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Louis Haugen pulls an old gopher trap off his Flex-Coil 5000 while unplugging seed boots. He was planting canola west of Strongfield, Sask., May 6. | WILLIAM DEKAY PHOTO

SEEDING

Many get early start to seeding

Some farmers in southern Alberta are well ahead of schedule and may wrap up seeding this week

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Lynn Jacobson was done seeding on his farm near Enchant, Alta., by the first week of May.

"We're probably three weeks ahead," he said. "It's very, very substantial."

He believes most farmers in

southern Alberta will be wrapping up seeding by the end of this week.

They were able to get out into the fields far earlier than normal due to unusually hot and dry conditions.

Most growers in the southern and central region of the province are hoping for a widespread general rain to stave off the drought that has been lurking around since last year.

"Last year (the crop) pulled through because of the subsoil moisture. This year in a lot of areas there isn't that subsoil moisture," said Jacobson.

Alberta is the furthest ahead but farmers in Saskatchewan and Manitoba are also out in their fields earlier than normal.

Shannon Friesen, acting cropping

management specialist with Saskatchewan Agriculture, didn't have all the numbers in yet but she estimated 30 to 40 percent of the crop was in the ground as of May 9, up from the five-year average of 10 percent.

"For most producers it has been

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SPECIAL DAY FOR MOMS AND THEIR CATTLE



Megan Jones pushes calves through the chute during branding day at Maplehurst Farm near Speers, Sask. Every year on Mother's Day the Cunningham, McAllister and Jones families gather to process their calves. | NATHAN JONES PHOTO

RULES CIRCUMVENTED

WTO needs update to fit reality: study

Issues including animal welfare and labelling could cause market access problems

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

World agricultural trade rules established more than 20 years ago need an overhaul, says an independent agricultural research organization.

Agricultural trade is far different than it was when the World Trade Organization agreement was reached in 1994, said Al Mussell, research lead at Agri-Food Economic Systems in Guelph, Ont. and one of the co-authors of the paper *Disciplines on Agri-Food Trade: Toward a Renewed Framework*.

The WTO agreement focused on establishing greater disciplines in the three pillars of domestic support, export competition and market access.

The paper quotes studies that conclude, "the support disciplines in the WTO agreement were too porous to substantially reduce domestic support in the various countries."

The cited studies included the United States, European Union, Japan, Norway, Brazil, China and the Philippines.

The authors also note that declines of support in some countries were offset by increases in others.

"We argue that a more comprehensive framework that goes beyond the original three pillars needs to be designed, supported

by a significant research effort, to capture the impacts on trade and trade flows in a substantially changed world for food and agriculture," said the paper.

Mussell said the current framework is an artifact of the Uruguay Round of WTO negotiations. It protected politically sensitive aspects of agricultural support that the United States, European Union and Japan couldn't agree on.

We need to go back and revisit this because as far as we can tell there's a whole slew of support-type programs that just kind of go right around the framework for disciplines that we have today.

AL MUSSELL
RESEARCHER

"They were sort of set aside into the blue box and some other aspects of trade negotiations so that we were able to get an agreement on agriculture," Mussell said. "Here we are today and the trade is a whole lot different."

China and India have emerged as competitors and supporters of their producers and products. The OECD has identified rapid increases in agricultural support

in Indonesia, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Kazakhstan and China.

Issues like food security, animal welfare and farm labour standards have become market access issues but don't fit into the current framework, he said.

And, Mussell said countries are creative when it comes to finding ways to help their farmers.

Disciplines were placed on the aggregate measure of support, which includes market price support, Mussell explained. Countries cut their market price support but implemented programs outside of that.

"We need to go back and revisit this because as far as we can tell there's a whole slew of support-type programs that just kind of go right around the framework for disciplines that we have today."

Cereals Canada president Cam Dahl wrote recently that Egypt's zero tolerance for ergot in wheat, despite the fact that the country's buying agency recognizes the international tolerance of 0.05 percent, is a symptom of a growing problem.

"As tariff barriers fall some countries use non-science-based grain safety excuses to block trade in an attempt to drive down prices or to prop up their own agriculture industry," he wrote.

In an interview, Dahl said trading countries are going to have to figure out how to handle protection-

ist issues like this. Newer agreements such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership build on the WTO's dispute resolution process and address technical trade barriers, he said.

"The WTO is the home of rules-based trade," he said. "It has a significant role to play in helping to address some of these non-tariff barriers."

Mussell said Canada has a huge stake in trade systems that work because of its export dependency and it needs to take these situations seriously.

"Supply management comes under scrutiny all the time and in some ways supply management has been telling us for years that the structure of this is not set up equitably or is not set up just right and I wonder if we maybe should start listening to that a little bit," he said.

He also said claims under Canadian business risk management programs will rise as prices for cattle, grains and oilseeds drop, and support from other country subsidy programs will also climb.

He said this is a good time to examine how countries support agriculture and how that support fits with WTO commitments.

"This should lead to reconsideration and modernization of our framework for disciplines on agricultural support."

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U.S. LAWSUIT

Glyphosate treated oats OK, says Richardson

BY ROBERT ARNASON
BRANDON BUREAU

Richardson International isn't changing its policy. It will buy oats that are sprayed with glyphosate before harvest, even though U.S. consumers are suing Quaker Oats over glyphosate residues in oatmeal.

"We continue to stand by our products," said Tracey Shelton, spokesperson for Richardson, the largest oat miller in North America. "We will continue to monitor the situation and do our rigorous testing, but at this point we are continuing to sell oats and buy oats that have been treated with glyphosate."

In early May news broke that Americans in California, New York and Illinois had launched lawsuits against PepsiCo, the owner of Quaker Oats.

The New York Times, Bloomberg and other media reported that testing found traces of the herbicide in Quaker Oats oatmeal. The amount detected was significantly below the maximum residue level allowed by regulators, but the plaintiffs behind the lawsuits say Quaker used false advertising to sell its oatmeal.

Quaker markets its oatmeal as 100 percent natural. The lawsuits claim that's misleading because the oatmeal contains glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup and the most popular herbicide in the world.

Many oat growers in Western Canada spray the crop with glyphosate late in the growing season so the crop dries down prior to harvest.

Last year the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), a division of the World Health Organization, said glyphosate probably causes cancer.

Many toxicologists have disputed the report, saying it contradicts the findings of government regulators around the globe, including Health Canada, which concluded that glyphosate is not a carcinogen.

"Glyphosate based herbicides are among the most thoroughly researched, tested and evaluated herbicides on the market," Shelton said.

"When those products are applied, following directions provided by the manufacturer, there is no scientific evidence to suggest that there is a risk to human health."

Shelton wouldn't say if Richardson's sells oats to Quaker, citing confidentiality reasons.

The company operates oat milling plants in Portage la Prairie, Man., Martensville, Sask., and Barrhead, Alta.,

A handful of Richardson clients have inquired about glyphosate residues and last year the miller began testing oat samples for the herbicide.

"Grain samples collected last year at harvest found that pesticide residue levels were basically non-detectable for glyphosate, at a level significantly below that of the applicable Canadian MRL (Maximum Residue Limit)," Shelton said.

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EARLY START TO SEEDING

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very, very ideal.”

“For once we have a good spring,” she said.

Growers in the south and western portions of the province were running out of moisture but there was rain in the forecast as of May 9.

Friesen said early seeding typically results in higher yields as crops avoid July heat damage and fall frosts.

Louis Haugen was seeding canola on his farm near Strongfield, Sask. on May 6. His usual starting day is around May 10.

“This year I could have been even earlier I think,” he said.

There is subsoil moisture on his farm but the surface is dry, which has its advantages. Haugen is able to seed the low spots that have been too waterlogged to seed the past couple of years and he doesn’t feel rushed to get the crop in the ground.

“I’m not wound up yet that’s for sure,” he said.

“It’s actually quite relaxing. There’s no sloughs so you just hit the auto-steer, sit back and read the paper.”

Seeding in Manitoba was 48 percent complete as of May 9.

Dan Mazier said it has also been a pretty stress-free spring on his farm near Brandon, Man.

“We didn’t have to do a lot of prep to our fields like other years when we were really wet,” he said.

Mazier was done seeding his peas and wheat by the first week of May and was busy harrowing and leveling some fields to get ready for other crops.

“It was dusty all day and you kind of go, ‘wow, this was the way it used to be,’” he said.

It has been a long time since he was able to put in 14-hour days seeding. He is still haunted by the wet years such as 2011 and especially 2014.

“That one really rattled me. I really appreciate these kind of conditions,” said Mazier.

“We’re sitting in our part of the world in ideal conditions right now.”

Pamela de Rocquigny, business development specialist for cereal crops with Manitoba Agriculture, said conditions vary by region and even by field.

But in general it has been a good and early start to the year, with 10 percent of the crop planted before May 1.

Autumn Barnes, agronomy specialist for southern Alberta with the Canola Council of Canada, said farmers were planting canola in the third week of April, which is well ahead of the recommended period of the first week of May.

But it was hot and dry and there was no cool weather in the forecast, so they went ahead and planted the crop and that could work out nicely for them.

“The later you go the more heat-blasting you’re going to get in July,” said Barnes. “In southern Alberta where it gets a lot hotter in July that’s especially a risk.”

There was no rain in the immediate forecast for Alberta but Barnes said it is too early in the growing season to despair.

Canola is a shallow-seeded crop that doesn’t need much rainfall to germinate.

“Even if we just get a little bit of rain that moisture can touch the canola,” said Barnes.

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We think it’s a good first step in the process of getting Canadian beef back into their restaurants. I think the next steps are that we need to see that they’ll fulfill their commitment.

RICH SMITH
ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS

Earls officials met with cattle industry groups last week to discuss how to get Alberta beef back on the menu. | EARLS PHOTO

FOOD SUPPLY

Earls backtracks on beef sourcing

Restaurant chain president says the chain plans to support Alberta beef after backlash

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Canadian cattle producers who last week welcomed the Earls restaurant reversal to a plan to source beef from Kansas said it appears that those in charge at the restaurant did not do their homework ahead of the original announcement.

“Their original decision disappointed me, obviously, because to me they didn’t do their research properly,” said Mike Sears, a cattle producer and feedlot operator from Nanton, Alta. “They didn’t do their homework.”

Earls initially said it couldn’t find enough product in Canada that met its specifications for “certified humane” beef that was also produced without the use of antibiotics or growth-promoting hormones.

It said the Kansas-based Creekstone Farms could provide the humane certification and the supply that it wanted.

That raised the ire of the Canadian cattle industry because they said it implies that cattle are not raised humanely in Canada.

“What is humane? Whose definition is that?” asked Sears.

Earls president Mo Jessa said in a May 4 interview that the plan to move away from Alberta and Canadian beef was a mistake.

“We will work very hard to restore our trust with Canadians and we will get Canadian beef back on Earls menu as long as it meets our criteria,” Jessa said.

He and other company officials

met in Calgary last week with representatives of the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association, Alberta Beef Producers and members of the Canadian Round Table on Sustainable Beef.

Jessa said he was surprised by what he learned about current initiatives on cattle production and beef quality.

“There was some new information, a surprise absolutely. I think what this has taught me is that instead of just working with suppliers, I really have to be in touch with the producers themselves. They are a lot closer to what’s actually happening.”

“I know once I met with them that, boy, have they ever come a long way. They are working on certification. I’m going to be right there with them to move that forward faster. As a partnership, we’ll be way better off.”



MO JESSA
PRESIDENT, EARLS

However, Earls is still not serving Canadian beef in its restaurants. Jessa said it will take time to source enough product in Canada that meets its specifications.

Rich Smith, executive director

We maybe don’t have the exact program that (Earls) wanted but we’re on the track to one very similar. I think we can be pretty proud in Canada that we’re doing things a lot ahead of the curve as far as humane handling goes.

DR. ROY LEWIS
VETERINARIAN

of ABP, said his organization will be watching to see how Earls follows through.

“We think it’s a good first step in the process of getting Canadian beef back into their restaurants,” said Smith about Earls’ change of heart.

“I think the next steps are that we need to see that they’ll fulfill their commitment.”

Smith said Canadian cattle are humanely raised but added there is no specific certification body that says so.

“If you call it Canadian beef or Alberta beef, it has been, in our view, sustainably raised,” Smith said. “But we haven’t got the assurance process in place yet. As far as the practices that are being used here, we strongly suggest that they are sustainable practices.”

Veterinarian Dr. Roy Lewis said the Canadian Beef Cattle Code of Practice and work by the beef round table group are evidence of attention to humane cattle production.

“We maybe don’t have the exact program that (Earls) wanted but we’re on the track to one very similar,” said Lewis.

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in Canada that we’re doing things a lot ahead of the curve as far as humane handling goes.”

Smith also said Earls personnel were impressed with the code of practice, which was recently updated.

“We were quite confident that the code of practice would stand up to scrutiny,” Smith said.

Sears said he has no argument with Earls’ choice to seek beef from cattle never given antibiotics or additional hormones. It’s the implication it initially made about humane handling that rankled.

“The humane side of it, that’s a different story. You can’t draw a line in the sand and say that’s humane and that isn’t. The cow should be the one to tell you, not the human.”

Sears said his operation is open to anyone who wants to see for themselves how cattle are raised.

“Do I have time to take tour after tour? No, I wouldn’t want to do that, but am I afraid of that? Absolutely not. Anybody can come and look and see whatever they want to see.”

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THE NIGHT SHIFT | Nathan Birmingham loads a seeder with wheat north of Douglas, Man., as he prepares to work late. Hot, dry windy conditions during the day and low soil moisture made seeding at night a better option this week. | SANDY BLACK PHOTO

AGRONOMY

Herbicides keep costs down, help feed world

Study finds price of food would skyrocket with decrease in herbicides

BY ROBERT ARNASON

BRANDON BUREAU

If farmers stopped using herbicides many environmental groups would be pleased, but consumers may not rejoice because food would be much, much more expensive.

A Weed Science Society of America study has concluded that corn yields would drop by 52 percent and soybean yields by 49.5 percent in the U.S. and Canada, if producers didn't use herbicides and other weed control measures.

The reduced yields represent \$43 billion (US) in crop production losses, per annum, based on a corn price of \$4.94 per bushel and soybeans at \$10.61 per bu.

"It's an astonishing number and indicates the significant threat weeds present to crop production," says Anita Dille, Kansas

State University weed scientist and study lead author.

"It also drives home the importance of taking steps to mitigate the development of herbicide resistance."

A University of Guelph weed scientist, Peter Sikkema, was a co-author of the paper. Sikkema helped compile yield loss estimates for Ontario, assuming no herbicides or other weed control methods:

- Ontario corn yields would decline by 51.4 percent
- Across Canada, the lower yields would reduce farm income, from corn, by \$500 million
- Ontario soybean yields would drop by 38.1 percent
- In Canada the cut in soybean production would lower crop receipts by approximately \$1.0 billion
- In Canada and the U.S. the lack

of weed control in soybeans would potentially cost farmers \$16 billion in production losses

- In corn, the estimated losses are \$27 billion

The yield declines in corn and soybeans may overestimate the yield impact of weeds on other crops. Corn and soy are row crops and are more dependent on herbicides than the cool season crops of Western Canada.

"Our wheat, canola, winter-wheat and a lot of our cereals are very competitive (with weeds)," said Jeanette Gaultier, Manitoba Agriculture weed specialist.

The complete paper, on corn and soybean losses because of weeds, will be published in an upcoming issue of *Weed Technology*.

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IF NORTH AMERICAN FARMERS STOPPED USING WEED CONTROL, ONE STUDY SAYS THE ANNUAL COST OF REDUCED YIELDS WOULD BE

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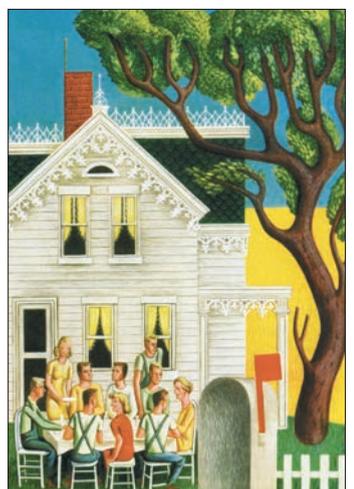
AG CANADA REVIEWS FOOD SYSTEM

On May 9, Agriculture Canada released an overview of the country's agri-food system, focusing on its impact on the economy, environment and exports.

Most of the data comes from 2014 and suggests that Canada's agricultural and food sector is growing and relatively healthy.

The report features many nuggets of data, including:

- The agriculture and agri-food system generated \$108.1 billion in 2014, representing 6.6 percent of Canada's GDP.
- A large portion of that \$108.1 billion was farm market receipts. Sales of grains, oilseeds, livestock and other commodities totaled \$55.7 billion.
- Grains and oilseeds made up 35.5 percent of all farm receipts. Red meats made up 27.1 percent of farm market receipts in 2014, down from 30 percent in 2004.
- Canadian farmers set a record for profits in 2014. Net cash income was \$14.2 billion, a whopping 32.5 percent higher than the average between 2009-2013.
- Beyond the farm gate, Canadian agri-food exports of raw and processed foods hit \$51.5 billion, up 12 percent over 2013.
- More than 50 percent of exports went to the U.S. About nine percent was shipped to China. Japan, the EU and Mexico took approximately 17 percent.
- Canada is the world's fifth



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largest exporter of farm and food products, but it also the sixth largest importer. In 2014 Canadians purchased \$39.4 billion in imported food.

- Canada's food and beverage industry is the largest of all manufacturing sectors in Canada, generating \$27.7 billion in GDP.
- Canadians spent \$195.7 billion on food, beverages and tobacco in 2014.
- Canadians are spending less on food, in terms of total household expenditures, than they did in 1997. In 2013 food represented 10.1 percent of household spending.
- Government investment in agriculture and food is decreasing. Public spending on research and development in agriculture and agri-food has shrunk, as a share of gross farm receipts, since 2007.

Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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FERTILIZER OUTLOOK

Will fertilizer prices continue to fall?

PotashCorp thinks widening crop-fertilizer value gap will lift nutrient prices but a private analyst disagrees

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Some of the major players in the fertilizer business believe prices are headed higher in the second half of 2016 but an industry analyst disagrees.

Price direction was a hot topic during quarterly results conference calls for a number of manufacturers.

PotashCorp, the world's largest fertilizer company, showed investment analysts a chart highlighting the widening gap between the crop price index and the fertilizer price index.

The crop price index line has been fairly flat since January 2015, while the fertilizer price index line has been on a steady decline, creating good value for farmers.

When the gap gets as wide as it is today it typically starts to narrow by either crop prices falling or fertilizer prices rising, said Stephen Dowdle, president of PCS sales.

He said the wide gap is supporting fertilizer demand, which will lead to a firming in fertilizer prices.

The other factor behind the forecast for strengthening fertilizer prices is the slowdown in Chinese urea exports due to "very robust" domestic demand for the product in China that has led to higher domestic prices than export prices.

"There are some folks that are forecasting total urea exports in 2016 down to levels of about eight to nine million tonnes. This is down from almost 14 million tonnes in 2015," said Dowdle.

"So that is certainly painting a scenario in the second half where you could see a little firmer urea prices. You see in the last tender in India the participation from the Chinese urea producers was very subdued."

Mosaic Co. had a similar outlook. President James O'Rourke said the company expects a strong second half of the year due to rising fertilizer demand.

"The recent run-up in agricultural commodity prices, combined with current nutrient prices, make our products very affordable," he said.

"In fact, crop nutrients are more affordable today than they have been during the last five years. This gives us confidence in the second half outlook."

He expects solid demand out of Brazil despite the political and economic turmoil in that country and from India due to forecasts for a return to normal monsoon rains. Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Agriculture expects farmers will plant 93.6 million acres of corn, which would be the third biggest corn area in U.S. history.

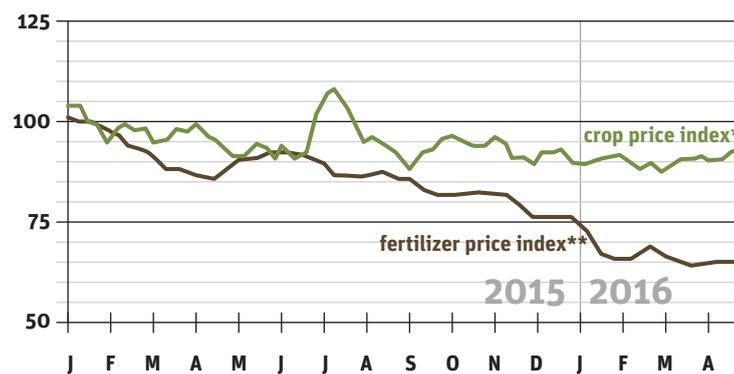


A global glut of fertilizers has made them more affordable. Future price direction depends on factors such as U.S. crop size and Chinese urea exports. | FILE PHOTO

WILL PRICE GAP WIDEN?

PotashCorp says the gap between crop and fertilizer prices has reached the point where it will start to narrow. It believes the way that will happen is that fertilizer prices will climb.

Crop & fertilizer price index (Jan. 2015 avg.=100)



* based on corn, soybean and wheat prices (weighted by global consumption)

** based on urea, DAP and KCI prices (weighted by global consumption)

Source: Bloomberg, Fertilizer Week | MICHELLE HOULDEN GRAPHIC

Mike Rahm, vice-president of market and strategic analysis with Mosaic, said falling raw material costs have contributed to lower fertilizer prices but those costs are starting to stabilize.

He also highlighted currency changes and a lucrative Indian subsidy for fertilizer purchases as factors that could pressure prices higher.

"There is the potential there for lots of things combining to provide

some uplift in prices (in the) second half," said Rahm.

On the other hand ...

Agrium offered up a contrary view of where prices are heading. President Charles Magro said he expects urea prices to drop after the spring season.

"We don't think it's going to go below the Chinese cost of production for any sustained period of

time," he said.

"You'll see some slightly lowering prices. It will probably stay at the cost curve for a period of time. It won't slip significantly below that."

David Asbridge, president of NPK Advisory Service, believes Agrium's outlook is the right one.

He agreed with PotashCorp that the gap between crop and fertilizer prices will narrow but that will happen by crop prices falling, not fertilizer prices rising.

Asbridge said U.S. farmers are planting big corn and soybean acres and if summer weather is good, big crops will be harvested.

"I'm really pretty pessimistic on crop prices going forward," he said in an interview.

Meanwhile, a wet spring prevented some growers from applying phosphate and potash fertilizers. Phosphate prices have already turned lower.

"I'm not really optimistic that fertilizer prices are going to be able to perk up much," he said.

Asbridge thinks Chinese urea demand will not be as strong as PotashCorp's forecast because the government recently stopped subsidizing corn prices. China has estimated the its seeded corn area will fall by almost 3.3 million acres, the first drop in 13 years.

Another analyst on the mentioned on the PotashCorp conference call that China recently

announced a policy to hold fertilizer consumption at one percent gains per year through the end of the decade.

Jochen Tilk, president of PotashCorp, believes the new policy is aimed at nitrogen and phosphate consumption, not potash consumption. And he questioned how the policy would be implemented.

"I don't think it practically can be enforced because when you look at farming and the application of nutrients it's pretty hard to (prevent) a farmer from applying," he said.

Asbridge doubts China will curtail urea exports by the 5.5 million tonnes PotashCorp is forecasting.

He thinks the drop will be closer to 1.5 million tonnes because China has bolstered its subsidy program for nitrogen fertilizer production and the currency has been devalued making Chinese exports even more competitive.

Asbridge is forecasting urea prices in the U.S. Midwest will drop to US\$240 per tonne by mid-summer, down from \$270 per tonne today.

Prices typically regain summer losses in the fall but he doubts urea prices will fully recover this fall due to the global glut of the nutrient.

Asbridge expects a similar price pattern to evolve in Western Canada during the summer and fall.

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CURRENCY EXPECTATIONS

Volatile dollar painful for small companies

Economist expects the loonie to fluctuate between 75 and 80 cents U.S., and some experts suggests a hedging strategy to reduce risk

BY SEAN PRATT
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Export Development Canada expects the Canadian dollar to hover around US75 to 80 cents over the next five years, but it will continue to bounce around a lot.

EDC's forecasting model uses factors such as oil and gas prices, other commodity prices and the outlook for Canadian short-term interest rates versus the United States and the U.S. dollar.

Peter Hall, chief economist for EDC, said the model suggests the dollar will average 75 cents for the remainder of this year, 77 cents next year and then rise to more than 80 cents over the next five years.

However, exporters shouldn't expect a straight line on the path from 75 to 80 cents. Instead, it will

be more like a zigzag.

"It's going to be a rough ride over the next little while," he told businesspeople attending a Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership luncheon.

Factors that influence the Canadian dollar were forced out of equilibrium by the U.S. quantitative easing bond buying program that was implemented in 2008 to stimulate the American economy following the global economic collapse.

The program ended in 2014, and markets are still trying to sort out life in a post quantitative easing world, which is causing the volatility.

Grant Whitmore, a trader with XPT Grain Inc., a small Regina firm that ships peas and flax to China, said currency volatility is the bane of his existence.

CURRENCY CHALLENGE

The sharp volatility of the Canadian dollar poses problems for Canadian exporters of agricultural products.

Canadian dollar (in \$US):



Source: CME Group | WP GRAPHIC

"When it changes on a weekly basis, it becomes very difficult," he said.

XPT negotiates contracts with

processors in China, takes payment up front and then uses the money to pay farmers when they deliver grain three to four months down the road.

"We have to sit back and be very, very careful where we put that money," said Whitmore.

It can cause huge problems for a small company that sells grain when the loonie is 75 cents and then buy it from farmers months later when it has risen to 80 cents.

When that happens, they have to try renegotiating with the buyer or further squeeze already tight margins.

The loonie has been on a rollercoaster ride of late. It was trading at 83 cents a year ago, fell to a low of 68 cents in January, rebounded to flirt with 80 cents and then last week settled back to 78 cents.

Whitmore said a stable currency would make it easier for a small exporter like XPT to conduct business.

A lower loonie is obviously better for Canadian exporters. It becomes harder for XPT to compete with aggressive American exporters as the dollar creeps closer to 80 cents.

Hall said EDC and other companies offer products that can reduce the risk of currency volatility.

"A hedging strategy is not a bad option when it comes to a market that is as volatile as the one that we see at the moment," he said.

However, EDC's surveys of small and medium sized exporters have found they tend to avoid hedging currency. Most of them prefer ride out the ebbs and flows.

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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Healthy U.S. economy will boost global outlook: expert

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Peter Hall is brimming with optimism about the global economic outlook largely because of what's happening south of the 49th parallel.

The United States is still the driver of the world economy, the chief economist of Export Development Canada said, and there are compelling signs it has turned the corner and pulled itself out of the recession that began with the global economic meltdown of 2008.

Consumers account for 70 percent of U.S. economic activity, and they are in good shape, he said.

"The consumer in the United States has an absolute job juggernaut going on," he said.

Job creation has been "long and strong."

April job creation missed expectations but the unemployment rate remains at five percent, half of where it was during the height of the recession.

"Real wages are growing in a way that they have not grown in the last seven to eight years," said Hall.

Falling gasoline prices have put an additional US\$110 billion in the pockets of U.S. consumers and will add another \$50 to \$60 billion this year.

As well, Americans have made great strides in reducing personal debt.

"Americans have become un-American in the last little while in a very key way. They saved most of that. Imagine," said Hall.

As a result, there is a lot of pent-up purchasing power for a group of consumers that account for 11 to 12 cents of every dollar spent in the global economy.

The U.S. is not alone.

Western Europe's economy has grown above its potential rate of growth in each of the last six quarters. The region is about two years behind the U.S. in its recovery process, but there is an "extraordinary" amount of pent-up consumer demand ready to be unleashed.

China's economy was built on

trade, but that collapsed in 2008. The trade-to-gross domestic product (GDP) ratio plummeted to less than 15 percent after the global economic meltdown from almost 70 percent.

