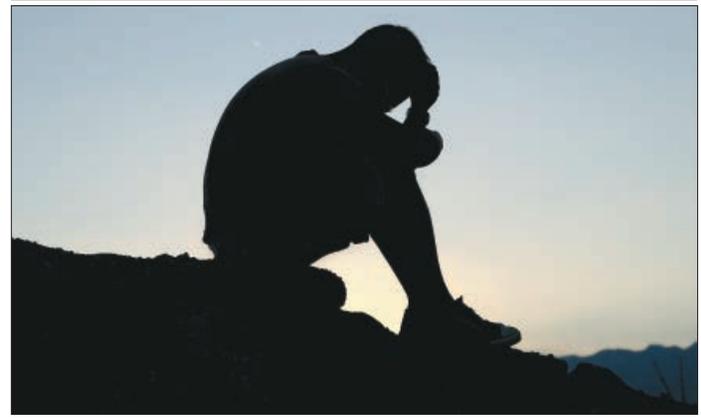


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FINANCE | INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Farm owner blames ownership rules

Broadacre Agriculture seeks bankruptcy protection | Pension fund ineligible to own land

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

One of Saskatchewan's largest grain farms could have stayed afloat if not for a wishy-washy provincial government policy, says the company's chief executive officer.

Broadacre Agriculture has been granted creditor protection by the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

after the company was unable to service its loans.

The firm has until Dec. 4 to figure out how it will pay its creditors and exit the grain business after amassing 65,000 acres of owned and leased land in the province over the past three years.

Broadacre CEO Gary Pike said it all could have been avoided if a Canadian pension plan was allowed to invest in the company.

The firm had a deal in place with an unnamed pension fund that was willing to inject much-needed capital.

"They were willing to take us to the next step," he said.

However, Saskatchewan's Farm Land Security Board killed the deal by ruling that the pension fund was ineligible to own farmland.

Pike is baffled by the ruling, considering that earlier this year the same

board ruled that the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board could acquire 115,000 acres of Saskatchewan farmland from Assiniboia Farmland Ltd. Partnership.

"All of this could have been resolved if (Saskatchewan premier) Brad Wall had a clearer policy on pension funds," he said.

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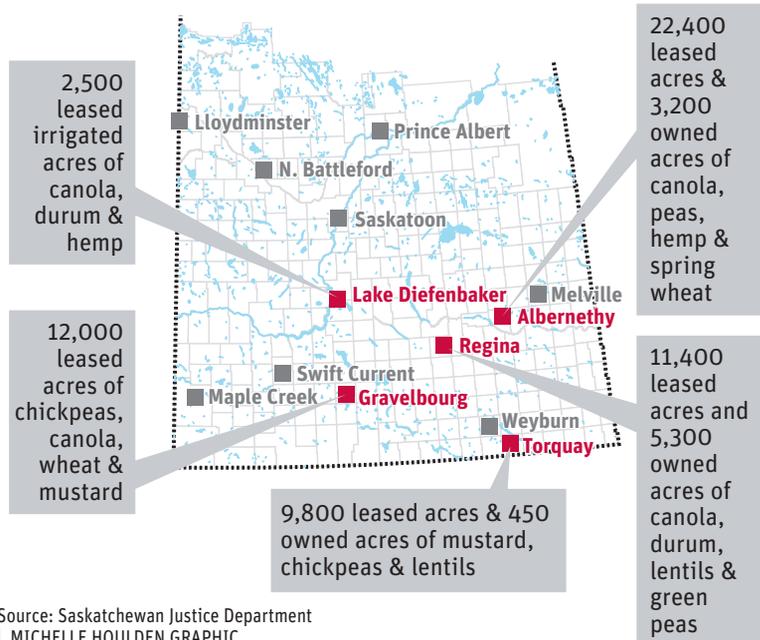
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Land ownership rules

"It's hard to figure out why some Canadian pensions qualify and others don't."

Mark Folk, general manager of the Farm Land Security Board, said the Saskatchewan Farm Security Act prevents pensions from owning farmland in the province.

The only eligible entities are corporations, partnerships, syndicates, joint ventures, co-operatives or another similar entities owned by Canadians.

"The Canada Pension Plan Investment Board is a rather unique structure that fit under a corporation and not a pension," he said.

The board, not the pension plan, owns the land and the board was deemed to be a Canadian-owned corporation.

Dan Patterson, former general manager of the Saskatchewan Farm Land Security board, said the optics are bad in this case.

Two of Assiniboia's principals have strong ties to the ruling Saskatchewan Party.

Doug Emsley, president of Assiniboia, once served as assistant principal secretary to the premier of Saskatchewan.

Brad Farquhar, vice-president of Assiniboia, is a former executive director of the Saskatchewan Party.

Patterson said the Farm Land Security Board is an independent tribunal that needs to distance itself from the government in such cases.

"My view is that the board has to be extremely careful in these situations to not just act independently but to be seen to be acting independently," he said.

"In this case, moving it to court to have an adjudication of the Canada Pension Plan issue would have been the wise thing for the board to do because then they would be seen

clearly as acting independently."

He said it is a "bizarre notion" that an investment board owns the \$234 billion in Canada Pension Plan assets.

Folk acknowledged that the board received a legal opinion from the justice department that factored into its determination, but the board made the final decision.

He said the Assiniboia case was handled like any other similar case and didn't need to be put in front of a court of law.

"Mr. Patterson has his opinion. That wasn't an opinion that the Farm Land Security Board agreed with," said Folk.

Pike is frustrated by what he sees as a double standard when it comes to determining who can own Saskatchewan farmland.

"This thing is something that needs to be straightened out," he said.

"What better place to have some of our pension plan working for us than in primary agriculture where there are opportunities to make money."

Patterson doesn't think the province should be heading down this road at all. The CPP's investment board has stated that it intends to invest \$2 to \$3 billion in farmland over the next five years.

He wonders how his young farmer neighbour near Moose Jaw, Sask., will be able to compete against a land buyer with those kinds of resources.

Patterson thinks allowing pension funds to buy land will accelerate the growth of corporate farming and the corresponding demise of rural communities.

"It will essentially change the face of Saskatchewan," he said.

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Chasing poachers: A Saskatchewan conservation officer writes about his years chasing poachers. See page 22. | RANDY NELSON PHOTO

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AGRIBITION THERAPY | Seven-year-old Quarter Horse Esprit is Mabel Elliott's personal demonstration horse. Elliot is preparing her animals for three shows a day at Regina's Agribition livestock event where she holds workshops for horse owners and trainers. Elliott brought her animals from Langham, Sask. Agribition runs Nov. 24-29 in Regina. | MICHAEL RAINE PHOTO

WEATHER | SATURATED GROUND CAUSE FOR ALARM

Spring floods appear likely in Sask.

Record rain last fall | Even with normal snowfall, there is no place for spring moisture to go

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

Record rainfall in Saskatchewan this spring and summer is causing concern heading into winter freeze-up.

The Water Security Agency said last week that some parts of the province are wetter than they were in the record-setting fall of 2010.

Rainfall amounted to 150 to 200 percent of normal across most of the province, particularly during the first half of the growing season.

It dried up a bit in September and October, but the subsoil in the grain belt is almost fully charged, said an agency report issued Nov. 20.

Doug Johnson, acting executive director of the agency's integrated water services, said eastern Saskatchewan is at particular risk because that's where soil moisture is highest.

If the coming snow pack is even close to normal, the flood risk is greater for next spring simply because there is no place for the water to go.

Fall conditions, the snow pack and how fast the spring melt occurs will determine the risk, and there are still too many unknowns to make accurate flood predictions.

Johnson said forecasts from Environment Canada and the U.S. National Weather Service and data from the Pacific Ocean currents are used to calculate snow pack.

"In terms of the Pacific Ocean currents, all of those conditions are really suggesting that the winter precipitation might be a little less than normal," Johnson said.

"Environment Canada, on the other hand, has conditions where they're calling for a little bit above normal precipitation."

The agency is expecting near normal precipitation until the end of January. Spring runoff reports will begin in February.

Maps provided by the agriculture ministry show topsoil moisture conditions are generally adequate with pockets of surplus moisture near Moose Jaw, Wynyard, Broadview and Moosomin. Some areas near Lloydminster, Outlook and Tisdale are actually short moisture.

"Current soil moisture conditions indicate that infiltration capacity will likely be minimal during 2015 spring runoff across most of the grain belt, unless a prolonged snow melt occurs in 2015," said the report.

"Exceptions may be the area extending from Hudson Bay to Nipawin and an area north of Lloydminster."

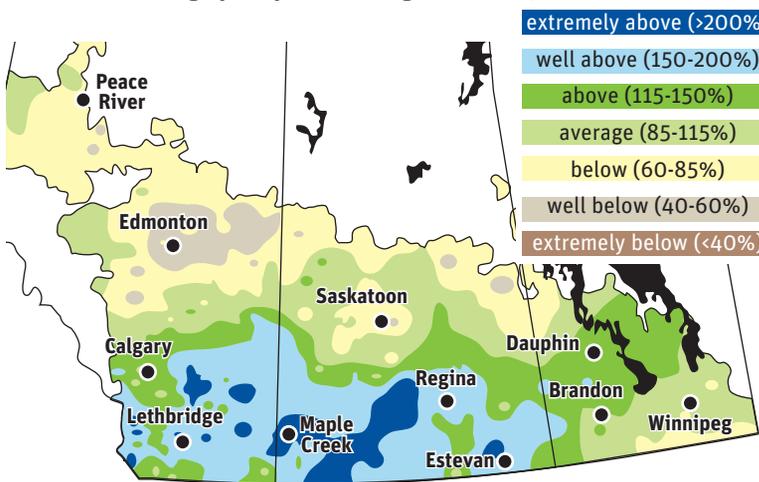
Johnson also said streams and creeks that typically flow only in spring and summer are still flowing now, which could result in thin ice. Some creeks in the southeast are flowing at record levels for this time of year.

Municipalities and residents who

SPRING FLOODS POSSIBLE

Although some parts of the Prairies saw rainfall drop as the growing season concluded, many regions saw up to 200 percent of normal precipitation in 2014. Saskatchewan's Water Security Agency says saturated regions, particularly the southwest and east-central, should prepare for potential spring flooding. The amount of snow pack and rate of spring melt will be critical factors.

Percent of average precipitation, Aug. 6 - Nov. 3, 2014:



Source: National Agroclimate Information Service (NAIS) | MICHELLE HOULDEN GRAPHIC

want to protect property by building temporary or permanent flood mitigation works can use the Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program, which offers cost sharing and technical support.

The government has spent more than \$30 million in the last four years on 600 permanent works, Johnson said. The program has paid more than \$14 million to 1,340 clients for farmyard work.

Johnson said the best case scenario for the coming winter would be a warmer, drier season similar to 2012.

