. What is happening?

Cattlemen and cattlewomen have always believed the price the packer pays is driven by the value of the beef. And that is true to an extent. But the full value of the carcass includes its credits, such as hide and offal. It is the hide that is the economic indicator for packers and plays a role in meat price.

Rawhide and skin is 22 per cent of the value in total meat trade. Most packers now add value to the hide. When you take rawhide and add in finished leather and footwear, that once hairy coat is worth three times the value

of the meat trade. And although we have seen a slow growth in rawhide values, the value of finished leather had taken a big leap prior to 2014.

Cow hides started to slip in the spring of 2014. By 2015, the price on U.S. rawhides had dropped by \$1.5 billion (all prices in U.S. dollars), while sheep and lamb dropped by \$300 million. Prior to this time, all the projections were for hide and leather values to increase indefinitely.

To keep it in perspective, let's review where hides from America are sold. In 2015, China bought 63.3 per cent of American hides, Korea 21.2 per cent, Mexico 5.3 per cent, Italy 1.2 per cent, Vietnam 0.6 per cent, and others, including Canada, filled in the 8.4 per cent gap. China and Korea use 84.6 per cent of U.S. hides and have a free trade agreement between themselves that makes them "significant others." Hide inventories were good, manufacturing was in full swing, and the insatiable appetite for all things expensive was to go on forever.

The 'China Doll' started to crack in 2014 and was in pieces by the end of last year. This had a huge and devastating effect on hide prices and consequently on cattle prices. Cattle remained weighty, offsetting any lack of inventory advantage.

A 2015 snapshot on packer price for hides looks like this (again, in U.S. dollars). Heavy hide \$84, branded hides \$80, butt branded \$92, and native hides at \$95. Plump cow hides bring \$56 with Holstein hides at a higher value (\$71) while any hides that are nicked or damaged while being pulled slump to \$50.

Now that we have an idea what classes of hides are worth and where they go, let's talk about hides as an economic indicator for cattle prices.

China was forced to shut down many of its tanneries in the north because of environmental infringements in the spring of 2014. Shortly thereafter the country had a slump in its economy, the fashion industry took a hit, and sales of luxury leather

goods and furniture were slow. At the same time, there were port issues and the hide trade became congested. Between March 2014 and March 2015, butt branded hides skidded from \$110 to \$66.

With hides being such an important part of the packer profit, the decrease in credit value is passed along to the price of meat and thus the price of cattle. When the big guns — the automakers, shoemakers like Adidas, furniture makers such as Lazy Boy, or the Coach luxury handbag line — have a sales issue there is just one outcome — lower bids on rawhide and leather.

The leather industry has its woes, too, as going green in the tanning process is proving to be difficult. Leather is also challenged on the animal rights front and biofabrication uses materials ranging from mushrooms to skin cells. Memory shoes, where leather is mixed with another agent is all the rage, as are 3D printed leather shoes delivered to your door.

Hides are historically a strength indicator for the cattle industry. An example is the 2008 crunch when the price on U.S. bovine hides dropped by \$1.5 billion and sheep and lamb hides peeled off \$300 million

Historically, when cow hides start to slump, steer hides will follow. This could be prompted by a problem with delivery (such as a strike at port), tanneries losing interest or closing, or the main buyer having economic or political troubles.

North American cattle prices are heavily dependent on what happens in the fashion and luxury market of South Korea and China, how well autos are selling, and if folks are buying furniture. As Paul Harvey would say, "Now you know — the rest of the story."

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# The outlook for Canadian agriculture is one of 'surprising strength'

Crop and livestock prices are off their highs, but demand, supply, and the low dollar are positive factors

BY J.P. GERVAIS FARM CREDIT CANADA

ere's some encouraging news.
Farm cash receipts should be relatively stable across all provinces in 2016-17. Each province combines a different mix of crops and livestock products that result in varied provincial receipts, but the overall trends appear steady.

There are a number of reasons this is likely to be the case.

Commodity prices show surprising strength.

Canadian crop receipts are projected to increase 5.8 per cent in 2016, with a further 3.8 per cent expected in 2017.

Crop receipts hit their high in 2013, and have fallen since with record global production and lower consumption. However, production concerns in South America and robust demand from biofuel, feed, and export markets have helped strengthen futures prices of grains and oilseeds for 2016-17.

Livestock receipts are expected to decrease 6.9 per cent in 2016, rebounding in 2017 with a 2.6 per cent increase.

The overall pricing in livestock sectors is projected lower than the 2014-15 trends, but remain above historical averages. Cattle

prices remain historically strong and hog prices are in line with their five-year average. The dairy sector will face revenue pressures, mostly driven by low world prices for skim milk powder.

Production continues to trend up.

The strength of the 2016 crop receipts is in part due to the size of the 2015 crop. Production of canola, corn, and soybeans was significantly above each crop's respective five-year averages, and larger than the 2014 crop. Wheat production has declined, but the impact has been offset by increases in other crops. Of course, how weather will impact 2016 production is unknown, so 2016-17 projections assume average yields for the 2016 harvests.

With no signs of expansion in the cattle industry, Canadian beef production should remain flat or slightly down in 2016 and 2017. Pork production is projected up slightly (less than one per cent growth) while milk production is expected to grow slightly in 2016.

A low Canadian dollar helps too.

Most commodity prices are determined in the U.S. market, which means a lower loonie leads to higher receipts for both crops and livestock.

To date in 2016, the loonie has averaged US\$0.75, slightly lower than its 2015 average of US\$0.78. Having hit a low of US\$0.68 in



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early 2016, it's expected to stay in the range of US\$0.75-0.80 for the remainder of 2016.

Stronger farm cash receipts will drive higher farm equipment sales in 2017.

Our projections for crop and livestock receipts suggest a strong Canadian ag sector. Higher farm receipts support both farmland values and farm equipment purchases.

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said AgCoalition co-chair Kent Erickson, who farms near Irma.

The three meetings in Lethbridge, Leduc, and Grande Prairie were designed to have good focused feedback from producers from all different sectors to talk about employment standards, labour relations, occupational health and safety, and just general farm safety to make sure we have a good understanding of where our producers are coming from," said Erickson.

In Leduc, Gord Winkel, strategy adviser for the AgCoalition, facilitated the meeting with over 50 in attendance.

"We are here to design our own future – a future for ag by ag," he said.

The meetings were meant to mirror the government-led consultation process for developing regulations to go with the **Enhanced Protection for Farm** and Ranch Workers Act, where six separate technical working groups will cover areas ranging from employment standards, labour relations, and occupational health and safety.

We're going to take the feedback we receive and try to feed it into the government process so that it will be industry led, which is what we're really hoping for," said Erickson, who also sits on one of the technical working groups.

"I think industry needs to try to take control again of farm safety, whether it's technical standards, regulations, or education."

# 'Very professional'

The technical working groups met for the first time in mid-June. The six groups have 72 members (plus an independent chair), of which 23 are producers recommended by the AgCoalition. There are also industry experts, labour reps, and farm employees on the six groups.

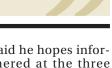
"From my perspective as a producer, (the first meeting) went well," said Erickson. "It was very professional, and all of the people at the tables are there for a good reason.

"I really do think some of the outside expertise is going to offer some constructive feedback in some of the components of the tables, but it can be a little tricky when you have outside expertise weighing in on an industry that they really don't understand.'



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Erickson said he hopes information gathered at the three AgCoalition meetings will help guide the 36 producers who are participating in the government's working groups.

'Because I do sit at one of the tables, what I really need from these three meetings is a good understanding of what farmers and ranchers want to see," said Erickson. "We need to get a good feel of what producers really want to get across so when I go into a table, I don't feel like I'm just representing myself or taking a stab in the dark at what's best for farmers."

AgCoalition wanted to keep the three meetings "very objective and very constructive," inviting two or three people from each of the coalition's 30 member groups to participate in the

"What we didn't want was to end up with 400 people because it wasn't a forum like the town halls in December," he said. 'We were looking to get enough focus to really make some decisions and get some really good information.'

Many people at the Leduc meeting were from the grain sector, but other sectors — cowcalf, feedlot, dairy, greenhouse, and elk, to name a few — were also represented. One grain farmer, whose background was in education, viewed the meetings as farmers "writing a new curriculum for the school year."



says Kevin Serfas. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

# 'Decent consensus'

The coalition will also be exploring other ways for producers to provide feedback, Erickson

"Now that we've done the meetings with the government, we understand the types of questions we're going to be asked, so we're going to try to develop some sort of survey or a way to provide feedback for people who aren't able to attend the meetings," he said.

When all is said and done, we'll have a good technical report and briefing for all the nominees who are at the government tables."

For his part, Serfas was a little skeptical about the AgCoalition when it was formed, but he's come around after attending the Lethbridge meeting.

"I questioned how the AgCoalition was going to do this and keep everybody's best interests in mind," said Serfas. "You've got 40 or 50 people representing 40,000 producers, and the math on it doesn't look that great.

"But after today, I really do think that they are doing a service to the industry."

At the meeting, producers were invited to share their input on each of the technical working group areas, said Serfas.

"They wanted feedback on which parts we like and which parts we just cannot live with," he said. "There was a pretty decent consensus amongst the group of things that will work and things that will not work.'

One such area was overtime for seasonal workers.

"There was a consensus that that will not work in the ag industry, mainly because we're so seasonal. If you take a look at a year's worth of work as a whole, we probably fall within industry standards, but because of seasonality, there's times where it just won't work.

There were a lot of 'how do we' and 'who takes the lead' questions during discussions.

Cost was another area that was top of mind for producers — not only who is going to cover the cost of implementation, but what it's going to cost for producers to implement.

Producers at the Lethbridge meeting also agreed about the importance of having safer farms for their families and workers.

"We all want our employees to be going home at night safe and in the same condition that they came to work in," said Serfas. "At the end of the day, our No. 1 priority is the farm worker and their safety.'

But the "biggest thing" was the opportunity for producers to provide their input.

"I think people were really happy that they were able to sit and talk to some of the people who are actually sitting at these government tables and representing us," said Serfas. "They just want to be heard."

(Editor's note: Contributor Jill Burkhardt is a cow-calf producer near Gwynne and attended the Leduc meeting in that role.)

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"This gives us the opportunity to tell them what we're doing,' said Terry Grajczyk, a producer from Zihner, Sask. "We hope producers understand that this is not a make-work project. This is the customer saying they want to know.'

VBP Plus will "mirror" the standards being developed by the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, added Fleming.

We are working in tandem and following the indicators are in all of our processes," she said. "If we find gaps, we'll address the gaps. We want to be there and be a program that meets the needs of the CRSB."

# How it works

VBP Plus is a national program administered by each province and was built off the National Beef Code of Practice, national biosecurity standards, and components of each province's Environmental Farm Plan. Any producer who has taken VBP will have to sign up to take the additional modules.

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TERRY GRAJCZYK



a look at what it is and make sure you understand what it isn't," said Grajczyk. "If you want to pick up the voluntary audit, you can."



"No longer can we say what we're doing - they (beef buyers) are asking us to demonstrate what we're doing."

CECILIE FLEMING

Some beef programs require an audit, and that option is available to anyone in the program. Many producers find that they need to

make some adjustments to their operation once they have gone through the audit.

"It's a voluntary program, but some retailers and wholesalers are saying that they would like producers on this (audited) program," said Grajczyk. "If producers get themselves educated on the implementation and the outcome, they will be able to meet the needs of some buyers down the road."

Producers, industry professionals, scientists, and members of the sustainable beef roundtable were involved in the development of VBP Plus.

There are two types of ways that producers can be involved with the program — the first level is classed as "trained" and the second as "registered."

Nearly 20,000 operations across the country are trained in the original VBP, and between 1,300 and 1,400 are already fully registered in VBP Plus (which means that they have gone through an audit). Producers on the program have to maintain a certain level of record-keeping, complete self-assessments, and be open to voluntary audits, but they are not subjected to third-party audits every year.

The fee for VBP Plus ranges from \$400 to \$750, depending on the complexity of the operation audited. The fees pay for the cost of the audits.

Producers who want to participate need to get a copy of the producer manual and follow the summary checklist, which defines the outcome of the program. Any producer who has gone through the McDonald's pilot program will already meet many of the VBP Plus requirements.

"There's no question that in the last four to five years, if you listen to a market expert, that the market has become increasingly interested in what we do at the farm level," said Grajczyk. "This will sort of demonstrate what gets done.'

For more information, go to verifiedbeefproductionplus.com (click on the Registration or the Forms and Manuals tab for more details on how the program works).

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# Grain-shipping measures extended one year

Grain companies and farm group welcome the move and vow to keep the pressure on Ottawa for a permanent solution

**BY ALLAN DAWSON AND ALEX BINKLEY** 

leased and relieved. That's how western Canadian grain farmers and elevator companies are reacting to a one-year extension of emergency grain-shipping measures first implemented in 2014 to address a backlog in grain shipping.

The four key provisions, which came into effect under the Fair Rail for Farmers Act, were set to expire Aug. 1. They give the federal government the power to set minimum grain movement volumes; provide for arbitration of service level agreements between shippers and the railways; compensation for rail service failures; and extend interswitching to 160 kilometres from 30.

Interswitching allows an elevator serviced by one railway to ask another to move its grain, so long as there is a connection within the prescribed distance.

Both farmers and grain companies say extended interswitching has stimulated railway competi-

"This provides an element of competition between major railways and has emerged as an effective tool in establishing more competitive rates and service levels," the Canadian Canola Growers Association said in a news release.

As of May, more than 2,900 rail cars moved via interswitching, said Wade Sobkowich, executive director of the Western Grain Elevator Association.

Eighteen hundred cars from elevators on the CP Rail system were moved by Burlington Northern Santa Fe, which also moved 1,100 cars from elevators on CN Rail lines. And CP moved four cars from CN lines.

'By giving shippers some choice it effectively turns a monopoly into a duopoly in many cases and a duopoly is better than a monopoly when it comes to trying to get better rates and service," Sobkowich said.

Just the threat of interswitching helps grain companies negotiate better rail rates and service, he added.

The Canadian Oilseed Processors Association commended the government's action and said interswitching was especially important to its members — companies that crush oilseeds to produce vegetable oil and meal.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Canadian Canola Growers Association, and other farm groups also welcomed the extension.

CN and CP opposed the extension, saying grain shipping will improve with less regulation, not more. Both have noted new grain movement records were set since the backlog, which they blamed mainly on a record harvest and colder-than-average winter.

In April the government promised a one-year extension, but with House of Commons to rise for a summer break, farmers and shippers weren't prepared to relax until the motion passed, as it did, first in the Senate and then in the Commons unanimously, June 16.

While Aug. 1, 2017 is a long way off, it takes time to get proposed legislation into law. That's why farmers and shippers vow to keep the pressure a permanent fix.

'This is the most important issue the Western Grain Eleva-



Grain shippers say the now-extended temporary measures have stimulated competition within the system where before none existed. PHOTO: CPR

tor Association has worked on in • Make rail service demand recent years," Sobkowich said.

The association and farm groups want regulations mimicking a competitive market, and the WGEA has five recommendations:

Make 160-kilometre interswitching permanent.

driven not supply driven.

Make railways subject to penalties, as grain shippers are now, for failing to meet service requirements.

Give the Canadian Transportation Agency the authority

to investigate railway service on its own and issue orders in urgent situations.

Set aside discussions on freight rates until service and accountability issues are resolved.

These measures require amendments to the Canada Transportation Act, now under review.

Meanwhile, the Canadian Transportation Agency, which handles disputes between railways and grain shippers, has delayed until next year a review of its rail freight regulations, which should be germane to the decision on the grain transport protections.

Former Conservative agriculture minister Gerry Ritz, who was the main driver behind the fair rail bill, said the extension "gives us some breathing space" but it's important to "keep the lens on the railways to ensure they measure up."