"That's a full blown crisis," said Hall.

The Chinese government responded with an "eye-popping" annual financial stimulus program amounting to 13 percent of GDP compared to an average of 3.9 percent for Organization for Economic and Co-operative Development countries.

China is waiting for global trade to return to the glory days. In the meantime, the government is attempting to nudge China into becoming more of a domestic consumer-driven economy.

It is trying to convince people to



PETER HALL
ECONOMIST

stop saving so much. The average Chinese consumer socks away 40 percent of each cheque compared to about five percent for the average Canadian.

China's GDP would increase by eight percent for every one percent reduction in savings.

India's economy is growing by 7.3

percent per year and shows no signs of slowing down, Hall said.

"India is on a roll," he added.

He was even optimistic about Russia and Brazil, two large but struggling economies.

Russia is in financial trouble brought on by economic sanctions, low oil prices and the high cost of waging wars in Ukraine and Syria.

Hall said no political leader can withstand a prolonged economic downturn without doing something radical, so EDC is preparing for Russian president Vladimir Putin to open up the economy.

A similar situation could happen in Brazil, where the government is in the midst of a corruption scandal and the president could face impeachment.

Add it all up and Hall is optimistic

about the global economy, which he told his Saskatoon audience is good news for Saskatchewan's export-dependant economy.

EDC forecasts eight percent growth in Saskatchewan's exports next year, up from a three percent contraction this year.

The province's agri-food exports are expected to expand by six percent next year, up from a three percent increase this year.

"Saskatchewan's oilseeds and pulses exports will remain very strong over the next two years due to a lower Canadian dollar, higher prices and continued demand from emerging markets," Hall said in a news release announcing the Saskatchewan estimates.

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SUPPLY SHORTAGE

Hemp processors eager to entice organic growers

Consumers interested in hemp food and oils are also demanding it be organic, despite little difference from conventional product

BY ROBERT ARNASON
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Canada's hemp industry has a problem.

Most consumers who buy hemp fall into the 'health conscious' category of shoppers, who are willing to pay a premium for foods loaded with protein and healthy oils.

But those same people tend to consume organic foods and Western Canada doesn't produce enough organic hempseed to satisfy that demand.

"Our exports doubled in 2015 from \$42 million to (more than) \$100 million," said Russ Crawford, Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance president.

"The growth is fantastic, but ... the person that's buying hemp right now is very diet conscious and very knowledgeable. They know the value of hemp but they also have a predisposition to (buy) organic."

Manitoba Harvest Hemp Foods and Hemp Oil Canada, which merged last year to form the largest company in Canada's hemp industry, are not contracting production of conventional hempseed this year because there is a substantial carryover from previous growing seasons.

However, they are contracting organic hemp production. Most processors and hempseed exporters are struggling to recruit organic growers, in spite of sky-high prices.

"The nominal value of conven-

tional hemp is about 80 cents a pound," Crawford said. "I've heard in the \$1.70 (per lb.) range for organic.... (But) we can't keep up with the pace for organic demand."

If an organic grower could achieve a modest yield of 500 lb. per acre, the crop would generate \$850 per acre in gross revenue.

On the agronomic side, hemp consumes a substantial amount of soil nutrients and that may deter some organic producers.



JEFF KOSTUIK
CENTRAL CANADA FOR HEMP
PRODUCTION SERVICES

"It's a big plant so it needs a fair bit of nitrogen, which is the obvious challenge in organic farming," said Jeff Kostuik, director of operations at Central Canada for Hemp Production Services, a hemp foods company based in Saskatoon. "(But) if you have somebody coming off of an alfalfa plow down... the nutrients are there and they can still attain that 1,000 lb. per acre (of hempseed)."

Organic hempseed production isn't much different than conventional because only one product,

Assure II herbicide, is registered for hempseed production.

"This is part of the education process that we need to develop within the industry... that in fact conventional hemp and organic hemp, there's really not that much difference in the end product."

To move the hemp trade beyond the niche market of consumers keen for organic, Canada's hempseed industry needs to expand acres and move up to the major leagues.

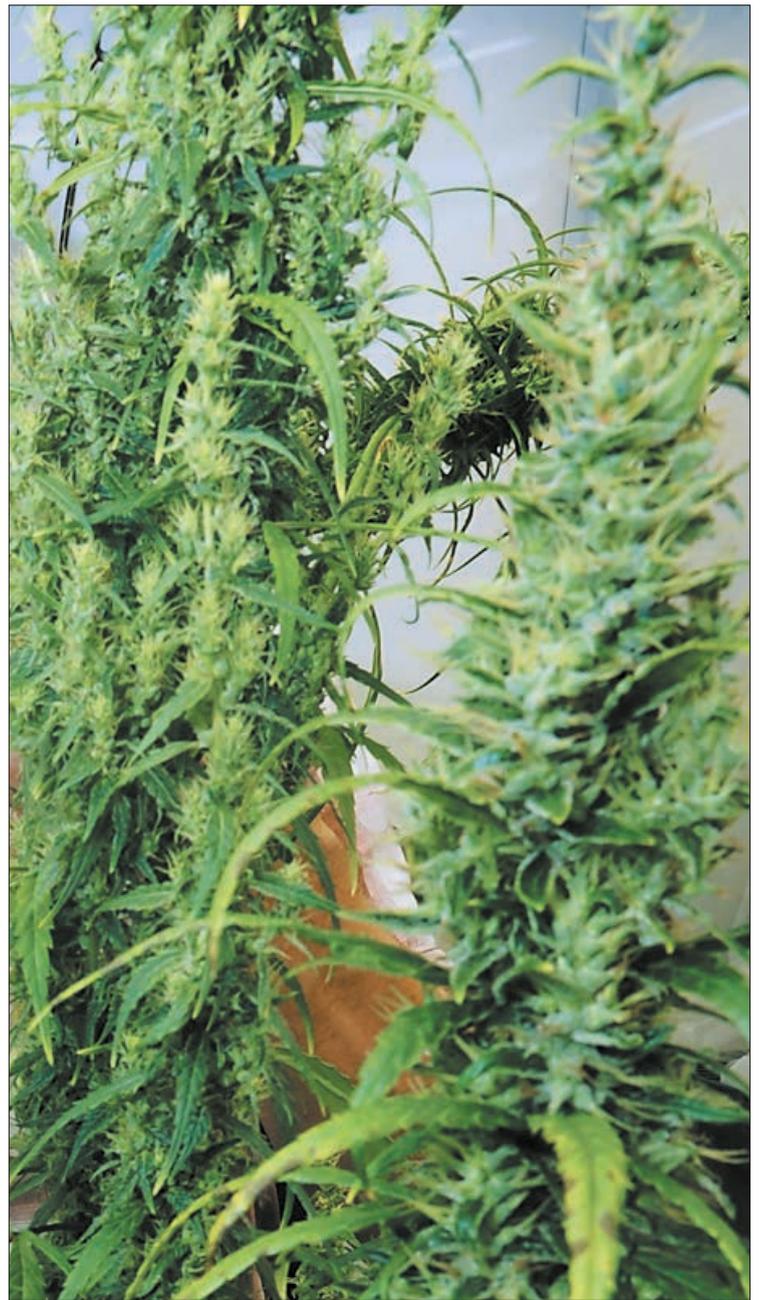
There is an opportunity to sell hempseed as a food ingredient but companies like General Mills and Kellogg's won't make a move until there's a stable supply at a reasonable price.

"You wouldn't need the organic certification (because) it's going into breakfast cereals or baking goods," Crawford said. "(They) don't want to create packaging and products, then find out oh, we're out of hemp.... We're at that tipping point. We need to get to a point where we have enough acres where we stimulate demand for both conventional and organic."

Unfortunately, the acreage expansion won't happen this year because contracted production of conventional hemp is expected to slump.

Most processors and exporters have sufficient supply to last throughout 2016 because last year's crop was larger than expected.

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ANALYST SAYS AN ORGANIC HEMP CROP
COULD GENERATE A GROSS REVENUE OF
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CURRENCY IMPACT

Loonie pullback supports canola crush and exports

MARKET WATCH



D'ARCE McMILLAN

The prices of Canadian agricultural products are supported this week by the falling loonie.

It peaked at almost US80 cents last week but as of May 9 had dipped below 77 cents.

Reviving worries about the slower pace of China's economy has put the brakes on the commodity rally this year that had lifted the value of the loonie through April.

The weaker loonie this week will help support the pace of canola crush and exports, as well as the exports of other crops.

The crush pace has sagged in recent weeks as the loonie rallied.

The accumulated crush is still at a record pace and well ahead of last year at the same time, but in the



A lower Canadian dollar will spur canola exports and demand by crushers. | FILE PHOTO

past two weeks the industry was running at less than 65 percent of capacity, well off the average pace for the year of 82 percent, according to figures from the Canadian Oilseed Processors Association.

The average crush of the past two

weeks was 121,080 tonnes, well down from the average of 158,402 for the first 39 weeks of the crop year.

To match Agriculture Canada's forecast of 8.1 million tonnes of domestic crush for the year, pro-

cessors will have to crush at least an average of 147,868 tonnes per week for the remaining 13 weeks of the crop year.

On the export front, weekly canola exports in week 39 were an impressive 292,300 tonnes, roaring back from two weeks of lackluster performance.

Weekly exports must average about 181,000 tonnes for the remaining 13 weeks of the crop year to match Agriculture Canada's forecast of 10 million tonnes.

Statistics Canada's March 31 crop stocks report last week pegged canola supply 7.49 million tonnes as of March 31, which was in the ballpark of what the trade expected.

The market expects year-end stocks to be fairly tight and that assumption will be supported if the loonie stays around 77 cents and does not make another run at 80 cents.

Rain this week in Saskatchewan and Manitoba has lessened drought worries but Alberta got little rain.

As this column was written, there was the possibility of a touch of frost in many areas this week but

the moisture might lessen the impact on newly emerging canola.

Wheat and durum

Turning to wheat, Statistics Canada pegged wheat and durum stocks on March 31 at 13.79 million tonnes, the smallest amount on that date since 2008.

Thanks to the generally low loonie this year Canadian wheat has been flying out of the country and the export pipeline by the end of the year is expected to be practically dry.

But that won't help wheat prices much. Industry tours of Kansas and Oklahoma last week showed the potential for bumper hard red winter wheat yields.

There is good potential for a larger U.S. wheat harvest this year, even though acreage declined.

American farmers will start cutting the winter wheat crop in a few weeks and that will put more pressure on the wheat market.

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PRODUCTION EXPECTATIONS

Latest report trims India's pulse crop

Production was one million tonnes below average

BY SEAN PRATT
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India's 2015-16 pulse crop just got a little bit smaller.

India's Department of Agriculture this week forecast 17.06 million tonnes of combined kharif and rabi pulse production, which is down slightly from its February estimate of 17.33 million tonnes.

"(That's) about a million tonnes below average," said Chuck Penner, analyst with LeftField Commodity Research.

"That's what I was expecting."

The previous year's crop was also one million tonnes below average, which is why India has been such

an active buyer of Canadian pulses, drawing down supply in this country.

Statistics Canada last week said there were 416,000 tonnes of lentils left in Canada as of March 31, well below the previous five-year average of 1.3 million tonnes.

Penner estimates 176,000 tonnes of that will be used for seed this spring, leaving only 240,000 tonnes available for export during the last four months of the 2015-16 crop year.

There was 1.24 million tonnes of pea stocks on March 31 compared to the five-year average of 1.46 million tonnes.

Penner expects India's farmers to



Canadian green lentil prices may soften once the Indian pigeon pea crop is planted in June. | FILE PHOTO

increase pulse acres when the kharif crop is planted in June. One of the crops they will plant is pigeon peas, for which Canadian green lentils are a substitute.

"That will probably soften demand for green lentils," he said.

Forecasters expect average to

above average monsoon rainfall in India this summer.

Penner puts little faith in those forecasts but he said the country needs an above average monsoon to replenish its parched soils.

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WP LIVESTOCK REPORT

HOGS EDGE HIGHER

U.S. cash hogs rallied last week on big slaughter demand but prices could come under pressure this week as pork belly prices fell.

A recent stretch of rain and cool weather down the eastern seaboard is slowing grilling demand.

Iowa-southern Minnesota hogs delivered were US\$50-\$53.50 per hundredweight May 5, up from \$49-\$51.50 Apr. 28.

U.S. hogs averaged \$71.27 on a carcass basis May 5, up from \$69.28 Apr. 28. The U.S. pork cutout was \$81.65 per cwt. May 5, down from \$82.54 Apr. 28.

The estimated U.S. weekly slaughter for the week to May 5 was 2.214 million, up from 2.139 million the previous week.

Slaughter was 2.111 million last year at the same time.

In Canada the Signature 3 price for the week ending May 7 was C\$75.51 per cwt. or \$166.46 per 100 kilograms, up from the previous week's \$71.32 and \$157.23.

BISON STEADY

The Canadian Bison Association said Grade A bulls in the desirable weight range sold at prices up to C\$6.00 per pound hot hanging weight. U.S. buyers are offering US\$4.45 with returns dependent on exchange rates, quality and export costs.

Grade A heifers sold up to C\$5.75 U.S. buyers are offering US\$4.35.

Animals outside the desirable buyer specifications may be discounted.

SHEEP STRONGER

Ontario Stockyards Inc. reported that 568 sheep and lambs and 19 goats traded May 2.

A light run of sheep, lambs and goats sold at much higher prices.

CANFAX REPORT

FED PRICES FALL

The Canadian and American cash and futures cattle markets diverged sharply last week as Canadian prices plunged on weak local demand.

Only one of the two major Alberta packers was buying.

The Canfax weighted average steer price was \$154.14 per hundredweight, down \$11.39.

Heifer trade was light with prices comparable with steers but volumes were too slight to establish a market trend.

It was the third largest weekly steer price decline in the past 25 years, of which the first two were the result of BSE.

The Canadian cash market might have been playing catch up with the American market that fell sharply two weeks ago.

But the Chicago futures market rallied all last week on ideas that market-ready cattle supplies are tightening, carcass weights are falling and that beef demand would pick up for the Memorial Day holiday, perhaps cutting into the ample U.S. beef supply.

In Canada, a variety of cattle were on offer from calves to mixed clean-up loads of yearlings.

Some of the cattle did not sell and were carried over into this week.

The weekly cash-to-futures basis weakened to +34 cents per cwt. A weakening basis is rare for this time of year, happening only one other time, in 2010, in the past 10 years.

Western Canadian fed slaughter for the week ending April 30 surged 11 percent to 32,962 head. For the year, slaughter is down seven percent.

Weekly fed cattle exports to April 23 fell 12 percent to 8,660 head. Exports for the year are up 33 percent.

Cattle feeders are suffering huge losses and won't want to sell at these low prices.

Overall market-ready supplies in Canada should increase modestly, but packer-owned inventories are expected to tighten, perhaps giving feedlots some market leverage.

If the Chicago cattle futures and the exchange rate co-operate, Canadian fed prices could stabilize and perhaps see a modest rebound over the next few weeks.

COWS STEADY

D1, D2 cows ranged \$93-\$108 to average \$101.08 per cwt., down 17 cents.

D3 cows ranged \$84-\$98 to average \$90.50. Railgrade cows ranged \$192-\$197.

Cow slaughter volumes totaled 6,129 head, down five percent compared to the previous week but 64 percent larger than the same time last year.

The non-fed market often closes in on annual highs at this time of year, but that has not been the case this year.

Producers are wondering if there will be a spring rally. For the time being it is doubtful that January highs will be revisited.

More fed cattle are in the Canadian pipeline and the sharp drop in fed prices does not bode well for the non-fed market.

The best strategy in this market is to keep inventories current.

FEEDERS DOWN

Feeder prices fell with calves and light stockers seeing the largest declines.

Feedlots have historically large feeding losses.

Many grass operators expect to run fewer animals this year, perhaps 25 to 50 percent down, due to the moisture concerns and narrow margins.

There has been a big increase in light cattle placements in Alberta-Saskatchewan feedlots.

For the first quarter of 2016, placements of calves and stockers lighter than 700 pounds are up 28 percent compared to last year.

Volumes at auction have been light.

A few groups of heifers intended for breeding have been sold on the feeder cattle market.

Demand is generally limited as many producers have finalized their breeding inventory and don't want to get overstocked.

The market might stabilize this week thanks to stronger Chicago cattle futures and a weaker Canadian dollar.

Bred cows ranged \$1,250 to \$2,200 and cow-calf pairs ranged \$1,800-\$3,000.

BEEF FALLS

U.S. boxed beef prices closed at new lows for the year.

Choice cutout fell to US\$204.42, down \$8.08 per cwt. and Select was \$195.50, down \$7.59.

Since mid-April, the cutout has dropped more than \$20 per cwt. and is now \$50-\$53 below year-ago levels.

U.S. carcass weights are coming down with the average last week at 820 lb., down five lb. from the week before and down 13 lb. from last month.

This should help to improve prices in coming weeks.

In Canada, for the week ending April 30, AAA was C\$270.50 per

cwt., down about \$11 on the week and AA cutouts were \$260.15, down \$13.08.

The AAA-Choice spread improved to +6 cents per cwt. from -\$1.38 due to the sharp decline in the Choice cutout and the stronger Canadian dollar at the end of April.

This cattle market information is selected from the weekly report from Canfax, a division of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association. More market information, analysis and statistics are available by becoming a Canfax subscriber by calling 403-275-5110 or at www.canfax.ca.



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BRIDGING URBAN/RURAL DIVIDE

Rural views needed when politicians make decisions

Manitoba's new premier is coining some original words of interest to farmers at a time when many of them might feel control over their livelihood is slipping.

Brian Pallister talked about "rurban" and "urbal" with rural news reporters following his Progressive Conservative Party's win in the provincial election. He wants urban MLAs who care about rural areas and rural MLAs who care about Winnipeg.

Manitoba's Prairie neighbours, Saskatchewan and Alberta also held elections in the past year.

The results changed little in Saskatchewan but there was seismic change in Alberta with the New Democratic Party winning power for the first time thanks mostly to big gains in urban areas.

All governments are elected based on their agendas, but once in power they are expected to govern for the benefit of all.

Almost all MLAs go about their work with good intentions, hoping to improve the lot of their constituents. But like all of us, they are creatures of their upbringing, education and environment.

The solutions they seek to address problems, and even what they identify as problems, are based on their point of view.

And it is easy to miss the views of others with different experiences.

The urbanization of Canada means our legislatures are increasingly filled with city-raised people who have little or no first-hand knowledge of rural life.

That is why we applaud Premier Pallister's intention to have a caucus that understands the needs of the whole province — rural and urban.

This is important as the public's interest grows in how food is produced.

The recent controversy over Earls' desire to buy and serve only antibiotic-

and growth promotant-free Certified Humane Beef is a case in point.

The restaurant chain believed it could tap into a loyal and growing, mostly urban customer base by serving beef from cattle certified as humanely raised.

It said it could not get what it needed from Canadian ranchers, although producers here knew there was more than enough beef that met the criteria, although not formally certified as such.

Following a backlash, Earls president admitted the company made a mistake, stated "Earls is listening" and would henceforth work with Canadian producers to source the type of beef it wants.

Earls was making a commercial decision and the market passed judgment. That is the way of free enterprise.

Our concern rises when governments use their regulatory and law-making powers to directly or indirectly force farmers to produce food in a particular manner.

Groups are lobbying governments all the time to introduce animal rights, environmental and food labeling laws.

And farmers will also feel the impact as governments roll back production of greenhouse gases to address climate change.

If governments — politicians and bureaucrats — fail to consult with, listen to and be guided by the farmers affected by these initiatives, mistakes will be made, businesses and lives will be hurt and social divides will widen.

There is a better way.

Every decision maker should get out into the countryside to learn the country's side of the issues that divide us.

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CRAIG'S VIEW



ANIMAL WELFARE



The humane side of it, that's a different story. You can't draw a line in the sand and say that's humane and that isn't. The cow should be the one to tell you, not the human.

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POLITICS OF CHAOS

Fort McMurray fire prompts cross party co-operation

CAPITAL LETTERS



KELSEY JOHNSON

In politics, it's often the moments that unite all sides that people remember the most. Far too often those moments are combined with a crisis.

The fire in Fort McMurray, Alta., is no exception.

As the wildfire ravaged the heart of Alberta's oil country, in Ottawa the searing images of flames leaping alongside highways were everywhere.

Sighs of relief echoed throughout the building as people learned there were no injuries or fatalities from the fire itself (although two people were sadly killed in a car

crash during the evacuation).

Like much of the country, many here have a connection to Fort McMurray.

Parliament Hill is home to many Albertans and Maritimers, including MPs, who have been transplanted to the nation's capital for work or personal reasons.

Partisan politics has been set aside as Ottawa responds to the disaster, which has forced 88,000 people from their home.

Conservative interim leader Rona Ambrose received a briefing from Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. She'd later receive a hug from Trudeau as she fought back tears during a speech to the House of Commons. A fitting human moment during a disaster that has shaken the country.

Ottawa's response has been quick

and comprehensive. The Government Operations Centre has been activated and the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements program has been triggered.

At Alberta's request, military resources have been dispatched — with helicopters and planes being used to move evacuees south. Satellites and geomatic support has been sent to help track the fire's movements, while Health Canada has been stockpiling resources.

Donations to the Red Cross are also being matched. As of May 9, more than \$54 million had been collected as Canadians generously open up their hearts and their wallets — with collection jars popping up everywhere.

While the immediate concern is the safety and well-being of the evacuees, the Fort McMurray fire will have a lasting economic effect.

Canadian oil output has dropped by one million barrels per day as companies shut down because of the fire.

Those declines are combined with emergency costs and the price of rebuilding — unexpected expenses that neither the federal government nor cash-strapped Alberta would have planned for.

The Fort McMurray fire is expected to be the most expensive fire-related disaster in Canadian history. A Bank of Montreal report estimated the disaster could cost insurers up to \$9 billion.

Then there's the continued dry conditions in many areas of Western Canada, a situation triggered by drought in the western prairies last summer, a lack of snowfall and little to no rain.

With fire season just beginning, provincial firefighters are in for a

challenging summer if the dry conditions continue.

In Alberta alone, as of May 9, 34 fires were burning with five considered out of control. Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia, too, are already fighting more fires than normal.

Rain is falling in southern Saskatchewan this week, but in Alberta there are drought worries. With seeding underway across the prairies, calls for rain are already being shared on social media, while moisture maps are eerily red.

Canada's agriculture ministers are scheduled to meet in Calgary for their annual meeting. With most of Western Canada facing dry to extremely dry conditions, the ministers may, too, need to set politics aside.

Until then, all one can do is hope, and perhaps even do a rain dance.

The Bank of Montreal estimates the disaster could cost insurers up to \$9 billion

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GENETIC VARIETY

Livestock diversity key to food security

BY JOSE GRAZIANO DA SILVA

Our livestock is increasingly being raised indoors and fed on concentrate feed that is often imported. Intensive production of chickens, pigs and dairy cows is based on a few breeds worldwide.

These developments are risky, as we and future generations are losing the potential to adapt livestock production systems to increasingly harsh conditions, such as those associated with higher temperatures and shortages of nutritious feeds.

Although humankind has domesticated nearly 40 mammalian and avian species and developed 9,000 breeds over the last 10,000 years, most of these breeds exist only in small populations and in certain areas of the world.

Some possess special adaptations. The Yakutian cattle, an amazing breed from the Russian Federation for example, can endure temperatures as low as -60 C.

They exist in very low numbers today because the traditional livestock production systems that used them have declined and the breed has difficulty competing with high-producing cattle used in many modern farming operations, even though the latter require much better feed and care than the Yakutian.

Currently, 17 percent of the breeds are at risk of extinction. In addition, nearly 60 percent are of unknown risk status because of a lack of data on the size and structure of their populations.

In the face of climate change and other challenges to food security, it is critical we maintain the resilient



It is essential to retain a variety of livestock breeds to ensure a genetic pool of resilient characteristics that can adapt to climate change. | STOCK PHOTO

characteristics of breeds like the Yakutian and so many others that are well adapted to rough terrains, harsh environments and limited feed and water.

A new global assessment by Food and Agriculture Organization revealed that many governments have taken steps to improve the management of their animal genetic resources.

While in 2005 fewer than 10 countries reported that they had established livestock gene banks, now 64 countries report that they have done so.

A further 41 countries indicate that they are planning to establish such facilities. This is a major step forward, but establishing gene banks is not enough.

Countries need to better understand the characteristics of their animal genetic resources, strengthen policies, institutions and management programs and improve education and training,

particularly to enable the establishment of breeding programs that strengthen locally adapted breeds. This will decrease the dependence of southern countries on genetic material from northern countries, improve household food security and be more environmentally sustainable.

Diverse genetic resources enable farmers and pastoralists — large and small-scale, in developed and in developing countries — to supply a range of products and services, from food and fibre to fertilizer. And many breeds have valuable characteristics that help maintain landscapes and wildlife habitats.

Livestock keepers are the guardians of genetic resources and help steward them on behalf of us all. They must therefore be central to efforts to promote the sustainable use and development of these resources.

Countries have agreed to a Global

Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources and thus ensure that future generations can use the wealth of livestock diversity and make use of the harsher environments of the world that cannot be utilized for crop production.

FAO is committed to assisting governments and civil society to implement this plan.

Genetic diversity is crucial to the food security of our planet. We need concerted action now to maintain these critical resources for the food security of future generations.

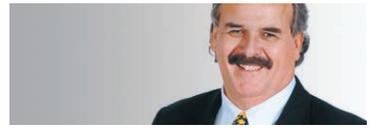
Only if we can ensure our food systems are sustainable and able to adapt to new challenges will we rise to the zero hunger challenge of creating a world free from hunger.

José Graziano da Silva is director of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

CONSUMER RELATIONS

About-face handled well

EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK



BRIAN MACLEOD
EDITOR

Six days. That's what it took for Earls restaurant chain to backtrack on its decision to source its "Certified Humane" beef in Kansas once the public relations backlash detonated on April 28.

The chain announced in a YouTube video posted April 22 that it was going to use beef sourced in Kansas, but the issue didn't explode in the news until six days later. And the next six days were a public relations abattoir for Earls.

The story hit the Alberta daily newspapers, the *Globe and Mail*, CBC radio and its talk shows, CBC television's *Power and Politics* and it was discussed in nine articles at producer.com. It also spurred calls for boycotts and a furious discussion on social media, including the #moodatah hashtag, a takeoff of the #kudatah of a few weeks earlier in which Albertans were encouraged to launch a coup d'état of the NDP government.

When it comes to bad publicity, the hashtag is to dread.

All this ended with the big reversal on May 4. From a public relations standpoint, that's pretty fast.

The reversal was handled well by Earls president Mo Jessa. In the April 22 video, Jessa sat at a restaurant table chatting amicably about how "amazing it feels" to be the first chain in North America to serve Certified Humane beef, with no hormones, antibiotics or steroids in all of its restaurants.

Earls, which was founded in Alberta, looked to U.S. because there wasn't enough ethically raised Canadian beef to service the restaurants, Jessa said.

That rankled Alberta farmers, who argued that while there is no certification program in Canada, beef raised in this country is treated as well, and tastes as good, as anywhere in the world.

Earls had miscalculated. And on May 4, Earls released another video, with Jessa once again seated at a restaurant table, explaining that "I've been listening to Albertans very carefully...."

For a company president to take ownership of such a backtrack is refreshing. Jessa even found a constructive development, noting that "local ranchers are reaching out to us" to help get Canadian beef on the menu. He hit all the touch points, Earls' roots, that Canadian beef is among best in the world, that he's listening to local ranchers and that they're going to work with them to get Canadian beef back on the menu. All in a video of 36 seconds.

Impressive.