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POULTRY | QUOTA AGREEMENT

Chicken farmers gain quota under new deal

Provincial allocation varies | Increasing pork and beef prices have boosted demand

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

Chicken Farmers of Canada has signed a new 10 year quota allocation agreement to increase production across the country.

All member provinces will receive more quota, but provinces with fast growing populations, particularly Alberta and Ontario, could get more.

A tentative agreement was reached last summer and the provinces were allowed to increase production at that time, said David Janzen, chair of the national organization.

The debate over providing more quota to some parts of the country, known as differential growth, had been on the table for six years.

Alberta Chicken Producers protested an allocation that was based on national supply rather than taking into account higher demand in the province. It withdrew from the national scheme last year but has agreed to the new agreement.

The latest allocation was decided Nov. 19 and offers 3.5 percent more production starting Feb. 22, which translates into 170 million kilograms.

"The market has been very positive from a competitive need," said Mike Dungle, executive director of Chicken Farmers of Canada.

"Increasing prices of beef and pork and lower supplies have created a really positive market for us."

Chicken consumption has increased steadily for several decades, and the organization wants to keep the consumer price at a reasonable level. The retail price of chicken increased three percent in the last year compared to beef and pork, which increased by 14 to 16 percent.

Hatcheries already plan to increase their output by three percent for the coming year.

"It affects related industries all the way down the chain: hatcheries, hatching egg producers, feed companies. You are going to be raising more birds," said Janzen.

The industry has also benefited from lower feed prices, which is a large input cost for the industry.

"The live price that we are selling chicken for is now the lowest in four years. That is a result of feed prices going down," said Dungle. "That does not relate into lowering retail prices."

To decide on allocation, farmers meet with processors and the restaurant sector every eight weeks to determine demand.

The decision is also linked to regular analysis of Canadian meat and food consumption.

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BANKRUPTCY | BROADACRE AGRICULTURE

Lack of capital to blame: Broadacre

Creditors owed \$46 million | Company must develop plan by Dec. 4

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Broadacre Agriculture's creditors will get paid and the company's shareholders will walk away with some assets, says the company's chief executive officer.

"We have \$14 million worth of crop that we're marketing now and we own a bunch of land, so we have equity," said Gary Pike, who is one of the firm's founders.

The Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta has given Broadacre until Dec. 4 to develop a plan for how it will appease a long list of creditors owed \$46 million.

More than half of that amount is owed to three creditors: Farm Credit Canada with \$14.8 million in loans, Wigmore Crop Production at \$5.17 million and De Lage Landen Financial Services Canada at \$5 million.

Jeff Wigmore, president of Wigmore Crop Production, said he has no answers about the demise of Broadacre.

"We were a really good retailer for them. They've been a good customer and now we're here," he said.

"Broadacre will hopefully be fair to its creditors, and they have good assets. We're looking forward to finding out the next chapter."

The court order allows Broadacre to continue normal business operations, temporarily stays all legal proceedings against the company and prevents payment of any amounts owing for goods and services received before the Nov. 4 filing date.

The court has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers to monitor the company's business activities.

"The decision to file for protection was not an easy one," Broadacre chief financial officer Andrew Marshall said in a letter to creditors.

"We filed for (Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act) protection to allow for breathing room while we assess the best course of action for the business in the future."

Broadacre was incorporated in 2010 as a company that was going to buy large tracts of land and exploit the economies of scale associated with running a massive farming operation.

The company made a big splash with the 2012 purchase of Wigmore Farms and its 40,000 acres of leased and owned farmland in southern Saskatchewan.

Pike said the business failed because it lacked access to the capital required to meet its growth objectives.

The goal was to farm more than 200,000 acres. Instead, it had 9,000 acres of owned and 56,000 acres of leased land in Saskatchewan.

Mother Nature wasn't accommodating, either. Crop production was constrained by multiple floods and a severe outbreak of aster yellows disease, which decimated canola yields in 2012.

Low elevator prices caused by an inability to move the 2013-14 crop



BROADACRE FARMS MAJOR CREDITORS

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\$14.8 million

Wigmore Crop Production
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ANDREW MARSHALL
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

also hurt profits.

Pike said Broadacre is a young company with a lot of leased land that was unable to withstand those challenges.

However, a disgruntled former employee believes the company's problems stemmed from bad management rather than poor weather and other circumstances.

"To go on record and say we haven't produced and had all this bad luck is complete hogwash," said Allen Blain, who managed Broadacre's farm at Gravelbourg until he was asked to resign last May.

He said farmers across Western Canada produced bumper crops in 2012 while Broadacre struggled.

Blain said problems included questionable crop choices, decisions made on available resources rather than sound agronomic practices, a lack of soil testing and excess spoilage in stored grain.

"It was an absolute mess based on management," he said.

Blain said the farm he ran produced two bumper crops despite being handcuffed by fertilizer shortages,

but other operations couldn't cover their expenses.

A court document filed by Marshall paints a grim picture of the firm's finances.

"The financial prospects of the company are bleak. It was already in a precarious position at the beginning of 2014 and it has continued in a downward spiral," he said in an affidavit.

Marshall said the troubles began with the first harvest in 2011, which did not generate a profit.

Poor weather conditions and a disease outbreak the following year slashed canola revenues to \$24 million from an anticipated \$40 million, forcing the company to ask shareholders for financial support to continue operations in 2013.

It secured a \$5.1 million loan from shareholder Kevin Ulrich at an interest rate of 10 percent per year.

The company posted a net loss of \$12.2 million for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013, and another loss of \$9.2 million the following year.

Broadacre secured a US\$1 million loan from Alan Boyce at 20 percent per year this past summer and \$2.6 million from shareholders and other individuals, referred to in the court documents as "related parties," at 20 percent per year in the fall.

The red ink continues. The company posted a loss of \$10.7 million for the first quarter of the current fiscal year and another seven million for

the second quarter ending Sept. 30.

This year's harvest is expected to generate revenues of \$14 million, which is lower than the previous two years because of extreme weather in June that caused a one-third reduction in total production.

The company managed to remain current on its equipment and farmland lease obligations, but on June 1 it was unable to make a payment on a \$1.9 million crop input loan from the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The bank sent a letter saying it was going to realize on its security and launched a lawsuit seeking payment on its loan. That is when things began to unravel.

On Oct. 15, the company missed a payment on a \$6.7 million crop input loan with Wigmore Crop Ltd. It was also in arrears on a \$14.8 million loan with Farm Credit Canada for buying land, buildings and equipment.

On Oct. 31, a number of shareholders and other individuals who contributed to related party loans for the purchase of Wigmore Farms demanded repayment of US\$9 million loans and C\$528,960 loans.

"The unfortunate reality is that the company has never been profitable and loss of the related parties support is a vote of non-confidence in the company's viability as a going concern business at this juncture," said Marshall.

Pike controls nine percent of Broadacre's voting shares, while the

shareholder with the most clout is KU Farm Holdings of New York with 68 percent of voting shares. It is followed by KJ Grain from White City, Sask., with 15 percent, Anthony Kym from Toronto with five percent and Giannou Alexandros from New York, who controls less than one percent of voting shares.

Pike said the New York investors are Canadian citizens who qualify to own Saskatchewan farmland.

The company has taken steps to address its financial woes, such as listing for sale 313 acres of the old Wigmore Farms land located adjacent to the Global Transportation Hub in Regina.

It has also been searching for a strategic investment partner since spring.

It had a deal with a Canadian pension fund, but the province ruled the fund was ineligible to own Saskatchewan farmland.

Pike said the company is using the court-ordered stay of proceedings to rent out land, get rid of equipment and exit the grain farming business.

He said the Broadacre situation will have no impact on Pike Farms and he expects his consulting firm, Pike Management Group, to emerge intact.

— With files from Barbara Duckworth in Calgary

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MIKE BERETTA, ONE EARTH FARMS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



LARGEST FARM IN CANADA | OUT OF THE RED

Size isn't always the answer: One Earth

Fixing flaws at ground level | New leader says farm proves big doesn't guarantee profits

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Bigger isn't always better when it comes to grain farming, says the head of a company that used to bill itself as the largest farm in Canada.

Mike Beretta, chief executive officer of One Earth Farms, says the business model is far more important than the scope of a company.

He said One Earth Farms was never profitable, even in its heyday when it was leasing 250,000 acres of mostly First Nations' farmland in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

"Last year, when we decided to exit our cropping operations, (it) was one of the better crop years, price- and yield-wise, in a long time, and One Earth still managed to lose money," he said.

"We couldn't make money even in a good year."

Beretta said some members of One Earth's board of directors told him shortly after he took over as CEO in 2013 that the mega farm was failing because it wasn't big enough.

"There was always this notion that eventually a certain number of acres will make you profitable," he said.

"We actually will have better returns this year on 4,000 acres than we ever did in all our other cropping operations, so I don't believe it's just

a scale thing."

Beretta isn't surprised to hear a similar rationalization offered for the failure of Broadacre Agriculture, a big Saskatchewan grain operation that was granted creditor protection by the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta Nov. 4.

Gary Pike, chief executive officer and one of the founding shareholders of Broadacre, said his company would have survived if only it could have accessed the capital to buy more land.

"We've been undercapitalized from day one," he said.

The goal was to farm more than 200,000 acres, but by the time the firm was placed under court protection, it owned 9,000 acres and leased another 56,000 in Saskatchewan.

"We knew we had to be larger to carry some of the overhead we had, and we were unable to raise capital. That's really the key issue," said Pike.

He blames the province's restrictive land ownership rules for preventing Broadacre from accessing much-needed capital from Canadian pension funds that were eager to invest in the company.

Pike said the land laws are holding back the province's agriculture sector, noting that foreigners are allowed to own other natural resources.



GARY PIKE
BROADACRE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

"The only area that is really capital starved is primary agriculture," he said.

Beretta doesn't think more land was necessarily the solution, at least it wasn't in the case of One Earth Farms.

The company has exited the grain business with the exception of 4,000 acres just outside of Edmonton and is instead focusing on selling natural and organic meat.

He believes One Earth's problems stemmed from a flawed foundation. "If you don't have the right culture and people, things can go awry," said Beretta.

"I'm very big on culture and people and relationships and partnerships, and the way One Earth had created it, it was strictly an employee-based scenario and there was little tied to performance."

A sense of entitlement permeated the business, which doesn't work

well for a company that was operating on a scale of One Earth Farms.

"It's like pouring gas on a fire."

Beretta took the company in a new direction. One Earth got out of its leases and redeployed the capital tied up in buildings, equipment and crop inputs into the cattle industry.

It has 35,000 head of mostly Angus cattle. A lot of the cattle are placed with Canadian ranchers rather than leasing land and hiring employees.

One Earth used the capital from its failed grain venture to acquire a federally inspected slaughter plant, beef brands, a catering business and a baby food company.