"CN is fulfilling its obligations about 80 per cent of the time and CP is at a dismal 60 to 62 per cent, even with all the other commodities down," he said. "A lot more work needs to be done.'

Service problems were "a question of engines and crews: and shippers should have the ability to impose service failure penalties on the railways, he said.

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# Saudi Arabia's SALIC boosts investment in G3 Canada

The state-owned firm is now the majority investor in the joint venture that now controls the former CWB

BY ROD NICKEL

audi Arabia's agriculture company has taken control of the majority investor in grain handler G3 Canada Limited, according to a filing, reducing Bunge's stake and strengthening the kingdom's efforts to secure food supplies.

G3 Global Holdings — the joint venture of U.S. agribusiness Bunge and Saudi Agricultural and Livestock Investment Co. (SALIC) — bought 50.1 per cent of the former Canadian Wheat Board in 2015 for \$250 million. It was renamed G3 Canada, with farmers accounting for 49.9 per cent of equity.

In two steps this year, SALIC,

an arm of the state-owned Public Investment Fund, grew its stake in the joint venture to 75 per cent from 49 per cent, according to an April 28 Bunge filing.

April 28 Bunge filing.

"Any ownership changes that have happened within our company have not had any material impact on the organization itself, the operations or how we run the company," said G3 Canada chief executive Karl Gerrand.

SALIC has "done a really nice job of allowing our team to operate as an independent Canadian organization," he said. "For the most part, it's been hands off."

He declined to comment on reasons for the ownership change.

SALIC converted \$106 million in promissory notes into additional shares in the joint venture with Bunge on Feb. 1. This took its stake in the majority investor of Winnipeg-based G3 to 65 per cent from 49 per cent, and reduced Bunge's share to 35 per cent.

Bunge then exercised an option on March 30 to sell shares to SALIC for \$37 million, bumping up SALIC's ownership of G3 Global Holdings to 75 per cent.

SALIC could not be reached. Bunge spokeswoman Deb Seidel declined to comment.

Saudi has been phasing out crop farming due to its intense water usage in the desert kingdom. SALIC has targeted investments in beef and eight key crops, including wheat. Farmers' equity accounts for the same number of shares in G3, however, its percentage of ownership has dropped because of recent investments by the SALIC-Bunge joint ven-

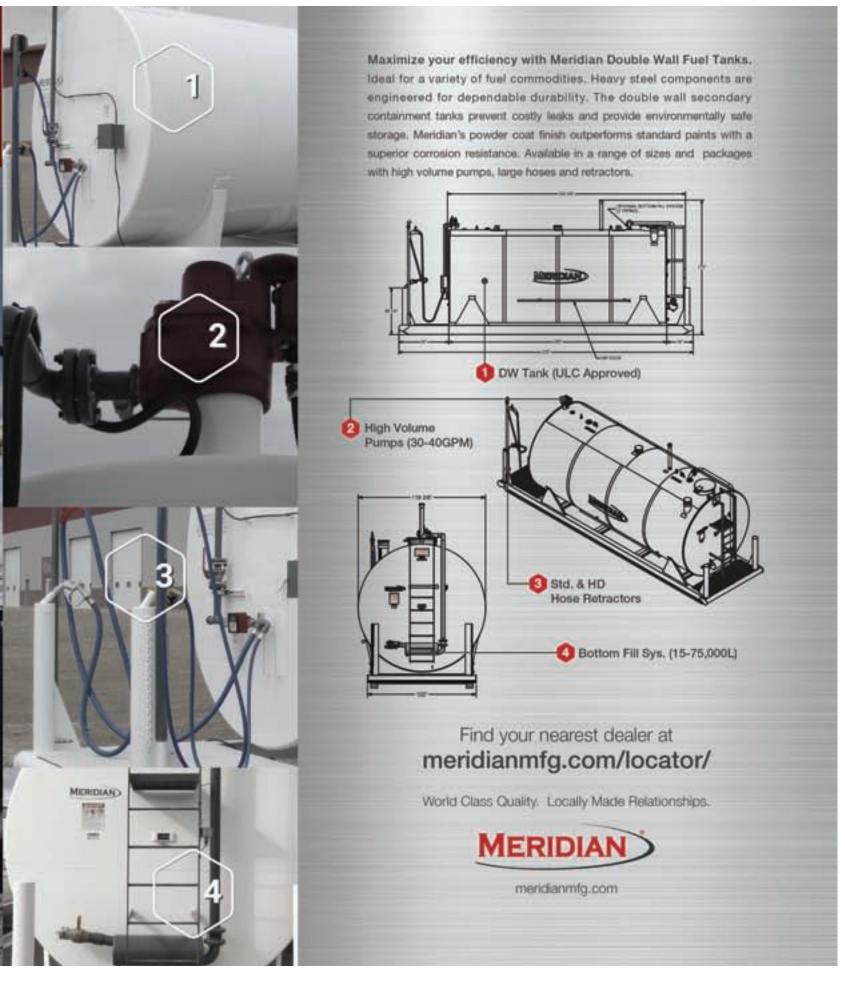


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ture into the company, Gerrand said. He declined to give a current percentage.

Keith Degenhardt, a farmer and first vice-president of the Alberta

Federation of Agriculture, was disappointed when foreign investors bought the former wheat board, but said any dilution of farmer equity is "not top of the mind."



# Earls enlists Canadian beef producers

Spring Creek Ranch able to supply 'ethically' raised beef

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arls Restaurant has enlisted a handful of Canadian ranchers and processors to supply beef to about half its stores while matching its criteria for animal care and "ethical farming practices."

The move comes after Earls retreated from a plan to source U.S. beef produced under the Certified Humane program. The company says it will now provide Canadian beef meeting its criteria for its 24 restaurants in Alberta and three in Saskatchewan. (It has 28 other Canadian restaurants.)

The company announced its "new partnerships" with Vegreville-based Spring Creek Ranch — which will supply Aspen Ridge Farms, a brand of meat packer JBS following the Certified Humane program — and Etobicoke, Ont.-based Beretta Family Farms, certified by Texas-based Global Animal Partnership.

Earls also named White Moose Ranch, a beef operation at Priddis, as a "possible future" partner.

"We've been raising our cattle to meet the standards that Earls has been seeking because we believe it's in the best interest of the animal as well as the consumer, so we're happy that Earls has made this type of farming a priority in how it sources its beef," Kirstin Kotelko of Spring Creek said in an Earls' press

Alberta Beef Producers chair Bob Lowe said his organization has been working with the company "to identify new partner ranchers that meet Earls' criteria for its customers and market segment." 10 NEWS >>> MARKETS

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# SAUDIS UP SHARE IN G3 CANADA

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# **RECORD HOPS CROP**

U.S. farmers plan to harvest their largest-ever hops crop, giving craft brewers who are struggling to match surging demand for beers with more aroma and bitterness reason to cheer. The USDA says this year's harvest will be 51,115 acres — a 17 per cent jump from last year. "That is certainly good news for us," said Benjamin Li Yu, chief executive of B.C.-based Russell Breweries. "I hope the increase is giving everyone room to breathe." In 2015, sales of U.S. craft beer rose 12.8 per cent domestically and 16.3 per cent for exports, while overall U.S. beer sales fell 0.2 per cent. U.S. hops prices have climbed four straight years, hitting a record \$4.38 per pound last year. — Reuters

# MARKETS



# Fund selling, good weather, Brexit pile onto canola

Outlooks for wheat and soy crops also dragged on futures based on what happens with weather, currency and seeded acres

## BY DAVE SIMS

TCE Futures Canada canola futures fell off the proverbial cliff during the week ended June 24, as a deadly mix of fund liquidation, favourable weather and Britain's decision to leave the European Union weighed down the market.

The bearish saga began when the frontmonth July contract dipped below its major support level, which caused the selling to build upon itself. Traders were already moving out of the July contract and into the November month.

Favourable weather across Western Canada — as well as parts of the U.S., where soybeans are plentiful — further pressured the market. Ideas that this year's crop will be larger than initially expected also took hold.

However, it may have been Britain's surprise decision to exit the EU that pulled the rug out from under the market. Most analysts expected Britain to

remain in the EU and had baked that into trades leading up to the day of the vote (June 23). Markets plunged everywhere when the ballots started coming in, however, and the rout was on.

In all, canola's most active November contract lost \$41 on the week, to bring it under the \$480 mark. Some traders had been saying, though, that the previous highs were overdone and due to come down.

Canola retaking its previous highs may seem dubious, as seeding is now in the past and most crop-watchers say the new plants are well established with excellent prospects.

Soybeans on the Chicago Board of Trade suffered sharp losses during the week ended June 24. Good U.S. crop conditions pressured soybeans at the start of the session which was quickly followed by fund long liquidation. The Brexit vote results also took many traders by surprise, which undermined values even more. Both of the front-month contracts lost 56-58 U.S. cents per bushel on the

week, while the most-active November was down nearly 70 cents.

Corn futures were also pushed lower on the week, shedding 54.5 U.S. cents in the most-active December contract. The market was similarly affected by the same factors buffeting soybeans. Ideas that South America would grow more corn moving forward was also bearish for prices.

U.S. wheat was also hard hit by the

bearish maelstrom of news facing agricultural markets. The most-active September contract fell just under 30 U.S. cents per bushel on the week. The advancing winter wheat harvest in the Midwest and better-than-expected yields also dragged on values.

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# EU facing smaller rapeseed crop, drops in Poland and U.K.

Curbs on the use of neonicotinoid insecticides a major factor on British farms

# HAMBURG/REUTERS

The European Union's rapeseed harvest will fall this summer with sharp drops expected in major producers Poland and Britain, say experts.

The EU 2016 crop of rapeseed, used for edible oil and biodiesel production, is likely to fall to between 21.2-21.5 million tonnes from 22.3 million tonnes last year, traders say.

"It looks like the EU will have a large import demand in the coming season," one German trader said.

France's Farm Ministry estimates the 2016 winter rapeseed crop at 5.1 million tonnes, down 3.7 per cent from 2015 and 2.0 per cent below the 2011-15 average.

Recent rain on mature French rapeseed was broadly beneficial, allowing crops to recover from



A blooming rapeseed field is seen beneath the French town of Villebois-Lavalette in April — recent rains have helped French farmers, but Polish and British production is expected to drop sharply. PHOTO: REUTERS/PHIL NOBLE

strong pest attacks, said Fabien Lagarde from French oilseed institute Terres Inovia.

Harvesting has started in smaller production areas in southeast France and initial feedback was very positive, Lagarde said. He expects a harvest start in north France in about 10 days.

Germany's winter rapeseed harvest will rise 0.1 per cent to 5.05 million tonnes, farm co-operatives forecast. Sowed area was up 3.6 per cent on the year but national yields are likely to fall 2.7 per cent on the year, it said.

"Overall rapeseed came through the mild winter and recent rain without major damage but it looks like yields will be down on the year," one German grains analyst said. "The recent rain was welcome in some areas which had seen a dry spring."

Britain is expected to harvest about 2.1 million tonnes, down 17 per cent from 2015, traders said, following a cut in planted area and insect damage due to curbs on the use of neonicotinoid insecticides.

"We see the impact of the flea beetles and the area that has been lost but away from the east of England it is looking not too bad," said analyst Jack Watts of Britain's Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board.

Poland's harvest is forecast to plummet 24 per cent on the year to about 2.4 million tonnes after crops suffered from deep winter frosts and springtime dryness, said Wojtek Sabaranski of analysts Sparks Polska.

Polish yields are expected to fall nine per cent following the poor weather this season, Sabaranski said. The recent rain was welcome for parched Polish rapeseed but did not solve the dryness problem.

"In some regions it rained a lot, whereas in other regions soil moisture is still insufficient," he said.

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# SUGAR IS SWEET FOR INCREASING GAIN

Cattle that consume forages with higher sugar content have higher rates of gain, improved performance, and better rumen health. In a Beef Cattle Research Council webinar, two forage experts give tips for increasing sugar content in forage, such as cutting forages in late afternoon as sugar content peaks 11 to 13 hours after sunrise and why it's better to move cows to new pastures in the afternoon instead of morning. They also discuss forage species with the highest sugar content (tall fescue and red clover) and the lowest (alfalfa). To view the webinar, go to www.beefresearch.ca, click on Webinars from the Resources pull-down menu, and then on How to Produce and Use Sweet Forages. — BCRC

# VISITORS ON YOUR LAND

Alberta Beef Producers' wildlife committee has reviewed the Occupiers' Liability Act and posted its findings at www.albertabeef.org. Landowners must warn visitors of hazards and ensure the property is safe. If there's an injury or death, negligence needs to be shown and if the farmer was somehow negligent in communicating a situation on the farm, that can cause a problem. The act also says landowners are not allowed to charge hunters to use the land for hunting (even a gift of some meat is a type of payment), but can receive some compensation by renting accommodations. For more of the committee's findings, see the May 13 and June 17 editions of the Grass Routes newsletter. — ABP

# LIVESTOCK

# Proper stockmanship, the Bud Williams' way

If you want to build trust in your cattle, apply the right kind of pressure on them and learn to take two steps back

BY JENNIFER BLAIR

ow whisperer' Bud Williams used to have a saying when he was working cattle: "Slow is fast and less is

Now, four years after his death, Bud's daughter and son-in-law are carrying on that tradition by teaching proper stockmanship — the Bud Williams' way.

"Cattlemen have been led to believe that the only way to work stock is with force and fear," said Richard McConnell, coowner of Hand 'n Hand Livestock Solutions in Missouri.

"And I think that gives you a negative outcome for both the handlers and the stock you handle using those types of techniques.

"There's an easy way to work stock if you make them work for you."

Twenty years ago, McConnell never thought he could handle cattle the way he does now, sorting stock in the field without any panels.

"I would have said, 'You can't do that.' But I know now that you can do that because we do it all the time," said McConnell, who is married to Williams' daughter Tina — an experienced stockperson in her own right.

"It's something that comes with practice, patience, and experience — nothing

Proper stockmanship is livestock centred, behaviourally correct, psychologically oriented, ethical, and humane, said McConnell, who spoke at a stockmanship clinic near Red Deer in mid-June. But that doesn't mean you have to lose money on

"My No. 1 priority as a producer is to make a profit. If you're gaining more weight — a quarter- to a half-pound of gain a day — on these calves that are handled better, that's going to be profitable," he said. "Happy animals produce better and if we want a good result, then one of our main objectives should be to keep the animals happy."

In most cases, that starts with communication, said McConnell. And if you don't think your cows can talk to you, you're not listening hard enough.

"The stock are trying to tell you that they either like what you're doing or they don't like what you're doing," he said. "It becomes a communication and an understanding between you and the stock."

Cattle "immediately begin trying to communicate" once you step into the pen with them.

"Animals have a twitch of the ear or a



You may have the hat and the horse and the big old belt buckle — but that doesn't mean you need to handle cattle the cowboy way, say Tina Williams and Richard McConnell. PHOTOS: SUPPLIED

"If there's an easier, better way to get the job done than doing it the cowboy way, I'm all for it."

RICHARD MCCONNELL



twitch of the tail, and they're telling you something with that. If you're not looking for these things, I guarantee you won't see them. And if you can't see it, you're not going to change.'

# Pressure and release

The first step is learning how to apply proper pressure to the cattle — and when to release them from it, said McConnell.

"I try to set it up so that it's the animal's idea to do what I want them to do," he said.

"I ask them to do something, and when they do it, I reward them with the release. The animals must learn to trust us. If they



Tina Williams and Richard McConnell have learned that less is more when handling cattle.

know what we're asking and they do it, we reward them by releasing that pressure.

"You have no idea how quickly this trains cattle and how quickly they pick it

Sometimes, though, that means you have to "swallow your pride" and learn to take two steps back.