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PRECIPITATION

Recent rain will impact crop season, pastures

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KEVIN HURSH

Don't know what the accumulated totals will be. Can't foresee how the rest of the growing season will unfold. But it's raining. Finally. The first significant precipitation for this area in a long time.

You try to maintain faith when you're pouring mounds of money into soil that's getting drier by the day. But last year was proof that May can pass and so can much of June with hardly more than a shower to settle the dust.

Last year, there was good subsoil moisture. This year, not so much and plant growth has been reverting to drought survival mode.

Winter annuals like flaxweed and stinkweed have been racing to flower and set seed. Dandelions have flowers perched on short stems. Grass growth is patchy with areas never properly greening. The trees leafed early with caragana already pushing out yellow flowers.

If weren't for direct seeding and continuous cropping, there would have been major dust storms like back in the 1980s.

Seeding into moisture had become increasingly difficult. Shallow seeded crops would need to be seeded into dry soil or they would have to wait.

Now, there's hope. Germination should be good on what has been seeded and what remains to be planted won't have to be buried so deeply.

From the projections, it appears many dry western regions craving rain will end up disappointed. The rainfall lottery is often cruel.

Meanwhile, in the eastern half of the Prairies, where too much moisture has been a perennial problem,

a big rain that delays seeding will not receive the same welcome.

This major rainfall event, which seems destined to provide widespread significant precipitation, could well be a defining event for the growing season.

For dry regions, these few days could have a great impact on ultimate crop yields. For pasture and hay land, early season precipitation is critical. Miss this and it becomes more difficult and expensive to feed your cows.

Short range weather forecasting seems to continually improve. How many times a day to you check the forecast on your phone? However, anything further out than a week or 10 days has limited reliability. Seasonal forecasts, even though we like to hear them, are largely a joke.

For all the talk of El Nino and La Nina, you can flip a coin or dissect a pig spleen and your guess could be just as good as any of the experts with their sophisticated weather models. Hopefully, the science will

improve in the years ahead, but you can't yet make business decisions based on medium and long-term weather forecasts.

Last year, victory was snatched from the jaws of defeat by late season rains. Many observers credit modern farming practices and want to believe we've become nearly impervious to drought.

Yes, there was an amazing turnaround in crop fortunes last year, but it had a lot to do with subsoil moisture reserves. In 1988 and 2002, huge areas had crop failures. That can and will happen again. It's just a question of when. While most areas dodged a bullet in 2015, we won't always be that lucky.

For 2016, in the dry western Prairies, your fortune could end up hinging on how much precipitation comes in this one rainfall event. One rain does not a season make, but if the tap turns off again, this rain will loom large.

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SAY NO TO CARBON TAX

To the Editor:

Re: A carbon tax and global warming.

The thought of a government-imposed carbon tax warms me up. Nobody knows what's coming. No one has shown me a clear picture of what agriculture is facing in the future.

I heard a man on the radio say if we do everything right from now on it would lower the world temperature by .5 F in 85 years. Neither he, nor I, will be here to feel it.

When China is increasing its coal burning output annually more than our entire coal burning output, what does it matter what we do?

Some talk like the carbon tax is our salvation. Or is it really a tax grab? It may be the salvation for well-placed scientist and bureaucrats and to lower a growing national debt.

If this is just a tax grab the federal government is spending money like a drunken snowboarder. Maybe they feel they are safe by having a carbon tax to fall back on.

Will a carbon tax give agriculture a glancing blow or a head on collision?

Farmers are vulnerable now. We have no political power.

MILES MOORE

The worst scenario is we have a tax imposed on fuel, fertilizer, chemicals, electrical power, freight rates, trucking, costs involved in making and maintaining machinery and livestock.

When farmers seed their crops, they create a world of green that uses carbon and produces oxygen. Are we going to get a cheque in the mail? I'm for that.

Farmers are vulnerable now; we have no political power. We are less than two percent of the population. Everyone does believe we are the cash cow. We do have the power of the purse. The money we spend employs more than our numbers. Organizing that power is the thing to get people to back off.

Miles Moore
Outlook, Sask.

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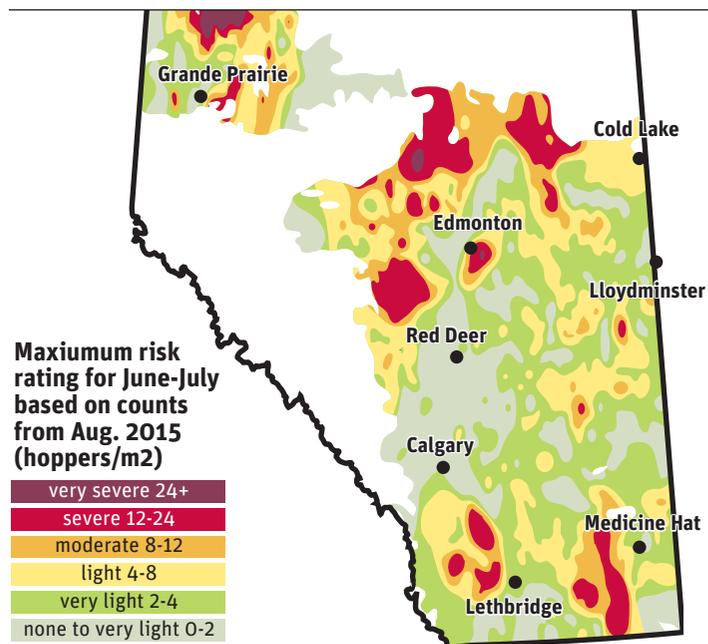
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ALBERTA'S 2016 GRASSHOPPER FORECAST



PESTS

Alberta releases grasshopper outlook

Latest forecast map shows several hotspots to watch, but predictions depend on weather and could change with rain or cool conditions

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

When the lilacs begin to bloom, check the fields for grasshoppers.

It's a matter of timing, not of direct relationship.

The grasshoppers that fly early in spring, before the lilacs reveal their blossom beauty, are not the ones farmers need to worry about, says Alberta Agriculture livestock and forage specialist Grant Lastiwka.

But the hoppers that appear at about the same time as lilac bloom bear watching to see if they devel-

op in sufficient numbers to warrant action.

The 2016 Alberta grasshopper forecast map, prepared by the insect pest monitoring network, indicates several likely hotspots for grasshoppers this year.

A large area north and south of Edmonton, particularly around Westlock, could see high numbers and so could an area north of Grande Prairie.

Counts done last year also indicate potential for severe pressure from grasshoppers west and north-west of Lethbridge and west and

south of Medicine Hat.

However, those predictions will depend largely on weather, and so far the generally hot and dry conditions are just what grasshoppers like. Heavy rain and cool conditions this month could markedly reduce numbers.

Lastiwka said ranchers can limit grasshopper development on pastures by not letting cattle graze too soon and by employing twice-over rotational grazing.

"Wait for grazing readiness, and after the three, three and a half leaf stage, remove a portion ... then let the green solar panel come."

Research from North Dakota shows season-long grazing allows cattle to frequent certain favoured spots, creating areas of low vegetation and higher temperatures ideal for grasshopper development.

"It translates into an ability to consume more per day, to get bigger per day and to get to the point in time where they can fly and cover distances, causing more damage thereafter," Lastiwka said.

In hot, dry weather, plants grow slowly and there is more bare soil available, which favours grasshoppers.

"Once they get to the third instar (growth stage), then they can eat more and as they can eat more, they create their own little habitat. If they bare things off, they allow for the warmth to occur earlier in the morning and the warmth to be higher during the day. That all ends up creating a more successful grasshopper growth cycle."

Lastiwka referred to Montana and North Dakota research indicating grasshopper numbers were three times higher on pastures with season long grazing compared to those with a twice-over rotation.

Lastiwka and insect management specialist Scott Meers collaborated on an alert to farmers and ranchers to ensure they keep watch on grasshopper populations and take preventive measures where possible.

A dry fall in 2015 forced some ranchers to graze pasture more heavily than desired, Lastiwka said.

Putting cattle out too early, while grass is growing slowly amid dry conditions, could encourage more grasshopper development. He suggested waiting until plants are in at least the three-leaf stage before turning out the cattle. Then graze for about 30 percent removal and move the cattle elsewhere.

Lastiwka has cattle of his own and he is still providing feed rather than grazing them.

"I had a lot of grasshoppers last year and I didn't see them do any damage, but there was a lot."

That direct experience led him to encourage others to make an action plan now to limit grasshoppers rather than have to spray for them later in the season.

The insect forecast map is a useful guide but management is key, he added.

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MANITOBA HOGS

New feeder barns will spur processing

The Maple Leaf plant has been operating below capacity

BY ROBERT ARNASON

BRANDON BUREAU

The construction of two hog barns shouldn't be a news story, but it is in Manitoba where almost no barns have been built over the last eight years.

The two new barns, which are expected to be built in the Brandon area and the Interlake region, will be feeder barns because the province needs more market weight hogs, said George Matheson, chair

of the Manitoba Pork Council.

Manitoba exported 2.9 million weanlings to the United States last year, so there is no shortage of sows and young pigs. What's lacking are barns to feed those weanlings.

"If we can retain some of those small pigs and feed them out... and have the carcasses processed at our Manitoba processing facilities, that would help that side of the industry a great deal," said Matheson, who farms near Stonewall.

Maple Leaf Foods operates Canada's largest hog slaughter plant in Brandon, but the facility has been operating well below capacity because Manitoba doesn't produce enough hogs.

The Maple Leaf plant can process more than 90,000 hogs per week when it is at full capacity. Estimates suggest it has been handling around 70,000 per week over the last few years.

The hog shortfall is largely blamed on a provincial moratorium and burdensome environmental regulations on hog barn construction to prevent nutrients from entering creeks, rivers and streams.

Manitoba's new Progressive Conservative government, elected April 19, may loosen regulations to stimulate construction but it hasn't released its policies yet.

The scarcity of feeder barns prompted Manitoba producers to ship their weanlings to U.S. barns, mostly in Iowa and Minnesota, despite country-of-origin labelling rules that discriminated against Canadian livestock.

"Tyson Foods had an agreement where those Canadian born pigs would be processed on certain days," Matheson said.

Mike Teillet, the pork council's manager of sustainable development, said there's a chance that more barns could be constructed this summer. In addition to the two completed applications, others are calling the council and asking questions about building barns.

Industry players may be feeling more hopeful this spring, but there are still lingering questions about long-term profitability.

"Risk management is something this industry really needs," Matheson said. "We had so many years of weak prices from 2006-13."

Manitoba Pork developed a hog stabilization plan in 2012 that would have been funded by a levy on hog sales and provided access to a line of credit. The program would have offset financial losses in periods of low prices and helped producers survive through market downturns.

The provincial government refused to provide financial security for the program, so Manitoba Pork had to abandon the plan.

Matheson said business risk management programs are still needed.

"It's a very beneficial industry, so I can't see why governments wouldn't want to give us some assurances so we can have a viable industry here."

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MEMORIAL BURSARY

Farms get scholarships

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

The second scholarships awarded through a memorial fund honouring three Saskatchewan brothers will help 10 young people finance their farms this year.

The 2016 scholarships went to young applicants from Fox Valley, Consul, Maple Creek, Ponteix, Swift Current and Stewart Valley, said Chantal Henderson, a sister to the three Arnal brothers.

The total awarded was \$39,920.

The Arnal Boys Memorial Bursary for Young Farmers Inc. was established after the deaths of Blake, then 14, in 2008, and Sean, 16, and Lyndon, 10, in 2014.

The Ravenscrag farm boys loved living and helping on the farm and the family chose to establish a scholarship fund to help youth aged eight to 18, and in the Chinnook School Division, live their agricultural dreams.

Fundraising events such as a hockey tournament, skeet shoot and heifer donations at sales raised tens of thousands for the fund and last year 15 youth were awarded a total of \$45,181 for various businesses and projects.

This year, applicants again submitted a variety of business ideas.

Some were raising bison, others were raising pigs and needed pen space, or purchasing bred heifers to start their own herds. One applicant intends to raise and sell them in the fall.

At the presentation ceremony, a

power point highlighted last year's recipients.

"One of the coolest things is to see where some of these funds have gone," said Henderson.

For example, one 2015 recipient got money for an embryo project. He flushed two cows, resulting in 11 embryos and nine live calves.

Another purchased electric fence to rotationally graze his sheep.

One youngster invested in a cement floor to keep predators out of his chicken coop.

"We're quite proud, but it's because of the generosity of the people around that we're able to do this," said Henderson.

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CONSULTATION

Views sought on Growing Forward

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

Governments want to know what farmers think of Growing Forward 2 as work on the next agricultural policy framework begins.

A website launched May 9 is the first phase of consultation.

Federal, provincial and territorial ministers will meet in Calgary this summer to further discuss feedback on the framework.

Much of the criticism has centered on changes made to AgriStability and AgriInvest from the first framework to the second, which is in place until March 31, 2018.

The business risk management programs in GF2 have provided \$4 billion to farmers, according to the federal agriculture department.

The online consultation questionnaire can be found at www.agr.gc.ca.

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MANITOBA GOVERNMENT

Ag minister outlines issues of priority

Ralph Eichler says he will listen, then make changes

BY ED WHITE
WINNIPEG BUREAU

Manitoba's new agriculture minister is offering little to farmers for now, other than a government that listens better.

However, once the government has been in place long enough, Ralph Eichler plans to begin implementing a "very aggressive pro-



RALPH EICHLER
AGRICULTURE MINISTER

gram" of changes, improvements and additions to Manitoba's agriculture policies, he has said since being named minister on May 3.

"We need to put our listening cap on, pay attention to what's going on, and that'll be our first order of business," said Eichler

"Everyone understands you can't wave a wand and make everything go away, and that's a not my goal at all, but by listening we will be able to take those ideas and feel like they're actually going to start being implemented."

Farmers and farm organizations often felt ignored or shunned during the NDP's 16 years in power. Disputes, snags and gaps have developed in agriculture policy and the agriculture department that many have been eagerly awaiting for a fresh government to address.



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Kelvin Goertzen addresses the media after he was sworn in as Manitoba's new Health Minister last week.

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Those include:

- vacant agriculture department production and farm management advisors
- the hog barn construction moratorium, which has only slightly been relaxed
- the Bipole III power line, which crosses tens of thousands of farmland acres
- the Lake Manitoba outflow channel, which the NDP promised to build but has not begun construction upon
- drainage and water management policies and regulations
- the cap on school tax rebates for farmers.

In the campaign, now-Premier Brian Pallister offered few specific promises, and Eichler seemed to reflect their approach in an interview with *The Western Producer* two days after being appointed.

"I just think we need to tweak things a bit. I don't think we need to make many changes, but we do need to make sure changes," said Eichler May 5.

He mentioned better compensation programs for production loss-

es, the need for multi-year funding for flood compensation, and better Growing Forward programs as areas he's hoping to address.

"We've got a lot of good things that are in the works. We just need to take control of those and move it to the next level," said Eichler.

Eichler said he was "tickled to death" that Manitoba deputy minister of agriculture, Dori Gingera-Beauchemin has agreed to stay on and "the department is actually in real good shape. I have just a fabulous staff."

Eichler grew up on a farm, briefly became a banker, was a school division administrator, began manufacturing livestock equipment, sold his business in 1999 and "got drafted into politics."

He has been opposition critic for a wide range of portfolios, including agriculture, infrastructure, Manitoba Hydro and municipal government.

Pallister has not suggested he has radical changes in mind, but intends to eliminate much "red tape" and to get the province's finances back in order. As part of

his restraint focus, he chopped the provincial cabinet down to 12 from 19 ministers. That meant a few formerly separate departments got shoved together, but not agriculture, which now appears to be even more farm-focused with its "rural development" tasks moved into another department.

Indeed, the department itself has returned to the traditional name of "Manitoba Agriculture" rather than the NDP's Manitoba Agriculture and Food, then Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives, then Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.

The environment department has also been renamed, from "Conservation and Water Stewardship," to now being "Sustainable Development."

The new provincial government has many rural members and a farm-tinged premier.

Pallister grew up on a farm and as he spoke after being sworn-in as premier on May 3, he concluded by invoking the 4-H pledge.

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U.S. POLITICS

Reason may prevail on TPP rhetoric

BY SEAN PRATT
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A leading Canadian economist believes the two front-runners to become the next president of the United States will soften their stance on the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement once they are in the oval office.

Both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have publicly stated they are opposed to the free trade deal encompassing 12 Pacific Rim countries including Canada.

Members of the TPP finalized an agreement last year but it hasn't been ratified or implemented.

Clinton was initially in favour of the agreement but changed her tune during her campaign to win the Democratic nomination.

"I waited until it had actually been negotiated because I did want to give the benefit of the doubt to the (Obama) administration," she said during one of the debates.

"Once I saw what the outcome was, I opposed it."

Trump has been against the pact from the get-go.

"It's a horrible trade agreement," he said at a recent rally during his

campaign to become the Republican nominee.

"You have 12 countries, all of whom want to rip our heart out."

Peter Hall, chief economist with Export Development Canada, said the anti-globalization rhetoric surfacing on the campaign trail makes his blood boil.

He finds it unbelievable that the leaders of an economy that has benefitted the most from globalization and free trade are talking the way they are.

U.S. multinationals have fanned out across the world and defined what international supply chains look like, yet politicians are talking about building walls around the U.S. economy.

"The message is catering to a group of people who have been left out of the economy, not because of globalization but because of the uniqueness of this business cycle," said Hall.

He said the last growth cycle lasted 16 years, twice as long as usual, due to globalization.

There is usually a head of steam that builds up at the end of any growth cycle and then the bubble bursts. In this case the head of steam

was more intense because of the length of the growth cycle and when it burst in 2008 it was catastrophic.

"We had the mother of all recessions happen. It was deep and almost brought our financial sector to its knees," Hall told business people attending a Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership luncheon.

He said the anti-globalization message plays well with people who were left behind during the recovery phase when the U.S. economy was stagnant.

Politicians are sending the wrong message with talk of erecting walls, said Hall. Instead, they should be delivering a message of hope because the U.S. economy has mopped up the excesses of 16 years of growth and there is pent-up consumer demand that is lifting the economy out of the doldrums.

Hall believes Trump or Clinton will change their tune on the TPP agreement and globalization once they come to power.

"The rhetoric of a political election (will) give way to the reason of the way the economy works."

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CONSUMER TRENDS

Glut of non-fat milk solids creating market price instability

Dairy industry creates new Class 6 category to increase competitiveness with foreign imports

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

Canadian dairy consumption is growing slowly, but price pressures are challenging producers, says a Farm Credit Canada sector report.

FCC chief economist J.P. Gervais said the surplus of non-fat milk solids in the supply chain is the biggest issue facing producers.

The problem prompted Dairy Farmers of Ontario to launch a new Class 6 category as of April 1. Manitoba plans to follow suit in August, and talks continue for a national strategy to tackle the problem.

The new class would increase the competitiveness of skim solids, which are used to make cheese and other products, and help resist cheaper imports.

Gervais said the growing demand for butterfat has created a surplus of non-fat milk solids, such as skim powder, which are typically sold for livestock feed.

That has resulted in an increase of cheaper imports for processing. As of January 2016, these imports were 10.4 times higher than they were in 2011.

The Class 6 ingredients' prices are based on the world price for milk, which makes them more competitive with imports.

Gervais said milk revenues aren't as stable as many outside the supply-management system think.

"As much as 20 percent of the price they get is a function of world market conditions," he said.

"It's not 100 percent, like a grain

farmer, for example, but right now the price of dairy products in the world market is kind of weak."

World prices began dropping in 2014 as demand in emerging markets began to slow, and the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development expects prices to pick up only slightly this year.

Milk revenues in the Western Pool, which includes the four western provinces, have been better than in the P5 Pool of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Still, profitability will be tight, the FCC said.

Much attention has been paid to how trade agreements will affect

dairy producers. Gervais said the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement with the European Union and the Trans-Pacific Partnership will affect producers because they allow unrestricted entry of milk proteins into Canada.

However, he said the domestic imbalance between butterfat and non-fat milk solids is a bigger immediate concern.

The industry is doing the right thing by trying to solve that, he added.

"In the meantime, what matters to producers is that they are getting a price that is lower than what they are used to and in some cases lower

than the cost of production," Gervais said.

Producers should be looking at costs and efficiencies throughout their operations.

"They really have to look at management, just like any other sector," he said.

The FCC report said the most efficient dairy producers earn \$1 for every 55 cents spent on operating costs.

Gervais said both small and large producers have room to be more efficient, which could include the use of new technology or expansion.

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CANADA LOVES YOGURT

Consumption trends for key dairy products from 2005 to 2014:

- Ice cream consumption dropped 16.2 percent.
- Fluid milk consumption dropped 3.8 percent.
- Yogurt consumption increased 34.2 percent.
- Butter consumption increased 11 percent.

Source Farm Credit Canada

FINANCES

Maple Leaf Foods dishes up Q1 profit

(Reuters) — Canadian meat processor Maple Leaf Foods Inc. has reported a better-than-expected quarterly profit, helped by higher earnings in its prepared meats business.

Adjusted operating earnings in the meat products segment rose nearly eight-fold to \$61.3 million in the first quarter, helped by lower operating costs and price increases.

The company, whose brands include Schneiders and namesake Maple Leaf, recently completed a restructuring program started in 2010 to boost earnings by shutting some plants and modernizing others.

Maple Leaf's net earnings were \$42.3 million, or 31 cents per share, in the quarter ended March 31, compared with a loss of \$2.9 million, or two cents per share, a year earlier.

On an adjusted basis, Maple Leaf earned 28 cents per share.

Total sales for the company, which is one of Canada's biggest pork processors, rose 2.1 percent to \$796.9 million.

Analysts on average had expected Maple Leaf to earn 23 cents per share on sales of \$816.9 million, according to Thomson Reuters information services.

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CROP PROTECTION

Bee risk varies depending on type of neonic

Scientists say at least one neonicotinoid recently banned in Europe may have been unfairly named among the offenders

LONDON, U.K. (Reuters)— Neonicotinoid insecticides, banned in Europe due to fears about harm to bees, have been shown in new research to affect bees differently, depending on the type of pesticide being used.

Scientists who conducted the research said their findings showed that at least one neonicotinoid in the banned group — clothianidin — may have been unfairly named as among the offenders.

This insecticide did not show the same detrimental effects on bee colonies as the others, imidacloprid and thiamethoxam, the researchers found. All three neonicotinoids

have been subject to an EU-wide moratorium on their use.

“(From our findings) we can clearly see that the banned neonicotinoids are not the same, so they should be considered independently when considering risk and legislation,” Chris Connolly, a specialist in bee research at Dundee University’s neuroscience department, told reporters at a briefing.

He said the results suggested it would be premature to place a permanent ban on the use of clothianidin.

“That said, a moratorium on its use should continue until the



FILE PHOTO

knowledge gaps are filled on its wider impact on other species,” he added.

The research was carried out on bumblebees, which are bigger than honeybees and live in small nests

of up to 200 and do not make honeycombs. Europe has around 68 species of bumblebee, and some are commercially bred to pollinate tomatoes and other crops in greenhouses.

To try and find out more, and to test the effects of each of the three neonicotinoids separately, Connolly’s group worked with colleagues from St Andrews University on a study involving 75 bee colonies at five separate locations in Scotland.

They found that while imidacloprid and thiamethoxam had the negative effects seen in previous research, clothianidin did not pose the same threat for bumblebees.

“What we have found is that imidacloprid and thiamethoxam, but not clothianidin, exhibit toxicity to bumblebee colonies when exposed at field-relevant levels,” Connolly said.

BEER

Brewery produces biblical beer

The brew is said to taste like what would have been imbibed in Jesus’s day

JERUSALEM (Reuters) — A Jerusalem brewery has produced a craft beer with a taste it says dates back to the time of Jesus.

A sip of the concoction may help explain why wine was the preferred sacred drink of the Bible.

Herzl Brewery, Israel’s smallest, took wheat that Tel Aviv University geneticists say was the strain used for beer in the Holy Land two millennia ago to produce 20 litres of “biblical beer.”

There’s a hint of honey and berries in the cloud and flat nectar, which has a three percent alcohol content. The brewery made it from five kilograms of grain donated by the university, along with the other traditional ingredients hops, yeast and water.

Herzl’s owner Itai Gutman and his friends have downed most of the results of the six-month experiment. Only one bottle remains and there are no plans to make more.

“We were curious about being able to come up with the first ‘biblical’ beer,” said Gutman, whose award-winning brewery produces five contemporary labels for sale.

“It’s really not the kind of flavour that has a market.”

Wine is the traditional beverage used in Jewish and Christian rituals. It is mentioned in their scriptures and figures to this day in their religious practices.

But beer likely would also have been familiar to Jesus and his disciples. It was brought over from Egypt by the ancient Israelites, according to the Jewish Museum in Munich.



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A lighthouse-shaped water tower in Humboldt, Sask., is the first building featured in a new series about how old properties can tell us stories about our past. | **Page 20**



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FARM SAFETY

Country air: not as clean as it seems

Asthma, pneumonia and other respiratory illness can be triggered by farm hazards such as bacteria, chemicals and dust

BY TENNESSA WILD
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

The dust stirs on a windy day and Dave Broersma sits in the cab of his tractor a bit longer than most.

"I consciously have to wait until the dust settles and then get out. It affects me," he said.

Broersma dealt with asthma symptoms for years on his small farm in Hague, Sask. He was diagnosed with asthma when he was young but farm dust exacerbated it.

Occupational asthma is one of the respiratory diseases Saskatchewan farmers face throughout the year.

Breathing in small particles in the air can trigger disease depending on the amount and type. Organic toxic dust syndrome and farmer's hypersensitivity pneumonitis can also result.

Broersma's symptoms were an inconvenience but also life threatening at times.

"You'd have some symptoms of like shortness of breath. You couldn't sleep because you couldn't breathe and then you'd end up going to the hospital," he said.

The symptoms of occupational asthma include chest tightness, coughing and wheezing while FHP,

formerly farmer's lung, and OTDS have flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills and muscle pain.

The main difference between occupational asthma and FHP is a deeper irritation affecting the lung alveoli and a high hypersensitivity level accompanied by an immune response.

OTDS occurs by inhaling a large dose of moulds from spoiling forage or grain that are toxic, whereas FHP and occupational asthma are caused by continual inhalation causing irritation at different levels.

The OTDS will subside on its own, whereas the other two diseases go into remission until re-exposure.

Dust from shovelling grain bins could trigger an attack for Broersma, who would wear masks when needed and add specialized equipment when possible.

"I had flat bottom bins and then I made the decision to buy hopper bottom bins even though they were double the money just because I knew I didn't want to shovel bins," said Broersma.

Niels Koehncke, associate professor of occupational medicine with the Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture, recommended protective wear and reduced exposures.

"Longer-term exposure, there's

more likelihood of disease over time so if it's not recognized early there's a greater chance that it becomes more disabling and harder to treat but it depends on the exposure," he said.

Koehncke is also the chief occupational medical officer for the labour and workplace safety ministry that develops the Farm Safety Guide under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

It outlines procedures and precautions for farmers to reduce their risks.

"Be aware of potential respiratory hazards in the work environment and farming environment, then try to assess those and see what can be done to limit your exposure... You can't eliminate the risk but sometimes something can be done," said Koehncke.

The guide suggests workplace inspections or walkabouts that focus on finding farm hazards.

Dr. Chris Clark, associate professor in large animal medicine at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, said animals exposed to dust particles can also be suscepti-

ble to respiratory diseases.

"It's very rare to get the respiratory diseases bouncing back and forth between the human and animal populations.... We do see what they refer to as reactive airway disease in horses (which) is an allergic reaction to fungal spores in hay, etc. and there are parallel diseases to that seen in humans," he said.

Doctors diagnosing the disease must first look at the occupational history of the patient because the symptoms can overlap common viral illnesses or bronchitis.

Broersma visited his doctor every six months and continues to take his medication. He left grain farming and moved into dairy farming in B.C.'s Okanagan.