"We've managed to turn the company around. This year we actually are in the black, and we'll be finishing the year in the black, which is a far cry from previous years," he said.

Beretta has no interest in making One Earth the biggest cattle operation in Canada.

"We've proven that doesn't guarantee profits," he said.

One Earth would have ended up in the same mess as Broadacre if it had continued to pursue the size-matters approach to farming, he added.

"The problem is in that whole logic. We managed to figure that out a little earlier than them."

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AGRI INNOVATION | INFO

Reap profits from info, say data providers

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Data generated by farm equipment and technology such as field mapping and yield and input monitoring systems can help farmers boost profits.

That issue was the focus of a lot of discussion at both the Agri Innovation Forum and the Agricultural Excellence Conference Nov. 19-21.

"Data. Jeez, something you haven't heard about," Agri-Trend founder Rob Saik joked at the Agri Innovation Forum as he pitched his company's data system to venture capitalists. His pitch followed similar presentations by other hopeful Big Data providers.

Seven floors beneath the Agri Innovation Forum, the Agricultural Excellence Conference was also hearing plenty about the promise that some see farmers gaining from Big Data.

Scott Ostermann of Enns Brothers said data is being produced by farm equipment, technology and crop growing condition monitoring. The information from these machines, which is what is called Big Data, can also be combined for better farm management.

"If you can tie those three things together with an overarching data strategy, I think you'll... be in a position to cut your cost of production or increase production at the end of the day and make a more profitable farm," said Ostermann, whose company sells John Deere equipment.

Farmers can also remotely access and monitor grain bins, drying equipment and grain movement systems, and that data can now be combined and compared with numbers from other nearby farms and regions to see how a particular farm is doing compared to norms.

Entrepreneurs and farming visionaries see huge potential for creating "smart farming" through the integration of all these different systems, combined with analysis and the ability to respond to findings.

It could create great wealth for entrepreneurs who get the integration right and manage to convince farmers to use their systems. It's also what was inspiring the plethora of talk and pitches at the Agri Innovation Forum.

"Variable rate everything is coming our way," said Saik, who was asking for \$12 million to commercialize Agri-Trend's expanded Agri-Data subsidiary. "Farmers are going to need to manage this information in some way. They're going to need it so it's useable."

Conservis Corp. chief executive officer Pat Christie said tying all the data together is challenging but will be more important than just collecting data if advanced production and financial management is going to occur.

"The commercialization of these technologies into production agriculture, I would say, is more difficult than the technology," said Christie.

"All of these data systems have made their life more difficult. What we're doing is bringing it all together."

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BEEF SECTOR | MARKETING

Strong prices fail to spark expansion

Slow to rebuild herds | With beef prices so high, it is more lucrative to sell to the meat market than as a replacement heifer

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
 CALGARY BUREAU

All the pieces have come together for the Canadian beef industry this year, yet expansion does not seem to be in play.

Record returns in Alberta that average \$700 per head for cow-calf producers and more than \$200 per head for feedlots are an incredible turnaround from years of debilitating losses.

Alberta feeder steers, 550 pounds, have recently fetched \$281 per hundredweight, up from \$165 at the same time last year.

"This should be signaling mostly expansion signals. A lot of the benefit gets passed back to cow-calf operations," market analyst Brian Perillat of Canfax told the annual Canfax forum held in Calgary Nov. 18-19.

"We are just not there yet." "Next spring, if we see these continued strong prices, we will hopefully start turning that corner," he said.

Rebuilding may have begun in the United States, said John Nalivka, owner of Sterling Marketing Inc., of Vale, Oregon.

He estimated that cow-calf operators should clear \$700 per head this year, and next year should be equally lucrative.

Cattle in the 750-800 pound range have achieved record prices this year.

"It is simpler to say calves are worth \$1,500," he said.

These prices may normalize the traditional cattle cycle, which is a 10 to 12 year period in which the beef herd alternately expands and reduces over several consecutive years in response to prices and profitability.

However, the U.S. herd shrunk significantly from 1996-2003. A minor expansion followed for two years and then receded. Producers sold off cattle continuously from 2006-13 because of bad weather and poor markets.

The wild card now is drought areas such as California. The major cattle producing state of Texas is also dry.

"The forage may have been kind of OK, but there is no water. Without the water, the forage doesn't matter," he said.

U.S. producers sold off their cows but kept heifers during the worst of the drought years. The result is a youthful cow herd, which at 29 million is the smallest in 51 years.

"Cows are in good shape and there are not a lot of old cows out in the north 40," Nalivka.

"Guys have already culled through those cows and kept the heifers. They have a really nice herd of cows now."

Expansion will be slow at one percent a year for the next three years, which would increase the total U.S. beef cattle inventory to 90 million by 2017.

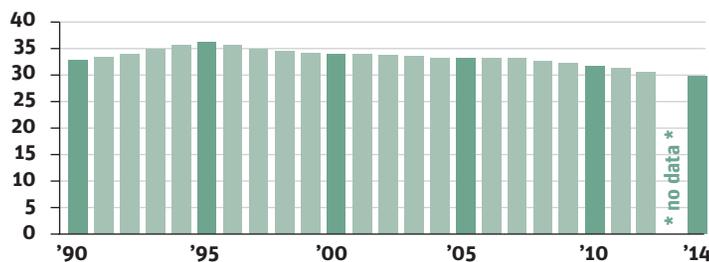


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AMERICA'S COW HERD YOUNGEST IN DECADES

Drought and high feed prices in the U.S. disrupted the usual 12 year cattle cycle, with the beef cow herd shrinking steadily since 1995. The U.S. cow herd is now the smallest in decades, but it is also the youngest herd.

U.S. beef cow herd as of July 1 (million head):



Source: USDA | MICHELLE HOULDEN GRAPHIC

On the upside, those remaining cattle are the most productive in history.

Each cow is producing more beef by weaning much heavier calves.

The same situation exists in Canada, where a record of 917 pounds was set last week for an average carcass. Perillat suspects those elevated weights will continue if prices for finished cattle remain strong.

"Next year we may see a record high carcass weight under these market conditions," he said.

With cattle worth so much as beef, producers have to think about the value of a breeding female. A bred heifer could be worth \$1,950 to

\$2,600 sold as a replacement, but it is likely to fetch even more if sold as a feeder at auction, destined for the meat market.

The result is that fewer cattle are being born, ultimately reducing the number of cattle being slaughtered.

Today Canadian packers are operating at about 82 percent of their capacity.

However, Canadian cattle slaughter could fall to 2.4 million head next year, which would push plants to the low 70 percent level.

As well, more than a million feeders, fats and cull cows were exported to the United States this year because feedlots and packers there are

scrambling for cattle.

Nalivka estimates packers have lost \$80 per head for the last five weeks.

The U.S. has the capacity to kill 28 million head per year, and packer utilization is at 86 percent. The industry would prefer 92 percent or better.

Fewer cattle means packer utilization will likely drop to 84 percent next year. However, feedlots in the U.S. are still profitable, exceeding \$200 per head this year.

Nalivka is not sure feedlots can maintain those profits because their break-even costs are increasing. Break-even was around \$1.40 per pound, but the current batch of cattle going on feed have a break-even of \$1.75 per lb. Feed costs are reasonable, but calf prices are high.

Feedlots and packers will likely start losing money next year as the price of feeders continues to rise.

Packers could lose on average \$2 per head this year and \$18 per head next year.

Canadian feedlots are making similar profits but there are other factors to consider, such as basis and the falling loonie.

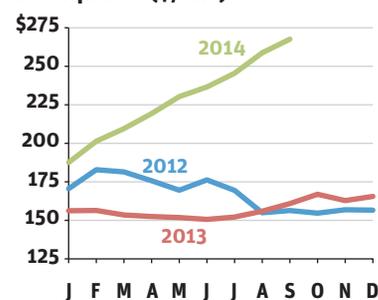
The top average price for a finished animal was \$1.85/lb. in April with an average price for the year at \$1.75.

U.S. feedlots have enjoyed strong futures-to-cash basis levels selling well above the futures prices, while Canadian fed animals are discounted.

RECORD CATTLE PRICES

With fed cattle prices at record highs because of the small North American herd, feedlots are enjoying strong profits, allowing them to bid up the price of feeder cattle to record highs, about 67 percent higher than last year at this time.

Alberta 550 lb. average steer prices (\$/cwt)



Source: Canfax | MICHELLE HOULDEN GRAPHIC

Cows are in good shape and there are not a lot of old cows out in the north 40.

JOHN NALIVKA
 STERLING MARKETING INC.

"When they are doing that and we are selling that much weaker basis, we are facing a discount," said Perillat.

Canadians are also watching the feed grain market. Corn prices have dropped substantially, but barley less so.

This year's barley harvest was small, but weather problems at harvest may see other grains graded as feed and added to the mix.

However, the Canadian dollar is falling, which positively affects the price of cattle in Canada.

Every one cent slip in the loonie against the U.S. dollar results in a five cent improvement in the Canadian calf price.

Competition from the grain sector is also challenging the Canadian beef industry. More land has been turned over to grain production, even though forage prices have been strong.

Aging producers may also think twice about raising more cattle.

"It is easier to sit in a GPS controlled combine rather than pulling calves," Perillat said.

Nalivka said the average producer is 58 years old. The cow herd may be younger, but the producers are not.

"It is not just demographics of the cow herd, but demographics of the people who run the cows," he said.

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RUSSIA | WEATHER

Russian wheat outlook dismal

Less than half of normal rain | Output of winter wheat could drop by five million tonnes

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Russia's winter wheat crop is in trouble, according to a Russian market research and consulting firm, reviving memories of conditions that eventually led to the severe 2010 Russian drought.

Dry conditions have dashed winter wheat yield prospects in the crop, which will be harvested next year.

SovEcon has not issued an official forecast for 2015-16 wheat production, but director Andrey Sizov's personal estimate is for 50 to 55 million tonnes of wheat, down from 59 million tonnes this year.

Production could fall well below 50 million tonnes if there is a lack of snow this winter and colder-than-normal temperatures, he said.

A dismal Russian wheat crop of 41.5 million tonnes in 2010-11 led to an export ban, which in conjunction with tight U.S. corn stocks and an El Nino that limited rain in South America helped send spring wheat prices skyrocketing to more than \$10 per bushel in early 2011.

Sizov said much-needed rain in recent weeks has led to an improvement in crop conditions in southern

Russia, which is the top exporting region.

However, he remains concerned about the central black earth regions because of a recent cold snap that has brought -12 C temperatures to an area that has no snow cover.

Overall, crop conditions are worse than average for this time of year.

"Wheat exports may drop to 15 to 20 million tonnes from 23 to 24 million tonnes in 2014-15, but currently I don't think that it will be enough to significantly boost world market prices," he said in an email.