"Backing up is so easy to do, but your body doesn't want to do it," said McConnell. "Our body is trained to keep pressuring and then pressure some more if they don't go. But we've all seen the result of

Backing up accomplishes three things it draws the animals toward the handler; it slows the animals down; and it relieves the pressure, allowing time for the handler to make adjustments.

"It's a wonderful tool to learn to take two steps back," he said. "It's the building blocks for how we're going to approach animals to get a positive response from

Cattle have several instincts that producers can learn to use to their benefit.

"If we apply those at the right time and the right place, in the right order, we get a good result," said McConnell.

"I want it to be easy. The less I have to do, the better I feel about it."

And in most cases, he added, that means abandoning the 'cowboy way' of using 'force and fear' in favour of a less-is-more

"I know the cowboy way. We've all got hats and buckles and a Ford pickup. All those things are great. But if there's an easier, better way to get the job done than doing it the cowboy way, I'm all for it."

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# Hormone-free beef pros and cons

# **BEEF 911 ▶** There's a lot of confusion about these programs here's a take from a veterinary perspective

BY ROY LEWIS, DVM

ith all the terms we are hearing in the beef industry — such as organic, natural, hormone free, sustainable — there is no doubt confusion even for you the producers trying to raise cattle to fit into these programs.

Most of these branded or niche programs are trying to differentiate themselves from the traditional ways of producing beef. If as a producer you are interested, get the actual details of the specific branded program and find out about the extra work in the form of record-keeping that is necessary. You also need to consider potential production losses and weigh that against the premium from that market. These programs definitely create extra input costs and there can be higher returns, but the key is the net profit at the end of the day.

There can be good as well as bad to all these programs and I will try — from a veterinary perspective — to point to some areas you need to watch. You as the producer have the final decision as to whether the marketing into the branded program will benefit your herd and the bottom line.

Some more rigid programs are antibiotic free and that means just that. If antibiotics are used, that calf is out of the program. All medical treatments whether prophylactic, metaphylactic, or actual medical cases are usually considered the same. This eliminates all antibiotics in the feed as well as metaphylactic treatments we see given, for instance, to high-risk cattle entering the feedlot. There have been meat withdrawals established for all these products which producers adhere to so the product is still safe. The antibiotic-free programs cater to the public that perceives antibiotic usage as undesirable. Technically, all raised beef is free of antibiotics if proper withdrawals are recognized. The antibiotic-free requirement follows through to the packer so if any medication is needed, the calf again drops out of the program.

Animal welfare needs are addressed in these programs and things such as painkillers given at castration are often called for. These also have a withdrawal that must be adhered to. My one worry is: Will antibiotics get held off for a day or two extra to see if the

calf gets over the problem and will more deaths or chronic cases be created? Really only the individual producer would know if that has happened. When a calf drops out of an antibiotic-free program, they are marketed as a normal calf.

Some programs insist on a true preconditioning program — that means weaning for a minimum period of time (30 to 60 days is common). This of course has great benefits in the feedlot as calves on a good vaccination program and weaned for that length of time are much less likely to get sick. Also, by waiting the 60 days or longer, calves are gaining very well so this results in more pounds to sell. Shrink is minimized then on transport.

Speaking of transport, that can be a big win as with these branded programs calves are most often shipped directly to their final destination, minimizing extra transport costs and stress of going through an auction market. Both of these are great management wins.

In the old days the best returns for the cow-calf operator were generally to wean right off the cow with no vaccines or input costs incurred. From a health, stress, and shrink aspect, this is the

worse thing you could do to this young calf. These calves were considered by most veterinarians' standards high risk to ultra-high risk (depending on their weight and distance transported). Now there are electrolyte solutions which when given before shipping can minimize stress even

No added hormones primarily refers to no implanting, and must be looked at from an economic standpoint.

Every time a male calf is implanted after castration or a heifer calf implanted there are, without a doubt, extra gains created. All implants have a zero withdrawal for slaughter and so are very safe. Calves can receive implants up to four times up until slaughter. (This depends on how young calves are implanted and what size they are fed to.)

Every time an implant is not given, pounds of gain are lost. This is fine as long as the premiums in these hormonefree or no-added-hormones programs compensate for this loss. Some say that by not implanting you need an extra 20 per cent return in order to make up the net difference.

The branded programs have been good in as much as producers' management has been heightened and specific vaccination programs implemented. In other ways, especially no added hormones, there are productivity losses. Again it is a question of whether the compensation is adequate as we know pounds of gain are being left on the table. But what if the rules keep getting more stringent and these programs don't become sustainable?

The removing of monensin and other ionophores because they are considered an antibiotic — can really raise havoc if a coccidiosis outbreak

I hope this article objectively shows some of the pros and cons of the branded programs

They all help to increase the profile of beef and expand markets. The future will tell how sustainable they are in the long term and whether there is the need to change requirements to reflect the best needs of the cattle and still get the producer the returns they deserve.

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# Creep feeding an option if your pastures are hurting

A good creep ration could increase the value of a calf by \$50 to \$200 if prices stay around \$2 a pound



More than two-thirds of your pasture growth happens by mid-July. PHOTO: CANADA BEEF

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# ALBERTA AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RELEASE

It's another tough year for pastures, and producers wanting to stretch limited forage supplies should consider creep feeding calves throughout the summer, says a provincial beef and forage specialist.

"It's possible that pastures will run out much earlier than normal," said Barry Yaremcio. "In general, 70 per cent of total forage growth occurs before the 15th of July. Due to dry conditions from last fall and especially pastures that were overgrazed, total growth could be compromised.

However, calves that are 45 to 60 days old can digest grains and Ontario data indicates that on

poor pastures, calf growth rates will improve by one pound for every five pounds of creep feed consumed.

"Calves weighing less than 700 pounds eat grain slowly and chew the material sufficiently that processing is not required. Average daily gain and feed conversion efficiency is equal to that of processed grain," said Yaremcio.

But using whole oats or barley as the sole ingredient in a creep ration for small calves does not work.

A creep ration requires 14 to 16 per cent protein to "frame out" the skeleton properly and to develop muscle. Intakes generally are in the two- to three-pounds-a-day range for 350-pound calves and can get as high as eight pounds a day when the calves are 600 to 700 pounds. A recipe for a homegrown creep feed is to include peas at 35 per cent of the mix with oats or barley (or a combination of the two). If wheat is to be part of the creep feed, inclusion rate should not exceed 20 to 25 per cent of the total grain mix to minimize the chance of acidosis. If no additional protein is added to the creep feed, it's possible to have short fat calves that could be discounted at the auction market come fall.

"Creep feeding the calves for the majority of the grazing season can result in 25 to 100 pounds of additional gain."

BARRY YAREMCIO

Another option is a commercially prepared creep ration. These products should contain a minimum of 75 per cent total digestable nutrients (TDN) and, again, 14 per cent to 16 per cent protein content. Screening pellets generally have lower energy content than grain and do not deliver the necessary energy needed to get the additional gains on the calves.

"Creep feeding the calves for the majority of the grazing season can result in 25 to 100 pounds of additional gain compared to animals that are not supplemented," said Yaremcio. "If 700- to 800-pound calf prices stay at the current price of \$2 a pound for steers, this could increase the value of the calf by \$50 to \$200 per calf. It's a good return on investment."

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# Get to know your pasture, says expert

Identify all the species, consider what works or can be utilized, encourage biodiversity, and keep litter at optimal levels

BY ALEXIS KIENLEN

hen you manage your plants properly, you'll have healthier soil and animals.

This was the main message from provincial forage and beef specialist Karin Lindquist for attendees at the recent Grazing School for Women.

"To manage your plants, you need to know what plants you have," said Lindquist.

So get a good camera and some rangeland plant guides, she said.

"Range studies are primarily a lot about plant identification. You need to look at the whole system and the individual species that are present. You have to determine whether they are desirable or undesirable."

Younger plants are harder to identify, so it's best to do range assessments from June to August.

"There are a lot of forbs that are flowering and so it's a good time to do it," said Lindquist.

Get close and look for the differences in colours and textures, using your pictures to zoom in on details.

Forbs are non-herbaceous, woody plants that are not grasses. They can be identified by many of their characteristics, including





Identifying plants is easier if you take pictures because they allow you to zoom in on the details. On the left is cicer milk vetch and on the right is hairy wild rye. PHOTOS: KARIN LINDOUIST

flowers, colour, leaves and growth pattern.

"What's really interesting about forbs is that not only are you looking at the leaves and flowers, but you're also looking at how they are arranged on the stem," she said.

Like forbs, shrubs can also have leaves and flowers, but they have woody stems. There's a greater variety of forbs on the Prairies, but grasses are harder to identify. Grasses can be identified by their collar, seed head, height and root system.

All forage plants can be divided into desirable and undesirable species. Lindquist encouraged her audience to think about weeds as plants with uses that haven't been identified yet. For example, some people think about thistle as a pest while others have trained their cattle to graze it.

Native plants can become undesirables, and can take over when there is no grazing, human disturbance, or fire.

"When you talk about undesirables, they have to be more than a weed," said Lindquist. "They have to be a species that is invasive and reduces pasture capability, like buckbrush, or they have to be poisonous to livestock."

A healthy pasture has both desirable plants like rough fescue, Kentucky bluegrass, and smooth bromes, as well as weeds and undesirables. It's important to have biodiversity in the pasture, she said.

Healthy pastures have the right amount of litter content — too little means bare soil, more erosion, and less organic matter while too much reduces sunlight's ability to penetrate soil.

"When you have too much litter, it repels water and when you repel the water, it dries out the soil and that affects the community. You get a reduction in biodiversity."

Proper management of forages improves soil biology and fertility, reduces erosion, and increases organic matter — cre-



"When you're managing forages, you're not just managing for one thing. You're managing the whole system."

KARIN LINDQUIST



ating more habitat for wildlife and food for livestock.

"When you're managing forages, you're not just managing for one thing. You're managing the whole system," she said.

Ideally, animals should be grazed for 300 days using rotational grazing, proper animal units, and appropriate rest periods, she added.

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# How to establish a fair price for standing hay

Buyers should pay by the ton, not the acre, and there should be 10 to 30 per cent allowance for weather risk

# ALBERTA AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RELEASE

etermining a fair price for standing hay isn't an exact science, says a provincial farm business management specialist.

"Hay prices are difficult to establish as they are affected by a combination of factors such as spring inventory carry-over, pasture conditions, feed competitors, cutting date, quality, yield, and location," said Dean Dyck. "As we saw in 2015, hay supplies were low coming into the year and pasture conditions were poor. This caused hay to be in demand and prices rose substantially.

"Only after silage and greenfeed crops were harvested did we see a softening in the price. This year, a mild winter allowed hay supplies to rebuild somewhat but pasture conditions were poor in the spring."

Current hay prices are less readily available than those for wheat, canola or barley, and there is often large regional variation in price. Typically, hay prices do not settle until about the end of October when hay, greenfeed, silage and salvaged cereal crops are harvested

Current asking prices are available at www.agriculture.alberta. ca (click on the General Store tab and then Alberta Hay and Pasture Directory). Agriculture Financial Services Corporation also publishes historical price data (go to

www.afsc.ca and then click on Price Lists) at the bottom of the home page.

"Basic economic principles should factor into the pricing decision," said Dyck. "If you're the seller, the price should be based on the estimated market value of hay in the bale less the expected harvest costs (the cost to cut, bale and haul hay) and an allowance for weather risk. This weather risk would be at least 10 per cent for grass hay and as high as 30 per cent for alfalfa, reflecting the loss in nutritional value due to poor weather."

Buyers should compare the price of the bale of hay versus the cost savings of purchasing the crop standing in the field.

"Buying a standing crop can provide more quality control, the forage you want, and be from a location that minimizes the cost of transport."

Dyck recommends negotiating by the ton rather than by the acre because yields can be quite variable, even within fields or a local area.

"Since estimation of yield is critical in finalizing the value, historical records are a starting point if they are available. Once the value is agreed upon, it's a good idea that the buyer pay one-half of the value at haying time and make the final payment in the fall when the yield is known and prices are more firmly established. Remember, the price is determined by the market, and not necessarily what we think it should be."

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# MONSOONS FINALLY ARRIVE IN INDIA

They came late, but arrival of Indian monsoon rains has accelerated the planting of summer crops such as paddy rice, soybeans, cotton, and pulses. The June to September monsoon is crucial for farm output and economic growth in India, where just over half of arable land is fed by rain. Farming accounts for about 15 per cent of the country's \$2-trillion economy. Of its 1.3 billion population, more than 60 per cent of people in India depend on agriculture to eke out a living. By late June, the monsoon had covered all southern and eastern states and nearly the whole of Maharashtra, the biggest producer of sugar and second-biggest producer of cotton and soybeans. — Reuters

# USING 'DARK EARTHS' TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

A farming technique practised for centuries in West Africa, which transforms nutrient-poor rainforest soil into fertile farmland, could combat climate change and revolutionize farming across the continent, say researchers. Adding kitchen waste and charcoal to tropical soil can turn it into fertile, black soil which traps carbon and reduces emissions of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, according to a University of Sussex study. The soils produced by the 700-year-old practice, known as "African dark earths," can triple the amount of carbon in soil. — Thomson Reuters Foundation

# WEATHER



# Clearing up the confusion about humidity

The term 'relative humidity' is commonly used, but most people don't know what it means and why it's misleading

## **BY DANIEL BEZTE**

s we move into the heart of summer and with all this moisture around in many regions, I think it's time to revisit one misunderstood concept—humidity. To be more specific, we are going to look at exactly what humidity is, how we measure it, and how it is reported and interpreted.

The simplest definition of humidity is the amount of water vapour in the air. The warmer the air, the greater the distance between air molecules and therefore, the greater the holding capacity of the air for water vapour. Conversely, when air is cooled, the distance between air molecules decreases, leaving less room for the air to hold water vapour.

Because of this relationship, warm air has the capacity to hold much more water than cold air. The question is: By how much?

If we look only at the water-holding capacity of air at different temperatures and measure the amount of water by its mass (weight), we would find that for every 10 C increase in temperature, the holding capacity of the air for water nearly doubles. For example, air at 0 C can hold almost four grams of water for every one kilogram of air. If we warm that air up to 10 C, it can hold nearly eight grams, and by 30 C that same kilogram of air would have the capacity to hold nearly 28 grams of water.

When humidity is measured this way it is referred to as specific humidity. While this is a useful way to measure humidity, it is not the way that we usually hear it reported.

The most common way in which humidity is reported is relative humidity. Unfortunately, it is probably one of the most misunderstood terms used in trying to describe the weather.

Relative humidity is a ratio of the amount of water vapour in the air compared to the maximum it could hold under those same conditions, and is expressed as a percentage. Taking one of the examples from above, if we had an air temperature of 10 C and had eight grams of water vapour per kilogram of air, our relative humidity would be 100 per cent, calculated as follows:

Actual amount of water vapour in the air (eight grams) / the holding capacity of the air at the current temperature (which at 10 C is about eight grams) multiplied by 100 equals 100 per cent.

Now, if this same air was warmed up to a temperature of 30 C and the amount of water vapour in the air didn't change, our relative humidity would be around 29 per cent (eight times 28 multiplied by 100).

This is where the misunderstanding

begins to develop and where my pet peeve lies. When the air temperature was 10 C and the relative humidity was 100 per cent, people would say that it is humid out, but once the temperature has warmed up to 30 C and the relative humidity dropped to 29 per cent, people would say that it is very dry out. But in reality, the amount of water vapour in the air has not changed, only the temperature has. This is particularly noticeable on humid summer days. In the morning, when we have had temperatures in the 16 to 18 C range with relative humidities in the 100 per cent range, it's humid out. By afternoon, with temperatures in the mid- to upper 20s, the relative humidity has dropped down to around 50 to 60 per cent and people now say it is dry out. But it's not — it's humid and the amount of water vapour in the air hasn't changed.

A better way to measure humidity is by using the dew point temperature, which we simply refer to as the dew point.