"It's the only thing I know how to do, I've gone to school for it and I just love what I do. I can't imagine life doing anything else," he said.

"You realize as a person you have this problem and if I don't take care of myself by going on these medications and doing that, then you're not going to be around very long to continue farming."

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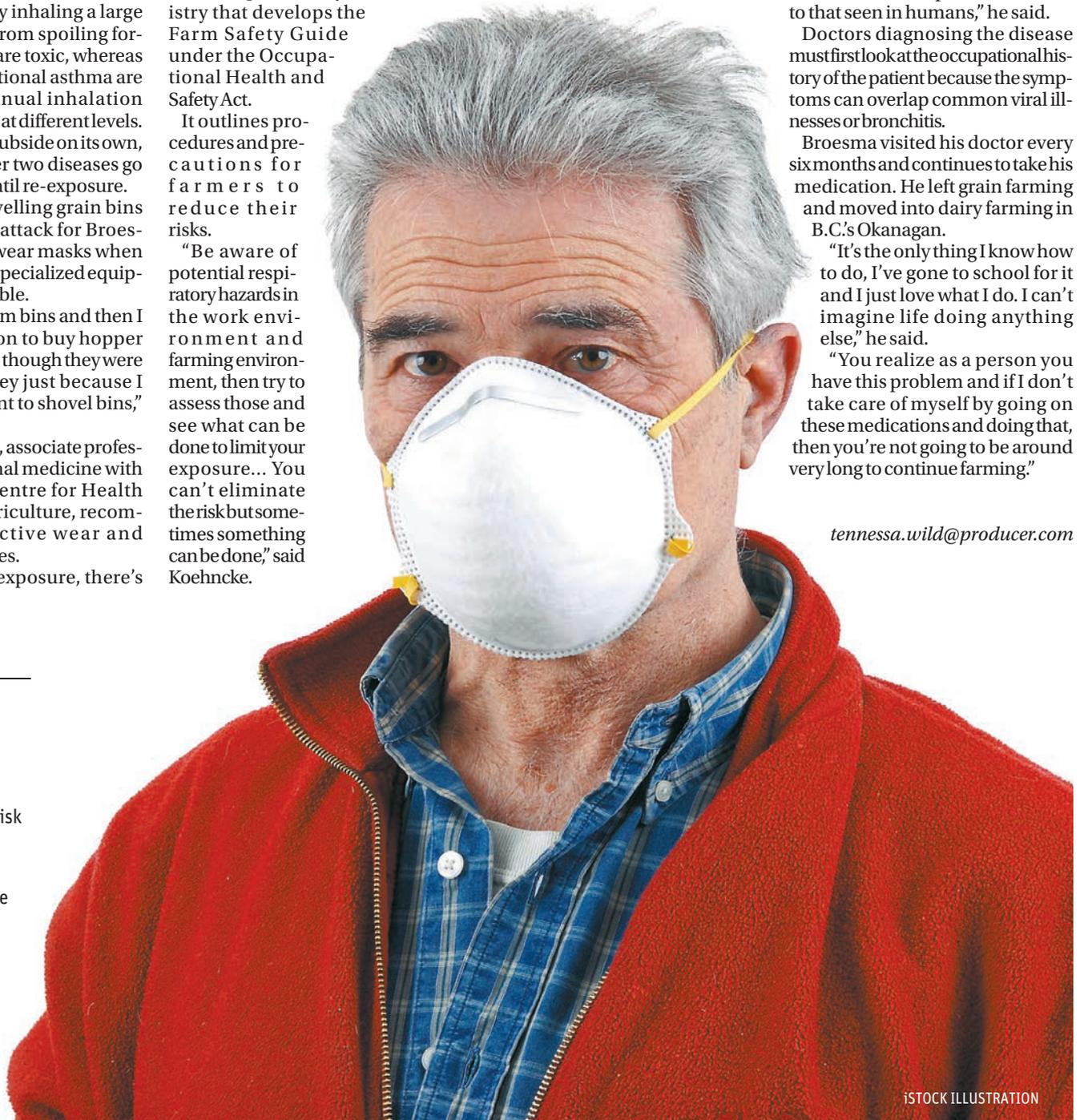
TIPS TO STAY SAFE

- Dry grain adequately before storing
- Keep animal areas clean and dry
- Wear a personal respirator or mask
- Wear gloves
- Wash hands and change clothing after being in a high risk environment
- Prevent particles or spores from becoming airborne
- Be familiar with your provincial OH&S farm safety guide

Source: Staff research

MORE RESOURCES

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ECHOES AND SENTINELS

City preserves the past for the future

Humboldt's 100-year-old water tower represents the struggle to obtain a good water supply on the Prairies

BY KAREN MORRISON
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

HUMBOLDT, Sask. — Volunteers scaled ladders and catwalks in cramped darkened spaces to renovate Humboldt's derelict water tower in 1998.

At the top, Norm Duerr, Hubert Possberg, Ed Brockmeyer and Matt Breker found pigeon droppings half a metre deep on the floor above the water tank.

"It was quite a terrible job," said Duerr.

They had to scabble up the 24 metres via a half metre space between the wooden housing and metal tank.

Dressed in disposable coveralls, hard hats, ventilators, goggles and a safety harness, they used rakes, scrapers and shovels to load bird waste into a specially constructed plastic chute leading to the ground.

What they found underneath was a severely sagging and rotted floor that was the only thing separating them from a fall to the bottom of the empty water tank.

The tower, a 6.1 metre wide standpipe water reservoir designed by engineers Chipman and Power, was built in 1915. A water treatment plant was added in 1945.

Iron struts around the tank supported the wooden sided exterior with a cone shaped roof and walkway atop the structure.

What once held 670,000 litres of water now sports a spiral staircase bolted to the tank walls that takes visitors up 143 steps for panoramic prairie views.

The tower, resembling a lighthouse, is one of only four still standing in Saskatchewan. The others are in Weyburn, Kamsack and Kerrobert, which continues to be used. Eleven similar water towers once stood in the province.

Duerr said Humboldt's tower was abandoned in 1977 and deteriorated to the point where the city council was ready to burn it down.

"I went on a rampage," said the retired English teacher, who spearheaded a campaign to save it and founded the Water Tower Committee.

"We have lost much of our built heritage here."

Dan Steiner joined the group in 1999, interested in saving a heritage property in a community that had seen the demise of its old city hall, fire department, public school and church.

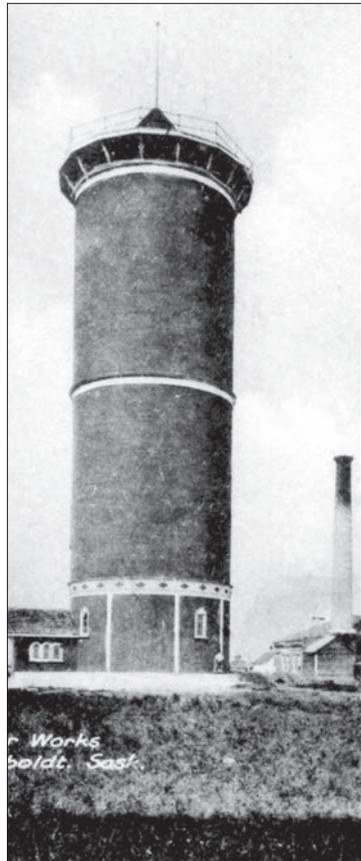
Steiner said \$260,000 has been raised to support the project with money coming from Saskatchewan Heritage, the city, donations and bequests.

In 2003, a crew from Manitoba reinforced supports at the base and roof, reshingled, rebuilt the rooftop catwalk and installed a door for access to the roof. Access to the top had previously been through a ceiling hatch and ladder.

Exteriors colours were reversed from the tower's early days to a predominately white facade with brown trim.

Steiner learned that the tower leans 10 centimetres to the northwest.

"It's not quite the leaning tower of



The water tower as it looked in the early days. | HUMBOLDT TOURISM PHOTO

Pisa but we do have a tower with a bit of a lean," said Duerr.

The conservation work received a Heritage Architecture Excellence award in 2011.

Steiner hopes to eventually add viewing telescopes to the roof deck and an improved interpretive area on the main floor. Other plans include developing access to tunnels beneath the structure that house valves and pipes.

Like many old buildings, the tower is not without its ghost stories. Both men related tales of unexplained noises and radios turning on.

"There are strange tappings at night that you don't hear during the day," said Steiner.

Steiner and Duerr agree the water tower has potential for tourism.

"I see it as one of Humboldt's main tourist attractions. It could become an iconic symbol for the city," Duerr said.

"The struggle for adequate water is the struggle for life. It's a powerful

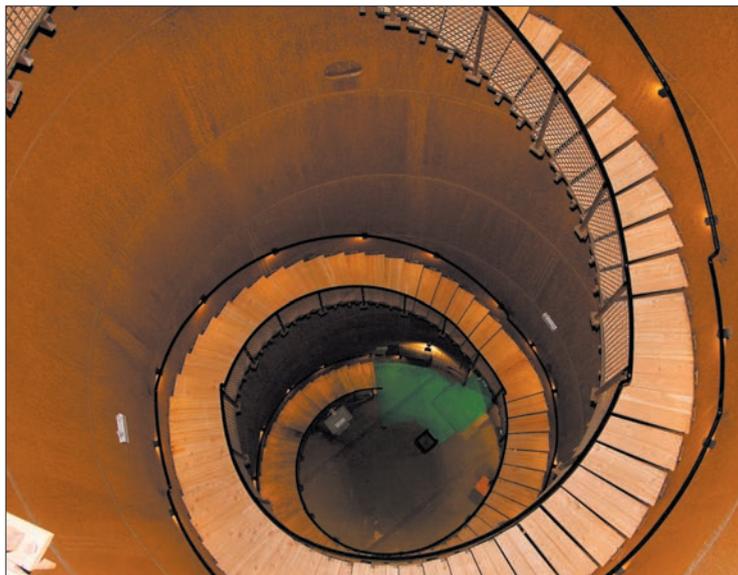


The refurbished water tower in Humboldt, Sask., has been turned into a tourist attraction. | KAREN MORRISON PHOTOS

symbol of that struggle."

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Visitors can climb more than 140 steps to a roof catwalk for a panoramic view.



Volunteers Norm Duerr, left, and Dan Steiner stand at the top of the renovated tower.

ON THE FARM

Father planted seed of farming early in life

The Davis family juggled their agricultural life by pursuing multiple careers in Alberta and Saskatchewan

BY KAREN MORRISON
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

WISETON, Sask. — Ed Davis was only seven years old when his father, Cal, cut the first furrow in the field and had him smell the dirt.

“That was like the seed of farming put into me,” he said.

“I’ll never forget. Every year, I think of that.”

This month, Davis will seed 1,120 acres of yellow peas, lentils and durum wheat on his family farm near Wiseton. The site is dubbed “grand view farm” for views stretching as far as 80 kilometres on a clear day.

His wife, Rietta Frick-Davis, is a home economics teacher in Rosetown, Sask., where the family home is located and where the couple is active in the community and church. Davis also works full time as a buyer for Copeland Seeds.

Making multiple careers work is nothing new for the pair, who once commuted to farm from Calgary, but the lifestyle comes with challenges.

For example, \$20,000 worth of canola and lentils was once stolen from his farmyard, and his insurer refused the claim because he could not prove the theft. He has since installed cameras.

The family didn’t leave Alberta all at once. Frick-Davis initially remained in Alberta to teach and care for their daughter, Kailyn, now a university student, while Davis commuted to the farm with his infant son.

“I was Mr. Dad for two years,” he said.

His mother, Rose, helped with child care for Logan, now a teenager. She returns to live on the farm each growing season and spends her winters in town with her daughter.

Rose, 83, who has been partially deaf most of her life, kept the farm operating after Cal’s death in 1982. “My husband told me to stay because it’s your farm,” said Rose, who often put the crop in herself when Cal was ill.

She helped keep the children and farm work separate to avoid accidents, something of paramount importance to Davis.

Frick-Davis said family had to make changes when Kailyn reached school age. She found the teaching job in Rosetown and the family all moved back.

“We had to make some family choices,” she said.

“You just find a balance and make things work and know it won’t be forever.”

The couple sets aside family time each summer, which continues with a father-son getaway each November.

While in Alberta, Davis worked at major ski resorts making snow, grooming runs and later supervising work crews. Back in Saskatchewan, he volunteered at the now closed Twin Towers ski hill.

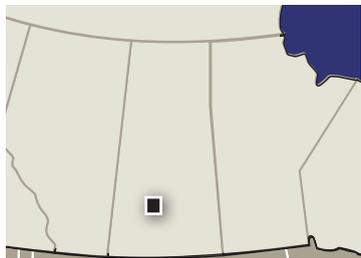
He recently ran for the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers board on a platform of fiscal responsibility.

“I tried to ensure the money I and farmers were giving to them was going in the right direction,” he said, noting research funding



Ed Davis balances farming and off-farm employment. | KAREN MORRISON PHOTOS

ON THE FARM



THE DAVIS FAMILY
Wiseton, Sask.

could be reduced and marketing efforts enhanced.

“If Saskatchewan gets a good year, farmers will overproduce. If we could get 10 percent of the North Americans to eat them, that will help what we overproduce.”

Davis was skeptical at first about the money committed for the 2016 International Year of the Pulse campaign but now concedes it has positively increased exposure for the major Saskatchewan crop.

Frick-Davis uses pulses from her farm in classroom lessons and makes her grades 7 to 12 students aware of what’s produced locally.

She called pulses a good protein and fibre source and a good choice for the increasing interest in vegetarian diets among young people.

“If we can grow them, we should be more aware of how to use them,” she said, suggesting promotions in grocery stores and schools.

Frick-Davis, who grew up on a Saskatchewan farm, supports keeping the farm for their children.

“It’s Ed’s first love. It’s always nice to have that base if they choose it,” she said.

Davis said last year was a poor crop year, but prices were good for

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lentils. This season, he hopes to keep weeds such as narrow-leaved hawk's beard and Canada thistle at bay with the addition of a high clearance sprayer.

He likes to wait as long as possible for good moisture before seeding so had planned to start the first week in May.

He markets his pulses through his employer and other crops through Viterra and Cargill. His peas go to a splitter or the elevator, depending on the price.

Davis values the advice of agrologists.

"I think it's worth it. They scout my crop once a week and recommend what to do."

He also learns much from other farmers.

"Never be afraid to ask what the neighbour's doing if it looks good," he said.

The Davis farm is more than 100 years old and was first settled by Davis's grandparents, Eleanor and Fred, who had five children.

After Fred's death, Eleanor remarried Jay Shaw and added one child, whose family continues to farm nearby.

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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Steps can be taken to avoid violent Alzheimer's behaviour

HEALTH CLINIC



CLARE ROWSON, MD

Q: I have known for about a year that my father has Alzheimer's disease, but recently he has become a problem. He wants to try and find his childhood home, and he thinks our family home is not the right place. He tries to leave, and as he is no longer allowed to drive, this could be dangerous to the general public. He gets nasty and violent if anyone tries to physically restrain him. We have so far been able to talk him out of leaving. What should we do? He is 72.

A: Despite the fact that your father was only diagnosed a year ago, it appears that he is suffering from quite a late stage of Alzheimer's already. Perhaps he had the illness for a while before you recognized it.

It might not be classic Alzheimer's because mini-strokes may have led to a vascular type of dementia. I assume he has had a brain scan, CT scan, to rule out any potentially treatable condition

Aggressive behaviour can sometimes be caused by pain, discomfort or lack of sleep. A noisy environment or too much activity surrounding the patient may also trigger violent outbursts.

such as a brain tumour.

It's important to remember that he is not exhibiting hostile behaviour on purpose, and there are things you can do to keep outbursts from happening.

Sometimes aggressive behaviour is due to pain, discomfort or a lack of sleep. A loud and noisy environment or too much activity surrounding him may also be a trigger.

In your father's case, he seems to be suffering from disorientation or confusion regarding where his home is. He thinks he is a child so thinks he is in the wrong house.

As this situation is potentially dangerous both to him and others, you should not hesitate in calling the police and have him sent to hospital in an ambulance the next time he tries to leave.

He will be assessed to see how bad the situation is and will probably be kept there or sent to a long term-care facility, where he will most likely be given sedating medications.

Sad as it is, it sounds to me that he can no longer be looked after in his own home. At one time, patients like your father would be cared for in a dementia ward of a psychiatric hospital, but these no longer exist in most provinces.

Many care homes have a locked floor where Alzheimer's patients with a tendency to wander are kept.

When you visit your father, do not argue with him. If he says he wants to go home, make an excuse such as maybe next week. He will soon forget. As Alzheimer's affects recent memory first, focus on the past and let him tell stories from his early life.

Finally, be sure to take care of yourself. It is not unusual for the caregiver to feel depressed and isolated. Keep in touch with your friends and continue your activities.

Try not to feel guilty if you do not visit as often as he would like.

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COOKING FOR CONVENIENCE

Sandwich buffet great way to use up leftover food

TEAM RESOURCES



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Seeding and farm work are in full swing on the Prairies so it may be necessary to speed up lunch preparations. A sandwich buffet uses bits and pieces of food that alone are not enough to feed a crew.

It is an excellent way to use a single pork tenderloin, a couple of chicken breasts or a partial package of bacon. Top that off with a decadent dessert.

The components of a sandwich buffet include the protein, crunch, bread, butter and mayonnaise.

Proteins are essential for muscle growth and repair. It takes the body longer to digest protein so a person feels full longer. Offer several choices of pre-sliced meats, poached fish, pates, cheeses and eggs.

Generously rub pork tenderloin or skin-on chicken breast with a seasoning mix like Creole or lemon pepper. Preheat a cast iron pan with oil and add meat. Brown on all sides, then place in 350 F (180 C) oven to complete cooking, about 15 minutes. Cool and slice thinly.

Crispy comes from sliced raw vegetables such as cucumbers, tomatoes and crisp, torn lettuces. Torn lettuce can be prepared in advance because it browns more slowly than cut lettuce.

Wash and shake lettuce dry and tear into serving size pieces. Then wrap it in a clean tea towel and refrigerate until serving time.

Pickles, sauerkraut and a simple shredded coleslaw add flavour and crunch.

Offer a selection of breads and buns. Baguettes make a nice chewy sandwich. Slice them horizontally for a hearty serving. Whip up some biscuits.

Focaccia, which is simple to make in large batches, is a flat bread sliced horizontally to make sandwiches.

Moisten the sandwich and prevent juices from soaking the bread with mayonnaise, butter and mustards. Dig through the fridge for condiments like cranberry sauce, salsas and chutneys and put them on the table.

FOCACCIA

- 1 medium baking potato, peeled and quartered
- 1 1/2 tsp. instant yeast 7 mL
- 3 1/2 c. unbleached flour 875 mL
- 1 c. warm water 250 mL
- 1/4 c. olive oil, plus more for the pan 60 mL
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt 7 mL

Boil potato until tender. Drain and cool. Put through a ricer and use about one cup (250 mL) lightly packed potato.

In the large bowl of a stand mixer, combine yeast, flour and one cup (250 mL) warm water until combined. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside until bubbly, about 20 minutes.

Add remaining dough ingredients, including reserved potato. Mix with paddle attachment on

low speed until the dough comes together. Switch to dough hook attachment and increase speed to medium. Continue kneading until the dough is smooth and elastic, about five minutes.

Transfer dough to lightly oiled bowl, turn the dough to coat with oil and cover with plastic wrap. Let rise in warm, draft-free place until dough is doubled in volume.

Cut dough in half and flatten each piece into an eight-inch disk on a large, generously oiled baking sheet. Cover dough with clean tea towel and rise until doubled in size, about 45 minutes.

Preheat oven to 425 F (220 C). With fingers, dimple the dough at regular intervals. Make about two dozen dimples. They should almost poke through the bottom of the bread. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with coarse salt.

Bake about 25 minutes or until bottoms are golden brown, then serve warm. This recipe can easily be doubled.

Source: Cooks Illustrated

POBLANO SALSA

- 1 large poblano pepper, halved and seeds removed
- 1 bunch scallions
- 2 tbsp. canola oil 30 mL
- 2 tbsp. fresh mint, roughly chopped 30 mL
- 1 tsp. lemon juice 5 mL
- 1/2 tsp. cane sugar 2 mL
- 1/2 tsp. chili flakes 2 mL
- salt and pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C). Place poblano halves and scallions on a baking sheet, drizzle with oil and roast until softened, about 15-18 minutes.

Remove from oven, cool slightly, then chop coarsely.

Add to a bowl with remaining ingredients and toss to combine. Season generously with salt and pepper.

Source: Bon Appetit

CARAMEL BROWNIES IN A JAR

There is no brownie better than a cocoa brownie. Serve these in a one cup (250 mL) wide-mouth canning jar or other dessert dish. Top with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and a generous drizzle of caramel sauce.

- 10 tbsp. unsalted butter 155 mL
- 1 1/4 c. sugar 315 mL
- 3/4 c. plus 2 tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder 175 mL and 30 mL
- 1/4 tsp. salt 1 mL
- 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla 2 mL
- 2 cold large eggs
- 1/2 c. all purpose flour 125 mL
- 2/3 c. walnuts or pecans 150 mL

Position a rack in the lower third of the oven and preheat the oven to 325 F (160 C). Line the bottom and sides of the baking pan with parchment paper, leaving an overhang on two opposite sides.

Combine butter, sugar, cocoa and salt in a medium heat proof bowl and set the bowl over a wide skillet of barely simmering water. Stir from time to time until the butter is melted and the mixture is smooth. Remove bowl from skillet and set aside until mixture is only warm, not hot.

Stir in vanilla with a wooden spoon. Add eggs one at a time, stirring vigorously after each one. When batter looks thick, shiny and well



A variety of ingredients can be used to put together a sandwich buffet. | SARAH GALVIN PHOTO

blended, add flour and stir until fully mixed in, then beat vigorously for three minutes with a spoon. Stir in nuts, if using. Spread evenly in the lined pan.

Bake until a toothpick stuck in the center comes out slightly moist with batter, 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool completely on a rack.

Source: Bon Appetit

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SPECIAL REPORT



The catch is in the rye

Once a popular prairie crop, rye has taken a backseat to more profitable crops in recent decades.

But factors are coming into play to put fall rye back in our vocabulary: KWS hybrid rye varieties are now available through a Regina-based farmer-owned company called FP Genetics. About 20,000 acres of those hybrids are growing on prairie farms.

In this Special Report, *Western Producer* reporter Ron Lyseng writes about what's new with an old crop.

U.S. rye makers import rye from Scandinavia because of quality concerns, but a Canadian company aims to change that

BY RON LYSENG
WINNIPEG BUREAU

Millers and distillers in the central United States annually import about 160,000 tonnes of rye from Scandinavia, shipping it up the Mississippi River as far north as Minneapolis.

Unloaded at Mississippi piers, the rye is priced at US\$7 to \$8 per bushel.

Canadian prairie farmers might have a huge transportation advantage over Scandinavia given their proximity to the U.S., but American millers and distillers buy only about 80,000 tonnes of fall rye from Canada each year.

The Mississippi rye volume does not account for Scandinavian rye that lands on the eastern American seaboard.

So if Canadians can't compete in U.S. rye markets in their own backyards, despite enjoying most of the advantages, what's going on?

"Our biggest issue in not supplying that neighbouring market to the south is that we don't have the consistent quality or consistent quantity they require," says Rod Merryweather of FP Genetics in Regina, a farmer-owned seed company that has so far released two new hybrid fall rye varieties.

He says quality and quantity relate directly to genetics.

Canada's older conventional varieties do not keep pace with the expectations of buyers, or growers. He says production has dropped in Western Canada to about half of what it was five years ago.

Merryweather says the only way to meet the quality and quantity criteria is to seed only hybrid varieties.

However, there has been no Canadian innovation in rye breeding in the past 25 years, which is why it's becoming obsolete.

"Hybrid rye generally yields about 30 percent higher than the conventional rye varieties we've been growing, and 15 percent higher than winter wheat. And right now prices are higher than winter wheat," says Merryweather.

The two hybrids FP Genetics has released, Brasetto in 2014 and Bono in 2015, come from the German seed company KWS.

The Scandinavian-grown rye imported by American users also comes from KWS stock. The rye coming up the Mississippi is KWS Brasetto and Bono, the same two hybrids now registered for growers in Canada.

"Brasetto is the variety with 30 percent higher yield. Our latest hybrid is Bono and it has another 10 percent yield increase over Brasetto," says Merryweather. "These varieties are a lot more uniform because they're hybrids. You generally get better quality and the



ROD MERRYWEATHER
FP GENETICS

seeds are all very similar.

"The biggest benefit is that the falling numbers are 60 to 100 points higher than conventional rye. The open varieties farmers have been growing would have a falling number in the range of 180 to 200 if it was good quality. Our hybrids are in the range of 260 to 280. That's a huge consideration for buyers. The falling number is their criteria to judge if they can make a quality product."

The falling number test measures baking characteristics.

At the moment, FP Genetics has numerous side-by-side Brasetto-Bono comparisons in the ground, waiting for the spring. The trials are 80 acres of each hybrid along with 80 acres of conventional rye. Merryweather expects that half their seed sales for the coming fall will be Bono.

"We had 20,000 acres of hybrid rye last year, mostly Brasetto. We're hoping to double that in 2016. We expect to eventually grow that number to 100,000 acres. That volume would be just enough to satisfy the nearby markets along the Mississippi.

"Here in Canada, we use about

70,000 tonnes of rye annually, mainly for milling, and some for distilling. That's another market we're looking at."

FP Genetics is owned by 150 prairie producers who put their heads and money together to find better hybrid varieties for farmers wanting to grow rye. They have contracted with Scouler Canada, Paterson Grain and North American Food Ingredients (NAFI) to distribute seed to growers.

NAFI grain buyer Floyd Howard says his company has dealt mainly with open pollinated rye until now.

However, a number of American buyers have recently contacted him to arrange for small loads of Canadian-grown hybrid rye from the crop which will be harvested this August.

Oddly, one of those buyers is a malting company.

"They were after some Canadian Brasetto. They had done test malts with European Brasetto and now they specifically wanted Brasetto from us," says Howard.

"They liked the plumpness of the seed, the high falling numbers and they said it made a tremendous rye malt for them. NAFI has traditionally been involved with American distillers, not with malting companies. But now, we have distillers and a number of maltsters excited about the flavour profiles they've seen in their tests."

While falling numbers are important to the milling industry, they're not as important to distillers and maltsters.

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CROP VARIETIES

Canadian rye high in whiskey business

If award-winning Crown Royal doesn't put the words 'fall rye' back in your mouth, potential yields of 200 bushels per acre might do the trick

BY RON LYSING
WINNIPEG BUREAU

Crown Royal Northern Harvest Rye Whiskey from Seagram's Gimli distillery grabbed Canada's attention by winning the Jim Murray's Whiskey Bible 2016 World Whisky of the Year Award.

The fact that Northern Harvest is distilled with 95 percent real rye no doubt drew the attention of some prairie farmers. After all, rye whiskey seems to be the preferred beverage of Canadian farmers.

Next time you're enjoying a straight shot of the award winning stuff, consider that nearly all Seagram's rye grain is purchased locally. Bucking the overwhelming corn trend, Seagram's and its competition, Alberta Distillers, are holdouts who still distill their premium whiskey with a high percentage of rye grain.

After a long search for quality water, Seagram's built its flagship distillery in Gimli, Man., in the late 1960s. Local grain production was every bit as important as water.

Located between Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipeg, the word drought doesn't exist in the vocabulary of the Interlake region.

The region gets a lot of rain, guaranteeing a reliable grain supply. Plus, the flavour of the rye is perfect for whiskey, says Seagram's production manager, Richard Sydney.

"You capture that flavour, concentrate it, put it into a bottle and you've got a winning brand. Access to Interlake rye is a bonus for us because it's better quality and has better flavour content," states Sydney.