Dale Mohler, a senior meteorologist specializing in commodity forecasting with AccuWeather, said it has been exceptionally dry in the upper and middle portions of Russia's Volga region.

Volgograd has received 74 millimetres of precipitation since June 1, well below the usual 160 mm.

"That's less than half of normal. That's pretty significant," he said.

As well, there doesn't appear to be much reprieve on the horizon.

"Over the next three to four months, I don't think things are going to improve. If anything, they might get worse or they could get a lot worse."

Russia could be in for some colder-than-normal weather this winter



The vast amount of Russia's wheat is fall sown. Dry, cold weather reduced germination and stressed seedlings. | FILE PHOTO

because of a system forming over Siberia.

"That's a bit of a concern. With the lack of precipitation, there's less snow cover or maybe no snow cover to protect (the wheat) against the winter cold," he said.

Ukraine's winter wheat crop is in better condition. The central and western portions of the wheat growing region have had adequate moisture. It is only dry in the northeast.

The country's agriculture ministry estimates that 11 percent, or 2.12 million acres of winter grain crops, is likely to be re-seeded next spring, which is fairly typical.

Richard Warburton, chief executive officer of Black Earth Farming, which owns 627,000 acres of Russian farmland, echoed Sizov's concerns about Russia's winter crop condition.

"It is exceptionally dry in our regions and that has affected our wheat crops," he said during a recent conference call with investment ana-

lysts to discuss the firm's third quarter results.

"It has had a big impact on most of the wheat crops in the central region."

Warburton estimated that 10 percent of the company's 103,000 acres of winter wheat are at risk.

Rainfall on the company's farm in the Lipetsk oblast is below 2010 levels and substantially below the seven-year average.

"We've had almost no rain since June and 70 percent of our hectareage now sits with a cumulative rainfall below 2010 levels," he said.

Sizov said another yield-limiting factor is the weakness of the Russian currency, which has made crop inputs more expensive.

"We are likely to see a decrease of overall rate of application and/or switching to cheaper inputs," he said.

Sizov anticipate growers will switch from brand name chemicals to cheaper Chinese generics.

RUSSIAN WHEAT

Russia's wheat production is variable with large weather impacts. A drought that began in 2009 and continued into 2010 slashed production. World wheat prices jumped when Moscow banned wheat exports to protect domestic consumers.

(Wheat production 000 tonnes)

2005-06	47,615
2006-07	44,927
2007-08	49,368
2008-09	63,765
2009-10	61,770
2010-11	41,508
2011-12	56,240
2012-13	37,720
2013-14	52,091
2014-15	59,000

Source: USDA | WP GRAPHIC

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FEED CATTLE | MARKETS

Dwindling cash trades spurs Canfax shift to contract tracking

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A new method of voluntary price reporting is now available in Canada.

Canfax has collected information on cattle contracts between feedlots and packers for the last month. It is confidential and released only to the feedlots that report to Canfax.

Canfax's market information was based on cash trade reports for more than 40 years, but trends in the last four years showed a sharp decrease in the cash market, said senior analyst Brian Perillat.

"We have seen so much of the feeding sector and packing plants do fixed basis contracts to one another," he said at the annual Canfax forum in Calgary Nov. 19.

Less information available in Canada and the United States made price discovery difficult. Cash settlements are used for government statistics, market analysis and insurance programs.

They are also used for negotiating base prices in a formula grid, in which cattle are either bought for delivery later or contracted to fit a certain list of specifications. A base price is negotiated and premiums or discounts are applied when the cattle are delivered to the buyer.

A contract is a good way to manage risk as the market continues to be unpredictable. However, the record high cash prices paid this year may



BRIAN PERILLAT
CANFAX

have been higher than some contract payments.

"In the last two years, the guys who had contracts did substantially better than the guys on the cash market," Perillat said.

The U.S. cash market has almost disappeared and the industry is getting concerned, said Stephen Koontz of Colorado State University's department of agricultural and resource economics.

He is conducting a study on price discovery for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Formula marketing comprises 60 percent of trade volume in the U.S. fed cattle market.

"There is no price discovery happening. We are using prices that are discovered somewhere else," Koontz said.

Prices may be based on the plant average or a U.S. Department of Agriculture regional price.

The U.S. has a mandatory price reporting process, but it does not offer timely information. The livestock industry lobbied hard to get

this scheme in place, but it has limited value.

"Mandatory price reporting tells us what happened. It does not show what is happening," Koontz said.

His analysis of the major beef producing regions shows Nebraska is among the few areas where cash bidding remains strong. Thirty to 40 percent of the marketings are negotiated cash trades. In other places, the ask and bid system is five to 10 percent of the market.

Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma have the most cattle in the country, and 90 percent are sold through formula arrangements.

"The overwhelming concern in this market is what is going on in Texas with the evaporation of cash trade. There is really very little cash trade going on in the southern Plains," he said.

The situation is similar in the U.S. hogs market. Less than 10 percent of hogs sell for cash. As few as two percent are sold for cash some weeks.

"Those negotiated prices provide the backbone of what is traded through these formula arrangements," Koontz said.

"They are usually tied back to some sort of lean pork price."

There are good reasons to negotiate contracts, especially for large feedlots.

Feedlots and packers know when cattle are ready for market, and they are sold at the optimum weight. This

is much better than holding them back and chasing the markets week by week, hoping to earn an extra few cents a pound.

Koontz said one of the most expensive employees in a feedlot is the person figuring out how to sell the cattle at a profit. Handling bids takes time, which could be better spent sourcing the most profitable cattle.

Contracts provide packers with predictable volumes and lower costs.

In addition, large stockyards are becoming too expensive to run. They are in danger of becoming redundant as more cattle are sold by contract.

Nevertheless, the industry still wants cash information to calculate the basis for formula transactions and obtain information to use when building forward contracts.

The catch is, people want the information but they do not want to participate in it or pay for data.

"We all want the information that

comes from the markets, but we also want the option not to use them."

As well, large volumes are needed to give negotiators a good sense of market trends. A limited amount of information results in errors.

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POTATOES | HARVEST

Record year for potatoes

Weather gives growers a boost | Yields up from five-year average

BY ROBERT ARNASON
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Canadian potato growers set a record this year: average yields were nearly 300 hundredweight per acre.

Statistics Canada said in its Nov. 21 potato production report that the average yield across the country was 298.2 cwt. per acre, which is up from 292.4 cwt. last year and up significantly from the 2006-12 average, when yields hovered around 280 cwt. per acre.

Statistics Canada said Alberta and Manitoba producers helped set the new record.

Manitoba's average yield was 312.8 cwt. per acre, a slight increase from the previous record of 310 cwt., which was set last year.

Alberta also set a new average yield record, hitting 361.2 cwt. per acre, which is up from last year's average yield of 357 cwt.

Kevin MacIsaac, United Potato Growers of Canada general manager, said excellent fall weather contributed to the record yields this year.

"Initially we did not expect yield to be this high," he said.

"What changed is that the weather came around at the very tail end of harvest."

MacIsaac said potato yields are increasing in Canada.

"There is no doubt in my mind that trend line yield will continue to increase each year following a pattern similar to the U.S.," he said.

"As growers continue to improve their skills and access to technology increases, so will their yields."

Reaching and exceeding an average of 300 cwt. per acre is important for Canada's potato industry because potato acres have been falling in many parts of the country. This year acreage was 347, 539, down from the more than 400,000 acres that producers seeded in 2006.

Manitoba potato acres have dropped over the last two years to 63,000 this year from 76,000 in 2012.

Canadian potato growers, particularly in Manitoba and Alberta, compete with Washington state and Oregon, where yields are higher.

Potatogrower.com reported that Washington growers averaged 605 cwt. per acre this year and Oregon producers averaged 585 cwt.

Potato processing companies such as Simplot and McCain's, which operate french fry plants in Manitoba, have been shifting production to plants in regions with higher yields because potatoes can be bought there at a lower cost.

For example, ConAgra recently spent \$200 million to upgrade and

expand its frozen potato plant in Boardman, Ore.

MacIsaac said the Pacific Northwest's proximity to the Pacific Ocean is another factor behind the production shift.

"The western areas are closer to the coast for export to Asia, where the big export market is today. That's the only part of the industry that's really been expanding," he said.

"The potatoes, plants and french fries are closer to the export terminals."

The good news for Canada's potato industry is that North American frozen potato exports are on the rise.

The U.S. Potato Board said this fall that U.S. potato exports set a new record for the 2013-14. Exports of frozen potato products increased by 10 percent compared to the previous year, and all potato exports jumped by seven percent.

MacIsaac said the first half of this year was tremendous, and Canadian frozen potato exports increased. However, exports slid in the second half of the year.

French fry exports were down 8.2 percent in the third quarter. A Washington longshoreman's strike and competition from European potatoes hurt shipments.

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In addition to its seed, hemp is grown for use in protein powders and other dietary supplements. | FILE PHOTO

CANADIAN HEMP TRADE ASSOCIATION | GROWING SECTOR

Hemp finding new customers as a source of alternative protein

BY ED WHITE
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It's a good time to be an alternative protein.

A reputation for being "overall wholesome" is also helping hemp products find a hungry market, a consumer market analyst told the Canadian Hemp Trade Association annual convention Nov. 18.

"We are seeing an increasing number of consumers who are looking for an alternative source of protein," Svetlana Uduisliavaia of Euromonitor International said.

Hemp has multiple human food uses, including protein powders, protein meal, dietary supplements, functional foods and healthy-seeming foods.

The crop is still an infant food industry in North America, after being legalized and adequately regulated in the late-1990s. However, it is appearing in an increasing number of human food and nutritional products.

Uduisliavaia said hemp is well-positioned to grow.

Hemp protein, pea protein and brown rice protein have found a growing demand in the protein products area, which was once dominated by men and weight lifters. The revival of protein as a positive food element has allowed its market to expand beyond muscle-focused men to include young, health-conscious women.

"We've seen a lot more products coming out and targeting women," Uduisliavaia said.

"We're seeing a lot of consumers outside of the core group — fitness enthusiasts, athletes, body builders — really moving towards protein products that are marketed as sports nutrition."

Many women are keen to consume non-meat and non-dairy protein, so "alternative proteins" such as hemp are being included in more products.

"We ... see a move away from milk-based protein," said Uduisliavaia.

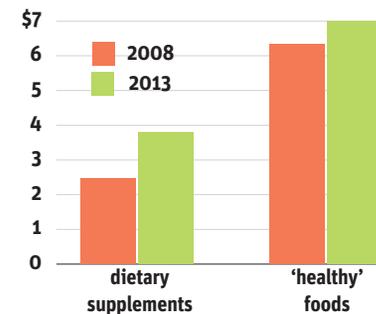
"Whey protein used to be the king of proteins, but this is no longer necessarily the case."