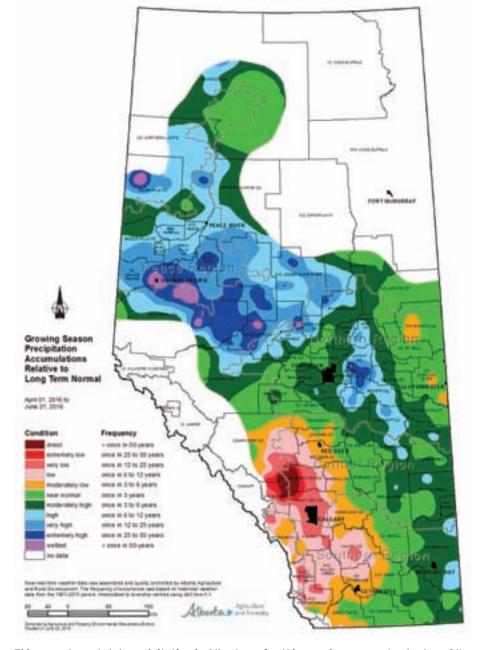
A better way to measure humidity is by using the dew point temperature, which we simply refer to as the dew point.

This measurement is a fairly simple way of telling us exactly how much moisture is in the air no matter how the temperature changes during the day. The dew point is the temperature that we would have to cool the air to in order for condensation (or dew) to begin forming. In other words, the temperature that the air would have to be to give us 100 per cent relative humidity. In our previous example, the dew point first thing in the morning would have been around 18 C, since the air was at its holding capacity. By the afternoon, even though the air had warmed up, the dew point would still have been around 18 C since no additional water vapour was added or removed from the air.

So, how does this relate to overall humidity?

If we have dew points that are less than 10 C, the atmosphere is considered to be fairly dry, while dew points in the 10 C to 15 C range are fairly comfortable. Once we get into the 15 C to 20 C range, the atmosphere is becoming fairly humid. Dew points more than 20 C are getting very humid, and it will start to feel very uncomfortable

If the dew point goes over 25 C, the atmosphere is heavy with moisture and condi-



This map shows total precipitation in Alberta so far this growing season (up to June 21) compared to the long-term average. The Peace and northern regions have seen average to well-above-average amounts of precipitation so far this growing season. In the central and southern regions, eastern sections have seen near-average amounts while western regions have been dry to very dry.

tions will be very uncomfortable and can even be dangerous.

Let's go back to relative humidity once more to pound home the difference between this and the dew point. If the dew point was 25 C we know it is very humid out no matter what the temperature is, but if the temperature was, let's say 35 C, the relative humidity would only be about 55 per cent, and I could guarantee that at least one person would be saying that it's not that humid out!

Across the Prairies we rarely get dew points above 25 C, but the Canadian

record did occur in Carman, Manitoba back in 2007 when the dew point hit an astonishing 30 C. We often have extended periods with dew points hovering in the low 20s. So remember, if it's a hot summer day with dew points in the low 20s, even if the relative humidity is only 50 per cent—it is still humid out.

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# LEARN HOW TO GRADE YOUR GRAIN

The Making the Grade workshops will be held at Lakeland College in Vermilion on July 26. Experts will show producers how to grade barley, wheat, canola, and pulses in hands-on sessions.

"Understanding grain grading and factors affecting quality is important for all crop producers as it affects their bottom line," said Terry Young, a producer and member of the Western Grain Standards Committee's wheat subcommittee. The event — put on by the provincial wheat, barley, canola, and pulses commissions — cost \$75 until July 14 and \$100 after. To register, go to one of the commission's websites or to www.making-the-grade-2016.eventbrite.ca. — ACPC



# **CROPS**

# Railways warned to get ready to move a big crop

Early estimates for a bumper — and possibly near-record — harvest are raising fears about a repeat of grain movement gridlock

BY ALLAN DAWSON

The prospects of another bumper crop this year have western Canadian grain companies and farm leaders warning the railways to be ready.

They want to avoid a repeat of the colossal and costly backlog of 2013-14 when crop production set a new record by a large margin.

"We know it's going to be a big crop and the grain companies are doing everything possible to be ready for it," said Wade Sobkowich, executive director of the Western Grain Elevator Association

"This year's crop, based on the probabilities, is going to be higher than average. If we run into a problem, it is going to be for the same reasons we ran into a problem in 2013-14. Nothing has changed in a significant way to the policy environment or the competitive environment to require the railways to do anything different and they will be the bottleneck."

Based on estimates from its six member companies — which collectively handle 90 per cent of the West's grain — the association forecasts a 68.6-million-tonne harvest (with a range of 63.3 million to 74.1 million tonnes). The low estimate would exceed the five-year average of 61 million tonnes and the high would challenge the 2013 record of 76 million tonnes.

"These numbers have been

communicated to the railways and the federal government," said Sobkowich.

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan is also urging rail readiness, president Norm Hall said.

"Three years ago the railroads used the excuse, 'Well, we didn't know a big crop was coming,'" he said.

Crops look good in Saskatchewan and right across the West, Hall said. But he's worried as there have been reports of layoffs at the railways and leasing agreements sending cars and locomotives to U.S. railways.

However, the vice-chair of the Alberta Wheat Commission says the farmers he's talked to aren't worried about a repeat of grain movement gridlock just yet.

"It's still early," said Kevin Bender, who farms near Sylvan Lake. "At this point, I haven't really heard too many concerns about a potentially big crop."

A drop in rail shipments of crude oil and other commodities might "free up some space for grain to move," he said.

But there are logistical issues when it comes to getting the Prairie crop to port, he added.

"If we end up with another mild winter, then things should move relatively well. If we end up with a cold, really heavily snowy winter, then we could face some issues."

The railways blamed the 2013-14 backlog, which cost grain companies and farmers billions of dollars in lost revenue, on the combina-

tion of a record crop and the coldest winter in 100 years.

# Captive market

But Sobkowich's association says the problem is the railways have no incentive to invest in surge capacity. Because grain shippers are captive, the railways know they can move grain later when there is capacity, the association argues, and that's why there needs to be penalties when the railways fail to deliver the service they've promised.

However, the railways say they are ready to move this year's crop.

"Canadian Pacific is well positioned to provide best-in-class service to western Canadian grain shippers during the 2016-17 crop year," spokesman Jeremy Berry said in an email.

"CP continues to invest in its network to improve efficiency, create velocity, and provide the best service possible to customers."

Shippers can manage their rail service through CP's Dedicated Train Program, which CP expects to soon expand, Berry said. Those who move less grain than a unit train can use CP's Open Distribution program, which allows them to submit orders for four weeks. As orders are filled, new orders can be placed.

"CN is communicating with its grain customers to understand the requirements associated with the transportation of the coming grain crop in Western Canada," CN Rail spokesman Mark Hallman said in an email. "Moving a crop suc-



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KEVIN BENDER



cessfully requires a high level of performance by all supply chain participants."

Neither railway answered questions on staff layoffs or leased-out equipment.

Berry noted CP has been moving

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# Canadian farm equipment sales forecast higher in 2017

Equipment sales and farm cash receipts are directly connected, says FCC report

**BY ALLAN DAWSON** 

hen farmers make money they spend it — most often on land and equipment — to improve productivity.

With total Canadian farm cash receipts projected to increase just 0.1 per cent this year, Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is forecasting a seven per cent drop in farm equipment sales for 2016 and a seven per cent jump in sales in 2017, based on an estimated 3.8 per cent increase in farm cash receipts.

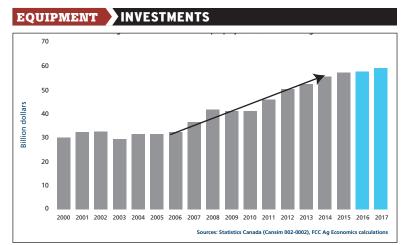
The forecast is in FCC's "Projecting 2016-17 Farm Receipts and Equipment Sales" released June 28.

These projections are highly influenced by strong prices in futures markets for major grains and oilseeds as well as a Canadian dollar that is projected to remain below its five-year average," the report says.

FCC's forecast could be thrown off by a fall in commodity prices following a bumper world crop or an increase in the value of the Canadian dollar, J.P. Gervais, FCC's chief agricultural economist, told reporters during a briefing. However, farmers have probably locked in some of their new-crop prices, which are relatively good, he added.

 $FCC\,predicts\,the\,Canadian\,dollar$ will average 77 and 80 cents U.S. in 2016 and 2017, respectively.

"Farm cash receipts are a big driver behind the decision to purchase farm equipment," Gervais



said. "And conversely farm equipment sales are usually a leading indicator of future farm cash receipts.

Gervais speculated equipment sales might not decline as much had farmers not purchased as much before 2015, when farm cash receipts were higher. He added he was initially surprised that farm cash receipts were forecast to increase almost four per cent next year, but futures prices point to that, he said.

'And (grain) demand is not gone soft and is not slowing down like some were expecting maybe a year ago," he said.

While total (grain and livestock) farm cash receipts are projected to be almost flat in 2016, they are still above average, Gervais noted. Moreover, crop receipts are forecast to rise by 5.8 and 3.8 per cent in 2016 and 2017, respectively. As a result four-wheel-drive tractor

sales, which account for 3.5 per cent of farm equipment sales, are expected to jump 24.5 per cent this year and by 2.4 per cent in 2017.

FCC projects combine sales will increase by 5.2 and 8.9 per cent this and next year.

Livestock cash receipts in 2016 are projected to fall 6.9 per cent mainly due to lower cattle prices, but also lower prices for dairy products.

Livestock cash receipts are expected to increase by 2.6 per cent in 2017.

Canadian farmers are earning more for their grain than their American counterparts due to Canada's weaker loonie. And the impact can be seen in equipment purchases, the report says

"Combine sales were down 34.5 per cent in the U.S. in 2015 while sales in Canada were down 21 per

However, most of the equipment

Canadian farmers buy, especially combines, are made in the U.S. and prices reflect it. Combine prices in Canada jumped 16 per cent in 2015 mostly because of the stronger U.S. currency, Gervais said.

The dollar cuts both ways but "I would say, yes, overall the lower Canadian dollar is positive for our producers," Gervais said.

Interest rates are not expected to change much in the short term, but farmers need to take the possibility into account whenever borrowing money, Gervais said.

Low interest rates encourage equipment sales in the short term, by making them more affordable, especially for expensive machinery, the report says.

There's a risk farmers could be caught if interest rates suddenly rise, but that risk is no greater now than any other time, Gervais said, adding rates are expected to stay where they are in the short term.

"Farm debt in Canada as of December 31, 2015 has gone up 8.5 per cent," he said. "That's a big number, but at the same time... you need to look at net income and net income is still at the top of the cycle. I am not entirely surprised to see that debt continues to go up at a time when net income is very strong.'

There's no rule of thumb on how much farmers should invest in iron, Gervais said. Successful farmers have a plan and consider the costs of buying new versus used or fixing existing equipment.

"What I found successful producers to be doing is to be able to stretch some of these investments over time," he said.

 $Gerva is \, is n't \, sure \, if \, more \, farmers \,$ are trading in for new equipment sooner, but those who do are probably seeking the latest technology used in precision farming.

"I can tell you from what is going on in the marketplace that leasing is more and more popular," he added, speculating it's also driven by farmers after new technology.

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"record amounts of grain." So far in the 2015-16 crop year, CP moved 4.8 per cent more grain than the same period last year and 10.4 and 16.7 per cent more than CP's three-year and five-year averages.

Fears of complacency

Both Sobkowich and Hall agree grain is moving well this crop year, but they say it's because the railways have less non-grain traffic.

"Year over year the railways are down 225,000 cars because of the oil, potash, coal and container traffic (being down), but grain is up 15,000 (cars),' Hall said.

It's a message Hall delivered to politicians in Ottawa recently after hearing Transport Canada tell the House of Commons agriculture committee how well the railways are doing.

Sobkowich fears the government will get complacent.

"The problem has not been solved," he said. "Service has been good, but we don't see it as sustainable without some fundamental changes to address railway market power."

His association is frustrated because it sees a big crop coming "but is at the railways' mercy in terms of whether they are going to bring on enough capacity to meet our needs," Sobkowich said.

Western crops are looking better now than they did this time last year, said Bruce Burnett, G3's weather and crop specialist. The 2015 crop was the West's second biggest

"We could be looking at increased production from last year," he said, but added there are more pulses, some of which yield less than wheat.

Carry-out, for most crops, is expected to be down too, he

"The crops are ahead of normal," Burnett said. "The temperatures have been above normal since planting overall. Growth has been very good. So in Western Canada you are probably generally looking at an earlier start to harvest than average." — with files from Alexis Kienlen

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"In agriculture, there's no shortage of products that guarantee tremendous response for relatively low cost," said Harry Brook. "Often, these products overpromise and underdeliver. A few years ago, the federal government changed requirements for fertilizer registration so that they only have to be proven safe, and not necessarily effective. This opened the door to many of these 'miracle' products."

There are a number of warning flags to look for when it comes to claims about benefits.

"One of the most obvious is when the product's claims are supported by user testimonials rather than by scientific results," said Brook. "No details are then provided to back up the claims of the quoted users."

Another sign to be wary of is the use of charts or bar graphs that highlight only the top part of the graph to exaggerate the actual difference between treat-

"These rarely mention if the



The only way to judge fertilizer claims is increased yield — not by testimonials or unsubstantiated claims, says a provincial crop specialist. PHOTO: THINKSTOCK

difference is significant or how trials were conducted. There is no explanation if the results are repeatable, or any indication as to how reliable the information is. No background or statistical measures are provided to support the graphs. If you are putting good money into a product, you want more than a five per cent chance of it actually making a difference."

Also watch for research claims taken out of context.

"It's easy to take some research results from one part of the world

and transpose them on another," said Brook. "For example, someone could try and take research on fertilizers on soils where farming has been going on for centuries to justify the use of products on soils that have been farmed for a century or less.

"It's easy to take some research results from one part of the world and transpose them on another."

HARRY BROOK



"The soil-forming processes for the areas can make radically different soils with different characteristics and nutrient levels."

Always question the claims and if interested in a product, try a strip trial.

"Keep track of where the treated strips are and monitor those strips and then measure the results. Don't go by colour or appearance, but look at the yield as you don't get paid for anything else. For example, it is well known spraying iron on a crop will get it to turn dark green. It doesn't necessarily translate into yield, but it does make a noticeable visual difference for a while.

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# Early, frequent fungicide applications can be a waste

Cereal pathologist Myriam Fernandez says it can also encourage more kernel diseases such as black point

BY ALLAN DAWSON

armers can be a little too ready to pull out the sprayer and apply fungicides — and may be doing more harm than good.

When there's little or no leaf disease present in a field, those early applications are an expense for no benefit and could do more harm by encouraging other diseases such as black point, says Myriam Fernandez, a cereal pathologist with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

"You are wasting your time, you are wasting money and you may be causing further problems along the way," said Fernandez, who works at the Swift Current Research and Development Centre.

She was speaking about research she and colleague Bill May conducted between 2001 and 2006 that was recently highlighted in an online publication.

"The effect of the fungicide does not carry over to later growth stages. So if you apply it early on I'm sorry, you're going to have to apply it later again (if the infection warrants it)."

However, that doesn't mean there aren't times when an early fungicide application to battle leaf spots is warranted, Fernandez added. There's no formal leaf spot threshold, but spraying should be considered if more than five per cent of the penultimate leaves (the last leaf before the flag leaf emerges) are infected, she said.

"If you only have the odd spot then it is not worth spraying because all (wheat) seedlings are going to have some spots because that is just the nature of the beast," Fernandez said.

"If you have a lot of leaf spotting—it is happening this year in a lot of places—at the seedling stage and later on, then yes, go ahead (and spray)."