"The flavour might be due to rainfall, soil, or climate. For certain, things like botany and stress help the taste. Plant stressors make the plant exhibit more flavour characteristics. Our supplier contracts with farmers right here in the Interlake and they select the most flavourful grain for us."

When asked about the test to quantify the flavor of rye grain, Sydney replied, "That's simple. We smell every load that comes in. I do some of the smell testing and my technicians also do the tests. It needs lots of flavor to meet our standards."

He says the company currently buys only conventional open pollinated rye grain, but they have begun considering the new hybrid varieties.

Out at Alberta Distillers Ltd. (ADL) in Calgary, truck after truck of rye grain is delivered to waiting distillers. Production specialist Rick Murphy says the company's top of the line product, Alberta Premium, is made with 100 percent rye grain.

"In fact, all of our whiskeys use a very high percentage of rye grain compared to what's typical in the industry," says Murphy, adding that ADL buys only prairie-grown conventional varieties right now, but they are looking at the new hybrids.

"We've had a few hybrid samples submitted by our suppliers for evaluation, but we haven't dug into it enough yet to make a decision."

"The higher falling numbers (of hybrid rye) relate to the activities of alpha-amylase in the meal. From our point of view, more alpha-



All kinds of whiskey have grown popular recently, including Crown Royal's Northern Harvest rye, which won an international award. | MICHAEL RAINE PHOTO

Our supplier contracts with farmers right here in the Interlake and they select the most flavourful grain for us.

RICHARD SYDNEY
SEAGRAM'S

amylase activity is better. But it's not a strict requirement of the grain. Protein, however, is something we pay a lot of attention to."

Murphy explains that most of the starch has been removed from the grain by the end of the fermentation process. That starch is converted to alcohol. Everything else is considered to be leftovers.

"More protein on a weight basis in the grain means you produce less alcohol. For another thing, proteins can cause all kinds of process issues."

Murphy says they run tests on incoming rye grain, in search of low protein loads. They also run analysis on density, starch, moisture, dockage and a few others. The most important factor in selecting grain for whiskey is flavour.

"Believe it or not, we also do a sniff test for flavour," laughs Murphy.

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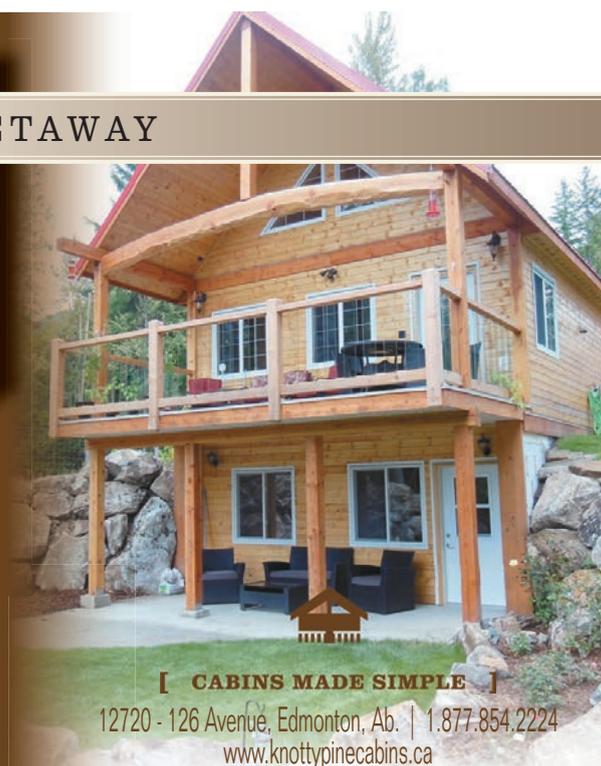
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But if they can buy rye with a high falling number, they are willing to pay.

Only a small amount of rye ever goes into malting, mainly for the added taste factor, but it goes for a premium price above milling and distilling prices.

Howard feels if a grower harvests an ergot-free rye crop, the high falling number is a guarantee it will sell into a premium market instead going for feed.

He cautions that it's not all wine and roses. Manitoba rye may have some special taste qualities because of higher rainfall, but higher moisture has fostered ergot and fusarium in a number of rye fields. Drier areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta have not seen disease in hybrid rye.

Overproduction is Howard's other cautionary note. The high grain volume per acre combined with a strong price per bushel could put enough premium product on the market to push prices down.

For more information contact Mer-ryweather at 877-791-1045 extension 234, or Howard at 204-272-5501.

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CROP VARIETIES

Farmers sing praises of hybrid rye

Two Manitoba farmers who grew Brasetto hybrid rye in 2015 made virtually the same comment when interviewed last month: "Wish I'd had 1,000 acres of that stuff last year."

Their response isn't surprising. They each had small fields of Brasetto and a poor weather year. Yet, they averaged about 90 bushels per acre.

BY RON LYSENG
WINNIPEG BUREAU

David Hamblin's story

MORRIS, MAN. — David Hamblin, an FP Genetics shareholder, has one Brasetto harvest under his belt. After getting hit with 25 percent hail damage in 2015, his 60-acre field still averaged 95 bushels per acre.

"We would have been well over 100 (bushels) if we hadn't gotten the hail. I wish we'd had 1,000 acres of it," says Hamblin, adding that he got \$5.75 per bushel on his contract with Paterson Grain.

"I think these hybrid ryes have pretty good potential. People are starting to fall away from winter wheat due to higher spring wheat yields and better markets for spring wheat. Also, I'm not sure yet if the hardiness of winter wheat is as good as the new rye varieties."

Hamblin says rye has typically not been grown in the Red River Valley. It's usually on the lighter,

less productive soils further west. He thinks the emerging trend will see growers treating rye with a little more respect.

"We're putting it on some of our more productive land and putting the inputs to it so we maximize the yield potential."

"The markets will have to develop along with this new production. End-use buyers will appreciate the characteristics of Brasetto and Bono. There's a huge amount of European rye that gets shipped to the Minneapolis area. We can replace most of that European rye."

"We're well positioned to supply that market if we can guarantee them a consistent supply of high quality product. We should be able to make that work. Winnipeg to Minneapolis is a lot shorter than Europe to Minneapolis."

Ron Manness's story

OAK BLUFF, MAN. — Ron Manness was also a first-time rye grower in 2015.

He says his 90-acre field of Brasetto got off to a really bad start.

"It got off to a poor start the previous fall. It was a little thin in areas, so it wasn't a great stand. I don't think we reached the full potential at all," recalls Manness.

"But it did pretty good once it got going. We got close to 90 bushels to the acre. And we contracted at \$6 per bushel, so we were happy. We were wishing we'd put in 1,000 acres."

Manness thinks the new hybrids have good potential. He says they're more winter hardy than winter wheat and the yields appear to be better.

"You have to be a little more careful with harvest. They're a little more susceptible to damage. And the straw is a little tougher than winter wheat. But those are minor issues."

"The major issue is that the crop is more susceptible to ergot, but they're breeding some new ergot-resistant varieties. It wouldn't take a really big improvement and we'd be fine."

Manness says rye harvest is generally early August, so conditions should be pretty dry. They did get rain on it last August, but didn't see any problem with seeds germinating. It wasn't excessive rain, so he can't comment yet on how it behaves when the grain gets really wet. He says it's interesting that farmers are taking the new hybrids seriously

and putting them on good land.

"Rye used to be considered... I don't know the best way to say it.... I guess you'd call it a poor farmers crop. If you had some poor land, usually sandy light soil, that's where you'd grow rye."

"I think that mentality is changing. It's taking over from winter wheat because of prices and winter hardiness. Crop insurance is the other reason guys are getting out of winter wheat."

He explains that winter wheat coverage changed about three years ago so now it only covers the re-seeding benefit. That means a producer risks quite a bit more when planting winter wheat.

"But there are still farmers who want some kind of fall-seeded crop, just because it makes good sense."

He thinks fall-seeded crops spread out the work load somewhat and make better use of machinery, just as long as a guy can manage seeding and harvest at the same time. He says the recommendation of 25 percent fall-seeded crop is too high for most producers to handle, whether it's winter wheat or fall rye. Manness has Brasetto in the ground right now, plus 30 acres of Bono.

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ANIMAL ACTIVISTS

Farm raid outrages farmed fur industry

The industry offers a \$100,000 reward following the release of as many as 500 mink from a farm in Ontario

BY JEFFREY CARTER
FOR THE WESTERN PRODUCER

DRESDEN, Ont. — Canada's farmed fur industry has offered \$100,000 for capture and prosecution of the people who released as many as 500 mink near Brantford, Ont.

Kirk Rankin is concerned about the release and similar actions in the past.

"I'm a fur farmer myself. I was already visited a year ago last July," Rankin said.

"How can this be about animal rights when you kill off hundreds of mink just so one or two might live."

Rankin said there's little in the way of food in rural Ontario to sustain the number of mink being released or even a few. Most will starve, he said.

In the wild, the North American species is a small but ferocious predator. Those that were set loose overnight on April 29 were domesticated and different in size, capability and disposition than wild mink.

"I've talked to people who are against it. It's a free country. You don't have to wear fur but you shouldn't go breaking into a farm. It's against the law."

At the Brantford-area farm, the

majority were nursing females with dependent kits, some only a few days old, according to Marianne Patten, president of the Canadian Mink Breeders Association.

CMBA executive director Gary Hazlewood said, "Whoever released the mink showed a complete disregard for the welfare of the animals; they should be charged with animal cruelty."

The CMBA is handling the reward money. Little is known about the activists who, according to the *National Post* newspaper, sent a statement to the Kitchener CTV station referring to themselves as the Willow Pond Mink Freedom

Movement.

On the website operated by the Animal Liberation Front press office, a 2015 visit to the farm and eight other Ontario mink operations in southern Ontario is described. At one farm, it was said scores of mink were freed.

The site describes mink farm conditions in Ontario as appalling, but according to Rankin and the CMBA, the fur-bearing animals are raised under humane conditions.

An updated code of practice was introduced in 2013. Listed are recommendations and requirements for lighting, ventilation, temperature, cage design, animal density,

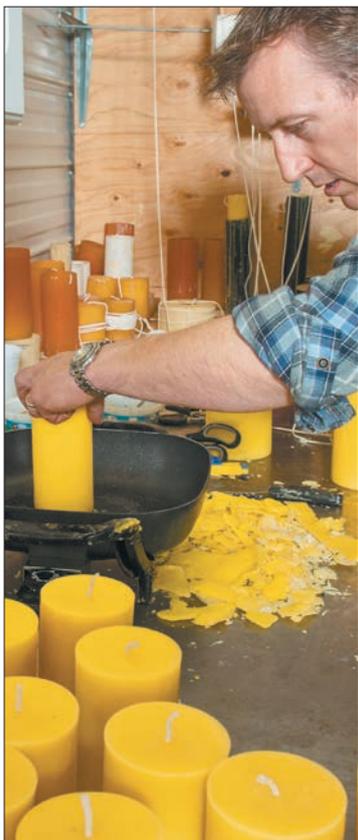
feed and more.

Rankin, whose family has been raising minks since 1937, said the meat-eating animals are housed in steel wire cages equipped with nesting boxes with reduced densities — one or two mink per cage. One of the biggest costs for producers is for the feed. Everything from fish and cooked eggs to poultry and beef is fed.

"It's of human quality; just not the stuff most people choose to eat."

According to the CMBA, the value of Canadian fur exports topped \$300 million in 2015 with mink produced on more than 300 farms.

FROM HONEY TO WAX



Graham Strom of the Greidanus Honey Mill makes products from the pure beeswax left over from the honey-extraction process. He places an 18 kilogram block of beeswax into the melter, above, and then pours the melted wax into moulds, which he uses to make products such as candles. | MIKE STURK PHOTO

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The Western Producer takes a weekly look at some of the stories that made headlines in issues of the paper from 75, 50, 25 and 10 years ago.

75 YEARS AGO: MAY 15, 1941

William Allen, the former head of the University of Saskatchewan's farm management department, was among 122 missing following the sinking of a ship in the Atlantic Ocean. He had been returning to his post as Canada's agricultural commissioner to Great Britain. Allen was widely known in Saskatchewan agricultural circles. He had directed the province's soil survey in 1935 and was in charge of the first major debt survey in rural Saskatchewan in 1936.

The dominion bureau of statistics was expecting Canadian farmers to reduce their wheat area by 25 percent, or seven million acres, if they stuck with the seeding intentions that they had expressed April 30. Encouraging a reduction in wheat



Trisha Masniuk of the Canadian Metric Commission talked to Hubert Dupasquier of Notre Dame de Lourdes, Man., during the Manitoba Weed Fair in February 1981. Masniuk was distributing information to farmers that would help them convert imperial measurements to metric. | FILE PHOTO

production was a major part of Ottawa's new wheat policy.

50 YEARS AGO: MAY 12, 1966

George Hutton, who had been Manitoba's agriculture minister since 1959, announced he was retiring from politics to fulfill a life-

time ambition to become a Lutheran minister. However, he said he first wanted to work for the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization for two years and had applied for a post in Asia.

The Farm Credit Corporation reported a record year in long-term

mortgage lending. FCC chair George Owens said the demand for credit had risen sharply with 11,238 loans approved in the most recent fiscal year worth almost \$209 million.

25 YEARS AGO: MAY 16, 1991

A House of Commons study found

that almost 48,000 farmers were in danger of losing control of their farms because of unmanageable debt.

The Canadian border officially opened to U.S. wheat imports under the new free trade deal, and it appeared as if the border would also open to American barley. Growers didn't seem too concerned.

10 YEARS AGO: MAY 11, 2006

The new Conservative government's first federal budget offered \$1.5 billion in new agricultural funding, but it wasn't good enough for the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, which said it was much less than the \$6.1 billion that was needed and wouldn't be delivered soon enough.

Manitoba cattle producers accused the provincial NDP government of running a dictatorship because of a proposed mandatory, non-refundable beef checkoff to increase cattle slaughter capacity in the province. Glen Campbell, a producer from Onanole, Man., said the proposal was a "blatant attempt" to destroy the Manitoba Cattle Producers Association and replace it with a government controlled cattle marketing commission. The checkoff was introduced in 2006 but eliminated seven years later. The cattle producers association is still around.

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AG NOTES

PULSE RESEARCHER WINS AWARD

Saskatchewan Pulse Growers recently presented Robert Tyler of the University of Saskatchewan with its Pulse Promoter Award.

Tyler, who is professor of food and bioproduct sciences and associate dean of research and graduate studies in the U of S's agriculture college, was recognized for his research and development, which specializes in the use of pulse ingredients.

His 35 years of research has primarily focused on peas and the

use of pulse crops.

Research projects include modification of pea starch, extrusion of pea protein concentrate from pea flour and manufacturing of pasta, snacks and breakfast food from pulse flour.

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Alberta Lamb Producers has

posted four new videos to its Sheep Central Alberta YouTube channel.

One of the videos was about the Alberta Farm Animal Care conference workshop that was held recently at Olds College.

The workshop included a demonstration of sheep handling and the importance of body condition scoring ewes.

Other videos include Flock Health Management, Neonatal Management and Thin Ewe Syndrome: Tackling Production Limiting Diseases.

The videos can be found at youtube.com/user/SheepCentralAlberta.

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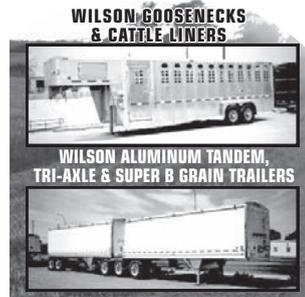
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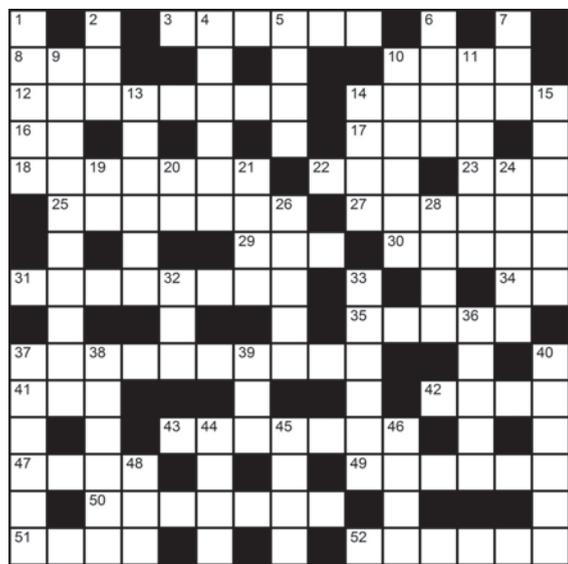
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Last Weeks Answers

ACROSS

- 2009 Kevin Spacey film
- Vigoda who played Fish
- Fran's last name on *The Nanny*
- City Claire Warren is mayor of on *The Family* (2 words)
- 1928 film starring Dolores del Rio and Warner Baxter
- Initials of the actor who plays U.S. Marine Sergeant Nicholas Brody on *Homeland*
- Pretty Maids All in* ___ (2 words)
- 1928 film starring Dolores del Rio and Warner Baxter
- Initials of the actor who plays U.S. Marine Sergeant Nicholas Brody on *Homeland*
- Pretty Maids All in* ___ (2 words)
- Lindsay and Everett
- Oscar-winning role for Forest
- Nostromo's science officer in *Alien*
- Henry Fool* sequel (2 words)
- Sense and Sensibility* director (2 words)
- ___ Date
- He played Sarandon's son in *Stepmom*
- She played Lisa Turtle on *Saved by the Bell*
- ___ Story
- Film starring Mickey Rourke and Nat Wolff
- Last Tango in Paris* director
- She was in *Fifty Shades of Grey*
- English actor Guinness
- Film based on the 1971 Baker Street robbery (with *The*) (2 words)
- Name of the 15th episode of the third season of *Star Trek: Voyager*
- You're ___ (2 words)
- The ___ Jungle
- Pillow ___
- Harvey director

DOWN

- House of ___

- Leader of The Scullions in *Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment*
- Co-star of Hirsch and Danza
- Rick's beloved in *Casablanca*
- Oscar Night transportation
- Dr. ___ (TV sitcom)
- She was nominated for an Academy Award as Producer for Best Picture for *Finding Neverland*
- He played a mobster in *Midnight Run*
- How to Get Away with Murder* creator
- Film starring Tim Robbins and Greta Scacchi (with *The*)
- Tom Hiddleston's alma mater
- Animatronic recruiter in *Tomorrowland*
- Home planet of Green Lantern Corps in *Green Lantern*
- Initials of the actress who starred in *Comanche Station*
- The Blind* ___
- Actor who played Mark in *A Nightmare on Elm Street 5: The Dream Child*
- ___ Box
- She was called the "First Lady of American Cinema"
- Premium cable channel
- Zoé De Grand' ___
- ___ Madison
- Goldthwait who starred in *One Crazy Summer*
- Actor Reeder
- Network that merged with The WB and became The CW
- One of the creators of *The Catch*
- Jan and Stephen's last name in *A Free Soul*
- Soldier sent from the future to protect Sarah from the Terminator
- 1967 Peter Sellers film (with *The*)
- ___ Me Anything



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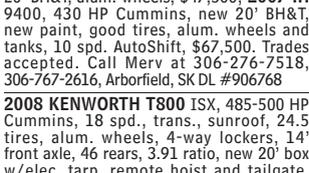
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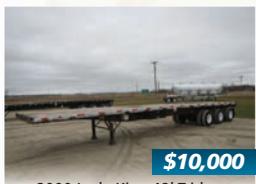
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\$10,000
2000 Lode King 48' Tridem Aluminum Combo Trailer - Flat Deck, Air ride



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2016 Precision 30ton Tridem Trailer - Tag, 27'X102" deck, Spring ride, Beavertail & Ramps, Toolbox



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2006 Transcraft 53' Tandem Curtain Sider Trailer - Flat Deck, Alum Combo, Roll-Tite Tarp, A/R, Alum wheels, Rear slide



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2004 Wilson 53' Tridem Straight Deck Trailer - Livestock, Air ride, Alum wheels, Double Decker, Winter kit



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2009 Lode King Super-B Hopper Trailer - Grain, A/R, Auto Tire Inflation, Steel sides & hoppers, Alum slopes



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2013 Arne's Tridem Trailer - End Dump, Air ride, 11R24.5 Tires on Steel Unimounts, New Tarp



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2006 Midland Tridem Cross Dump Trailer, Air ride, Tarp



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2006 Advance Super-B Fueler Trailer - Tanker, 35500 litre lead, 30000 litre pup, Air ride, Alum wheels



\$47,000
1995 Advance Super-B Aluminum Fuel Trailer - Tanker, TC-306, A/R, 34000 litre lead, 28500 litre pup, Auto greaser



\$30,000
1995 Tremcar Tandem Stainless Trailer - Tanker, Air ride, 27276 litre (7205 USG), Alum wheels



\$28,000
1994 Tremcar Tandem Stainless Trailer - Tanker, Spring ride, 6600 US gal



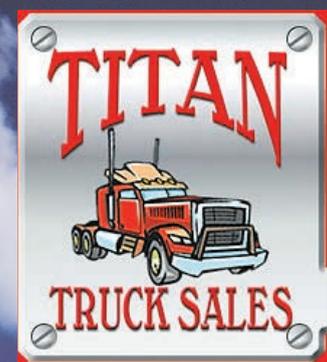
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1995 Krohnert Tandem Stainless Trailer - Tanker, Spring ride, 28185 litre, Alum wheels



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1983 Westank Super-B Lead Tridem Alum Trailer - Tanker, 33000 litre (8717 USG), Spring ride



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2007 WESTERN STAR 4900SA

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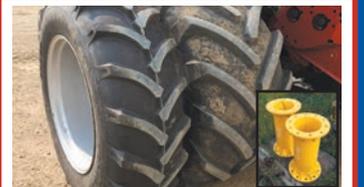
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2009 INTERNATIONAL 9900I 6X4

Tandem Axle Sleeper Tractor, Cummins ISX engine (500/530) HP, Eaton Fuller transmission (18 speed), Air brakes, 474923km, 12000 lbs front axle capacity, 46000 lbs rear axle capacity, 4-Way rear lockup, 51" Hi-Rise sleeper. Winnipeg, MB. Stock #0600-09B



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2009 INTERNATIONAL PROSTAR

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Tandem Axle Day Cab Tractor, N13 engine (450/450) HP, Eaton Fuller transmission (13 speed), Air brakes, 279000km, 12350 lbs front axle capacity, 40000 lbs rear axle capacity, Diff Lock rear lockup, A/C, Clean air engine. Prince Albert, SK. Stock #5022-14A



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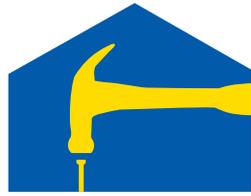


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2016 TIMPTE GRAIN HOPPER

Grain, 2 hopper, Air suspension, Tridem axle, Aluminum (polished out) rims, 20 Alum Coupler king pin, Tarp: Rollover Black, Hoppers: Ag Hopper - Divider in Front Hopper Black w. Interior Access steps, Width: 102in, Length: 48ft. Regina, SK. Stock #GB151557U

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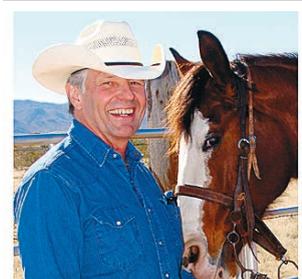
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Zookeepers rub elbows with farms

BY ED WHITE
WINNIPEG BUREAU

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Most zookeepers don't become farmers, but that's what happened to Tom Akre when he took over a biodiversity program at the Smithsonian institute.

It put the wildlife conservation manager into a rural community, surrounded by farmers and trying to work with hundreds more to encourage biodiversity in farming areas.

"The entire time we have been neighbours in the northern Virginia region," Akre told members of North American Agricultural Journalists April 23 at the Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington.

"And that community of people has supported the (Smithsonian) Conservation Biology Institute."

Akre is director of the institute's Virginia Working Landscapes, which tries to find ways to encourage farmers and other users of farmland and wilderness regions to support maintaining and encouraging native plants and animals on their land.

The institute took over a U.S. Department of Agriculture research farm in the 1970s and uses the 3,200 acres to produce forages and crops to feed the zoo's inhabitants and provide locations for the zoo's efforts to breed endangered species.

Employees of the Smithsonian farm know many local farmers, which helps them connect with people throughout a region that crawls up the slopes of the Shenandoah hills in the Appalachians west of Washington.

Akre said he has found that the key to persuading farmers to participate is to learn from their advice and provide suggestions that fit with a farmer's real life concerns.

"Working farmers need to be able to do things within the constraint of their bottom line. The only way ... to do it is in an incentive-based framework. That's been our experience," said Akre.

"It's about what the farmer wants to do."

Farmers who find ways to encourage wildlife while not undermining their farming operations tend to encourage others to do the same thing, he added.

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CONSUMER OPINIONS

Food centre to build consumer trust

Farm & Food Care Canada hopes the new centre will design strategies to raise trust in farming

BY ROBERT ARNASON
BRANDON BUREAU

Public opinion polls can be misleading, but it's hard to ignore a survey that produces the same result year after year.

For instance, a majority of Canadians consistently say they are worried about hormones in food.

"We've known since 2006 that almost two-thirds of Canadians have concerns about hormones in their food. That's not just beef. That's hormones in all foods," said Crystal Mackay, chief executive officer for Farm & Food Care Canada, a non-profit organization with a mandate of building trust in agriculture and food. "We haven't changed that number in 10 years.... It hasn't moved one percent. So obviously our existing communi-

cations efforts are either too small, or not being heard or not being believed."

Later this month, Farm & Food Care Canada will launch the Canadian Centre for Food Integrity. The centre will be a division of Farm & Food Care, specializing in research studying consumer opinions and developing strategies that build trust in agriculture and food.

"The big categories would be food safety, environment, animal care... and affordability.... The centre will focus on strategy and research to help inform. Farm & Food Care is the public facing brand, which will take the messages to the Canadian public."

The centre will be an affiliate of the U.S. Center for Food Integrity, a Missouri based organization.

Mackay is hoping to attract a ros-

ter of diverse members for the Canadian centre.

So far 18 organizations and companies have signed on.

"There's hundreds of companies and associations across the country, but it's a great first step," Mackay said. "This is a 25 year game plan, this isn't a six month ad campaign."

Mackay said the Centre is taking a value chain approach, where the 'agri' side and 'food' side of the agri-food sector collaborate.

That sort of partnership may be needed, given the recent and public battle between beef producers and Earls Restaurants.

In late April, Earls announced it would buy only humanely certified beef, but the product would come from Kansas because there wasn't a sufficient supply in Canada.

The Earls decision exploded in the media, as thousands of farmers and other Canadians vowed to never dine at the restaurant again. Earls quickly backed away from its plan but the episode exposed divisions within the agri-food sector, where a restaurant had a strategy to build consumer trust, but farmers had a different perspective.

Mackay said the Centre for Food Integrity will research issues like humane treatment of livestock, so everyone in the chain has the necessary information to improve messaging or bring about change.

The Canadian Centre for Food Integrity will be officially launched May 31 at its inaugural Public Trust summit in Ottawa.

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HUMAN HEALTH

Raccoon strain returns after decade's absence as rabies outbreak confirmed in Ont.

BY JEFFREY CARTER
FOR THE WESTERN PRODUCER

DRESDEN, Ont. — After a decade's absence, the raccoon strain of rabies is back in Ontario.

The province's natural resources and forestry ministry has confirmed 91 cases, all within 12 kilometers of each other, in an area near Hamilton.

"We will likely never know for sure the origin of these new cases, but it is most likely a long-range

translocation of a rabid raccoon from the U.S., on either a truck or train, is behind the cluster of cases in Ontario," said Jolanta Kowalski, a media relations officer with the minister.