Hemp is also moving into the dietary supplement and functional food markets because of its heart-healthy reputation and claims.

Hemp can claim heart-healthy properties because of its omega oil content, but Uduisliavaia said an interesting development is the

SUPPLEMENT SALES SOAR

Foods with "heart healthy" claims dominate the sector and sales are growing, but sales of dietary supplements including hemp are soaring. (\$US billions):



Source: Euromonitor International | WP GRAPHIC



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EUROMONITOR INTERNATIONAL

growing success of products that don't push a particular benefit, instead presenting themselves as generally healthy.

The cross-functional benefits are often more attractive to consumers than a single-function approach.

"There is a combination of overall wholesome positioning, overall nutritionally-better-for-you product," said Uduisliavaia.

Functional food sales have suffered in the last few years in North America, stagnating and even falling in some areas after strong growth in earlier years.

However, dietary supplements have been booming.

"It's the dietary supplements that are seeing significant growth and are outpacing, in terms of growth, foods," said Uduisliavaia.

Hemp is a small crop and has only a small share of the market, but Uduisliavaia said it is on the right side of almost every trend. Alternative protein, non-animal, generally healthy products are all growing in popularity and demand.

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Uncertain U.S. ethanol mandate could shake up corn market

MARKET WATCH



D'ARCE McMILLAN

Ethanol policy, once the favorite child of American legislators, has become such a tinderbox of conflict that it seems no one wants to touch it.

However, problems with American ethanol policy must eventually be addressed, and when they are it will affect corn demand.

Canadian farmers have an interest in how this plays out because the corn market is the bedrock of all grain markets.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said last week that it was delaying its decision to set the corn ethanol mandate for 2014 until next year. That's not a misprint; they are going to wait until next year to set this year's mandate.

The EPA's decision to delay provoked a Buffalo-like snowstorm of news releases from interested parties, ranging from outrage to support to calls for legislators to revamp the whole program.

The history of this goes back about a year.

Last November, the EPA proposed reducing the 2014 mandate to 13 billion gallons from 14.4 billion.

The Renewable Fuels Association estimated that would reduce American corn demand by 500 million bushels.

The EPA argued that sticking to the 2007 law that set out a scheduled annual increase in the ethanol man-

date would have outstripped the ability of America's gasoline supply to accommodate the mandate at a blend rate of 10 percent.

Oil refiners support the idea of reducing the mandate, arguing the system that is used to regulate compliance is expensive and threatens the viability of some east coast refineries.

Some environmental groups are against the mandate, arguing ethanol generates more greenhouse gas than it saves.

Livestock feeders are also against increasing the ethanol mandate, arguing that ethanol's heavy demand on corn elevates the grain's price.

Ethanol production uses up 36 percent of America's



corn crop.

Ethanol makers and corn and soybean organizations support the mandate and argue that the fuel supply can accommodate it if the blending rate increases to 15 percent.

They also say that more pumps serve E-85, which is the 85 percent blend that flex fuel vehicles can use.

The EPA's proposal for cutting the mandate went up for public comment, and a final decision was scheduled for February, then delayed until June, and further delayed until September.

Now it's expected sometime next year. The EPA says its

proposal to cut the mandate generated 340,000 public comments, and the ongoing consideration of these issues forced it to delay making a final decision.

It will attempt to get caught up on the annual mandates by releasing targets for 2014-16 in the new year.

Trimming the mandate would weigh down corn prices, which are already weak because of the huge U.S. crop.

However, returning to the increases set out in the 2007 law would be positive for corn and potentially for soybeans by also triggering more biodiesel production.

Much rides on the decision, and everyone hopes the EPA soon sees up the courage to make one.

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CANFAX REPORT

NEW RECORD HIGH

Fed steers in Alberta posted a new record high last week at \$175.71 per hundredweight in light trade.

The U.S. cash live cattle trade was very light.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's mandatory price reporting service said Nebraska sold 2,503 head at US\$266.74 per cwt. dressed, or \$169.82 live, for a weekly total of 3,447 head.

Iowa-southern Minnesota sold 1,832 head Nov. 21 at \$169.45 live or \$267.12 dressed for a weekly total of 6,831 head.

In Canada, annual fed price highs have occurred in November or December over the past four years.

The show lists are becoming smaller, which should support prices, but many cattle are committed through contracts.

Cattle bought over the past couple of weeks were scheduled for slaughter during the first week of December.

U.S. packers showed interest, but no cash sale were confirmed.

The Alberta fed cash-to-futures basis closed at -\$17, which is still weaker than normal.

The cash-to-futures basis normally improves from November to December.

However, with so many cattle committed through contracts, the basis will likely remain weaker than the five-year average of -\$8.93.

The fed market is supported by the fact that cow slaughter is running six to 13 percent below last year.

The likelihood of rising fed cattle prices depends on whether competition from American buyers develops.

COW PRICE STEADY

The slaughter cow volume increased, as it usually does this time of year, but prices were mostly steady.

D1, D2 cows ranged C\$118-\$136 per cwt. to average \$126.25. D3 cows ranged \$100-\$120 to average \$110.17.

Rail cow bids were \$243-\$248 per cwt. delivered.

Butcher bulls eased slightly to average \$138.30.

Weekly western Canadian non-fed slaughter to Nov. 15 rose 15 percent

to about 9,000 head.

Weekly non-fed exports to Nov 8 slipped to 7,393.

FEEDERS RISE

The peak of the fall run might be over, but strong prices continue to attract an impressive volume of feeders to market.

Average prices rose \$1.50 per cwt. last week.

Stockers lighter than 400 pounds were fairly steady, and 400-700 lb. were about \$2-\$3 higher.

Competition for 400-500 lb. steers was hot, and prices rose \$4.88.

Feeders 700-900 lb. saw prices steady to moderately higher, with the exception of 700-800 lb. heifers, which surged sharply higher.

Yearlings heavier than 900 lb. traded mixed with steers \$2 lower and heifers more than \$3 higher.

Alberta auction volumes fell three percent to 72,940 head.

Weekly exports to Nov. 8 rose 13 percent to 17,176 head.

Auction volumes should ease.

Feeder exports are expected to rise, but that is not expected to affect prices or boost demand because most have already been through the auction system.

Bred cows were \$1,950-\$3,000 per head, and bred heifers traded \$2,000-\$3,175.

U.S. BEEF PRICE UP

U.S. cutouts rose about US\$4 with Choice at \$255.39 and Select at \$242.39.

American Thanksgiving was just around the corner, and beef was taking a back seat to turkey and ham at the retail sector.

Canadian cut-out values for the week ending Nov. 14 are unavailable.

The Montreal wholesale price for delivery this week rose to C\$310-\$312 per cwt.

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.

WP LIVESTOCK REPORT

HOGS STEADY

The U.S. cash market for hogs was mostly steady with supply and demand balanced in the week before American Thanksgiving.

Packers had most of their needs met, and pork values drifted lower, trimming packers' operating margins, although profits were still attractive.

The average live slaughter weight of barrows and gilts in Iowa-Minnesota was 284.7 pounds two weeks ago, down one lb. from a week earlier but up 3.5 lb. from a year ago. Iowa-southern Minnesota hogs delivered were US\$64.50-\$65 per hundredweight Nov. 21, steady from \$65 Nov. 14.

U.S. hogs averaged \$85.11 on a carcass basis Nov. 21, down from \$85.58 Nov. 14. The U.S. pork cutout dropped to \$93.39 per cwt. Nov. 21, down from \$95.93 Nov. 14.

The estimated U.S. weekly slaughter for the week to Nov. 21 was 2.232 million, up from 2.219 million the previous week.

Slaughter was 2.346 million last year at the same time.

BISON UNCHANGED

The Canadian Bison Association said Grade A bulls in the desirable weight range were as high as C\$4.55 per lb. hot hanging weight.

Grade A heifers sold up to \$4.35.

Animals outside the desirable buyer specifications may be discounted.

SHEEP STEADY

Beaver Hill Auction in Tofield, Alta., reported that 1,080 sheep and 106 goats sold Nov. 17.

Wool lambs lighter than 54 lb. were \$210-\$249 per cwt., 55-69 lb. were

\$221-\$252, 70-85 lb. were \$205-\$237, 86-105 lb. were \$180-\$204 and 106 lb. and heavier were \$175-\$200.

Wool rams were \$55-\$260 per cwt. Cull ewes were \$47-\$72.50 and bred ewes were \$100-\$225 per head.

Hair lambs lighter than 54 lb. were \$150-\$195 per cwt., 55-69 lb. were \$165-\$190, 70-85 lb. were \$180-\$200, 86-105 lb. were \$166-\$180 and 106 lb. and heavier were \$160-\$177.

Hair rams were \$52-\$110 per cwt. Cull ewes were \$49-\$75.

Feeder kids lighter than 60 lb. were \$170-\$195. Good kid goats lighter than 70 lb. were \$190-\$225. Those heavier than 70 lb. were \$190-\$225 per cwt. Nannies were \$45-\$70 per cwt. Billies were \$100-\$130.

Ontario Stockyards Inc. reported that 1,140 sheep and lambs and 85 goats traded Nov. 17. All classes of lambs, sheep and goats sold on a good demand at steady prices.

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FUSARIUM | CONTROL

Zero tolerance on pedigreed seed unfair, curbs variety development

Alberta legislators should change an ineffective law designed to hold back the advance of fusarium.

The crop disease's ability to downgrade grain costs growers hundreds of millions of dollars, and management strategies are needed.

However, it is now in many areas of Alberta, and restrictions on selling fusarium-infected seed are an unfair and unnecessary burden on the domestic pedigreed seed industry.

The provincial government made a commendable effort to block fusarium, but like King Canute's effort to resist the ocean's tides, the province's effort proved futile.

In 2002, Alberta named fusarium graminearum a prohibited pest and established a fusarium management plan. Graminearum is the most aggressive of the species that caused fusarium head blight, and it was logical to try to prevent its introduction through restrictions on selling seed with traces of the disease.

Fusarium had occasionally been detected in Manitoba in the middle of the last century, but it did not become a serious disease there until the 1990s. Soon it was also spreading through Saskatchewan.

The drier climate of the western Prairies had provided a level of protection against the disease, which thrives in moist conditions.

However, the wetter growing conditions of recent years encouraged fusarium to take up residence in Alberta. Its further spread now has more to do with the weather than the seed's inoculum load.

However, pedigreed seed growers are still required to sell only fusarium-free seed.

Growers with infected crops must either try to sell it in Saskatchewan or Manitoba, where there are no restrictions, or sell it as commercial grain at a much lower price.

Meanwhile, the fusarium regulation isn't enforced on sellers of common seed. Their seed is untested, and so buyers have no idea of the inoculum load in those sales. For that mat-

ter, there is little enforcement and testing on pedigreed growers either.