## Early doesn't work

Their research was done on durum wheat, but Fernandez said the same principle likely applies to spring and winter wheat.

You have companies pushing for early application at the seedling stage and a little bit later," Fernandez said. "The message we want to get across is, based on our studies, it doesn't work. There have been studies done in the U.S. and other places too. It doesn't work. And one of the reasons it doesn't work... is economics. I haven't seen a single study honestly that shows double applications of fungicides and early applications, et cetera, result in an economic benefit because it doesn't."

Farmers shouldn't rely just on fungicides, but also use other agronomic tools to reduce the disease threats, including growing disease-resistant varieties and rotating crops, Fernandez said.

Using fungicides at the wrong time or when unnecessary just speeds up the selection of fungicide-resistant pathogens, she warned.

'We know what kind of trouble



Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada research shows early fungicide applications aimed at protecting wheat from leaf spot diseases doesn't provide any benefit when infection is light and can do more harm than good. PHOTO: SASKATCHEWAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

we are in right now with a lot of herbicide resistance," Fernandez added.

Monitoring crops is important too. If leaf spot diseases are at low levels, farmers might be able to wait until they spray at the earlyflowering stage to suppress fusarium head blight, a fungal disease that cuts yield and quality.

"Any application earlier than flag leaf we showed that it could be detrimental and it is not worth it," Fernandez said. "But also people need to remember the leaf that contributes most to yield is the flag leaf. So what you need to do is protect the flag leaf therefore you need to apply it at flag-leaf emergence."

## Mixed results

Fernandez and May looked at the impact of single and double fungicide applications at flagleaf emergence and the flowering stage. They found applying fungicides boosted yield, but also caused more black point and red smudge, resulting in lower grades.

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A single and double fungicide application increased yields by 4.3 and 8.5 per cent, respectively. However, an application at either flag-leaf elongation or flowering showed a 47 per cent increase in black point versus no fungicide use. The incidence jumped by 76 per cent for double applications.

Red smudge increased by 17 and 57 per cent with a single and double fungicide application, respectively.

Fernandez has some theories why yields and kernel diseases increased with early and frequent fungicide use. Applying a fungicide results in bigger kernels, hence more yield. Bigger kernels push out the glumes around the kernel.

"When you do that it's fair game for any pathogen in the air to infect the crop so it is less protected in a way," she said.

"The fungicide could also kill the good guys — the organisms on the glume surface that are protecting the kernel."

Fungicides are an effective tool for controlling leaf spots in wheat, but farmers need to know when to use them, Fernandez said.

"We are not telling people 'do not apply the fungicide,' but be aware of what the consequences are," she said. "Just because you bought the fungicide cheap or you have a fancy sprayer you want to use that's not a reason. And then there is the issue of fungicide resistance that we are all worried about."

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# Mexico opens the doors to over-30-month Canadian beef

Deal could see Canadian beef exports to Mexico grow to more than \$250 million yearly, says CCA

# STAFF AND REUTERS

anada and Mexico have agreed to settle a pair of protracted bilateral disputes — Canada would scrap rules obliging Mexican visitors to obtain visas while Mexico would allow expanded imports of Canadian beef starting in October.

The Oct. 1 effective date is particularly important in terms of timing as it provides producers with an expanded export opportunity for over-30-month (OTM) beef, said Dan Darling, president of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association.

"The months of October and November are traditionally the time of year when Canadian beef farmers send most of their mature breeding cows to market," Darling said in a press release. "Mexico has traditionally been an excellent market for Canadian beef. In addition to expanded access for OTM beef, we look forward to potential future opportunities that today's announcement of fully restored access for Canada for all beef and beef products, regardless of the age of the cattle, will bring."

Mexico closed its border to Canadian beef in May 2003 when Canada discovered its first domestic case of BSE. Mexico reopened to beef from cattle under 30 months (UTM) of age later that year, but remained closed to beef from OTM cattle and some UTM offal.

The agreement marks the removal of one of the few remaining BSE trade restrictions in the world and that will help instil confidence in Canadian beef producers to grow their herds, Darling said.

"When our production increases to previous levels, I believe that Mexico could again import more than \$250 million per year like it used to," he said.

The restriction that requires visitors from Mexico to have a visa dates back to 2009, when the former Conservative government became concerned about what it said were a rising number of bogus asylum claims by Mexican visitors.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and President Enrique Pena Nieto both stressed their desire to deepen ties between the two nations, which along with the United States are members of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Both countries send the vast majority of their exports to their powerful neighbour.

But the future of NAFTA could be uncertain after the U.S. election, which looks set to pit Republican Donald Trump against Democrat Hillary Clinton. Trump says he wants to tear up or renegotiate the deal while Clinton has taken a populist tack on free trade during her campaign. Trudeau said the importance of ties between Canada and Mexico could not be overstated.

"It is my hope that through meetings like this one, we will be able to further strengthen that relationship in the years ahead," Trudeau said.

Canadian officials say privately that the two nations have not done enough to develop commercial and political ties or explain the benefits of free trade to their citizens. Pena Nieto, making the first state visit by a Mexican president to Canada for 15 years, said the two nations had created a working group to study how to deepen relations.

Trudeau said he and Pena Nieto had talked briefly about the U.S. election and agreed on the need to work with the new president.

"We will engage... in a positive, thoughtful collaborative way that understands the importance of the North American trilateral relationship," he said.

# **IN BRIEF**

# Pair of organic field days on offer

Organic Alberta and the Prairie Organic Grain Initiative will be hosting two field days on organic grain and field grap production

field crop production.

On July 11, there will be a tour of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Lethbridge Research Station and Leffer's Organic Farm. Federal researchers will talk about weed biocontrol, integrated pest management, soil health, and nutrient management. The operators of Leffer's Organic Farm will discuss their diverse crop rotations and use of green manures for both weed control and fertility.

On July 14, there will be a number of presentations on organic grain production at Newell's Organic Farm near Radway. Charles Newell will share innovative ways to build soil fertility and manage weeds while University of Manitoba agronomy professor, Martin Entz will discuss nutrient management. There will also be presentations on green manure management, livestock integration, and equipment demonstrations.

Both events cost \$25 and include lunch. For more information or to register, contact Tierra at info@organicalberta.org or 587-521-2400. — *Organic* 





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# 'Veil of uncertainty' shrouds Port of Churchill grain season

Sale of the port is still not finalized and that's likely weighing against the facility's success, supporters say

**BY PHIL FRANZ-WARKENTIN** COMMODITY NEWS SERVICE CANADA

he Port of Churchill is facing an uncertain grain-shipping season, as ownership of the Hudson Bay facility is still up in the air months after the current owners, OmniTrax, announced plans to sell the port and railway that services it.

Colorado-based OmniTrax announced in late 2015 that it had accepted a letter of intent from a group of First Nations communities to purchase its northern Manitoba assets. However, that deal is still not finalized, and the negotiations have been complicated by an OmniTrax court case against the Manitoba provincial government as well as by protests from some members of the First Nations involved in the purchase offer.

"The veil of uncertainty certainly hovers over the rail line and port," said Sinclair Harrison, past president of the Hudson Bay Route Association and a Saskatchewanbased farmer.

Canada's only Arctic port saw 184,600 tonnes of grain move through it during the 2015 shipping season, which was well off the average of 500,000 tonnes. Harrison estimated that the port could easily handle one million tonnes in its current state, if the will was there.

However, "it's tough to do business when you don't know who the owners will be," added Manitoba farmer Elden Boon, current president of the Hudson Bay Route Association. He said it was

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"It's tough to do business when you don't know

**ELDEN BOON** HUDSON BAY ROUTE ASSOCIATION



hard to get any information out of OmniTrax.

"It's frustrating for the whole Hudson Bay supply chain," said Boon, adding that "it will have a negative impact on shipments."

Boon was hopeful that something would come together over the next few months, but was also 'not holding (his) breath."

The Port of Churchill is a small player in the bigger transportation picture, but Boon saw many benefits of maintaining the infrastructure. In addition to being the shortest distance to tidewater for farmers in the catchment area, he also saw opportunities to service niche markets that may not fit with Canada's larger ports. Boon said there were also many plans for imports, exports, and diversification beyond

grain through the port that have been talked about for years, but now need credible ownership in order to move forward.

"We need to build on this infrastructure, not try and do away with it," said Boon.

Chief Arlen Dumas, of Mathias Colomb First Nation, north of The Pas, spearheaded the purchase offer which now includes 12 northern communities. The band already has ownership in the Keewatin Railway Company running between The Pas and Pukatawa-

"We're still in talks and in the process of negotiations on moving forward on the deal," said Dumas, adding it was too early to discuss specifics while the negotiations were underway.

A program put in place by the federal government will provide subsidies for grain moving through the port this season of \$12 per tonne, up from \$9 the previous year as there was money left over from the 2015 pool. That program will run out in 2017, but the Hudson Bay Route Association and others are advocating for an

OmniTrax officials did not respond to repeated requests for comment.



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hite cockle has strikingly lovely white flowers and the fuzzy, almost furry opposite leaves give it a distinctive

It is a member of the Pink family it looks like pinking shears gave the five petals their deep notches. The Pink family includes chickweed and night flowering catchfly—catchfly is often mistaken for White cockle, but is much stickier and only blooms at dawn, dusk, and on overcast days.

White cockle has male and female plants, both are about one metre high with oblong, pointy leaves emerging across from each other (opposite) from swollen nodes. The lower leaves are stalked while the upper ones are stalkless. This weed can act as an annual, biennial, winter annual, or even a short-lived perennial, allowing it to adapt to any type of crop or habitat.

Often a problem in hay and pasture (but also in annual crops), it produces seed extremely quickly and the seed is similar in size to many forages (clover, alfalfa, timothy). So always ask for the Certificate



Lovely to look at, but White cockle is highly invasive. PHOTO: NICOLE KIMMEL

of Seed Analysis when buying forage seed and reject any lot with this (or any) invasive weed.

Although spread only by seed, its massive root system keeps the plant alive through difficult conditions, robbing the soil of moisture and nutrients. Hand-picking is almost fruitless, and tillage can "transplant" the roots if the root system isn't destroyed.

Although White cockle is an introduced species, it can be found throughout Alberta. Check out the Weed Survey maps under the "Maps and Multimedia" section of the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry website.

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2004 CIH WDX 1101, 36', exc. cond., dbl. \$42,500. 306-280-6192, Rabbit Lake, SK.

2011 BERGEN 6200 FC swather transport like new condition, \$12,000. 306-372-7653. Luseland. SK.

**2007** MF 9430 w/30' draper deader #W22408A, 1108 hrs, 30' center delivery \$59,000. 306-864-3667, Kinistino, SK. or www.farmworld.ca

2- NH 8040's, 36', double knife drive, hyd. fore/aft, pea auger, PU reel, hyd. tilt, air ride susp., mounted roller, 60 hrs., \$115,000.403-647-7391, Foremost, AB.

**1997** CIH 6000 w/25' draper header #PN3020D, 3893 hrs, 25' shift header, \$15,000. 306-922-2525, Prince Albert, SK. or www.farmworld.ca

**2006** CIH WDX1202 w/36' draper header #W22816B, 1057 hrs, \$63,000. #W22816B, 1057 306-864-3667, Kii 057 hrs, \$6 Kinistino, SK. www.farmworld.ca

2012 MACDON WESTWARD M155 swather, S/N #227787-12, 600-65R28 bar 60 drive tires, 16-5L-16.1 forked caster rear wheels, hyd. centre link, centre link selfwheels, hyd. centre link, centre link seralignment kit, pressure sensor kit, windshield shades, w/2012 MacDon Westward D60 header, 35', S/N #226091-12, double knife, DS, slow spd., transport, end finger kit, \$95,000. Owner retiring. Vermilion, AB. Ph. 780-813-0131 or 780-853-7925.

2008 WD 1203 swather, 1380 hours, new cutting bars, guards 2015, \$55,000. 306-231-8999, Humboldt, SK.



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2012 MACDON 155, 30' header, 559 hrs. AutoSteer, very good 403-866-2775, Rolling Hills, AB.

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**2013** MF 9725 w/30' draper header #N22068A, 174 hrs, 30' center delivery \$98,000. 306-864-3667, Kinistino, SK. or www.farmworld.ca

2006 4952i PRAIRIE STAR w/MacDon 972 30' double swath, PU reel, \$55,000. 30' double swath, PU 306-364-2185, Jansen, SK. **2012** NH H8060 w/36' draper header #HW3388A, 509 hrs, HB36 header, \$105,000. 306-682-9920, Humboldt, SK.

or www.farmworld.ca 2012 MACDON M155 w/30' draper header

#W22651A, 236 hrs, D50 30' single reel \$123,600. 306-922-2525, Prince Albert, SK. or www.farmworld.ca

1993 MF 220, 2200 hrs., 30' swather, PU reel; Also swath roller. Call 306-759-2651 or 306-759-7745, Brownlee, SK.



2011 M150 c/w D60 40', 300 hrs., shedded, very good cond., \$124,900. Cam-Don Motors Ltd., 306-237-4212, Perdue, SK.

885 MASSEY SP, gas, 1700 hrs., 30', wide opening, PU reel, HD wobble box, dual коto-sheers, spare parts, \$13,000. Call 306-335-2777, Lemberg, SK.

IH 4000 24' SP swather, AC, air seat, PU reel, big tires, \$4500. 306-634-7920, 306-421-1753, Estevan, SK.

1988 JD 2360 swather, diesel, 2100 hrs., 30' header and PU reel, CAHR, good cond., 30' header and PU reel, CAHR, good co \$7500. Call 306-542-3526, Kamsack, SK.

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# COMBINES

2005 2388, 2200 eng. hrs, 1850 sep. hrs., field ready, never combined peas, \$82,000. 780-354-3447, Beaverlodge, AB.

2003 CIH **2388**, 3048 eng./2304 sep. hrs., red liaht done 2013, Specialty rotor, red light done 2013, \$60,000; 1998 **2188**, 4340 eng./3327 sep. hrs., Specialty rotor, sent through shop 2015, \$32,000; 1994 **1688**, 5875 eng. hrs., Spec. rotor, through shop in 2012, \$17,000. 306-231-8999, Humboldt, SK.

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2012 CASE 8230, 1200 hrs., long auger, ext. wear rotor, mega cut chopper, 900 tires, diff locks, air compressor, lateral tilt, 3016 PU header, field ready, \$275,000. 403-647-7391, Foremost, AB.

1999 CASE/IH 2388 with Swathmaster PU, #HN3133B, 2819 hrs., 2129 threshing hrs, \$68,000. 306-682-9920, Humboldt, SK. or www.farmworld.ca

2012 CASE/IH 9120 w/2013 Precision header, Swathmaster PU, 684 sep. hrs, Pro 700 monitor, luxury cab w/leather, 620-42 duals, stored in heated shop, mint cond., \$250,000. 306-795-7089, 306-795-7448,

**2011** CIH 8210 w/3016 PU, PN3305B, \$250,000. 306-922-2525, Prince Albert, SK. or www.farmworld.ca

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2008 NH CR9070 with Swathmaster PU. \*\*N22195B, 2130 hrs, 1654 threshing hrs., \$172,000. 306-922-2525, Prince Albert, SK. or www.farmworld.ca

2005 NH CR9060 with Swathmaster PU #HN3375B, 2781 hrs., 2295 threshing hours, \$75,000. 306-682-9920, Humboldt, SK. or www.farmworld.ca

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2004 NH CR9070 with Rake-Up, #HN3179B, 3600 hrs., 2308 threshing hours, \$95,000. 306-682-9920, Humboldt, SK. or www.farmworld.ca

**2009** NH CR9080 with Swathmaster PU, #HN3373B, 1292 hrs., 1292 threshing hours, \$210,000. 306-682-9920, Humboldt, SK. or www.farmworld.ca

1997 NH TR98, 2060 hrs., MAV chopper, hopper ext., hyd. fore & aft, overall nice cond., with PU, \$19,800. 1-800-667-4515. www.combineworld.com

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**2004** GLEANER 475 w/Swathmaster PU, #N225110, 2750 hrs., 16' PU, \$99,000. 306-864-3667, Kinistino, SK. or www.farmworld.ca

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**2012 S680**, 615 PU, 800 sep. hrs., prem. chopper, Michelins, Greenlight June 2016, \$350,000. 780-679-7635, New Norway AB.