"Given the experience we have from Quebec, we should be able to eliminate rabies from the Hamilton area in three to five years. Rabies is a fatal wildlife virus that can be transmitted to humans and livestock so it is always a public health and agricultural concern."

As well, two reports of fox strain rabies were confirmed north of Stratford.

Kowalski said the number of confirmed cases is expected to grow this year. However, the outbreaks are likely to be brought under control as the ministry steps up its vaccine bait program.

The number of confirmed rabies cases has been low in Ontario and across Canada in recent years, according to Canadian Food Inspection Agency data. No more

than 28 Ontario cases have been confirmed in the previous five years.

Ontario used to be known as a rabies hot spot with 1,500 cases reported annually. That changed with the introduction of the Onrab vaccine program.

The program distributes vaccine-carrying bait in areas frequented by wildlife when cases are confirmed.

"The MNR's bait drop program is one of the most successful rabies elimination programs in North America," Kowalski said.

"With the development of the Onrab vaccine, we now have the ability to use high density baiting to vaccinate 60 to 80 percent of the population that will prevent the spread of the disease."

Ontario has been home to the fox and raccoon rabies strains, as well as several bat strains. The fox strain tends to be carried by skunks.

All types can affect people, pets and other animals through exposure to the saliva of infected animals, especially if a bite is involved.

FOOD LABELS

U.S. politicians baffled by food labelling issues

Consumer demands are causing confusion

BY ED WHITE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. legislators are having trouble figuring out food labelling — in particular, what should be labelled and why it should be labelled.

However, they know there is likely to be more demand for it in the future, along with other demands that could affect how farmers farm.

“I think this is a real problem,” Minnesota Democratic representative Collin Peterson told a group of agricultural newspaper reporters April 25.

“It brings people to this debate that (don’t necessarily know or care about their positions’ impact on farmers.) If you get all these other people involved that want to bring in ‘sustainability’ and big farmers versus small farmers and GMOs and all this other stuff into the debate, it’s very hard to see how you work this out.”

Peterson was speaking about demands for GMO labelling on food packages as well as the larger issue of whether the U.S. Congress will be able to pass a new farm bill next year.

He and other members of Congress highlighted the divisive nature of the issues, such as genetic modification and animal welfare, and suggested it makes future farm-focused legislation more difficult to get through the complicated U.S. government structure.

Pat Roberts, chair of the Senate agriculture committee, talked about struggling to write a GM labelling law that both the House of Representatives and the Senate could support, but he also seemed frustrated by demands for “chicken enrichment.”



DEBBIE STABENOW
U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE

Deb Stabenow, a Democrat on the Senate committee, said the GM labelling bill was a tough debate with multiple contrasting viewpoints that were hard to resolve.

Peterson thinks the scraps over organic labelling, GM labelling and the use of terms like “natural” in product promotion are bad for farmers, but he blamed food marketers more than activist groups.

“All of this stuff is marketing. All of this stuff is created by people in agriculture sales that are using these things to get market share from each other,” said Peterson.

“This whole marketing that’s going on to try to get customers is causing confusion, in my opinion, with the consumers. They don’t really know what the heck is going on.”

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HELPING HANDS FOR FORT MCMURRAY



Deb McCormick of Nieboer Farm Supplies in Nobleford, Alta., points out various items donated to those displaced by the Fort McMurray fire. A 40-foot trailer was being loaded with needed items and driven to Edmonton. McCormick said donations have been flowing in steadily and the phone has been busy as people seek to help fellow Albertans in a time of crisis. | BARB GLEN PHOTO

AGRICULTURE IN RUINS

Syrian war inflames food shortage

ABU DHABI/HASAKA, Syria, (Reuters) — Syria’s war has destroyed agricultural infrastructure and fractured the state system that provides farmers with seed and buys their crops.

That has further deepened a humanitarian crisis in a country struggling to produce enough grain to feed its people.

The country’s shortage of its main staple wheat is worsening. The area of land seeded to wheat and barley has fallen again this year, said the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

The northeastern province of Hasaka, which accounts for almost half the country’s wheat production, has seen heavy fighting between the Kurdish YPG militia, backed by the U.S.-led air strikes, and Islamic State militants.

Farming infrastructure, including irrigation canals and grain depots, has been destroyed, according to the FAO.

It said the storage facilities of the state seeds body across the country had also been damaged, so it had distributed just one-tenth of the 450,000 tonnes of seeds that farmers needed to cultivate their land this season.

Farmers are also struggling to get their produce to market.

The conflict has led to the number of state collection centres fall-

ing to 22 in 2015, from 31 the year before and about 140 before civil war broke out between government forces and rebels five years ago, according to the General Organization for Cereal Processing and Trade (Hoboob), the state agency that runs them. Many of those lost have been damaged or destroyed.

The breakdown of the agricultural system means Syria could struggle to feed itself for years after any end to the fighting, and need a significant level of international aid, the FAO says.

It has had a major impact on plantings; the area of land sown with wheat and barley for the 2015-2016 season stood at 5.3 million acres, down from 6.1 million acres the previous season and 7.64 million in 2010 before the war, and only around two-thirds of the area targeted by the government, said the FAO.

The U.N. organization said its planting information came from the Syrian government. The government itself has not made public the figures for 2015-16 plantings.

The agriculture ministry could not be reached for comment.

“What concerns us is not the fluctuations from one year to the other, it is the worrying overall downward trend,” said Eriko Hibi, the FAO’s main representative for Syria.

The worsening wheat shortage is another blow to a country where the population numbered around 22 million before the civil war but more than 250,000 have been killed in the fighting and millions have become refugees.

Last year, farmers sold slightly more than 450,000 tonnes of wheat, a fraction of the 1 to 1.5 million tonnes needed to provide enough bread to government-held areas of the country alone, government sources and traders said.

Before the conflict, Syria could produce four million tonnes of wheat in a good year, with around 2.5 million tonnes going to the state and the surplus exported.

The United Nations said in January that some Syrians were starving in besieged areas under the control of rebel forces or Islamic State,

which it said were home to at least 400,000 people.

Faisal Hejji, a farmer in Ras al-Ain in Hasaka, said he had devoted 49 acres of land to wheat this season, down from 1,000 before the conflict.

“War has made us lose a lot of the necessary inputs we need and when we do find them they are pricey,” Hejji said.

His plight is typical of farmers across the country, according to the FAO, which estimated last year that Syria’s wheat deficit for 2015 stood at around 800,000 tonnes.

That deficit could widen every year should farmers continue to lack access to agricultural inputs and markets, it said.

“Many farmers don’t want to be displaced or give up their land, they want to stay as long as they can and in order to do that they have to be able to produce their food and make ends meet,” Hibi said.

Syrian farmers benefitted from the best rainfall in a decade last year and harvested around 2.4 million tonnes of wheat, significantly better than the drought-stricken year before but still around 40 percent lower than the pre-war average.

It is difficult to transfer wheat and other food from one province to another because of lack of security, Hibi said.

SYRIA’S ESTIMATED WHEAT SHORTAGE LAST YEAR WAS

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CROP INPUTS

Precision ag may shake up inputs sector

The new technology is intended to help farmers reduce crop input use, which could cause problems for the industry

IRLBACH, Germany, (Reuters) — Global pesticides, seed and fertilizer companies may be forced to re-engineer their business models as farmers adopt precision technology.

New businesses are springing up that promise to tell farmers how and when to till, sow, spray, fertilize or harvest based on algorithms using data from their own fields.

The emphasis on reducing the use of chemicals, fuel and fertilizer presents a challenge for an industry already struggling with weak agricultural markets worldwide.

“If our only goal is to sell as much inputs as possible by the litres of chemicals, I think we would have a real problem going forward,” said Liam Condon, head of Crop Science at Bayer, the world’s second-largest pesticides supplier.

Bayer bought proPlant, a developer of software for plant health diagnostics, earlier this year. Rivals are also investing in digital farming with the aim of generating service revenue that can offset any future drop in input sales.

After an aborted takeover move for Syngenta, U.S. seeds giant Monsanto says data science and services are the “glue that holds the pieces together” of its strategy for future growth.

Monsanto’s US\$1 billion purchase in 2013 of the Climate Corp., which analyses weather conditions, was the digital farming sector’s biggest deal to date.

DuPont is investing in digital farm management services under its Encirca brand, which it said in March had customers representing more than one million acres of farmland.

Monsanto’s failed swoop on Syngenta triggered a bout of merger and acquisition activity that has left the global seeds and pesticides industry in turmoil. The sector has annual sales of more than \$100 billion, while fertilizers are worth around \$175 billion.

Dow Chemical and DuPont are set to merge in the second half of this year while state-owned ChemChina agreed a takeover of Syngenta in February.

At the 2,400-acre farm in Bavaria where Juergen Schwarzensteiner rotates corn, potatoes and grains, satellite maps and software supplied three years ago by a unit of farming goods distributor BayWa have prompted many changes.

These include reducing the over-



Juergen Schwarzensteiner examines plants in a field near Deggendorf, Germany, April 21. | REUTERS PHOTO

use of nitrogen fertilizer — a risk to drinking water quality and the environment — and cutting down on other fertilizers.

“This plot has had top yields consistently over the years, where I used to just say, that’s great,” says the farmer, eyeing a red and green patterned computer map showing big discrepancies in how well plants are growing just half a mile apart.

“Then we got the digital maps and differences became apparent that were not clear to the eye before.”

Schwarzensteiner’s experiences using the technology have secured him a side job advising a farm in Siberia that is about 100 times the size of the one he manages at Irlbach, near the river Danube in Germany.

As well as BayWa’s FarmFacts, farm management software startups include Iowa-based Farmers Business Network Inc, backed by

Alphabet Inc. and investor Kleiner Perkins, and Missouri-based FarmLink LLC.

All aim to provide farmers with individualized prescriptions on how to work each field down to a fraction of an acre, using data they have collected on soil and weather conditions, the use of crop chemicals and crop yields.

Feedback from the farmers they have advised in turn allows the companies to fine-tune their computer models of plant growth.

According to market research firm AgFunder, venture capital investments in food and agriculture technology nearly doubled to \$4.6 billion last year, with “precision agriculture” startups raising \$661 million in 2015, up 140 percent from 2014.

Syngenta bought seven agricultural technology firms last year alone, AgFunder said.

For now, the main aim of these

companies is to help farmers using their drones, field robots, decision support software and smart irrigation systems to boost yields, said Carsten Gerhardt, a chemicals industry specialist at advisers A.T. Kearney.

“But in the mid- to longer term, I also expect there to be a reduction in the use of input factors by about 30 to 40 percent,” he added.

“There’s a risk for established players if digital services providers can convince farmers that they can settle for the second-best herbicide and show what really counts is a more precise way of using it.”

Eric Bartels, a partner at McKinsey who focuses on the agricultural industry, said developing new pesticides would help companies hedge against any drop in sales, however, because farmers will pay a premium to keep their fields pest-free.

Another question is whether today’s chemicals and farm nutri-

ents giants can capture the farm management software market for themselves. Gerhardt said digital startups would struggle to catch up with established players’ knowledge of plant biology and the farm business, and to build a global sales network.

But Rabobank’s farm sector analyst Harry Smit says crop chemicals and seed players diversifying into such services will struggle to be seen as providers of impartial advice.

That was one of the reasons why German grain and sugar beet seed maker KWS Saat, among the world’s top five seed makers, decided not to invest in digital farming platforms.

“Farmers want independence,” KWS finance chief Eva Kienle said. “They don’t want to get the impression they are being recommended a product just because the supplier is earning a profit on it.”

GRAIN HANDLING

Transportation agency adjusts rail freight rate index

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Canada’s largest railway companies have been cleared to charge more for moving western Canadian grain in the 2016-17 crop year.

In an April 29 ruling, the Canada Transportation Agency (CTA) confirmed that the volume-related composite price index, or VCPRI, will increase 4.8 percent as of Aug. 1.

The VRCPI is part of a complex regulatory formula that is used to

calculate maximum revenue entitlements, or MREs, for Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway.

MREs, also known as railway revenue caps, limit the amount of revenue that a railway can generate for moving a tonne of western Canadian grain over any given distance.

Last week’s VCRPI adjustment means that grain companies — and farmers by extension — will pay more to have grain moved on regulated corridors to export terminals

in Vancouver, Prince Rupert or Thunder Bay.

The 4.8 percent increase sets the VCRPI at 1.3275 compared to a baseline of 1.0 in 2000-2001.

In other words, regulated freight rates have increased by 32.75 percent over the past 16 years.

The VRCPI accounts for inflationary pressures on a variety of railway costs, such as labour, fuel, maintenance, capital costs and pension liabilities.

The CTA reviews the index every

year, essentially determining how much money railway companies can earn for moving a tonne of prairie grain over any distance.

Grain that is moved on non-regulated routes is exempt.

In its 2016-17 determination, the Canada Transportation Agency concluded that railway wages and worker benefits will increase by 1.4 percent, fuel costs will increase 1.3 percent and the cost of materials will increase 1.5 percent.

The agency also adjusted the

2015-16 VCRPI to account for the difference between projected costs as determined by the CTA, and actual costs based on data provided by the railways.

The VCPRI increase announced last week follows a 4.9 percent VRCPI decrease announced a year ago.

The index has grown at an annual average compounded rate of 1.8 percent per year since MREs were introduced in August 2000.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Engineering firm posts strong growth in Alta. recession

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Don't try to tell Alain Guerard the Alberta economy is enveloped in doom and gloom. He's too busy hiring engineering and other talent for the Calgary-based company he leads. In three years the company has grown to 23 employees from two and has multi-million-dollar projects in Canada and Mexico. "We've ended up bursting at the seams with work," said Guerard, chief executive officer and co-founder of Aval Engineering. For the 65-year-old Guerard, the growth of Aval, which is generating revenue in excess of \$30 million a year, has come more quickly than he expected.

"The biggest effort now is to structure Aval as a larger company," he said.

While the company plans to continue its focus on the power sector, with expertise in micro grid and transmission infrastructure, the last three years in Canada and Mexico has convinced Guerard

and partner Max Gutierrez, that project management is likely to be a focus of the future.

"Our vision (when the company was founded) was to focus on building transmission lines and focus on small projects, such as 30 kilometre transmission lines for mining projects or substations," Guerard said.

But Aval has since taken on larger projects in Canada and has started a Mexican division — something not envisioned by the partners when they formed Aval.

Aval's Mexican-based division, Canimex Ingenieria S.A., started work last fall on a U.S. \$20 million project near Monterrey, Mexico, which involves building a 400 kilovolt and interconnected 115 kilowatt substation.

The company's Mexican division is headed by Karin Gashus, a Canadian who retired to the coastal resort of Puerto Penasco. But, like Guerard, she has opted to go back to work from her new Mexican home and is one of five full-time Canimex employees.

There are many other opportunities in Mexico too, especially in areas such as micro grid and renewables development because country's manufacturing boom is outpacing its power infrastructure.

The company is also in discussions with a group in Peru about a project there.

Guerard, born and raised in a Montreal suburb, spent 27 years in the Canadian Armed Forces, and earned an MBA at Queen's University.

He retired in 1995 from the military after serving as the chief of

logistics for the Armed Forces, stationed at Borden, Ont. In that position he supervised 400 instructors in a training program that graduated 300 students a year.

After retiring from the military, Guerard worked with management consultants KPMG and later ran his own logistics consulting firm.

In 2005, he moved to the Calgary area to live closer to his adult children, he worked for two years as the manager of supply chain for the City of Calgary.

He later was hired on with engineering giant SNC-Lavalin, where he met Gutierrez and Gashus, and also made other contacts that have played a role in the success of his two companies.

While working for the City of Calgary he became familiar with the power of a business-to-business forum that allows participants to gain global contacts to gather ideas and opportunities, while remaining in Canada.

In 2008, Guerard went to Quebec City to attend Futurallia, a conference and trade program that has been held in the French-speaking world for years.

At the time, Alberta's economy was booming and he was having difficulty controlling the City of Calgary's procurement costs. At Futurallia, he and his staff were able to contact businesses and officials from Poland, Vietnam and other countries that could provide supplies and services at cost effective rates for his department.

"We found 30 or 40 suppliers we would not have known about otherwise," he said.

Now, on May 25-27 in Winnipeg, he is attending Centrallia, the English-language version of Futurallia, in Winnipeg. Event organizers expect more than 700 participants from throughout Canada and 30 countries to assemble for the event. It includes one-on-one meetings, sessions dealing with opportunities in the Arctic and the Americas as well as other components.

For Guerard, now heading a fast-growing company with global ambitions, Centrallia represents an opportunity to communicate with other business people who might be interested in working with his company. Alternatively, he may discover a new technology or approach that will enhance projects Aval and Canimex are involved in.

The Western Producer is a sponsor of the Centrallia event through its parent company, Glacier FarmMedia.

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ALAIN GUERARD
AVAL ENGINEERING

SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

From waste to mushrooms

An Olds College student uses spent brewing grain to grow mushrooms

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH

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OLDS, Alta. — Alex Villeneuve has always been interested in sustainability and diversification.

The 20-year-old Olds College student has used that interest to produce an award winning business concept converting spent grain from craft brewers into a substrate to grow mushrooms. In the final stage of the process the used grain is sent to the college feedlot.

"We'll take a product, upgrade it and produce something that is far more valuable to the feedlot and we can produce gourmet mushrooms," he said.

Villeneuve, owner of Ceres Solutions Ltd., was awarded the Alberta Innovates Venture Prize student award and received \$20,000. In addition to the money he will receive mentoring, business plan guidance and network opportunities.

When he started the Brewmaster and Brewery Operations Management course last fall, he wondered what breweries did with their grain after the beer was made.

The college feedlot accepts deliveries of the water-saturated product and Villeneuve realized it was a waste management problem for the dozens of craft breweries around the province.

"A lot of these nanobreweries are opening up downtown and it is pretty much impossible to get somebody in with a truck," he said.

A small brewery might have 20,000 pounds of spent wheat or barley and no one wants it. Composting companies charge to haul it away and few farmers want to go to a downtown brewery in Calgary or Edmonton with a large truck to haul away wet grain that decomposes quickly. It often ends up in a landfill and in the future, more municipalities will reject organic waste of this type.

Villeneuve said he has a better option.

Once the mushrooms are harvested, the leftover material will be checked for nutritional value and fed to steers at the college feedlot. The spent product has about 27 percent protein so formulations will be developed for a healthy feedlot diet.

With help from the Olds College Centre for Innovation and from research scientist Paul Tiege, they figured out how to pasteurize the grain as a substrate for growing oyster mushrooms.

His grandfather, father and brother have helped with the machinery to pasteurize the grain as well as preparing the substrate. They use recycled materials to sanitize the product and Villeneuve keeps the

grain inoculated with mycellium in old quart sealers from his grandmother.

"I've had a lot of help. It would have been completely overwhelming if I had to do it all by myself," he said.

The college provides building space for the work and the mushrooms are growing in two temperature controlled tents.

"We are intimately involved in these kinds of projects. It fits perfectly with the college's mandate," said Tiege.

"Primary production has always been the emphasis but in recent years we started paying a lot more attention to projects like this," he said.

"It dovetails so beautifully into the government's recent focus on building a bioeconomy," he said.

Villeneuve is also a culinary arts student at a college in Edmonton. He has fulfilled most of the requirements and hopes he can combine his knowledge of beer making and cooking into a diverse business.

At full capacity, his system could produce 1,900 kilograms of mushrooms at a time. He hopes to reach the point where he has a weekly harvest.

The mushrooms are considered a gourmet item and can sell for about \$30 per kilogram.

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SPECIAL REPORT: THE CATCH IS IN THE RYE

U.S. rye makers import rye from Scandinavia because of quality concerns, but a Canadian company aims to change that. | **Page 24**



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This Brasetto hybrid rye is growing near Riceton, Sask., on farmer Lee Moat's field. | MICHAEL RAINE PHOTO

AGRONOMY

A guide to big rye

Hybrid rye variety yields 100 bushels per acre in bad conditions and double that number in Saskatchewan test plots

BY RON LYSENG
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With a proven potential of 200 bushels per acre in prairie conditions, treating hybrid rye the same as conventional open rye varieties or winter wheat will guarantee you a disappointing harvest.

"We've seen 200 bushels an acre in Western Canada. That was at Indian Head. It was just kissing 200 bushels in research plots," says Ken Greer, owner of Western Ag Labs in Saskatoon. He adds that it's an expensive crop to grow and there's no room for cutting corners.

Lee Moats of Riceton, Sask., has been a grower of fall-seeded crops for decades, so it's no surprise he tried Brasetto in 2015.

Unfortunately, it was a year when weather messed up everybody's trials in southern Saskatchewan.

The old *Winter Wheat Production Manual* is obsolete when it comes to achieving the high yield potential of the new hybrid rye varieties, says Moats.

"Bushels require nitrogen. You can't grow 100 plus bushels of anything with the nitrogen you once put down to grow 70 bushels," states Moats.

We've seen 200 bushels an acre in Western Canada.

KEN GREER
WESTERN AG LAB

"There are similarities between the new hybrid rye and our other fall-seeded crops, but nitrogen requirement is a huge difference. What we're trying to find out is how hard we can push these new crops

to take full advantage of the genetic potential available to us. We know we've got to push them hard.

"Rye is more competitive with weeds than wheat, but we don't want to risk an investment of \$60 per acre in seed by letting weeds get out of control. You want to make sure you've taken care of your winter annuals."

As for staging the nitrogen applications, keep in mind that the crop will wake up in early spring and it will be hungry. Moats says it's best to put down some nitrogen in the fall just to make sure the plants have it come spring time. To hit those high yields, it's important

that the crop is never nitrogen deficient, not even for a day.

"So you want to get nitrogen on early in the spring, but do you put it all on at once in April or do you plan a split application? Right now, I don't think we know enough about the crop to say for sure. My feeling is do it all at once.

"But that brings up the obvious question of what rate. Western Ag Labs is working on nutrient requirements of hybridized rye. They have a model and they have a particular philosophy about

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LEE MOATS
RICETON, SASK.

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hybrids that's appealing to me.

"Hybrid rye has a unique ability to extract nutrients from the soil and Western Ag factors that into any recommendation. The ability to scavenge nutrients is better than for wheat, so you need to account for it."

Moats says he doesn't have an exact number, but it could be that hybrid rye scavenges nitrogen from the soil 20 percent more efficiently compared to wheat. He explains that Western Ag's nitrogen recommendations for hybrid rye are still based on assumptions for prairie conditions rather than actual prairie experience.

Here's another question. If hybrid rye really is that much better at extracting nutrients from the soil, will it leave your field in a state of nutrient depletion the following year?

"We don't have an answer to that either. We're still learning how to manage these hybrids in Western Canada. I think the information we're getting from Europe is important, but our conditions are different.

"We're much colder in winter. In some of the areas where they grow rye in Europe, they barely even have frozen soil. We have hard frozen soil every winter and it's for long periods of time.

"Cold tolerance must be considered. It looks like hybridized ryes have cold tolerance more similar to our winter wheat than to the fall rye we've typically grown here. So right now, we're still just a little speculative as to exactly what we should be doing."

When winter wheat growers inspect their crop in early spring, it often looks pretty scruffy. Rule of thumb says ignore it and go do something else so you don't dwell on it and then do something foolish. If left alone, the crop usually revives itself and turns out to be pretty decent.

Moats says winter cereals in general are very resilient. They have a great ability to come back. He thinks the same applies to hybridized rye, but he's not certain. As a crop update, he reports that the mild winter in the Riceton area was kind to his fall rye.

"The Brassetto and Bono crops on lentil stubble survived quite well. That's very intriguing. If they can survive on lentil stubble every year, that opens up a whole new production potential. The rye is already green and growing (April 5) so that's encouraging."

Edgar Hammermeister farms in southeastern Saskatchewan and is an agrologist with Western Ag Labs. He is working with Moats and other producers to develop prairie-relevant nutrient recommendations for KWS hybrid rye varieties.

Moats owns a Green Seeker leaf monitoring system along with a good collection of algorithms, and has used it on most crops he grows. However, Hammermeister explains, the device is of no value in their quest for better nutrient management information because there are no algorithms for hybrid rye in Western Canada.

"Rye has a very aggressive rooting

system. That includes conventional open pollinated varieties and hybrids. Relative to spring wheat, there's a two X (two times) ability of rye to obtain nutrients from the soil," says Hammermeister, explaining that winter crops always scavenge better than spring crops.

"Looking at our new generation of high output spring wheat, there's a nitrogen supply rate of 24 pounds. That's the amount of nitrogen the roots extract from the soil.

"For winter wheat it's 34 pounds. CDC Ptarmigan soft white winter wheat is 41 pounds. And for hybrid fall rye, it's such a new crop that we don't have a finalized model, but it looks like 48 pounds of nitrogen supply scavenged from the soil."

Hammermeister emphasizes the point that the new hybrid ryes can extract twice as much nitrogen from the soil compared to the best new generation spring wheat varieties. The advantage of any winter crop is they can do so much growing, first in the fall then in the April, May, June window when the moisture is almost always available. But if there's a winter/spring drought, these crops really take a beating because they expect the moisture to be there for them.



EDGAR HAMMERMEISTER
WESTERN AG LABS

"I've had that happen on my own farm. We had a bit of a dry fall. The winter wheat did get going, but then we had drought after the spring thaw. For fall-seeded crops, a drought in the spring is the same as a summer drought for spring-seeded crops. But it doesn't usually happen.

"For this growing season, I think there's enough moisture in the ground in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and most of Alberta. There may be some parts of Alberta where there's a concern.

"To make sure those fall-seeded crops get the start in life they need, you've got to make sure there's enough phosphate and potassium, especially phosphate to help build the crown."

Contrary to what many people have expressed about winter hardiness of the new hybrids, Hammermeister says the work they've done at Western Ag indicates they're not as winter hardy as conventional open pollinated rye. Their winter hardiness is closer to that of winter wheat.

"Those old fall ryes, you could really abuse them. You could put them on summer fallow and they'd come through the winter just fine. That was some hard core genetics at play. The hybrid rye needs a lot more TLC. You need to seed into stubble and catch some snow cover."

He says that come spring, you've got to get nitrogen on before all those other spring seeding tasks take over. A nitrogen release inhib-

itor is a good idea to protect the nitrogen for 10 to 14 days. But whether you put it all on at once or do a split, is a matter of logistics on each individual farm.

"With fall rye, you're aiming for high yield. Protein is secondary. Guy Lafond did some work with the Green Seeker and found split nitrogen can still influence yield in cereals up to the six leaf stage. Guy said nitrogen after the six leaf stage influences protein.

"The first issue is you don't want to put on the extra nitrogen unless you're pretty sure it's going to rain. The second issue is equipment and manpower. Top dressing generally comes at a time when you're still spraying.

"Winter crops set their tillers and their yield potential according to the fertility they sense in the soil. Later, if there are stress factors, that's when they decide how many of those tillers they want to support and keep alive."

Hammermeister reminds growers that millers hate ergot and hybrid rye is vulnerable to ergot. The longer flowering window opens up the ergot gate. The assumption that the earlier flowering period should beat the normal ergot season is wrong. Even with a tighter, shorter flowering stage, flowering happens at the exact same time as for many of the grasses. He says KWS plant breeders have tried to tighten up the flowering window to minimize the opportunity for ergot, but they still have a way to go.

How well the crop resists ergot depends to a great degree on how well it comes through winter, which is why snow cover, fall potassium and phosphate are critical. He says good fall fertility also helps the crop go through its growth stages uniformly and quickly.

Ken Greer, owner of Western Ag Labs, says there is a direct correlation between winter survival and ergot. Good winter survival results in lower ergot. He says that if the crop looks patchy and scruffy in the spring, the ergot load is going to be high.

"The crop won't be suitable for high end buyers who require zero ergot. That means you won't get the price you want. It's best to plow it under and seed a spring crop to make good use of the fertility you've already put into that field."