The fusarium seed restriction discourages seed companies from multiplying new cereal varieties in Alberta. They don't want the expense of producing a crop under pedigreed conditions, only to be forced to sell it as commercial seed if it is infected with fusarium.

This makes new varieties more difficult to find in Alberta than in other provinces.

Alberta must recognize when laws and regulations outlive their usefulness.

One step toward fairness would be to lighten up on the zero tolerance policy.

A private member's bill introduced in the legislature this summer endorsed a .5 percent tolerance level, but the province's standing committee on resource stewardship set it aside. The committee suggested a regional approach, which allows parts of the province to deviate from the zero tolerance policy.

Certainly, flexibility is needed. Regions where fusarium is still rare could keep tight seed standards, but tolerances much wider than .5 percent could be acceptable where the disease is established.

The province now needs to promote a robust fusarium management strategy, which includes stubble management, crop rotation, foliar spraying when appropriate and growing resistant varieties.

Wheat varieties had no resistance to the disease 20 years ago. Now there are moderately resistant types, and one new variety, AC Emerson, actually has an "R" rating, implying full resistance.

However, more extended crop rotations are even more important, not only to reduce the fusarium load in the soil but also other soil pathogens, with the added benefit of herbicide rotation to fight the development of resistant weeds.

Bruce Dyck, Terry Fries, Barb Glen, Brian MacLeod and D'Arce McMillan collaborate in the writing of Western Producer editorials.

CRAIG'S VIEW



LIFE ON THE FARM | PRIORITIES

You might be a farmer's daughter if ... you spend your Friday nights in the combine with your dad, rather than out on a date.

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CONFERENCE BOARD OF CANADA | FOOD SAFETY

Canada rates high in top food safety, but traceability lacking: report

CAPITAL LETTERS



KELSEY JOHNSON

The Canadian food safety system has been given top grades in a new report from the Conference Board of Canada.

The report, released Nov. 20, compared the food safety systems of 17 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development countries. Canada and Ireland tied for first, with France coming in second.

The United Kingdom, Norway and the United States rounded out the top tier.

The study determined the rankings after looking at how each country's food safety systems met three major targets: food safety risk assessment, food safety risk management and

food safety risk communication.

Researchers also looked at pesticide use, prevalence of food-borne illness, food recalls, traceability standards, prominence of food allergies and public trust.

Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency helped fund the report.

While the 68-page report found that all 17 countries had "very high food safety standards," Canada and Ireland's systems exceeded expectations, earning "excellent grades compared to their peers."

Canada excelled in pesticide use and handling of food allergens, which earned a progressive score. It also secured a "superior" grade for rates of food-borne illness, despite concerns that some outbreaks, notably a recall of gouda cheese in British Columbia and lettuce in Ontario, failed to attract national media attention.

The report also determined Canada employed 3,577 federal field inspectors — more than many other OECD countries.

The finding comes as political pos-

turing over reported cuts to Canada's food safety system continues in Ottawa.

Opposition members, along with the public service union, have blasted the federal Conservatives over their handling of the file.

The criticism has mounted since CTV reported last April that documents posted to the CFIA's website suggested the agency was facing \$35 million in cuts over the next two years, putting 198 inspectors on the chopping block.

The federal Conservatives have denied the reports, insisting no food inspectors have been cut or risk being cut. The changes are simple part of a larger CFIA realignment.

The ongoing restructuring comes more than a year after part of the agency was quietly transferred from Agriculture Canada oversight to Health Canada.

Few details have been given about the transition, which stunned industry, CFIA employees and political pundits alike.

Auditor general Michael Ferguson

has also expressed concerns about the risk of re-contamination after an audit of the agency in November 2013 found the agency's follow-up practices needed some work. At the time, Ferguson said better documentation and clearer procedure rules were also needed.

The Conference Board of Canada added to that list, raising concerns about Canada's truncated traceability system.

It found that traceability remains near non-existent for non-animal products such as produce.

"Canada has no national supply chain traceability regulation in place, notably for commodities and products outside animal production," the report reads.

Traceability is critically important in times of crisis, illness or supply chain mishaps, besides instilling confidence among international traders about the quality and safety of Canadian food.

More and more consumers are demanding to know where their food comes from, and the international

marketplace continues to expand. This means that improving Canada's traceability system should be a priority, if it isn't one already.

It's true that both government and industry have been working on the traceability file, as highlighted by several announcements, including one in October when agriculture minister Gerry Ritz promised to create a national livestock database.

However, more work, particularly outside the livestock sector, remains to be done, a point noted in the report. There remains, it reads, a global need to work "toward uniform requirements for electronic identification, database programs, recognized identification standards and auditing schemes."

At a time of increased global trade, it might be time to fix a somewhat disjointed system. Even with the glowing conference board report, there is always room for improvement.

Kelsey Johnson is a reporter with iPolitics, www.ipolitics.ca.

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FARM POLICY | WHAT MAKES IT WORK?

Good ag policy helps make communities great

CATTLE CALL



ROSS MACDONALD

Agricultural policy is often labelled as bad if it reduces producers' ability to carry out their chosen path of production and marketing.

If bad agricultural policy can be easily identified, should it follow that good agricultural policy is the absence of bad policy?

The answer might not be that clear. Good agricultural policy may be harder to recognize because of what makes that policy good, namely an enhanced ability to pursue opportunities for sustainability, growth, profit and succession.

Good policy may not be as quickly identified because those most likely to identify the restrictions of bad policy are otherwise consumed by the opportunities that good policy provides.

So, while bad policy may be classified as such by its restrictions and inhibition of production and marketing, good policy is not identified as such until those directly affected by the policy are engaged in the activities buoyed by the policy.

Policy may be better identified as good by the activities it encourages rather than the activities it restricts.

For example, municipal, provincial and federal policies have encouraged shows such as Canadian Western



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Agribition. Policy crafted to encourage this event within the agricultural community has greatly assisted in the development and longevity of North America's best beef show and a globally recognized showplace of Canadian agriculture's excellence.

Clearly the policy that enables such an event and the support for key infrastructure can be identified as good policy by those immersed in its promotion, operation and agricultural product spin-off.

Every year, millions of dollars of agricultural business can be linked

back to Agribition and related events.

However, those who are not directly involved may not always hold public funding directed through good agricultural policy in such high regard. Broad public support is key for good policy to survive.

The recognition that events such as Agribition are part of our community fabric is what encourages longevity.

In Agribition's case, it's because of \$27 million in economic activity, leadership in agricultural technology, global brand recognition, North America's top cattle genetics, sup-

port of hundreds of volunteers and re-investment in the community such as donations to STARS Air Ambulance.

Many similar examples exist, and these agricultural based events have been encouraged through good agricultural policy.

It is important to recognize that good agricultural policy contributes to making our communities great.

Ross Macdonald, M.Sc., P.Ag., ranches in southern Saskatchewan.

AGRIBITION | MEDIA COVERAGE

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EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK



BRIAN MACLEOD, EDITOR

If you've been visiting *The Western Producer's* website this week, you might have noticed we've been busy over at Canadian Western Agribition in Regina.

The Producer has been running a live blog all week, capturing the images and events.

It's an interesting way to keep tabs on what's going on. You can scroll through the highlights of the week in a matter of seconds, then check back for updates.

The Producer will have five staff members at Agribition at various times throughout the week.

Barbara Duckworth and Karen Briere of our Calgary and Regina bureaus, respectively, have between them some four decades of experience covering the most spectacular livestock and agricultural show in the country.

Managing Editor Michael Raine will showcase his photography talents — see the photo gallery under the live blog at producer.com — while multi-media guru Robin Booker will be there for a few days.

I will have taken in my first Agribition as editor of *The Western Producer* by the time you read this, offering some observations of my own through tweets in our live blog.

Live blogs add a dimension to our coverage. Our readers will still get the considered narrative stories that arise out of the show in print and later this week online, but you also have the option of checking back to our website regularly to see what's happening.

You can offer comments and even ask our staff questions through a tweet. And if you're at the event, tweet your photos or comments using the hash tag "agribition2014," and your contribution will be captured in our live blog for all our viewers to see.

At the time of writing Nov. 24, Raine had tweeted comments from Saskatchewan agriculture minister Lyle Stewart vowing to keep a close watch on grain rail movement.

And by now, you might also have looked over contributions from the Winners' Circle Auctioneer Competition, the Canadian National Bison Sale, the goat sale, and numerous other events and demonstrations.

It's how we plan to bring you more agricultural news in the future: as it happens online and through in-depth reporting in print.

Agribition is a celebration of our livelihood. I hope you'll take the opportunity to enjoy it with us.

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BROADACRE AGRICULTURE | BANKRUPTCY

Bigger isn't better if you don't manage efficiently

HURSH ON AG



KEVIN HURSH

The bigger they are, the harder they fall. That certainly seems to be the case with Broadacre Agriculture, a division of Pike Management Group.

Together with Wigmore Farms, it has applied for protection against a long list of unpaid creditors.

The Nov. 3 sworn affidavit of Broadacre chief financial officer Andrew Marshall provides interesting insights on the supposed advantages and obvious disadvantages of the large corporate farming model.

According to the affidavit, Broadacre was incorporated in 2010 "to pursue opportunities in farmland ownership and large-scale precision

farming operations." Of its more than 65,000 acres, only 9,000 acres are owned, while 56,000 acres are leased.

Leasing land is certainly the way to get big fast, and the Broadacre plan involved "exploiting the benefits of scaled operations to significantly reduce operating costs."

In theory, inputs should have been cheaper because of bulk buying, and there should have been more opportunity to efficiently manage equipment and labour resources.

The farm has more than 25,000 acres in the Abernathy area, nearly 17,000 acres around Regina, 12,000 acres near Torquay and 2,500 irrigated acres near Lake Diefenbaker. There are about 50 land leases.

Interestingly, "the harvest requires approximately 60 farm employees during the seasonal peak. In addition, there are four farm managers hired as contract consultants paid on a monthly basis."

More than 60 seasonal employees for 65,000 acres doesn't seem like a great deal of benefit from scaled operations.

In another part of the affidavit, Marshall said: "At this juncture, Broadacre has the operational infrastructure to efficiently manage up to 200,00 acres of farm operations and is therefore seriously underutilized."

That sounds like a company that is upper management heavy.

Marshall admits the company has never been profitable and is now "hopelessly insolvent." There's a great deal of detail on the financing and amounts of money borrowed.

"In the fall of 2014, the company required an urgent infusion of capital as it did not have the financial resources to complete the impending harvest." Recent loans and promissory notes have carried an interest rate of 20 percent, which is steep.

So what went so horribly wrong? The last five crop years have been the most profitable in the lifetime of many growers. We've seen some of the best grain prices ever and interest rates have been at record lows.

The reasons for failure given in the affidavit boil down to weather events and chronic undercapitalization.