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1997 JD **9400**, 2114 eng. hrs., 1626 sep. hrs., ext. range cyl. drive, Y&M, long auger, new: PU belts, feeder chain, rub bars and concave, straw chopper, spreader, 914 PU, exc. cond., \$60,000. Call Dave Klein, 306-957-4312, 306-695-7794, Odessa, SK.

2002 JD 9750 STS combine, 914 PU, 20' auger, hopper exts., Calmar downspout, 2162 sep. hrs., 2972 eng. hrs, JD concaves, shedded. 306-228-1213, Unity, SK.

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2013 JD 640D 40', hydra-float, pea auger hyd. tilt, for S series, vg cond., \$62,800. 1-800-667-4515. www.combineworld.com

2- 2010 MACDON FD70, 35' headers w/JD 70 Series adapters, exc. cond., field ready. 306-861-2013, 306-456-2749, Oungre, SK.

2013 JD 640D, like new, with only 2000 acres, pea auger, no transport, \$59,000; 2004 635 Flex, \$20,000; 2005 635 Flex, air reel, \$24,000. 306-948-7223, Biggar, SK.

NH MODEL 973 FLEX HEADER, 30', double knife drive, 5 batt PU reel, fits any TX or TR NH combine, field ready, first \$10,000. Call 306-846-4702, Dinsmore, SK.

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1994 SPRA-COUPE 3630, 66', 300 gal., 2600 hours, new timing belt/pressure control valve/alternator this spring, single body nozzle, Ez-Guide 250 w/mapping, dual kit, crop dividers, tow hitch, \$14,000 GBO. Call 306-281-4526, Hepburn, SK.

**2015** CASE/IH 4440, 120', Luxury cab, Active susp., 380's and 710's, STK: 019628, \$480,000 1-888-788-8007, Saskatoon, SK. www.redheadequipment.ca

**2009** CASE/IH 4420, 100', AIM, 1200 gal, Norac Boom Height, STK: 020576 \$199,500. www.redheadequipment.ca or 1-888-365-2681, Estevan, SK.

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2003 SPRA-COUPE 4640 High Clearance sprayer, 80' boom, 600 hrs., \$65,000. A.E. Chicoine Farm Equipment, 306-449-2255, Storthoaks, SK.

2004 CASE/IH 3200 SPX sprayer, 1000 gal. SS tank and booms, 90', 5.9L Cummins, 3000 eng. hrs., \$20,000 Outback GPS w/section control installed Sept. 2015, c/w 2 sets tires and rims, vg shape, \$90,000 or may consider trades on a JD 9750, 9760 or 9770 combine. Call or text 306-460-8167, Kindersley, SK.

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2002 JD 4710, 90', 800 gal. SS, crop dividers, 380',90R46 tires, duals for rear, Auto-Steer, AutoHeight, chem eductor. Call 306-357-4732, 306-831-8548, Wiseton, SK

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# OTTAWA GRANDFATHERS FOREIGN WORKER CAP

Employment Minister MaryAnn Mihychuk has watered down measures to limit the number of low-wage temporary foreign workers firms can hire after complaints the restrictions would cause major labour shortages. Under rules introduced by the previous Conservative administration, the number of low-skilled foreign workers a firm could employ would have dropped to 10 per cent on July 1 from 20 per cent currently. Mihychuk said she was freezing the limit at 20 per cent for employers who had hired workers before June 20, 2014. Farmers and meat processors complained the 10 per cent limit would result in labour shortages. — Reuters

# THEY CAME, THEY SAW, THEY MILKED

The fourth annual Breakfast on the Dairy Farm event at Yff Dairy near Red Deer on June 18 attracted more than 500 visitors. Along with a free breakfast, visitors were able to ask questions of milk farmers, a milk hauler, and herd veterinarian. They became acquainted with the cows themselves and even tried their hand at milking with an activity called Race the Farmer. Organized by the East of Olds Dairy Club, the Southern Alberta Holstein Club, and Alberta Milk, the event was started to create awareness for the provincial dairy industry and increase understanding of the farm-to-fridge process. — Alberta Milk

# MORE NEWS

# Philippines may return as Canadian wheat customer

Cigi is wooing Filipino millers after a period of poor gluten strength and low protein drove them to American wheat suppliers

BY SHANNON VANRAES

or years Darwin Tatel used Canadian wheat at the San Miguel Mill in Batangas, Philippines, but then something changed.

"We stopped using CWRS awhile back when we encountered some problems in terms of quality," said the head miller, who was in Winnipeg to take part in a technical exchange program at the Canadian International Grains Institute, or Cigi, last month. "We were surprised, of course, because we were using (Canada Western Red Spring) for quite some time, since 2002 or maybe even 2000, so we had been very surprised to see the quality just drop down like that."

The head miller said complaints had been received from a number of clients, including Gardenia Bakery, which produces half a million loaves of bread every day.

Michael Santiago, production supervisor at Monde Nissin, said the same quality issues caused his Philippines-based company to turn to American wheat after years of using Canadian grain.

"I think the last time we used Canadian wheat was about 2014," he said. "Because of the gluten, the protein, the inconsistencies in those, we had to change a lot of blends because of that, so then we moved to U.S. wheat."

But after an intense week of comparing wheat quality, baking test breads, meeting farmers and representatives from various Canadian commodity groups, both say they feel confident that Canadian wheat can again meet their companies' respective needs.

"They have assured us that the problems previously encountered have been addressed," said Santiago.

That is exactly what Yvonne Supeene, the institute's head of baking technology, wants to hear. She said Cigi invited millers from the Philippines to participate in the technical exchange program in the hopes of bringing them back to Canadian wheat.

"The Philippines has been identified as a market that has potential growth for importing more CWRS — our principle class of wheat," she said, adding exports of Canadian wheat to that country have declined in recent years.

"We'd like to work with the milling companies and give them exposure to the recent changes that have been made over the last number of years, collectively



Esey Assefaw, Cigi's head of Asian products and pasta technology, speaks to a technical exchange group from the Philippines at Cigi. PHOTO: SHANNON VANRAES

through co-operation among the whole value chain," said Supeene. "We saw that decline in exports and we know they do require high-protein wheat, so that is part of the reason we are targeting millers there and showing them what we have."

While the Canadian Grain Commission is responsible for monitoring and governing the quality of CWRS, not Cigi, Supeene said the institute worked with the commission, testing wheat and collaborating on strategies that would see that class of wheat become more defined in terms of quality.

"I think it is important to say that there was nothing wrong with the class before, it's just that the feedback from our customers and the work that we were doing ourselves at Cigi and CGC, we collectively saw that the dough strength was becoming a little too mellow and we wanted to be very cautious," she said, adding several changes have been put in place over the

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MICHAEL SANTIAGO

last few years to address any concerns customers might have.

"There were changes done at the quality evaluation committee level, introducing more stringent testing for varieties to even be registered within the class of CWRS, there was a floor and ceiling shift in the class itself, so they made the floor higher — in other words the strength has to be higher now for the varieties to enter into the CWRS class," explained Supeene.

For Tatel, his first visit to Canada has paid off.

"We understand better now how the system of Canadian wheat is being handled," he said, noting he and his peers will also leave with a better understanding of where and how Canadian wheat is grown.

"We haven't been able to see a wheat field with live wheat in it, but we have seen acres and acres of land... and the kind of huge and sophisticated equipment they are using, we don't have that in the Philippines as of yet, so we were kind of amazed," said Tatel.

Santiago was also impressed, not just by the operation they visited, but by the determination shown to win back their customer loyalty.

"Canada wants us back and we can work on it," he said.

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# New accounting standards for farms proposed

Canada's accounting standards organization wants to make farm accounting simpler and more predictable

BY GORD GILMOUR

anada's professional standards body for accountants is developing new accounting standards for Canadian farms.

A standardized approach will make understanding farm accounts simpler and business more straightforward, the Financial Reporting & Assurance Standards Canada says.

Currently there's a hodgepodge of ways to do farm accounts, mainly due to the unique nature of these businesses, said Linda Mezon, who chairs the organization's accounting standards board.

"Right now farm accounts aren't easy to understand, and they should be," Mezon said in a telephone interview.

Farmers are using a variety of accounting methodologies. The most common are cash accounting and accrual accounting.

Cash accounting is the simplest and it is commonly used by small businesses and for personal finances. It accounts for revenue only when the money is actually received and expenses only when the money is paid out.

Accrual accounting is a bit more complex and accounts for revenue when it is earned and expenses when they are incurred. This method is commonly used by larger businesses.

There are also certain specialized methods of accounting for certain income and expenses and hybrid systems that incorporate elements of both major systems.

All in all, it's a confusing system, especially for lenders, who need to decipher the books before they can make any decisions.

"Typically these are the people who have the most trouble understanding what they're looking at, because it's not always entirely clear what they are looking at," Mezon said. "The accounting sys-

tems used can vary from farm to farm, even farms in the same sector, and farms doing the same thing right beside each other."

In practical terms for farmers, this uncertainty translates into just another barrier to doing businesses and perhaps even a barrier to accessing capital, since some lenders will always err on the side of caution.

"We want to make it easier for people to look at farm accounts and understand them," Mezon said. "We want to have similar operations in completely different parts of the country using the same system so, for example, a chicken producer in Manitoba would be using the same accounting standards as a chicken producer in B.C."

The intention isn't to make all sectors of agriculture hew to one universal standard, so much as finding the best solution for each sector and then standardizing accounting practices, she said.

Her organization is holding a

series of roundtables across the country seeking feedback on the proposed new standards, including ones in Lethbridge on July 26 and Edmonton on July 27. (See www. frascanada.ca for more information.)

A key challenge to standardizing farm accounting will be how to account for living plants and animals and the produce from them. When are they considered assets? When do they become income? Are they ever considered a liability? For example, is a planted, but not yet harvested, crop considered an asset? Or is it only an asset when the grain is in the bin? Or once it's sold?

Each sector has its own best model, and Mezon said the proposals currently put forward need industry input for the best results possible.

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# PEDv outbreak source unknown

No new cases of PEDv have been found in Manitoba, but possibility of future outbreaks can't be ruled out

**BY SHANNON VANRAES** 

While the origin of recent porcine epidemic diarrhea outbreaks has not been identified, Manitoba's chief veterinarian has determined the strain is not unique to Manitoba.

"What we do know is that all three barns have the same strain of PEDv and that the strain is not one that is unique to Manitoba, it's been found in Ontario and the U.S. as well," said Dr. Megan Bergman. "But at this point — with the exception of geographic location — we haven't identified any common contact between these three barns, so we continue to review our epidemiological information to try to really further evaluate in more detail whether or not we can pinpoint a source of introduction.'

The three most recent cases of the disease appeared between May 26 and June 4, after nearly 16 months of being PEDv free. All the cases occurred within a five-kilometre radius, in the southeastern part of the province.

However, given the complexity of interactions between hog operations and the larger world — including other farms, trucks, processors, staff, visitors, feed suppliers and other considerations — it is conceivable the cause of these cases may never be pinpointed.

Some in the hog industry had initially questioned if each barn was infected with the same virus given the varying level of symptoms, but the chief vet said that is to be expected.

"Age is actually the biggest factor in respect to the symptoms that we see in these pigs, the younger the piglet, the more significant the clinical signs are and even a difference of a few days in age can make a big difference in how hard they are hit by this virus," said Bergman. "So we do think that is largely the cause of why we've seen a difference between the barns, and of course we had one finisher barn that was affected, and finisher animals are quite a bit older, so they are able to manage that virus quite a bit better than piglets.

All three of the barns are currently at a different stage of the cleaning and disinfection process, which Bergman said could take a significant amount of time. She added that the possibility of further cases of PEDv can't be ruled out either.

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# Pork industry pain management standards now in effect

All castration and tail docking will require pain management, a change the industry says it's ready for

**BY SHANNON VANRAES** 

nother component of the updated Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Pigs went into effect on July 1.

It requires producers to use anesthetic and analgesics when castrating or docking tails. While nearly all hog farmers are prepared for the new pain control requirements, a telephone town hall hosted by Alberta Pork last month showed many producers are still concerned about the amount of time the new procedures will take. A quick poll showed that 43 per cent of participants were most concerned about how long it would take to administer pain control, compared to 17 per cent of respondents who saw the cost of the drugs as most concerning.

The amount of time required depends on how the pain control is administered, said Mark Flynn, who manages animal care programs for the Manitoba Pork

"There is basically three different ways to administer it," he said. "You can administer it through injection, you can administer it through an oral drench route, where you squirt medication into the mouths of piglets, or through topical application."

Producers should work with their vets to determine which application is right for their operation, he said.

The new code was first officially released in the spring 2014, after three years of consultation. It also moves the industry towards open sow housing and enrichment and replaces a previous version penned in

Producers will need a prescription from their herd veterinarian whatever method they choose to use for pain control.

Health Canada has yet to approve any pain control claims on any medication specifically for soft tissue surgeries like castration, but the absence of that claim doesn't mean the drugs are ineffective, said Flynn.

"There are products in development where they are looking for claims, specifically for pain control for castration, and there has been some stuff developed for cattle, so there are options out there for pain control, but it would require a veterinary prescription to be administered,' he said.

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"I believe there are four or five non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs that could be used in a pain control setting, and a lot of the potential for pain is derived from inflammation post surgery, so those drugs would be good choices."

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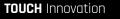
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# is not keeping pace with climate change Yields are likely to

**Crop breeding** 

fall if the current trendline continues, researchers say

**STAFF** 

Crop yields will fall within the next decade due to climate change unless immediate action is taken to speed up the introduction of new and improved varieties, experts have warned.

The research, led by the University of Leeds, focuses on maize in Africa but the underlying processes affect crops across the tropics.

"In Africa, gradually rising temperatures and more droughts and heat waves caused by climate change will have an impact on maize," said lead author Andy Challinor.

"We looked in particular at the effect of temperature on crop durations, which is the length of time between planting and harvesting. Higher temperatures mean shorter durations and hence less time to accumulate biomass and yield.'

It takes anywhere between 10 and 30 years to breed a new crop variety and the rate at which temperatures are increasing across the tropics means by the time the variety is in the field it is being grown in warmer temperatures than it was developed

The researchers found that crop duration will become significantly shorter by as early as 2018 in some locations and by 2031 in the majority of maizegrowing regions in Africa. Only the most optimistic assessment — in which farming, policy, markets and technology all combine to make new varieties in 10 years — showed crops staying matched to temperatures between now and 2050.

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## Prevention truly is worth a pound of cure

#### Vaccinations and biosecurity go hand in hand when managing cattle diseases

BY JENNIFER BLAIR
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or many producers, biosecurity is a little like closing the barn door after the cows have bolted.

"Sadly, in many cases, what it takes for producers to make the change is the 'big problem' where they get their butt kicked," said Dr. Frank Garry, a veterinarian and professor at the University of Colorado.

"Then, eventually something changes — not because we want it to, but because it has to."

So why don't more producers put biosecurity measures in place before disaster hits?

"Tradition and habit," Garry said at the University of Calgary Veterinary Medicine Beef Cattle Conference last month.

"Change is hard. It's true, but in a certain kind of sense, it's bullshit. It's an excuse. The change will occur whether you do an active dance with it or not."

Producers also think that biosecurity requires a lot of change — but that's not the case, he said.

"Most biosecurity efforts don't actually cost very much money. They cost a change in thought and in management."