Greer says a crappy looking crop with high ergot potential is not likely to have good falling numbers. While higher falling numbers are a major sales point for hybrid rye, he adds that falling numbers do not create high protein.

"Falling numbers are higher in hybrids regardless of nitrogen or management. It's in their genetics," says Greer, adding that more nitrogen builds more yield if it's on early, but hybrid rye grain actually has lower protein in most cases.

"Distillers want low protein rye. High protein causes discolouring in the liquor and a lot of frothing. Distillers want a lot of starch and low protein. Some protein's OK for cattle, but you really don't want too much there either because it can cause bloating.

"Millers love hybrid rye because the falling numbers are so good,

and again the protein doesn't need to be high. The KWS ryes are bred in Germany where they want good quality for those dark rye breads. So really, you don't need protein for any rye market, but you do need to get a balanced fertility package on early to capitalize on the yield potential."

He says falling numbers in an open pollinated rye would typically be low if the crop got rain during harvest. The seeds start to sprout and when that happens, falling numbers fall dramatically, as happens with any cereal crop.

But going head to head, even in wet conditions, Greer says falling numbers of the KWS hybrids will always be better than population rye. It's not as if the KWS varieties are rain-proof, but they genetically have better falling numbers regardless of conditions.

"We've built a crop forecaster simulation model for hybrid rye. If

you handle it like cowboy rye, you're going to be disappointed. You're going to have an ergoty mess and it'll be less profitable than if you'd seeded population rye."

Greer explains that the yield potential is determined by water, so the key is to match nitrogen to water availability if possible. He recommends getting enough nitrogen on in the spring so you can stay away from split applications.

"Our number one rule with these hybrids is don't plant them unless you have a market. Keep in mind it's an expensive crop to grow. Seed is \$60 per acre and you'll need to spend a bunch on fertility. Make sure it pencils out before you decide because you'll fill your bins so quickly.

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TAPPING INFORMATION

Put data to work to reap efficiencies

BY ED WHITE
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Big Data holds the key to opening the profitability door during low price periods like now, says a major provider.

"Farmers in our view can thrive at these commodity prices, not just survive," said Ron LeMay, the chair of American farm analytics firm FarmLink (not the Canadian marketing company), to the members of North American Agricultural Journalists April 25.

"They can do very well, but they have to change, they have to change the way they are doing business."

Big Data is the term used to describe the streams of information many farming systems now produce, in everything from seeding rates to yields to storage conditions. When multiple sources are combined, the information can be more precisely tailored, which brings better results, proponents argue.

LeMay said U.S. farmers operat-



Farmers should learn how to make the best use of their farming data because operating as efficiently as possible can mean the difference between profit and loss in many cases. | FILE PHOTO

ing at the 50th percentile of efficiency made \$8 billion less than they could have last year if they had been as efficient as those at the 75th percentile.

A recent Iowa State University study found 27 percent of the state's corn and soybean acres were being farmed at a loss of \$100 per acre.

LeMay said raising the efficiency of farming on those acres from the 50th to the 70th percentile of efficiency would have slashed loss-making acres to only 2.8 percent.

Similarly, if those farmers could boost prices they receive by 35 cents per bushel by better marketing, which is possible, the loss-making percentage collapses to just 2.7 percent.

If farmers could both boost efficiency from 50th to 60th percentile plus gain 20 cents per bushel from better marketing, every loss-making Iowa acre would become profitable, LeMay said.

"There's a huge amount of revenue to be gained from that."

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DATA COLLECTION

Data used incorrectly worse than useless

Poorly set systems give incorrect information

BY ED WHITE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Garbage-in, garbage-out is a big problem for the Big Data revolution in farming.

Americans involved in trying to help farmers gain efficiency from data collection and analysis tools now available say many farmers aren't doing it right.

"We know there's a lot of farmers right now that don't have very clean data," said Mary Kay Thatcher of American Farm Bureau to North American Agricultural Journalists April 25.

"They just put it in there and they're making bad decisions because of bad data."

The streams of information farm machinery provides is only "actionable" if it is actually accurate, and that can't always be assumed, said Ron LeMay, the chair of FarmLink, a major provider of big data analysis.

If sensors and mechanical systems are not set right, the information produced can be worse than useless.

"We find farmers that are harvesting corn with their crop type



RON LEMAY
FARMLINK

set on chickpeas. Unimportant to them," said LeMay, noting that his firm often has to throw out 70 percent of the data it receives.

"If you're not controlling calibration point collection, and you're not assuring that machinery is in good shape, you're not going to get good data," said LeMay.

Often his company prefers farmers to have some monitors or sensors left on factory settings. With that known baseline, companies like his can apply mathematics to produce better results than poorly-set sensors.

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WEED OF THE WEEK: CANADA THISTLE

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One of Canada's nastier pests originally emigrated from Europe and then made its way west.

Its European name describes it perfectly: creeping thistle.

But Canadians have adopted it and call it their own — Canada thistle.

It likely arrived as seeds, but once started, it laid down roots and started to colonize.

Root buds will spread up to six metres, creating the term thistle patch.

But the real success of the weed comes from what its heavy roots can do when it comes to hunting for resources, especially water. The pest is able to send down its white, roopy roots as far as three metres, allowing it to grow through otherwise terrible drought conditions.

There was an old-fashioned cure for Canada Thistle, but it involved excessive tillage and, for smaller patches, this can still be an acceptable method of control.

Cultivation should begin in fall. It often takes several passes and should be done with an eye to keeping the plants from growing more than five to eight centimetres tall.

If they grow more than this the weeds will be able to store energy in their roots and survive the winter.

The problem with tillage is that Canada Thistle can reproduce from small root pieces, so the practice can also help spread the pest.

The weed can grow up to 1.5 metres high if its allowed to reach maturity and set seed, which can happen in as little as two weeks from emergence.

A mature plant often produces about 1,500 seeds, but can reach 5,000.

Flowers range from purple to pink or white.

The tufted, airborne seeds often germinate within a year but are capable of lying dormant, buried in soil for up to 21 years, waiting for tillage that will bring them to the field's surface.

Control can be frustrating — early spraying of established patch often only slows it.

The weed is most vulnerable to herbicides during the early bud

stage. After a short time of herbicide ingestion at this point, tillage can be effectively used. Several broadleaf herbicides suppress the weed through the growing season and glyphosate can be used in the fall to starve the plants out and allow winter to finish them off.

Applications of dicamba with mecoprop, DyVel DSp, or dicamba with MCPA are good bets. High rates of 2,4-D or mixes of clopyralid and imazethapyr, Lontrel and Odyssey, can give extended control but can also affect choices of the following year's crop.

Curtail, clopyralid and MCPA can be used in barley, oats, spring wheat, canaryseed, flax and timothy hay. When the weed has recovered after harvest, glyphosate can be effective.

Farmers can use Prestige, a mix of fluroxypyr, clopyralid and MCPA are effective in spring cereals, canaryseed, forage grasses and timothy. On the forage grasses, when used for seed, and canaryseed producers should recognize this falls under minor-crop use permits and can only be used for seed production, haying and grazing are not permitted.

Thifensulfuron and tribenuron, known as Refine SG, Deploy or Nimble, is another set of chemicals that can be used in cereals and some grasses. A variety of tank mixes can be used with this combination.

Pastures and hayland are not immune to Canada thistle.

Registered for suppression in pasture are Tordon 22K, which is picloram, on its own or with 2,4-D, that pairing is called Grazon. In either case manure from animals having eaten this combination should not be spread on cropland. A mix of 2,4-D and aminopyralid, called Restore can also be used, however the land should not be broken up and replanted to broadleaf crops for a minimum of three years.

Pre-harvest applications of glyphosate are effective, even more than if done in the fall. Producers need to remain vigilant about avoiding its use in cereal crops until these have passed below 30 percent moisture.

Herbicide tolerant crops can be used effectively to control the weed.

HEALTHY RATIIONS

Canadian wheat surpasses feed quality of most others

Wheat was tested for chemical and nutritional properties to improve digestibility

BY BRIAN CROSS
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An analysis of Canadian wheat suggests that the crop is an ideal feed ingredient for monogastric livestock species such as pigs and poultry.

Canadian Bio-Systems released the findings of its 2015-16 wheat survey this week and concluded that Canadian grown wheat offers nutritional and chemical properties as good or better than those recorded in wheat produced in other parts of the world.

The survey determined that wheat samples collected in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta showed significant differences in compositional quality, depending on the growing region and the variety sampled.

However, the overall conclusion is that Canadian wheat formulated into commercial feed rations for monogastric animals "meets and in most cases exceeds what has been reported for wheat in other parts of the world," including the United States and Europe.

"The 2015-16 survey results confirm that Canadian wheat is a high quality ingredient for livestock feed," said the survey.

Canadian Bio-Systems is a Calgary based company that researches and develops products used in feed, food, industrial and environmental applications.

Mark Peters, director of sales and marketing with CBS, said the sur-

vey gives researchers and feed formulators a better understanding of what needs to be done to get more nutrition out of locally grown feed ingredients.

"Our main focus at CBS is developing multi-carbohydrate enzyme technologies, so looking at how we can maximize the amount of nutrients that we can pull out of these feed ingredients... when we feed pigs and poultry," Peters said.

It all comes down to getting a more precise understanding of the components of what we're feeding and then looking for ways to release as much nutrition as we can.

MARK PETERS
CANADIAN BIO-SYSTEMS

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Samples were analyzed at the University of Manitoba for chemical and nutritional properties such as crude protein, starch, fibre and soluble and insoluble non-starch polysaccharides.

Peters said insoluble non-starch polysaccharides (NSPs) are of particular interest to feeders because the energy they contain are indi-

gestible and therefore can't be used by livestock without the help of specialized feed additives.

"Once we have that analysis... we can target those indigestible components and drive more nutrients out of those locally grown feeds," he said.

The survey found average starch levels of 55.5 percent, crude protein levels of 13.8 percent and NSPs of 8.4 percent.

Total NSP content comprised 21.9 percent soluble and 78.1 percent non-soluble.

Total phosphorus content was .36 percent, comprising .27 percent phytate and .09 percent non-phytate.

The survey suggested that starch, fibre, NSP and phosphorus levels were similar across all four provinces.

However, crude protein levels were more variable: 15.54 percent in Alberta, 14.21 percent in Saskatchewan, 13.39 percent in Manitoba and 11.97 percent in Ontario.

Hard red spring varieties are more commonly grown in Western Canada while soft winter varieties are more common in Ontario.

Peters said that despite regional variations and nutritional differences between wheat classes and varieties, Canadian wheat on the whole represents a good feed source with generally consistent properties.

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THE LAME BLAME GAME

Causes and treatments for cattle lameness vary but feedlot operators agree it is a major health problem. | **Page 62**



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PED

CFIA starts enforcing truck wash rule

Ottawa says it has no choice but to require hog trucks to be washed in the United States, but producers aren't convinced

BY **BARB GLEN**
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Western Canadian hog producer groups say the Canadian Food Inspection Agency is more intent on obeying the letter of the law than on keeping a deadly swine disease from contaminating farms.

As of May 2, the CFIA began enforcing regulations that require hog transport trucks returning to Canada to wash on the U.S. side of the border.

The enforcement replaces an emergency protocol that the CFIA put in place in February 2014, when the porcine epidemic diarrhea virus began infecting and killing millions of piglets in the U.S.

The emergency protocol allowed trucks to be washed in Canada where facilities are certified to eradicate PED.

Producer groups, swine veterinarians and the chief provincial veterinarians in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba all want the protocol continued.

"The CFIA (is) using a rather antiquated piece of legislation," Alberta Pork executive director Darcy Fitzgerald said May 3.

"It's not serving us very well. We've got a process in place, or we did up until yesterday, really. We did have a process in place that was amended ... that allowed us to wash in Canada."

Trucks washed in the United States must now be washed again in Canada because U.S. facilities may carry the virus and spread it on trucks through recycled water or less-than-stringent protocols.

"We know that there are standards here because we inspect for it," Manitoba Pork general manager Andrew Dickson said about Canadian commercial truck washes for hog transporters.

"Some of the wash stations (in the U.S.) use recycled water, so if you do go



Hog producers say forcing hog trucks to be cleaned in the United States will increase the risk of a PED outbreak in Canada. | FILE PHOTO

to a station, now you've got to worry if it uses recycled water. If it does, then you're probably going to contaminate the inside of that trailer."

PED is considered endemic in the U.S., and Dickson estimates half of all American hog barns have it. In contrast, there have been only five cases of PED on premises in Western Canada and all have been eradicated.

Millions of dollars have been spent on establishing biosecurity plans and protocols in Canada over the last two years to keep PED out. Fitzgerald and Dickson say biosecurity at U.S. truck washes is a concern.

"We have no idea what the U.S. stations do, so what we're saying is it introduces an element of risk that we don't need to do," said Dickson.

"Our sow herd in Western Canada

is naive for this disease, and if we get it, it's going to be really bad. Yes, we should be able to keep the disease off our farms if we follow the protocols, but we don't need to introduce extra risk."

Ontario has had more than 85 cases of PED and continues to battle the virus. Dickson said some of the problem in that province was caused by cross-border contamination, and Western Canada wants to avoid the same scenario.

"We're asking the federal minister of agriculture to intervene and use his good offices to try and figure out a solution, and we think there are maybe some ways of doing this that will help us achieve the objective of keeping this disease out," said Dickson.

"When we know something's

working, can we not figure out an answer to this thing?"

Fitzgerald said an amendment or rewrite of the pertinent legislation is needed, but as it stands, CFIA said it is obligated to enforce the regulations as they are written.

"Really, it's like, 'we don't care if we bring the disease into Canada, as long as we follow the rules,'" Fitzgerald said about the CFIA enforcement.

"We've spent millions in the last year and a half, getting people into biosecurity mode, and then the federal government just turns it around and says it's not an issue anymore so don't worry about it."

Dickson said 70,000 pigs are trucked into the U.S. from Canada every week, which results in a lot of truck traffic and risk that PED virus

will catch a ride back to Canada if trucks and trailers are not properly cleaned.

"It's not just the loss of the baby pig, and that's terrible in its own right," Dickson said.

"But it's the loss through the whole system. That baby pig no longer becomes a pig on a finisher barn. That finisher barn doesn't have the sales to the processing plant. The processing plant doesn't have enough pigs coming in, and in Western Canada, most of our processing plants are short on pigs.

"We don't need another challenge to our processing side. And then we lose exports. Most of our stuff is exported out, so that is less cash coming in."

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HEALTH OF ANIMALS REGULATIONS

Health regulation: what the law says on truck washing

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The Canadian Food Inspection Agency served notice that it began to enforce Section 106 (5) of the Health of Animals regulations as of May 2.

Since February 2014, trucks returning to Canada after hauling pigs to the United States were allowed to use a CFIA emergency protocol.

Rather than washing trucks in the U.S., it involved sealing trucks at the border and cleaning them in

Canada at a truck wash certified to disinfect.

The Canadian hog industry said the emergency protocol helped keep porcine epidemic diarrhea virus out of Western Canada. Now that protocol has been cancelled.

Here is what the relevant section, now being enforced, requires:

- 106 (1) Every carrier shall clean and disinfect every railway car, aircraft or vessel that has been used for the transportation of poultry or livestock.
- (2) Repealed
- (3) An inspector may order a person in charge of a motor vehicle that has been used for the transportation of livestock to clean and disinfect, within a specified period of time, the motor vehicle at the nearest place where facilities for that purpose are available or at such other place as the inspector may specify.
- (4) Repealed
- (5) No person shall bring from a country other than the United States a conveyance that has been used to transport poultry, ruminants, equines or porcines

unless it has been cleaned and disinfected.

- (5.1) No person shall bring from the United States a conveyance that has been used to transport poultry or porcines unless it has been cleaned and disinfected.
- (5.2) Subsection (5.1) does not apply to a conveyance
- that has transported Canadian porcines to a slaughtering establishment in the United States where inspection is provided by the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and

- that has returned directly to Canada from that establishment;
- that has not transported porcines other than those mentioned in paragraph (a) while in the United States;
- that is not licensed to transport livestock between locations in the United States; and
- from which as much manure as could be removed with a shovel and broom at an ambient temperature of 20 C has, in fact, been removed.

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MARKETING

Online service increases cattle sales options

AgriClear allows buyers to search listings that meet their specifications, while sellers can find a wider range of customers

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
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An online cattle marketing service is collaborating with the Canadian Beef Breeds Council to offer more sale options between willing buyers and sellers.

Open for business a year ago, AgriClear is an online service to market all classes of cattle in Canada and the United States.

Buyers can search listings that meet their specifications while sellers can find a wider range of potential customers.

Asking prices and selling conditions, videos, photos and health

information are provided. Negotiations take place between the buyers and sellers while AgriClear acts as a go between and ensures payment.

There is no fee to join but small transaction fees are charged.

This kind of marketplace should be a good fit for the purebred sector where producers may only have a single bull for sale or a full complement of replacement heifers.

"AgriClear really makes a lot of sense for this industry. We can really give them that secure marketplace to deal with anyone, anywhere," said David Moss, the company's

Calgary-based vice-president.

Purebred operators are already savvy marketers but this forum can take them beyond a small radius of local customers to anywhere in Canada or the U.S., he said.

"We give them that added protection of assured payment and we give them an expanded place to market their cattle," he said.

The beef breeds council representing 16 purebred associations considers it as another alternative to market cattle, although it is not likely to replace production sales or private treaty sales, said Michael Latimer, manager of the council.

"We are trying to provide as many

options as possible for our purebred members," he said.

"We have some of the smaller farms to some of the biggest purebred breeders in Canada utilizing it," he said.

AgriClear and the beef breeds council have also agreed to work together on marketing initiatives.

AgriClear is already providing a virtual marketplace to sell other classes of cattle from cull cows to feeders.

Sellers can add descriptions and video of animals for sale although those selling feeders have asked for a third party agent to describe them

for more credibility, said Moss.

There are no fees to register and a small commission is collected.

Up to date sales information from Canfax and Cattlefax is provided to give people pricing information. The site offers confidentiality but does get permission to pass on summary transaction information that may be collected for future price discovery data for research purposes.

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ANIMAL HEALTH

PRRS solution still evades researchers

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
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EDMONTON — Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome is among the most economically important diseases affecting commercial pig operations.

Known as PRRS, this virus probably costs Canadian producers \$100 million a year and is difficult to control because of its evolving nature. It causes respiratory disease in newborns and growing pigs as well as reproductive failure in pregnant sows. It has a significant impact on animal welfare and a farm's economic viability.

"Vaccines have really only been partially effective. They are available and they are used, but PRRS is still a major problem," Paul Stothard of the University of Alberta said during an infectious disease conference held at the university May 2-3.

"Genetics have been recognized for some time in determining how well animals do when they get infected with PRRS."

Researchers are undertaking genomic analysis because they know that some breeds of pigs are more susceptible than others.

For example, Durocs seem to be more susceptible to the PRRS virus, while Meishan pigs from China suffer less.

Researchers have learned that chromosome differences have a significant influence on how infected pigs might handle the disease.

Scientists have now started a genome-wide search to explain the variability in resilience to PRRS.

The identified markers could ultimately lead to improved animal selection, but more work is needed to see what makes these genes respond the way they do, said Stothard.

Ziqi Yang, a doctoral candidate at the university, said pigs may pick up a disease, but then secondary infections develop.

She is comparing sick and healthy pigs to see if there is a genetic difference. The next step is looking for biomarkers that can identify animals that are better able to respond to this mixed disease challenge.

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LIVESTOCK HEALTH

Lameness major issue in feedlots, says vet

Foot rot is the most predominant problem but a drier spring in many areas reduced the number of cases

BY **BARB GLEN**
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Lameness in cattle has replaced respiratory disease as the predominant animal health issue in feedlot operations.

Dr. Eugene Janzen, a professor of animal health at the University of Calgary's veterinary medicine faculty, said a good turnout at recent meetings showed producer interest in lameness and how to treat it.

"We were noticing that very little appears in the scientific literature about beef cattle lameness issues," Janzen said May 4 at a Lethbridge meeting organized by the U of C, University of Saskatchewan and the Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners.

Janzen said much of the available research on bovine lameness involves dairy cattle, so more information is needed on issues specific to feedlots and beef animals.

He asked three feedlot operators

about their experience with lameness.

Tyler Daniels, Richard McCord and Mike Sears each said the problem is significant in their operations, although this year's mild winter and dry spring have reduced the usual number of cases.

They said foot rot, digital dermatitis (hairy heel), toe-tip necrosis, injury and arthritis are the most common causes of lameness with foot rot predominant.

Actions taken will vary by feedlot, but animals identified as lame are usually removed from the pen and put into the "hospital" pen.

Treatment depends on the identified cause of the lameness, but animals that don't respond to treatment and reach the point where they cannot rise to eat and drink are usually euthanized.

McCord said animals with digital dermatitis respond well to treatment if it is done soon after the problem is identified.

He avoids pulling arthritic ani-

mals from the pen because the extra movement and handling in the chute can worsen the degree of lameness. Arthritic animals are monitored and removed only if symptoms worsen.

The three feedlot operators said treatment depends on the size of the animal and how close it is to finishing.



EUGENE JANZEN
UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

The withdrawal time for antibiotic treatment can't be accommodated if a steer or heifer is due to be shipped for slaughter soon and is

more than 1,000 pounds. In that case, the animal will be euthanized.

Animals lighter than 950 pounds may be offered to a local vendor or individual for slaughter without treatment.

Identification of the exact problem can be tricky.

"We're only as good as our pen riders, I guess," said Daniels.

Janzen asked the feedlot operators about treatment if large numbers of cattle have foot problems.

Sears said he treats the entire pen or provides medicated feed if 10 percent of cattle in a single pen are lame.

"I would prefer the feed medication, truthfully. It's easier and the results are better," he said.

Daniels said Holstein cattle tend to have more injury-related lameness than beef animals because they do more riding and bumping. As well, he said dairy animals in a feedlot have more cases of hairy heel.

None of the panelists said they

noticed a relationship between lameness and feed.

Daniels said chute-side databases help identify problems and track treatment, and many feedlots work more closely with veterinarians than they did 10 years ago, which makes treatment more successful.

Dr. Murray Jelinski asked what research feedlot operators would like to see.

"I'd like to see you spend money on the rancher ... and looking after problems at that level, before they get to the feedlot ... making sure the herds are on vaccine programs," said Daniels.

"It helps to access cattle directly, but they are naive cattle. When they hit the feed yard, they're like dynamite."

The operators agreed that maintaining pen condition and minimizing stress and handling are the best ways to reduce lameness problems.

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ROOKIE LEARNS THE ROPES



Tyler Kmita of Weyburn, Sask., spins a steer for his 11-year-old son Kegan to heel. The pair were practising team roping on May 3 in the Big Muddy Valley in preparation for the upcoming Saskatchewan High School Rodeo Association spring season where Kegan is a new member. | CARLA FROSHAUG PHOTO

POULTRY DISEASE

Chicken vaccine reduces antibiotic use, human food-borne illness



CHRISTINE SZYMANSKI
RESEARCHER

BY **BARBARA DUCKWORTH**
CALGARY BUREAU

EDMONTON — A new vaccine to protect chickens against campylobacter has been patented.

Researchers at the University of Alberta have been able to take a type of vaccine already used in human medicine and make an effective treatment that could reduce the need for on-farm antibiotics.

"You have to have a very inexpensive vaccine to give it to livestock," said Christine Szymanski, who works with the U of A's microbiology department as well as the University of Georgia.

Campylobacter jejuni is among the most serious bacteria linked to food-borne pathogens.

Consumption of contaminated poultry is a major source for infection, so elimination of this

bacteria from chickens would be beneficial, she said at an infectious disease conference at the U of A.

Her work focuses on using glycoproteins, which are proteins that have sugars attached to them. They do many important jobs for the body, such as helping the immune, digestive and reproductive systems.

Polysaccharides are turned into

vaccines through a chemical process and then transferred into a strain of E. coli to engineer a novel vaccine that does not disrupt the chicken's microbiome.

The success came when they were able to manufacture these cheaply enough to make the vaccine feasible for livestock.

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HORSE RIDING

Building saddles for females

A saddle maker keeps women in mind when designing his creations

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
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RED DEER — Men and women do not generally wear each others' trousers or shoes, so there may be a case for different saddles too.

"There is no guy wearing girl's breeches and then try riding in them. Something doesn't feel right," said Jochen Schleese at the Mane Event, an equestrian weekend in Red Deer April 21-24.

Schleese Saddlery makes saddles for women. The saddles are made to fit and can be adjusted for the horse's growth and development.

A lot of it comes down to ergonomom-

ics and with a properly fitted saddle it should be a pain-free ride for the person and the horse, he said.

"I don't want anyone to hurt their horse," he said. "If it doesn't fit me, it never fits the horse," he said.

Balance is key to riding and when the saddle does not fit, the harmony between horse and rider is affected.

The act of riding was developed largely by the military thousands of years ago. Balance was essential in mounted warfare, in which the rider used his pelvis to control the horse's movements.

Today, most riders are women who have different skeletal structures than men.

The male pelvis is balanced in the centre with a long tailbone and no birth canal, while women have more curvature in the lower spine and the buttock muscles are higher. Women also have a different femur position, so riding in the wrong saddle can lead to knee and hip discomfort. The wrong saddle can lead to soft tissue injuries, sciatica and collapsed disks in the lower spine.

When fitting a saddle, the upper and lower legs, hip circumference and thighs should be measured regardless of whether it is an English or western saddle, said Schleese.

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Designing a saddle for women includes many gender-specific features such as a wider front as shown here. Although this is an English style saddle, the criteria for finding the proper fit applies to western saddles as well. | BARBARA DUCKWORTH PHOTO

BULL HEALTH

It makes sense to do a breeding soundness examination

ANIMAL HEALTH



JOHN CAMPBELL, DVM, DVSC

We are approaching the breeding season for many cow-calf herds, and most ranches have already booked or will soon book their local veterinarian for a bull breeding soundness examination.

Breeding soundness examinations, also known as "bull testing," were initiated in the early 1950s in North America.

It appears that a fierce central Colorado blizzard in December 1949 was the major impetus for routine bull breeding soundness evaluations in the United States.

The blizzard resulted in severe scrotal frostbite in many bulls. The following March, Colorado A&M Breeding Service collected semen from 70 range bulls using an artificial vagina and discovered that 10 to 12 percent of them had poor semen quality.

Many of the standards that we currently use in Western Canada when evaluating the breeding soundness of bulls have been developed from the work of Dr. William Cates and Dr. Albert Barth at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

Their research and leadership, along with work done by other notable veterinarians across Western Canada, have led to the development of standards for bull testing that were updated as more research became available.

Barth finished writing the Bull Evaluation Manual in the spring of 1994, which is the ultimate reference document for most western Canadian veterinarians when it comes to bull testing.

Along with a committee of veterinarians from across Western Canada, he was also responsible for creating the standardized bull testing forms and system, which all veterinarians in Western Canada now use. These forms are distrib-

uted and managed by the Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners (WCABP).

We have been fortunate to have such strong research and leadership from Barth and other members of the WCABP, which have standardized the approach to testing bulls in Western Canada.

In one of the most recent supplements of the *Journal of Animal Science*, researchers from North Dakota State University have reported on research into why bulls have failed their breeding soundness examination.

Data was collected from five veterinary clinics and included 14,698 bulls in 1,374 groups. The researchers collected information on the numbers of yearling and mature bulls tested and the reasons why bulls did not pass.

The failure rate was 22.1 percent for yearling bulls and 11.6 percent for mature bulls.

Bulls that were presented for re-testing failed at a higher rate: 39.5 percent for yearlings and 38.6 percent for mature bulls.

There was no difference in failure rates between bulls that were tested as part of a breeding herd and bulls that were tested for a production sale.

Yearling bulls were more likely to fail for semen morphology and penile warts than mature bulls, while mature bulls had a higher failure rate for penile injuries and defects and issues with feet and leg conformation.