Yes, there have certainly been

weather challenges, but with thousands of acres in five different areas of the province, you'd think the company would have been somewhat insulated.

As for being undercapitalized, why lease more land than you can afford to farm? Obviously, bigger isn't always better or more efficient, and being too aggressive and optimistic can come back to bite you.

"The financial prospects of the company are bleak. It was already in a precarious position at the beginning of 2014 and it has continued in a downward spiral."

Broadacre is hoping to sell high priced land near Regina. Otherwise, its best hope for an ongoing business appears to be a strategic investor. Good luck with that when you've been losing about \$10 million a year.

Hopefully, the long list of creditors will get some of their \$46 million back, but they shouldn't hold their breath.

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OPEN FORUM

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CHANGING HATS

To the Editor:

Judas goat — a Judas goat will lead sheep to slaughter, while its own life is spared — Wikipedia (2014).

The ministry of agriculture in Ottawa wears two hats. With one hat, the job is to assist agricultural related businesses; with the other hat, the job is to help farmers. With the pending sale of the CWB, which hat will be worn?

I remember the minister telling farmers the railways would be penalized if the grain was not moved in a timely manner. The regulations he drafted fit the industry plan to con-

solidate the handling system. One result is many farmers pay more to truck grain further to shipping points.

This is another example of the minister not wearing his farmer hat.

When Bill Gates, of computer fame, can be quoted as saying competition is bad for business companies, the statement must be accurate.

If the government turns the CWB over to the farmer based organization wanting to buy the CWB, grain handling companies will not want this added competition.

As they did with Viterra, they want to absorb the CWB. Of the other reasons the grain companies do not want farmers taking over the CWB

one might be their concern that if farmers buy the CWB, the farmers could see how they are being gouged by grain handlers.

If there are people in the ministry who farm, and the ministry is taking steps to prevent the farm organization from buying the CWB, can those people be considered "Judas goats"?

Lorne Jackson,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

QUALITY ASSURED

To the Editor:

In Ed White's article, "Canada's

quality, consistency questioned" (WP Nov. 6), a foreign grain buyer and former Canadian Wheat Board representative raises concerns about the quality and consistency of Canadian wheat shipments.

We, at the Canadian Grain Commission, would like to clarify that Canada's grain quality assurance system is among the best in the world.

Recent changes to the marketing of Canadian wheat and amendments to the Canada Grain Act in 2012 have not affected the quality and consistency of Canadian wheat shipments. Quality issues are not about who is marketing Canadian wheat but rather the predominant grading factors in each year's crop.

When concerns are raised about the quality and quantity of Canadian grain shipments there is a process in place to investigate. The Canadian Grain Commission becomes involved in complaints at the request of buyers and sellers.

Cargo complaints are formal complaints to the Canadian Grain Commission about quality or quantity of grain shipments that do not meet grade or specifications on the Certificate Final. The Certificate Final is Canada's assurance that our grain shipments meet Canadian quality and quantity standards. We stand by our certificates.

In the end, what matters is that buyers come back each year to buy Canadian grain because they know what they are going to get, and because Canada's grain quality assurance system delivers consistent and reliable results.

Elwin Hermanson
chief commissioner,
Canadian Grain Commission,
Winnipeg, Man.

LAKE WINNIPEG'S DEMISE

To the Editor:

Repeatedly, (Manitoba) premier (Greg) Selinger has stated his government's push to build new hydro generating stations in the north to meet growing domestic demand and to sell more power to the United States and Saskatchewan.

This, according to Manitoba Hydro president and chief executive officer, Scott Thomson, is the only sensible way to provide future power requirements, rather than a natural gas solution. (Re: Gas fired plant can't meet power needs, *Winnipeg Free Press*, Dec. 16, 2013).

Let us all hope that brighter minds exist today than when the JenPeg development project was undertaken. This goes way back to 1958. Let's think about Lake Winnipeg.

This was a Canada and Manitoba agreement to jointly undertake the development of this hydro electrical potential. It was signed in 1966 by then Conservative premier, Sir Raymond Roblin. Construction began in 1972 and was completed in 1979.

The causeway installation at Hecla Island was completed in the early 1970s under the watch of the NDP government.

I am aware that grave concerns were raised during both developments as to how this would affect the

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state and natural water flow of Lake Winnipeg. As we all know now and realize that it has.

Of course, these were important undertakings and the concerns that were being voiced were put aside and well, just ignored. The government experts and their own scientists knew better.

The people who knew the lake, and there were scientists among them, were ridiculed for their opposition and opinions. For after all, this was progress.

Now, 35 years later, we can point out who is responsible and what is to blame.

Lake Winnipeg has become a huge toilet bowl. The flushing mechanism has been tampered with, and is no longer operating as it should.

An intriguing article in 2006, "Lake Winnipeg is Heading to the Morgue,"

by columnist Francis Russell, points out many causes for the demise and situation of Lake Winnipeg today.

Nobody paid attention back then either; now the hearses are gathering for the remains.

John Fefchak,
Viriden, Man.

RITZ'S ANTICS TIRESOME

To the Editor:

Producers are tired of the antics of federal agriculture minister Gerry Ritz, who continually rebuffs any producer who questions where the benefits are for the so-called "marketing freedom" that the minister has introduced.

They want to know where the missing \$3 or more per bushel has gone between what producers receive and

grain companies sell their wheat for (minus expenses).

Grain producers are citizens of Canada who have a right to ask questions and they should get intelligent answers from the minister, not name calling and rebuffs.

Ritz's economic predictions regarding agriculture based on this marketing freedom make no sense on the ground.

Producers are now farming thousands of acres and yet total farm debt in Canada continues to rise. He continually espouses the benefits that "forward thinking" producers now have, yet many producers have some family members holding off-farm jobs to keep their operations afloat.

Does anybody know if Ritz is driving a school bus to supplement his MP's income?

Eric Sagan,
Melville, Sask.

WAITING FOR ICE WINE



A waxwing and its winged flock mates take advantage of a buffet of mountain ash berries as they feed on a frosty November day. | RANDY VANDERVEEN PHOTO

SEASONAL CHALLENGE | COPING

Loss is tough at Christmas

SPIRITUAL VIGNETTES



JOYCE SASSE

Home time with a special friend is a good idea for those who have experienced loss or have lost their sense of hope and are unable to attend a blue Christmas service — those designed to honour the grieving process.

Light candles and think about the true meaning of Christmas.

Begin with a lament.

Pain and bewilderment leave us confused, exhausted and drained. The Christmas story reminds us this is not the time to be alone. Mary, when she realized she was pregnant, sought the company of her kinswoman Elizabeth. She felt less helpless as they supported each other. Light the first candle.

Next is the candle of courage. Try to plan a few tentative steps forward. Feel the strength of encouragement from those who care.

Memories are precious as a third candle is lit. Recall what has been held dear. Treasure meaningful traditions, the smells, hugs and twinkling eyes that bring a smile. A candle can bring a glimmer of hope to our bleak mid-winter hearts.

The fourth candle, that of love, invites us to think of time shared with family and friends. That love is there for us as we reach out.

Think of the Great God Almighty choosing to come into our midst in the form of a baby: so vulnerable, so innocent, so in need of being cared for. You may light a Christ candle to remind yourself how the true Spirit of Christmas can re-ignite our lives and show us a new path forward.

"Don't let your heart be weary. Just keep this thought in mind. It is better to light one little candle than to stumble in the dark. Better far that you light one little candle. All you need is a tiny spark," Perry Como used to sing,

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PORK SECTOR | PRICE OUTLOOK

Hog producers see profits, but tougher times ahead

U.S. production rebounding after PED | Analysts tell producers to increase management efficiency and prepare for tighter margins next year

BY DAN YATES
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Lower feed costs and higher hog prices mean this year should be one for the record books, says an industry official.

However, there are signs that smaller margins are on the horizon.

er margins are on the horizon.

"I've been in the industry since 1975 and this is far and away the most profitable year we've had over that time period," said Florian Possberg, president of Polar Pork Farms in Saskatchewan.

"What really is phenomenal is the contrast from what we saw from between 2007 and 2013, where we had year after year of real struggles to be viable. This 2014 has been a real change for us."

Possberg, who also chairs the Saskatchewan Pork Development Board, said he's seeing profits of \$60 to \$80 per head, up significantly from a string of years when the industry saw losses of as much as \$40 per head and a declining herd size.

Hog numbers are also up slightly as producers capitalize on a larger-than-normal ratio of hog to corn prices, stemming partly from last year's outbreak of porcine epidemic diarrhea virus in the United States, which killed millions of piglets and hurt supplies.

Corn prices have fallen, and analysts say the futures market suggests producers will continue to see lower feed costs for another two years.

However, there are indications that American production is rebounding.

Signs of PED on American farms are down this fall, Justin Roelofs of American lender Agstar Financial Service told the Saskatchewan Pork Industry Symposium in Saskatoon last week.

"A lot of truck washes were built, a lot of dedicated trailers, a lot of time was put in to keeping these sow units clean," he said.

"If that continues, it could affect the market in the next 30 to 60 days if the market picks up on it. We're going to have more pigs next year for sure, whether it's on the expansion that's on the horizon or whether it's with less PED."

Roelofs expects an additional 150,000 to 180,000 sows over the next 12 to 18 months in the U.S.

"These margins are going to be much reduced in 2015 and we really do run the risk of seeing negative margins in 2016 if we see a large increase in production," said Possberg.

"That's typical of our hog industry. We've always seen cycles. We need to prepare for tough times and get efficient."

Farm Credit Canada recently said it expects Canadian pork production to increase six percent over the next four years.

Possberg said high production costs make new site construction difficult. He's seen previously empty barns come back into production, as well as larger pigs.

"We've seen producers being as innovative as possible to get as many pounds of pork out as possible to benefit from the profitability."

Labour is another hurdle, both in hog barns and packing plants, where operators are now working in a new

MANITOBA HOG PRICES

Western Canadian hog producers are expected to recoup some losses from recent years, capitalizing on a rally in hog prices resulting from a supply shortage following the breakout of porcine epidemic diarrhea virus in the United States. Margins are further increased because of lower-than-normal feed costs.

Manitoba prices (dollars per hundredweight for Index 100 hogs):

	Yearly low to high
2010	\$119 - \$158
2011	\$130 - \$182
2012	\$125 - \$187
2013	\$140 - \$188
2014	\$152 - \$243

Source: Staff research | WP GRAPHIC

regulatory environment for temporary foreign workers.

New trade agreements with South Korea and Europe that will lower tariffs and provide greater market access to Canadian exporters have been touted as positive for the meat sector, but there are reports of pork facilities running at less than capacity.

"We aren't able to ramp up processing to take advantage of those," said Ron Davidson of the Canadian Meat Council, which has been lobbying hard against changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program. Those changes have capped the number of temporary foreign workers at a workplace and reduced the time they can stay in Canada.