But on the flip side, infectious diseases do result in "ongoing loss and inefficiency."

 $\hbox{``You have reduced production'}\\$ 

because you cannot have infectious disease on an operation and not lose money to decreased productivity in the animals," said

Producers make money through a simple equation: The number of animals sold multiplied by their weight and the price per pound. Decreased productivity and increased death losses hit two parts of that equation.

"For every calf you lose, you lose 500 pounds of revenue. This is true whether cattle prices are good or bad," said Garry. "And for every single calf you lose to whatever infectious disease you want to name, you better increase the weaning weight of your next 10 calves by 50 pounds to equal your lost revenue.

"You'll turn a lot of attention to getting that extra 50 pounds of weaning weight. My question is will you put the same energy and effort into something that actually decreases these losses?"

In most cases, implementing biosecurity measures simply means "being relatively thoughtful about a relatively few things."

#### Three-pronged approach

Garry supports a three-pronged approach to disease management on the farm — using antibiotics, vaccines, and biosecurity in concert

But prevention is worth a pound of cure, he added.

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"Antibiotics are not a prevention tool. They don't do jack to prevent problems in the herd," said Garry. "You're going to say, 'I do prevent disease — I used vaccines.' But do they really prevent disease? You are not going to vaccinate Johne's disease away. It will not happen."

Vaccines "modify" disease occurrence and decrease shedding of the infectious agents, but they can also be "questionable in their efficacy."

"Without something else to back them up, vaccines are a waste of your money in many situations," said Garry. "If you pair the vaccine with a biosecurity control program, now you have power. If you do not use both together, you will lose the game and squander a boatload of money."

Unlike vaccinations, biosecurity is "not pathogen specific."

"Most of the management practices that decrease disease transmission for one agent are effective against multiple. If you institute really good Johne's disease control procedures, you will also decrease calf scours. They go hand in hand."

#### How to build a plan

But in some cases, true biosecurity is impossible.

"There are so many infectious organisms that are already in the premise that, in many



"Most biosecurity efforts don't actually cost very much money. They cost a change in thought and in management."

FRANK GARRY



cases, biocontainment is more important for average everyday management than biosecurity," said Garry. "We want management and hygiene practices that decrease the risk of introducing or spreading infectious disease, therefore reducing animal exposure."

And that starts with a diseasemonitoring and management plan.

"We want to prevent transmission, eliminate the agent, and increase immunity," he said. "That requires a relatively specific strategy, which has goal setting, risk assessment, planning, implementation, and monitoring."

The first step is education.

"You need to understand your target and what you're doing. You need to know the agent and what it's going to do," he said. "Then you do a risk assessment.

Where am I likely to have problems on the farm? From that, I develop a management plan, and only then do I decide what I'm going to do to test it.

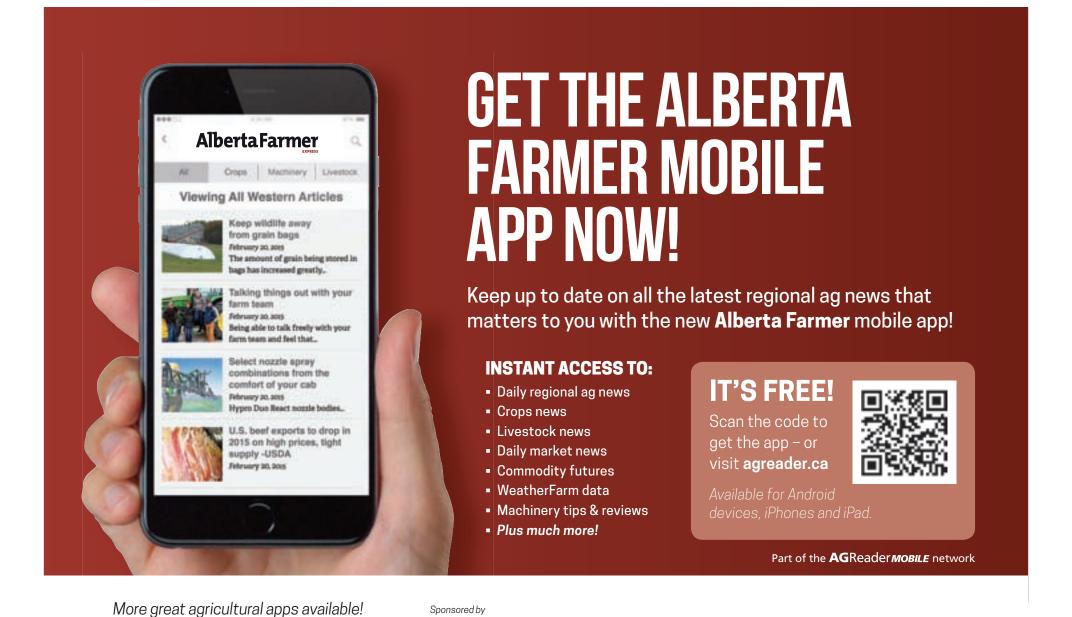
"But what it really takes is commitment."

Producers don't need to be running a "100 per cent sterile operation" to make a meaningful improvement in the health of their cattle, added Garry.

"There are no fail-safes. There are no places where you can say, 'OK, I did that — the disease will never be a problem on my operation,'" he said. "Instead, we put in multiple hurdles, and each hurdle reduces the risk, and when you combine them, you get incremental improvement.

"You don't have zero risk, but you're getting pretty darn close."

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# A young man's journey and what's how 4-H changed his life

s a 4-H leader there are times when you wonder if it is ⊾really worth it. It can be a little overwhelming. There is a ton of paperwork, the need to be beyond organized and at times you feel like you need to be in two places at once... and sometimes you really do need to be in two places at once. Volunteering as a leader is a lot of work and sometimes you just need reassurance that you are doing a good job.

Every now and then a kid like Jake shows up and it really hits you why you are a 4-H leader. Jake Drew is a member of our 4-H club. He started his 4-H career when he was nine and he will soon be turning 16. This year Jake blew us all away with his 4-H speech. When he was done, there wasn't a dry eye in the room and we realized this is why we are 4-H leaders. Here is an abridged version of Jake's speech. — Dorthea Mills, 4-H leader, Retlaw Prairie 4-H Beef Club

I'm going to take you all back into the past.

You can imagine it however you want, be it sitting in your chair or in the old DeLorean from "Back to the Future" movie. We are going back, six years ago.

This was a hard time for my family. My mom and dad had just separated. I was devastated, depressed, and miserable. I got into fights at school and I was always in a bad mood. I never did my homework and generally didn't care about anything anymore. When I came home from school and my mom got off work, we would talk and talk about everything that was going on. She would cry every night. Life from that point seemed to go in a downward spiral. I would fight constantly, yell and curse at everyone no matter who it was.

At that point everything was so depressing it was hard to imagine anything good ever happening

Before my parents split up I wanted to join 4-H but my dad didn't want me to. But as you can see, I still ended up in 4-H.

It was getting close to October and my mom asked if I would like to join 4-H. I told her I didn't know because I was so confused and emotional. I kept putting it off. I finally said yes, but I had already missed the first meeting. Luckily, my mom called Fran Geremia (our leader) and asked if I could



In this 2009 photo of the Retlaw Prairie 4-H Beef Club, Jake Drew is second from the left in the front row (wearing a red T-shirt). Calvin Holthe is second from the left in the back row (in a black and white plaid shirt) and is standing next to his brother Curtis (third from the left). PHOTOS: RETLAW PRAIRIE 4-H BEEF CLUB

still join. Fran said yes and I was

But when I went to my first meeting, I was terrified. I felt that everyone was judging and looking at me. I just froze. I looked for a seat as far away from everyone as I could get. I sat down and slumped in my chair and tried to block out everything.

All of a sudden I heard someone say, "Hi, what's your name?" I looked up and saw these two crazy kids a few years older than me. I was shaking so bad I could hardly say my own name. It took awhile but I finally said, "My name is Jake, what's yours?"

They said their names were Calvin and Curtis. That is when my whole life changed. We talked the whole time; telling stories, laughing and not really paying a lot of attention to the meeting. Before I knew it the meeting was over and we said goodbye. It was awesome!

The next meetings were good. I talked to Calvin and Curtis and learned how to take care of my calf. I wasn't really sure what I was doing with my calf at weigh-in. He was 600 pounds and taller than me. I was thinking, 'How the heck am I going to tame this beast?" We got the calves weighed in and had lunch at Shannon Vissers' house, another one of our leaders, and it was one good meal.

Every weekend I worked with my calf. I named him Buddy, and that is what he was, my buddy.

The meetings were interesting and next thing I knew it was Public Speaking. I was so scared and didn't want to do it. I put it on the bottom of my to-do list. The time came and I still didn't have a speech so I wrote on the way to public speaking. It was terrible. It was hardly two minutes long and I was embarrassed to call it mine. You would think I would learn. I would not recommend that to anyone.

Things started to improve, in school, at home, at meetings - my whole life

Finally, it was time to sell my calf. It was a lot of work setting up for the show but with a lot of blood, sweat and tears, we were finally ready to

The next day we weighed in the steers. Buddy weighed more than 1,200 pounds. He was huge!

He didn't place high in the show but he sold for a good price. He was my Buddy and I cried when I had to let him go.

All in all it was a great year and my confidence level was raised a lot. I

Jake Drew, shown at his club's mini show in May, says he was angry and depressed as a boy, but joining 4-H changed everything for him.

made some great friends, learned not to procrastinate and I learned to live again. (I still procrastinate though because I just wrote this speech last night at 10 p.m. and I am hoping that it will be long

4-H has changed my life. I am so grateful for it and it will always have a place in my heart. Now that you know a small piece of my life, I hope it will make a world of difference in vours.

Send agriculture-related meeting and event announcements to: glenn.cheater@fbcpublishing.com

July 5: Agriculture Field Tour, Blue Hills Motel, LaCrete. Contact: Mackenzie Applied Research Association 780-927-

**July 5:** Farming Smarter Field School, 21108-21110 Jail Rd., Lethbridge (also July 6 and 7, same location). Contact: Jamie 403-381-5118

July 11: Organic and Low Input Field Day (Lethbridge Research and Development Centre/Leffer's Organic Farm), Lethbridge Research and Development Centre, Lethbridge. Contact: Organic Alberta 587-521-2400

July 12: Riparian Field Day, MSW Farms, Ponoka. Contact: Sarah Skinner 1-888-672-0276

July 14: Organic Grain Production Field Day, Newell Farm, Radway. Contact: Organic Alberta 587-521-2400

July 14: Medicine Hat Tour, Farming Smarter Medicine Hat field site. Contact: Jamie 403-381-5118

July 20: Livestock Gentec's Kinsella Field Day, Roy Berg Kinsella Research Station, Kinsella. Contact: Andrea 403-948-1528

July 20: Castor/Killam Field Day Tour, Battle River Research Group Office, Forestburg. Contact: Eric Neilson 780-582-

July 20: Promoting Sustainability & Safety of farm production seminar, West Central Forage Association office, Entwistle. Contact: WCFA 780-727-4447

July 21: Alberta Wheat Day, Farming Smarter field site, 21112 Jail Rd. Lethbridge. Contact: Jamie 403-381-5118

July 22-24: International Mountain Section of the Society for Range Management Summer Tour, University of Alberta Rangeland Research Institute Ranch (Mattheis Research Ranch), Brooks. Register at: rangeteam. wordpress.com by July 8.

July 26: Salinity Causes and Cures, Wheatland County Office, Strathmore. Contact: Rachel McLean 403-995-9466

July 27: 2016 Lacombe Field Day, Field Crop Development Centre, Lacombe. Contact: Ag-Info Centre 1-800-387-6030

July 28: Alberta Organic Producers Association field day, Daryl Cole Farm, Vegreville. Contact: Kathy 780-939-5808

July 28: Disease Plot Hop, Farming Smarter field site, 21112 Jail Rd. Lethbridge. Contact: Jamie 403-381-5118

## Donation supports ag technician lab

estern Tractor Company is making a donation worth \$750,000 to Lethbridge College for its Agricultural and Heavy Equipment Technician apprenticeship program.

The gift will support the college's new trades and technologies facility through the creation of the Western Tractor Technology Lab — an advanced agricultural technologies room inside the first phase

of the new building. Western Tractor will supply the lab with industry-leading technology over a five-year period. The company has also signed a fiveyear agreement to supply John Deere equipment to the college. This will allow students to take all four years of their apprenticeship training in Lethbridge for the first time.

"We wanted to ensure that there was

an investment of state-of-the-art equipment, technology and leadership in the field of precision farming," said Steven Dyck, president and general manager of Western Tractor, which has locations in Lethbridge, Taber, Burdett and Medicine

The new trades and technologies facility will be completed in 2017. -Lethbridge College release

## New radio network for first responders

**STAFF** 

🛚 irst responders in Alberta **◀** now have a single, province-wide communication system thanks to a new two-way radio network that took eight years and \$438 million to build.

The Alberta First Responder Radio Communications System — or AFRRCS — became available to first responders on July 1, although it was used extensively during the Fort McMurray wildfire.

"The AFRRCS was absolutely crucial for us and all of our partners as we battled the Fort McMurray wildfire," Brad Grainger, deputy chief of that city's fire department, said in an Alberta Justice press release.

"The system allowed us to communicate efficiently with 32 different fire departments during the biggest crisis in our region's history."

Until now, all police, emergency medical, and fire services in Alberta used their own stand-alone radio systems that generally did not communicate with one another. Creating the new system required building 332 towers (the final four will be completed this summer).

The AFRRCS system will help participating first responders to fully co-ordinate joint responses to emergency scenes; improve and integrate radio communication among first responders from different agencies; and reduce the cost of radio system infrastructure," said the press release.

"AFRRCS will provide radio coverage in major urban centres and in the remote locations where public and officer safety are equally critical,' said Marianne Ryan, deputy commissioner of Alberta

## A loving look at rural life in Alberta and Saskatchewan

**STAFF** 

**■** ollowing a successful 'world premier' tour of nine small communities in Alberta and Saskatchewan, the National Film Board has put the 10 short films in its Grasslands Project online.

Last year, filmmaker Scott Parker spent six months in Saskatchewan and Alberta to create the 10 films based on community-generated ideas.

Subjects, themes, and even interview questions were based on community input, and each film was screened for the participants to get their feedback and final approval.

Films dealing with the transition of generations — such as Generations and Life Out Here drew especially strong responses at the screenings, held in Magrath, Coutts, Foremost, and six Saskatchewan communities in May.

Generations is about a 19-yearold and his father as the son prepares to follow in the footsteps of his father while in *Life Out Here*, women ranchers discuss how



Homecomings looks at the volunteer efforts behind the summer celebrations in Magrath. PHOTO: NFB

they can ranch as well - or better — than men.

Homecoming looks at summer gatherings in Magrath and how these sorts of community events are a major force in keeping rural communities vibrant. The film looks at the celebrations through the experiences of volunteers who make them happen.

Other films include a look at how cattle are not a threat but part of the solution to preserving grassland (A Rancher's View); the last surviving member of a homesteading family (The Last One); life in a very small community (Population 21); and volunteer firefighters (After the Fire).

All 10 films can be viewed at no cost at http://grasslands.nfb.ca/.







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may, leather HID	\$279,000	
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DSP, diff, duals	\$299,000	
2011 NH CR9090, 1214/853hrs, elevation,		
loaded, guidance	\$289,000	
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2014 Bourgault 7200, New never used, hyd angle, 84 ft .... 1994 Degelman, 70ft, mechanical adjust, one yr old tines **USED SPRAYERS** 

2012 Case IH 3330, 100ft, Aim, 2 sets tires, 2250 hrs,2 set tires ... \$205,000 2010 Rogator 1184, 120ft, raven guidance, 2 set tires, 1780 hrs .... \$215,000 2009 Case IH 4420, 120 ft, Aim, 2 sets tires,

2009 Case IH 4420, Guidance, 120ft, Aim auto box,2 sets tires, 2200 hrs. \$239,000 2007 JD 4720, 90ft, Guidance, 1490 hrs... 2006 Spray coupe 4650, 1540 hrs, auto, 80ft, ezeesteer 2006 Case IH SPX3185, 90',2080 hrs, 750 gal, SCS460 rate controller, trimble EZ steer......\$105,000 1998 Tyler Patriot XL, 5147 hrs, 750 gal, 90' booms, 12.4/38 tires, 3 way nozzle bodies.