Bulls are a substantial investment for cow-calf ranches, and optimal fertility of cows and bulls is a vital economic component.

Cates and Barth emphasized that the breeding soundness evaluation is more than just a semen check. It also helps ensure that a bull is physically sound, able to complete service and has satisfactory semen quality.

Scrotal circumference is directly linked to the age of puberty and lifetime fertility of female offspring and has become an important criteria of all breeding soundness examinations.

Research by Dr. Cheryl Waldner of the WCVM showed that cows exposed to bulls with smaller scrotal circumference were less likely to become pregnant and had a longer

interval from calving to conception.

Data collected by Barth has shown that our selection for higher scrotal circumference over the years has created a steady trend toward bulls having larger scrotal circumferences in all of the major beef breeds.

Veterinarians who examine semen samples under a microscope find that some problems are

permanent, while others are short lived.

The western Canadian cow-calf surveillance project found that 87.1 percent of all producers ask their veterinarians to perform breeding soundness exams on bulls. However, the western Canadian cow-calf survey conducted by the Western Beef Development Centre found that only 64 percent of producers did so.

The old adage that a bull is half your herd is still true today. Breeding soundness examinations are an important tool to provide information that will help evaluate the fertility of bulls before the breeding season begins.

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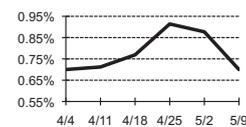
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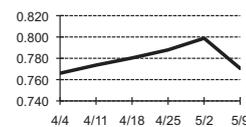
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The demand for hempseed in South Korea is thought to be driven by fears of contaminated fish following a nuclear power plant accident in Japan five years ago. Safety concerns have prompted consumers to seek alternative sources of protein. | FILE PHOTO

CANADIAN EXPORTS

Hemp takes off in S. Korea

Stunning hempseed home shopping TV debut leads to Korea-Canada export deal

BY ROBERT ARNASON

BRANDON BUREAU

A strange product appeared on a home shopping channel in South Korea last November.

It was hempseed, which was virtually unknown in Korea at the time.

The entire supply, nearly 10,000 kilograms, sold out in less than an hour.

The surprising response prompted more shipments of Canadian hempseed to South Korea and a distribution deal between Seoulution, a Korean firm, and Hempco, a hemp food company from Burnaby, B.C.

Hempco announced in late April that it would supply Seoulution with 30 tons of hulled hemp seed a month for the next year. The deal is worth \$3 million.

"As a major import and export company in Asia, we are going to... maintain the high demand for

hemp products in South Korea and further work with our partners in East Asia and Southeast Asia to expand (markets)," said Jon Lee, general manager of Seoulution.

The contract is significant for Hempco because the company recorded \$4.1 million in sales of hemp protein powder, hemp seed oil and hemp seed nut in the last fiscal year.

The distribution deal was a pleasant surprise because Hempco wasn't targeting the South Korean market. It had received a few emails and inquiries from Korea, which led to the first order for hempseed and the home shopping channel exposure.

"It (hemp) wasn't known well (in South Korea) until the last few months," said Hempco chief executive officer Charles Holmes, who was raised in Winnipeg.

"We were asking... the question, what's going on over there? Why all of a sudden this (interest) in hemp?"

Holmes learned that many South Koreans are seeking alternative sources of protein and healthy oils because they have become wary of fish after the 2011 accident at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan.

"There are lots of changes going on in their basic dietary plan," Holmes said.

"Hempseed, as they looked at its nutritional profile, lined up (as a substitute for fish)."

Hempco should be able to supply Korean demand for hemp food because there is a glut of hempseed in Western Canada.

Robust hemp yields and more acres than needed the last couple of years have filled up commercial and on-farm bins. Companies and farmers have enough hempseed in storage to possibly meet demand until the end of this year and maybe into next year.

Holmes contracts hemp production with prairie growers, but he

will also draw upon hemp stockpiles to satisfy Korean demand.

"I've (already) took about half a million pounds from that overstock," Holmes said.

"I'll be getting into the (stored supply) a little bit more."

Western Canada had 85,000 acres of hempseed last year, but that's expected to drop this spring, possibly dramatically, because of the glut.

The decline in acres is temporary because hempseed demand is expanding in North America and major food industry firms are looking at hemp as a food ingredient, Holmes said.

Holmes has lobbied a friend with a major food company for 15 years to consider hempseed as an ingredient.

"He (always) said it's not on our radar. He just called me two months ago and said, 'it's on our radar, send me some samples.'"

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AG STOCKS MAY 2-6

Weaker than expected April job creation lowered expectations for a June U.S. interest rate hike. The Canadian dollar rally stalled. For the week, the TSX composite fell 1.8 percent, the Dow ended down 0.2 percent, the S&P 500 fell 0.4 percent and the Nasdaq declined 0.8 percent.

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GRAIN TRADERS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
ADM	NY	38.20	39.94
AGT Food	TSX	40.06	40.56
Bunge Ltd.	NY	60.95	62.50
ConAgra Foods	NY	44.99	44.56

PRAIRIE PORTFOLIO

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Ceapro Inc.	TSXV	0.75	0.71
Cervus Equip.	TSX	11.00	11.71
Input Capital	TSXV	1.68	1.66
Rocky Mtn D'ship	TSX	6.80	6.34
Hormel Foods	NY	38.55	38.55

FOOD PROCESSORS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Maple Leaf	TSX	29.23	25.98
Premium Brands	TSX	58.89	54.12
Tyson Foods	NY	67.25	65.82

FARM EQUIPMENT MFG.

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Ag Growth Int'l	TSX	37.04	37.04
AGCO Corp.	NY	51.38	53.47
Buhler Ind.	TSX	4.86	4.81
Caterpillar Inc.	NY	73.36	77.72
CNH Industrial	NY	7.09	7.74
Deere and Co.	NY	81.45	84.11

FARM INPUT SUPPLIERS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Agrium	TSX	108.93	108.12
BASF	OTC	78.39	79.82
Bayer Ag	OTC	112.01	113.08
Dow Chemical	NY	51.16	52.61
Dupont	NY	64.26	65.91
BioSynt Inc.	TSXV	6.80	6.94
Monsanto	NY	89.75	93.68
Mosaic	NY	25.99	27.99
PotashCorp	TSX	20.53	22.20
Syngenta	ADR	80.65	80.57

TRANSPORTATION

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
CN Rail	TSX	76.65	77.26
CPR	TSX	179.32	181.03

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Maple Leaf profit up

(Reuters) — Maple Leaf Foods reported a better-than-expected quarterly profit, helped by higher earnings in its prepared meats business.

Adjusted operating earnings in the meat products segment rose nearly eight-fold to \$61.3 million in the first quarter, helped by lower operating costs and price increases.

Overall net earnings were \$42.3 million in the quarter ended March 31, up from a loss of \$2.9 million a year earlier.

On an adjusted basis, Maple Leaf earned 28 cents per share.

Total sales rose 2.1 percent to \$796.9 million.

INTERGENERATIONAL PRESSURE

Young farmers often live under parental microscope

MANAGING THE FARM



BOB TOSH, Bsc., PAg

I probably stopped paying much attention to my father's opinion when I reached 18.

Of course, I take a lot more notice of it now as I've become older and realize the value of his life experience.

However, back then I had left home, either working on a farm or attending agriculture college, and our worlds didn't come that close together. I went on to serve in the army, attend university, get married and have a family. I made my own decisions, made my own mistakes and moved away from the close proximity of my parents.

As an adult, I can't ever imagine having to ask my parents for money, have them scrutinize what I spent it on or ask permission to go on vacation or get a loan for a new vehicle. I also can't ever imagine my wife having to live and rear our children under the constant gaze of her mother-in-law.

And yet this is the reality for so many young farm families who stay on the farm to take over the business.

Cash is often tight, and it makes sense to build on the same yard as Mom and Dad or have Mom and Dad move off the yard to accom-

modate the next generation. Frequently, there is only one bank account, which is operated jointly.

And then there may be other things to consider, such as attitudes toward child rearing, money, alcohol, work and education, which may differ between generations and between families. How many times do I hear things like "they can't manage money" or "my son doesn't work as hard as I did?"

And yet the reality for most of the world is that the kids leave the nest so that they don't have to endure the constant judgment of their parents. True, they might still be exposed to an opinion or two, but they aren't living and breathing it on a daily basis.

I blame the "honeymoon period," which are the early days when everyone is getting along and decisions are made in the glow of family harmony. However, this only sets up families for failure later on.

There are three circles of the family business — family, ownership and management — and it's important to know in which circle decisions are being made. As well, no matter which circle you are making a decision in, remember that formality will always be your friend.

So before you build that new house on the yard, here are a few things to consider:

- Set boundaries around the overlap between family and business.

- Understand that everyone needs their own space.
- Keep in mind that the children are also adults who need financial autonomy.
- Recognize that your children won't simply accept that they are a source of cheap labour. They will want to manage the business sooner than you might want to let go of the management.
- Accept that your new daughter-in-law might not react well to your input on child rearing or whether she should work off the farm.

Elaine Froese wrote an excellent book on the topic, called *Farming's In-Law Factor*. I would urge you all to read it, but do so before you've

built that house next door.

Begin by reading the sections that apply to others and only later focus on the section that applies to you. This will perhaps help you understand other perspectives before simply looking to reinforce your own.

There will need to be compromise from all sides and an ability to communicate so that a difference of opinion doesn't become a personal insult. Don't set yourself up for failure. Put some rules in place before the first foundations are dug.

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GRAIN HANDLING

Glencore may sell bigger stake

LONDON, U.K. (Reuters) — Glencore is in talks to sell a further 9.9 percent stake in its agricultural unit, say two sources with knowledge of the matter.

The company is said to be negotiating with bidders who missed out on the 40 percent sold to Canada Pension Plan Investment Board.

Bidders include a different Canadian pension fund, state-backed Saudi Agricultural and Livestock Investment Co. and Qatar's sovereign wealth fund, the sources said.

The CPPIB agreed last month to buy a 40 percent stake in the unit, which includes Viterra, for \$2.5 billion, placing the equity value of the business at \$6.25 billion.

The unit is valued at closer to \$10 billion when inventories and debt are included.

The 9.9 percent stake is valued at around \$625 million.

Glencore had been aiming to close the deals at the same time in the second half of 2016, the sources said.

"Negotiations are ongoing," one said. "People who lost out are still trying to get on board, but Glencore will struggle to get more money for it."

The company announced its intention to sell a minority stake in its agricultural unit in September, after shareholder pressure to see it cut debt prompted a slew of measures including asset sales, reducing capital expenditure and suspending dividend payments.

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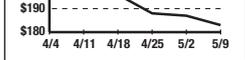
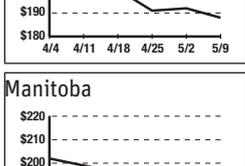
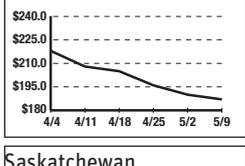
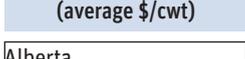
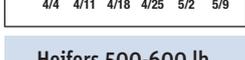
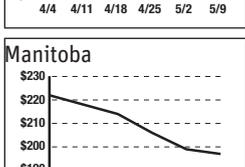
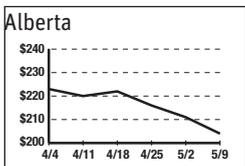
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Non-fed	114.2	+21
Total beef	707.0	+4

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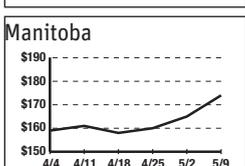
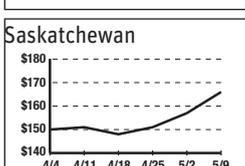
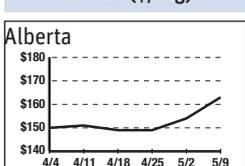
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Index 100 Hog Price Trends (\$/c/kg)



ELEVATOR SHIPMENTS

Slaughter Cattle (\$/cwt)

Grade A	Live		Previous	Year ago	Rail		Previous
	Apr 29- May 5	Apr 22- Apr 28			Apr 29- May 5	Apr 22- Apr 28	
Steers							
Alta.	151.40	n/a	201.45	256.00-258.50	251.00-278.00		
Ont.	137.38-157.38	137.87-155.88	198.02	248.00-255.00	248.00-269.00		
Heifers							
Alta.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	251.00-277.00		
Ont.	136.30-157.17	139.57-156.60	187.59	247.00-254.00	247.00-268.00		

*Live f.o.b. feedlot, rail f.o.b. plant. Canfax

Feeder Cattle (\$/cwt)

	Sask.	Man.	Alta.	B.C.
Steers				
900-1000	142-153	140-160	149-164	140-165
800-900	157-173	150-180	164-180	150-171
700-800	170-194	175-195	180-197	160-188
600-700	190-210	185-210	194-215	180-205
500-600	196-214	195-222	206-225	200-232
400-500	199-218	190-248	215-231	205-231
Heifers				
800-900	139-156	143-160	148-162	140-168
700-800	149-170	150-175	157-172	161-175
600-700	163-188	155-188	169-182	164-182
500-600	179-198	163-205	180-198	165-190
400-500	178-205	170-215	185-203	166-207
300-400	170-187	no sales	185-211	no sales

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Average Carcass Weight

	Apr 30/16	May 1/15	YTD 16	YTD 15
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Steers	912	870	939	878
Heifers	856	813	858	813
Cows	788	726	783	724
Bulls	1,002	1,024	1,032	988

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U.S. Cash cattle (\$/cwt)

Slaughter cattle (35-65% choice)	Steers	Heifers
National	127.74	126.92
Kansas	127.17	125.98
Nebraska	128.41	200.00
Nebraska (dressed)	127.62	199.79

Feeders No. 1 (800-900 lb)	Steers	Trend
South Dakota	134.50-153.00	+2/+4
Billings	139.00-140.00	n/a
Dodge City	133.00-138.50	Firm/+3

USDA

Cattle / Beef Trade

	Exports	% from 2015
Sltr. cattle to U.S. (head)	193,229 (1)	+14.2
Feeder C&C to U.S. (head)	89,596 (1)	-50.4
Total beef to U.S. (tonnes)	39,597 (3)	+9.7
Total beef, all nations (tonnes)	52,083 (3)	+6.2

	Imports	% from 2015
Sltr. cattle from U.S. (head)	n/a (2)	n/a
Feeder C&C from U.S. (head)	3,890 (2)	-9.2
Total beef from U.S. (tonnes)	37,431 (4)	-0.8
Total beef, all nations (tonnes)	66,871 (4)	+2.4

(1) to Apr 23/16 (2) to Feb 29/16 (3) to Feb 29/16 (4) to Apr 30/16
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(Hams Marketing)	Maple Leaf Sig 3	Thunder Creek Pork
Week ending	May 6	May 6
June 04-June 11	183.36-184.55	184.03-185.97
June 18-June 25	187.51-189.29	182.54-183.70
July 02-July 09	189.88-191.11	184.83-185.99
July 16-July 23	184.00-186.37	181.85-186.75
July 30-Aug 06	186.73-188.15	184.81-185.99
Aug 13-Aug 20	176.06-182.58	173.29-177.24
Aug 27-Sept 03	165.27-172.50	163.80-167.52
Sept 10-Sept 17	158.76-159.35	157.13-157.96
Sept 24-Oct 01	158.16-159.35	159.38-159.62
Oct 08-Oct 15	158.16-158.76	155.12-159.03

Hog Slaughter

To Apr 30	Canada	Fed. inspections only U.S.
To date 2016	6,817,293	37,977,300
To date 2015	6,585,988	37,678,501
% change	+3.5	+0.8

16/15 Agriculture Canada

Index 100 hogs \$/c/kg

	Alta.	Man.	Que.
Alta.	162.50	174.00	
Sask.	166.46	166.10	

*incl. wt. premiums

Hogs / Pork Trade

	Export	% from 2015	Import	% from 2015
Sltr. hogs to/fm U.S. (head)	332,774 (1)	-7.9	n/a	n/a
Total pork to/fm U.S. (tonnes)	73,989 (2)	+5.1	53,907 (3)	-7.9
Total pork, all nations (tonnes)	208,310 (2)	+15.1	61,406 (3)	-4.6

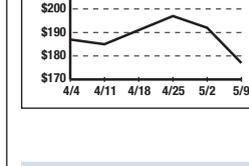
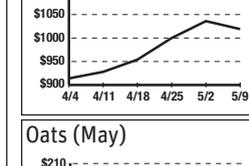
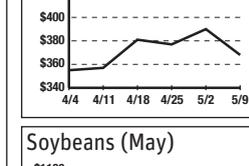
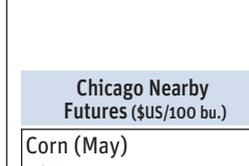
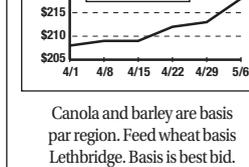
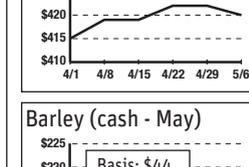
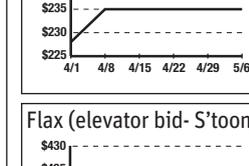
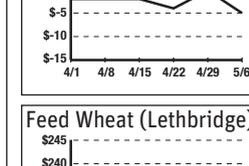
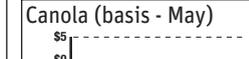
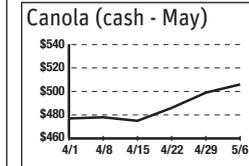
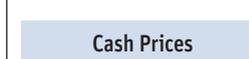
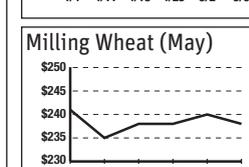
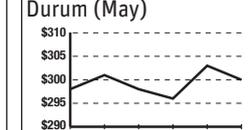
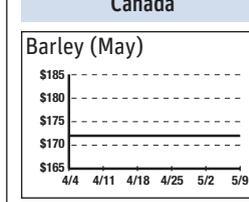
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Chicago Hogs Lean (\$/cwt)

	Close May 6	Close Apr 29	Trend	Year ago		Close May 6	Close Apr 29	Trend	Year ago
May	76.80	77.90	-1.1	80.85	Oct	70.30	69.73	+0.57	73.90
Jun	81.28	81.70	-0.42	84.83	Dec	65.05	64.40	+0.65	70.53
Jul	82.25	81.78	+0.47	83.93	Feb	67.95	67.18	+0.77	72.68
Aug	81.63	80.88	+0.75	84.23	Apr	70.73	70.08	+0.65	74.70

GRAINS

ICE Futures Canada



Pulse and Special Crops

Source: STAT Publishing, which solicits bids from Maviga N.A., Legumex Walker, CGF Brokerage, Parrish & Heimbecker, Simpson Seeds and Alliance Grain Traders. Prices paid for dressed product at plant.

	May 6	Apr 29	Apr 8
Laird lentils, No. 1 (c/lb)	80.00	80.00	80.00
Laird lentils, Xtra 3 (c/lb)	60.00	60.00	60.00
Richlea lentils, No. 1 (c/lb)	72.00	72.00	72.00
Eston lentils, No. 1 (c/lb)	65.00	65.00	64.00
Eston lentils, Xtra 3 (c/lb)	50.00	50.00	55.00
Sm. Red lentils, No. 2 (c/lb)	50.00	52.00	51.00
Sm. Red lentils, Xtra 3 (c/lb)	45.00	45.00	40.00
Peas, green No. 1 (\$/bu)	10.00	10.15	9.75
Peas, large, yellow No. 1 (\$/bu)	14.00	14.00	14.00
Peas, sm. yellow No. 2 (\$/bu)	14.00	14.00	13.00
Feed peas (\$/bu)	6.35	6.35	6.60
Maple peas (\$/bu)	11.00	11.25	10.50
Mustard, yellow, No. 1 (c/lb)	46.00	46.00	56.00
Mustard, Oriental, No. 1 (c/lb)	51.00	51.00	55.00
Mustard, Brown, No. 1 (c/lb)	36.00	35.00	37.00
Canaryseed (c/lb)	26.00	24.00	27.00
Desi chickpeas (c/lb)	31.00	31.00	31.00
Kabuli, 8mm, No. 1 (\$/mt)	1,058.20	1,058.20	925.90
Kabuli, 7mm, No. 1 (\$/mt)	815.70	815.70	815.70
B-90 ckpeas, No. 1 (\$/mt)	793.70	793.70	617.30

Cash Prices

	May 4	Apr 27	Year Ago
No. 3 Oats Saskatoon (\$/tonne)	129.38	130.49	124.68
Snlflwr NuSun Enderlin ND (c/lb)	16.65	16.50	20.70

U.S. Grain Cash Prices (\$/bu.)

USDA	May 6
No. 1 DNS (14%) Montana elevator	4.67
No. 1 DNS (13%) Montana elevator	4.37
No. 1 Durum (13%) Montana elevator	6.13
No. 1 Malt barley Montana elevator	4.80
No. 2 Feed barley Montana elevator	2.40

Grain Futures

	May 9	May 2	Trend	Year ago
Wpg ICE Canola (\$/tonne)				
May	511.10	498.70	+12.40	465.80
July	516.10	499.70	+16.40	457.80
Nov	507.10	496.00	+11.10	449.80
Jan	508.50	499.60	+8.90	451.60
Wpg ICE Milling Wheat (\$/tonne)				
May	238.00	240.00	-2.00	197.00
July	236.00	238.00	-2.00	200.00
Oct	233.00	233.00	0.00	205.00
Wpg ICE Durum Wheat (\$/tonne)				
May	300.00	303.00	-3.00	308.00
July	295.00	298.00	-3.00	298.00
Wpg ICE Barley (\$/tonne)				
May	172.00	172.00	0.00	195.00
July	174.00	174.00	0.00	197.00
Chicago Wheat (\$/bu.)				
May	4.4700	4.7700	-0.3000	4.7625
July	4.5650	4.8775	-0.3125	4.8100
Sep	4.6725	4.9850	-0.3125	4.8800
Dec	4.8575	5.1675	-0.3100	5.0500
Chicago Oats (\$/bu.)				
May	1.7725	1.9225	-0.1500	2.3200
July	1.8950	2.0550	-0.1600	2.3550
Sep	2.0100	2.1425	-0.1325	2.5100
Chicago Soybeans (\$/bu.)				
May	10.1875	10.3550	-0.1675	9.8300
July	10.2650	10.4375	-0.1725	9.7400
Aug	10.2875	10.4400	-0.1525	9.5425
Sept	10.2050	10.2900	-0.0850	9.4950
Chicago Soy Oil (cUS/bu.)		</		

MOTHER'S DAY

A bison calf stays close to its mother's side in a pasture north of Beason, Alta. Most cows will have all their calves born by mid-May in the Kleskun Hills. | RANDY VANDERVEEN PHOTO



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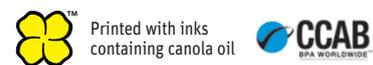
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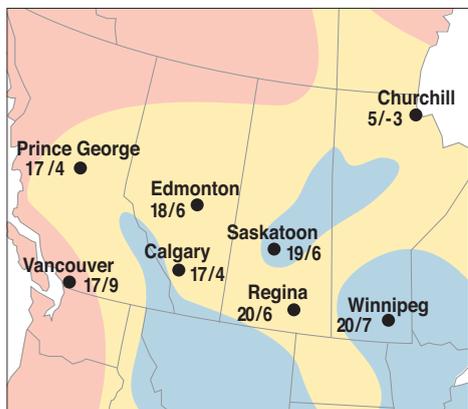
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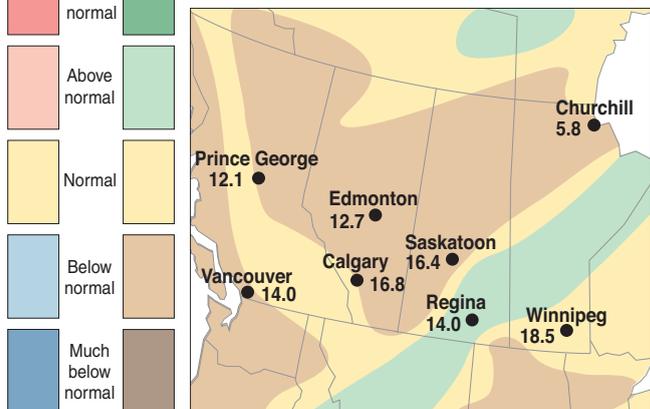


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TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 May 12 - 18 (in °C)



PRECIPITATION FORECAST
 May 12 - 18 (in mm)



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LAST WEEK'S WEATHER SUMMARY ENDING MAY 8

SASKATCHEWAN

	Temperature last week		Precipitation since April 1		
	High	Low	mm	mm	%
Assiniboia	31.6	1.1	0.2	12.7	38
Broadview	31.9	-1.2	0.2	30.5	78
Eastend Cypress	27.4	3.9	0.2	56.0	160
Estevan	32.9	0.3	0.5	26.8	70
Kindersley	30.7	2.8	1.8	26.9	91
Maple Creek	29.2	1.6	2.8	55.9	166
Meadow Lake	32.3	1.7	0.0	15.7	48
Melfort	32.4	3.2	0.0	13.5	42
Nipawin	33.0	0.1	0.0	24.4	78
North Battleford	31.1	-1.0	0.0	3.8	12
Prince Albert	33.1	-0.2	0.0	14.3	41
Regina	33.4	0.4	0.0	10.2	32
Rockglen	28.9	4.6	0.0	33.1	98
Saskatoon	32.6	2.8	0.0	3.3	10
Swift Current	29.3	4.4	0.2	21.6	72
Val Marie	30.4	-1.3	0.3	65.3	211
Yorkton	32.2	2.5	0.1	25.2	72
Wynyard	30.7	1.5	0.2	16.6	51

ALBERTA

	Temperature last week		Precipitation since April 1		
	High	Low	mm	mm	%
Brooks	29.8	0.6	1.6	24.8	74
Calgary	28.1	1.9	1.1	3.9	10
Cold Lake	29.8	4.3	0.3	27.8	79
Coronation	28.4	0.5	0.0	35.5	110
Edmonton	29.7	-1.8	0.1	7.0	18
Grande Prairie	27.6	2.6	6.3	19.0	64
High Level	30.6	-3.0	4.3	7.9	34
Lethbridge	29.0	1.2	4.8	22.9	58
Lloydminster	29.0	3.3	0.0	15.2	42
Medicine Hat	30.3	3.4	0.0	35.2	112
Milk River	27.6	-1.0	0.0	61.3	132
Peace River	29.8	-0.8	8.9	20.3	72
Pincher Creek	26.2	0.6	8.8	21.4	37
Red Deer	28.4	-1.8	0.5	12.8	32
Stavely	25.9	3.0	10.6	29.0	66
Vegreville	31.6	0.0	0.0	15.4	44

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MANITOBA

	Temperature last week		Precipitation since April 1		
	High	Low	mm	mm	%
Brandon	34.3	-1.3	2.8	37.2	91
Dauphin	34.8	-0.1	0.0	44.8	104
Gimli	33.8	0.0	0.0	55.4	156
Melita	33.3	1.3	0.6	25.0	65
Morden	34.2	-1.6	0.0	55.6	129
Portage La Prairie	34.2	1.1	0.0	47.0	105
Swan River	34.5	-1.3	0.0	20.2	48
Winnipeg	35.2	-2.3	0.0	48.3	117

BRITISH COLUMBIA

	Temperature last week		Precipitation since April 1		
	High	Low	mm	mm	%
Cranbrook	27.6	4.8	4.0	10.7	28
Fort St. John	28.1	-0.1	9.4	23.1	86
Kamloops	31.7	5.9	1.6	8.0	37
Kelowna	28.4	3.1	9.6	16.9	50
Prince George	25.7	-4.9	0.8	44.1	100



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