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\$49,000 2011 Case IH PH800, 60on10, DS, VR, TBT 2010 3430 ... 2009 Morris Contour, TBT 3350 FC, Mechanical, auger, 47', 10", new boots/knives..... 2009 Morris Contour, 61 ft. 10", D/S, new knives. 2009 F/C 3850 Tank, TBT, Dual Fan, Mechanical, \$135,000 2009 Morris Contour, 71 ft, 12", 2011 8370 TBT, 3 tank, NH3 kit, blockage..... 2007 Seedhawk SH60-10, 60', 10", NH3 kit, TBT 3380 tank, V/R...... . \$16,900 1997 Bourgault 4300 Tank, DS .

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# Lifescience and chemical companies eye greener fields as farm profits shrink

Ag-tech startups are gaining support from industry blue chips aiming to offset shrinking profits from farm bust

BY TOM POLANSEK AND P.J. HUFFSTUTTER

uPont and Bayer have teamed up to invest in a new fund that will back agricultural technology startups, becoming the latest companies to pile into the multibillion-dollar industry as farm profits shrink.

The two chemical and seed companies along with venture capital firm Finistere Ventures and two others have launched a C\$19.25-million (all figures Canadian dollars) accelerator fund, called Radicle, that will back early-stage agricultural-tech companies, the fund said in a statement on Wednesday.

Of the \$19.25 million, \$7.7 million has been initially committed but the fund did not identify which companies would receive the cash.

While small in size, it marks the second time DuPont's investment arm has taken a stake in the ag-tech arena since launching in 2003, according to fund officials.

2003, according to fund officials. DuPont and Bayer did not respond to calls for comment.

The companies are joining a burgeoning industry of ag-tech investors hoping to profit from ever-more sophisticated tools in the food supply chain, from plant genomics and seed traits, to drones and weather sensors for crops.

For seed and chemical companies, such ventures can bring access to new research that may complement — or fill gaps — in their product pipelines.

For venture capital firms — some of which have bought up land in recent years — it is also a way to try to ease the economic sting of falling farmland values.

#### Plunging prices

Returns on commodity farm products have declined as grain prices have dropped for the past three years due to global oversupplies. Corn futures are down about 40 per cent from three years ago due to large global harvests.

For startups, reaching out to funds can help them gain access to cash for research and new product testing without having to sell the whole company.

"There's nothing like commodity prices halving to focus your mind on how else you can make money," said Finistere partner Arama Kukutai in a recent interview.

Finistere has invested in companies including CropX, which is working on irrigation, and ZeaKal, which is trying to boost soybean yields.

In April, the firm partnered with farmland owner International Farming Corporation (IFC) to



Agriculture technology is attracting big investment but so far that hasn't translated into many products or users. PHOTO: THINKSTOCK

launch a different ag-tech fund. In that case, tech companies can test their products out of the lab and in the real world, said Kukutai.

The other members in the Radicle fund include OurCrowd, an Israeli venture capital firm, and California-based private equity firm Cloud Break Advisors.

Wednesday's launch comes after Bayer, Syngenta AG and other investors last month rolled out an \$11.5-million fund called AgTech Accelerator to start new agricultural technology businesses and help keep them running.

On Monday, Kellogg Co. launched a corporate venture group called Eighteen94 Capital (1894), and announced plans to invest \$128 million in food and food-related tech startups. Kellogg follows similar moves by rival consumer packaged goods companies General Mills Inc. and the Campbell Soup Co.

#### **Getting crowded**

While the sector holds promise, blockbuster products are few and far between, and the ag-tech space is increasingly crowded, say critics and analysts.

Finding customers can be tough, too. Farmers and some agribusiness customers have been reluctant to pay for data services, particularly with farm income down by half since its 2013 high.

But that has not cooled investor interest. So far this year, the pace of investments in agriculture technology startups is about on par with a record \$5.9 billion in 2015, said Rob Leclerc, chief executive officer of AgFunder, an online food and agriculture investment platform.

That is double the amount seeded by venture capitalists and others in 2014.

"A lot of people are gravitating to technology because they see this as a better way to institutionalize an investment in food and agriculture," Leclerc said.

Concerns about how to feed a growing global population and uncertainty over food supplies amid shifting weather patterns have spurred investor appetite.

Corporate asset managers and large farmers are increasingly finding that "to really make land an attractive return basis, you have to leverage technology," Kukutai said



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2012 Bourgault 6350, Tow Behind . \$58,000

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2009 NH BR7090, .....\$29,800 2006 NH CR970, 1547/1219 hrs..\$189,500 2003 NH BR780, .....\$7,900 2014 NH CX8080.....\$398,000 2005 NH BR780, .....\$13,500 2003 NH BR780, .....\$11,800 2006 NH BR780A, .....\$14,500

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2008 Honey Bee HB36, .....\$48,000 1999 Honey Bee SP36, 36' .....\$29,000 1996 Honey Bee SP25, .....\$18,500 1994 Honey Bee SP36, .....\$19,500 2008 JD 936D, .....\$39,900 1998 MacDon 960, .....\$25,000 2011 MacDon FD70-45, .....\$75,000 1998 MacDon 960, 25'.....\$9,500 2012 MacDon FD70-45, .....\$78,000

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3030 .....\$148,000 2011 JD 4830, Eng Hrs: 1820 .....\$218,000

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- LDR, 2360 hrs.....\$178,000 2008 NH 94C-36, .....\$49,500 2001 NH TM125 - LDR, 7435 hrs...\$48,000

Hrs: 4660 ......\$95,000 1999 NH 994-30, .....\$29,500 2004 NH TM175, 5200 hrs, LDR ....\$74,000

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### **SPECIAL EVENT FEATURE**



# Greetings from the show director

elcome to the second annual Ag in Motion, Western Canada's first outdoor agriculture trade show which features demonstrations of farm equipment, crops, crop inputs and livestock in a real agricultural setting. We're a show that offers a new fresh atmosphere for farmers as well as companies to communicate and share knowledge. This year, Ag in Motion has grown in size with an increase in exhibitors and demonstrations because of what it offers.

Ag in Motion is held on a half section of typical Saskatchewan grain and oilseed farmland about 35 km northwest of Saskatoon on Highway 16. Visitors will be able to see crop plot demonstrations by a variety of local and international companies as well as by scientific experts from the University of Saskatchewan. Another important part of Ag in Motion is the opportunity to learn. The Agri-Trend Knowledge Tent presented by RBC will hold several daily seminars on today's farming practices.

There are over 100 acres dedicated to equipment demonstrations and test drives. It's an opportunity to see equipment working before choosing which one you need to purchase for your operation. You'll also be able to see the many innovations being unveiled at Ag in Motion 2016 highlighted by the Ag in Motion Innovations Program in partnership with the Agricultural Manufacturers of Canada. Also new for 2016, is a new Livestock Central at the show featuring dairy and beef cattle farm management.

I would like to thank the staff and volunteers for helping plan and implement Ag in Motion 2016. It takes a huge amount of dedication to run a trade show and great effort to manage the growth of a show in its second year. I would also like to thank the many companies that have put their faith in Ag in Motion, especially our parent company Glacier FarmMedia with its family of farm publications produced by Farm Business Communications and the Western Producer. Many thanks also go to our colleagues at Canada's Outdoor Farm Show in Woodstock, Ontario who have shared their time and expertise.

I invite you to attend Ag in Motion 2016. Please stop me and say hi. I'd love to hear from you about your experience at the show.

**Rob O'Connor** show director, Ag in Motion

# Ag in Motion boosts livestock programming for 2016



he new Livestock Central presented by BMO Financial Group will showcase live demonstrations, speakers and interactive exhibits featuring products and services specific to livestock producers.

Nestled between 1st Street and 3rd Street along Manitoba Drive, Livestock Central will feature indoor and outdoor exhibits. The indoor exhibits will be housed in a new 60x60-foot Livestock Pavilion, located at the corner of 1st Street and Manitoba Drive.

"After the success of our first year of Ag in Motion, we are thrilled to expand the expo site this year and to offer new highlights such as a dedicated livestock area," says show director Rob O'Connor.

To kick off the first day of Ag in Motion, Tuesday, July 19 has been designated "Dairy Day." All dairy producers in Western Canada were invited to attend this special day dedicated to showcasing the latest in the industry. VIP invites were included in the June issue of the *Milk Producer* and distributed by sponsors BMO Financial Group, Agri-King, Promat, Grober Nutrition, New-Life Mills and *Milk Producer*.

#### Live Demonstrations and Speaker Program Daily Schedule:

- Barley Silage Demonstration Part 1 10:30 a.m. in the Silage Demo Field Eight acres of barley have been planted and Part 1 of this demo will showcase harvesting equipment including mowers, cutters and mower conditioners.
- Cattle-Handling Demo 11 a.m. daily in the Livestock Central pasture area, Manitoba Drive and 1st Street – Experts from multiple manufacturers will explain the features and benefits of their products, as live cattle are manoeuvred through the different cattle-handling systems.

- Livestock Speaker Program 2 p.m. in the Special Events Tent Tom Snyders from Lely Forages will discuss forage management to achieve the goal of making quality feed and not just bales. Tom will cover important topics such as preparation and when to cut, height of cut, drying time, ash content, harvesting/baling, compaction of baleage and storage
- Livestock Speaker Program 2:30 p.m. in the Special Events Tent "Essential lipids for life is your calf thriving or surviving?" presented by PMT. Titan Clean Energy Projects Corp. will follow with information on its new feed additive product, Mayan Gold.
- Barley Silage Demonstration Part 2 3 p.m. in the Silage Demo Field Part 2 will showcase balers and bale wrappers from a variety of manufacturers.

#### Livestock Central presented by BMO Financial Group

As Canada's largest chartered bank lender to the agriculture sector, BMO Bank of Montreal understands agriculture, and the dedication and investment that go into every growing decision. Over the past two years cattle, hog, and field crop sectors in Canada have experienced significant price volatility, while dairy and poultry producers faced uncertain futures. Even with these challenges, the industry has adapted thanks to the resilient producers who adjust to change and remain optimistic about the future.

A new generation of farmers is expected over the next decade; succession strategies will become increasingly important. The future for agriculture looks bright and BMO is here to help by sharing its expertise in the agriculture industry.

"We are thrilled to be a part of the Ag in Motion Outdoor Expo and look forward to seeing you at the show July 19 to 21," says Marcia Lemon, VP Commercial Banking, BMO Bank of Montreal.

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## Unlike any western Canadian farm show

g in Motion offers farmers a unique opportunity to see live crop plots from a variety of seed and crop protection companies, all in one place. For year two of Ag in Motion, attendees

will see more plots and even more variety.

"The aerial says it all," says show director Rob
O'Connor. "The crop plots are an eye-catching and clear way Ag in Motion sets itself apart from other farm shows in Western Canada. We bring the seed guides to life and better purchase decisions come from that."

To prepare the plots, exhibitors begin planting a variety of crops on site in May and June to showcase their latest innovations and products. The crop plots, which are all 170 feet deep and range in frontage from 30 to 500 feet, are located around the perimeter and throughout the show site.

The live crop plot exhibits will showcase seed and inputs for a diversity of crops, including wheat, barley, oats, flax, hay mixtures, corn, soybeans and canola.

Here are a few of the crop plots and strip trials farmers can explore this July at Ag in Motion:

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# 4-H Farm Safety Day comes to Ag in Motion

-H Saskatchewan is coming to Ag in Motion this summer in a big way with an interactive Farm Safety Pavilion and 4-H Farm Safety Day.

On Thursday, July 21, the Farm Safety Pavilion on 5th Street will be home to the 4-H Farm Safety Day as well as ongoing farm safety stations all three days of the show. Youth and their families have the chance to visit several organizations to learn more about safety both on and off the farm.

Farm safety exhibits will be open for the entire show and the program will finish with the exciting 4-H Farm Safety Day taking place in the pavilion on the afternoon of Ag in Motion's last day.

#### Thursday is 4-H Farm Safety Day

Youth aged nine to 14 years old can register for this free afternoon program taking place at Ag in Motion. Participants will listen to captivating speakers sharing their stories, work through hands-on stations surrounding common hazards on the farm (i.e. electrical safety, fire safety, machinery safety) and end the day watching a demonstration of emergency response teams responding to a mock emergency scenario.

According to 4-H Saskatchewan, the program's goals are to build awareness of safety issues on the farm and to empower youth with knowledge to act in an emergency.

4-H Saskatchewan is pleased to be working with several partners for 4-H Farm Safety Day: Ag in Motion, Saskatchewan Safety Council, S.A.A.S.E., Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture (C.C.H.S.A.), S.T.A.R.S., War Amps, and C.A.S.A.

Senior members and adults, ages 16 and up can join in too. Safety Ambassadors (SAs) will lead groups of participants through the stations. This is a special volunteer opportunity for senior 4-H members, parents and leaders.

Safety is important on and off the farm. The 4-H Farm Safety Pavilion will be open all three days of Ag in Motion from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday's special 4-H Farm Safety Day kicks off at noon and runs until 4:30

Registration is free and open to 4-H members as well as friends aged nine to 14 years old. More information and registration forms available at http://www.4-h.sk.ca/ events?id=444.

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## Agri-Trend Knowledge Tent presented by RBC



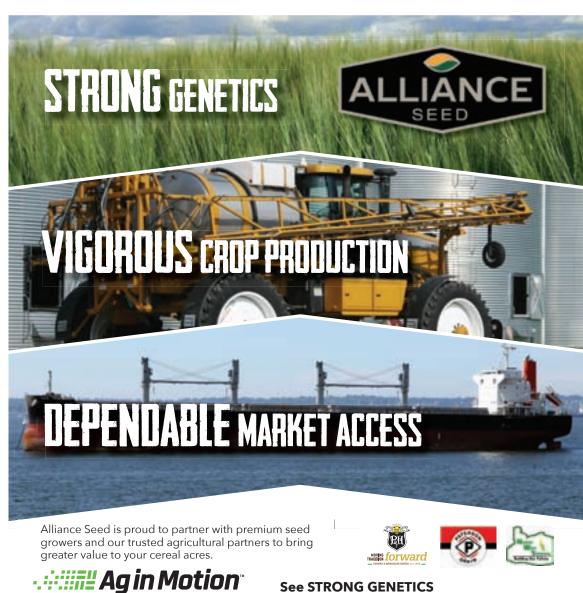
uiz leading experts about agronomy, farm finances and all matters in between. Stop by the Welcome Centre to pick up the daily speaker schedule so you're ready to learn. To check out the speaker schedule before the show, visit

www.aginmotion.ca/events-live-demonstrations/ for a full listing.

Daily from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Agri-Trend Knowledge Tent at Manitoba Drive and 6th Street





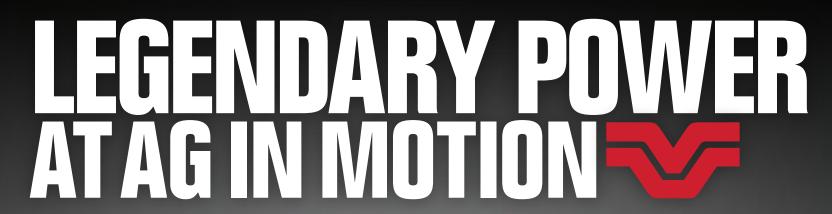




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