"In fact, right now we're contracting production at some of the plants in this country."

Davidson said there are hundreds of empty jobs in Canadian packing plants.

"Virtually every single expansion of production, particularly in Western Canada, is dependent on temporary foreign workers to ramp up production to expand," he said.

"Then as time goes on, these temporary foreign workers have been converting into permanent residents and becoming Canadian, if you will."

Davidson said empty production lines mean that packing plants do less deboning and export more bone-in products.

He also said offal meat products are sometimes rendered instead of processed.

"These two areas are where profitability and competitiveness are made in the industry. It's a very narrow margin industry," he said.

"We need to do that value added (processing). We need to harvest those offals and specialty meats, otherwise we aren't going to be competitive in the long term."

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Low feed prices and tight supply have fattened hog producers' wallets but an increase in production could send prices down. | FILE PHOTO



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GRAIN | TRANSPORTATION

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BY BRIAN CROSS

SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Canada's largest railway companies have changed the way they administer and allocate grain car orders.

Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway confirmed last week that they have implemented new systems aimed at ensuring grain is moved more efficiently.

At CP, the new rules include the introduction of dedicated train services for large grain shippers, which can load unit grain trains quickly and efficiently.

Additional details on CP's new policies were unavailable at press time Nov. 24.

At CN, the new rules include limits on the number of car order requests that will be received by the railway during periods when the demand for rail cars exceeds supply.

"The changes CN has made to the western grain hopper car order-taking process and to the grain car allocation methodology were driven by a number of key considerations," said a Nov. 21 email from Mark Hallman, CN's director of communications.

"Ultimately, these changes are intended to promote more effective communication of week-to-week priorities among grain shippers, operators of unloading facilities and CN."

Under CN's system:

- Total car order requests by a large grain shipper must not exceed two weeks' worth of the shipper's maximum base car allocation.
- Outstanding producer cars orders must not exceed twice the car spot capacity of the loading site.
- Producer car shippers will be required to provide additional information, including unload destinations for grain hauled exclusively on CN's network and interline route information for grain that is transferred to another network.
- Shippers will be required to provide terminal authorization confirming that a terminal will receive and unload the grain when it is delivered.

CN said new measures that limit the number of car order requests it receives will provide it with "ample forward visibility to plan service and deployment of its assets and resources at times when the grain supply chain is in high gear."

The new provisions will also reduce so-called "phantom" car orders, where shippers request more cars than they need, CN said.

"First and foremost, CN's experience during the record 2013-14 crop year clearly established that unlimited car order requests can provide an unreliable and misleading indicator of demand because some shippers can place 'phantom' order requests," the company's email said.

"Indeed, by March 2014, the accumulation of so-called unfilled orders reached an unprecedented level, well beyond the capacity of the overall supply chain, not just of CN's communicated rail capacity."

Shippers will be expected to remove excess order requests from CN's Grain Car Order Book if car order requests exceed the limits established by the company.

CN will remove the excess orders on its own if shippers fail to do so.

CP's new rules promoting dedicated train service for large grain shippers are unlikely to sit well with smaller shippers, including producer car loaders, who have been complaining of poor rail service for more than a year.

The Western Grain Elevators Association, which represents Canada's largest grain handling companies, declined to comment when contacted Nov. 24.

Speaking from Regina Nov. 24, federal agriculture minister Gerry Ritz dismissed the railways' new rail car allocation policies, suggesting Otta-

wa will continue to ensure that CN and CP move Canadian grain to market in a timely manner.

"CN and CP can howl at the moon, they can do whatever they want, but ... they'll haul what they're asked to haul," Ritz said.

"They can make up whatever (rules) they want, but at the end of the day, they're not the ones that allocate producer cars, they're just the ones who haul them."

Ritz acknowledged that the performance of the producer car allocation system was hit and miss last year, depending on where producers were located.

"Certainly, there were high points and there were low points," he said.

However, the system will improve with better logistical co-ordination and regulations that focus on corridor specific grain movements, he added.

Ritz said federal regulations requiring the railways to move one million tonnes of grain per week will remain in place until Nov. 29.

At that time, "Transport Canada will be coming out with some new ideas" that ensure better service for all shippers.

"Last year was all about volume. This year it's more about value ... so

that means the logistics have to have a lot more finesse," Ritz said.

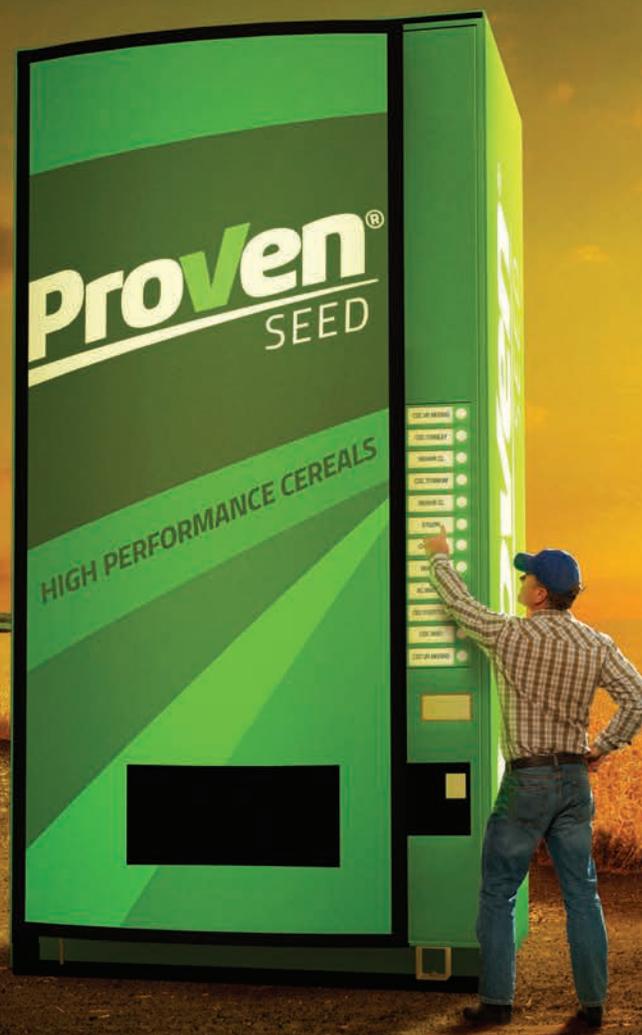
Producer car allocation procedures will continue to operate as they have in the past, he added, with the Canadian Grain Commission administering requests and placing car orders with the major railway companies.

CP has been using its new car allocation procedures since the end of October.

CN's changes were communicated to grain shippers in August and implemented in mid-September.

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ALBERTA MILK MEETING | CONSUMER DEMAND

Allergies among factors cited for dip in milk consumption

Non dairy competition | Dairy milk is competing against almond and soy milk

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

Dairy producers want to know why fewer people are drinking milk.

A glass a day was common 20 years ago in Great Britain, Canada and the United States, but all have seen fluid consumption fall 25 percent for that period, says Richard Sanchez of Dairy Farmers of Canada.

Instead, consumers are switching to alternatives such as almond milk, bottled water and smoothies.

The decline in milk consumption is the equivalent of losing 129 farms, he told Alberta Milk's annual meeting in Calgary Nov. 19.

One-third of farmer income comes from fluid milk and another third from products such as cheese. Cream and butter sales are actually doing

well, he said.

The study that the dairy farmers group conducted with 6,800 households found that the decline is apparent across the country.

Among those who have almost stopped drinking milk are middle-aged empty nesters, but the study also found that one-quarter of the decline occurred in families with children younger than 12.

"That is concerning," Sanchez said. "We hoped that people see milk as a nutritious, wholesome product for their kids."

Non-milk drinkers said they had health and nutrition concerns.

"The first was the perception that they are lactose intolerant or have allergies towards milk," he said.

Ten percent said they were vegan and eight percent said they objected to using milk from cows and did not agree with dairy industry practices.

Dairy farmers spend \$100 million a year on promotion and advertising. They particularly want to reach teen-aged girls, who are at an impressionable age and experimenting with being a vegan.

"Some of them come back, but some of them never come back to animal based products at all," said Katherine Loughlin of Alberta Milk.

Milk is also competing against products that didn't previously exist.

Coca Cola has beverage sales of \$79 billion a year. While people may not be drinking as many soft drinks, they are buying more bottled water, said Rob Newell of DDB Canada, a communications company that works with the dairy farmers group.

Dairy milk is competing against relatively new products on store shelves, such as almond milk and soy milk.

FIVE TRENDS IN THE BEVERAGE MARKET

- Health and wellness concerns are weakening demand for soft drinks and increasing the popularity of bottled water.
- More desire for nutritious or nutrient-rich choices such as smoothies.
- An increasing incidence and perception of food intolerances, which leads to alternate diets and choices. This has affected the dairy sector.
- Misinformation about food.
- More beverages and brands are competing for sales.



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Nadine Harris Ben Rabha of Kootenay Meadows Farm at Creston, B.C., is a co-owner of the family dairy where they produce organic cheese and bottled milk. While some customers like the idea of the old-fashioned milk bottles that carry nutritional information, the dairy sector is seeing a drop in milk consumption.

| BARB GLEN? PHOTO

LABOUR SHORTAGE | RECOMMENDATIONS

Ag sector fears lack of action on labour front

National plan | Committee says report was given to the federal government, but has not seen any response

BY ROBERT ARNASON

BRANDON BUREAU

Little has happened since the agriculture sector released a report last fall on the labour crisis that has hit meat processors, feedlot operators and others in industry.

A task force, comprising 11 advisory panels and a number of commodity groups and food processors, published a national plan called *Addressing Labour Shortages in the Agriculture and Agri-Food Industry*.

It made a number of recommendations:

- Improve access to temporary and seasonal labour.
- Develop a jobs resource centre for the industry.
- Develop a co-ordinated initiative to promote careers in agriculture and agri-food.

GM CROPS | ARMYWORMS

Resistance to B.t. corn growing in U.S.

(Reuters) — Armyworms are beginning to show increasing resistance to B.t. corn.

Fangneng Huang, an entomologist at Louisiana State University and lead researcher for a three-year study, called the evolution of insect resistance “a great threat” to the long-term sustainability of genetic modification, which has become a highly valued tool for many U.S. farmers.

The study documented resistance by fall armyworms in the southeastern United States to the Cry1F protein found in many corn products developed by Dow AgroSciences and DuPont to fight off the destructive pests.

It is the latest evidence that insects are developing resistance to crops that have been genetically modified to kill them.

Like the weeds that have developed resistance to glyphosate-based herbicide and make it harder for farmers to keep fields from being overrun with weeds, the armyworms are starting to devour corn crops that should repel them, said Dominic Reisig, an entomologist at North Carolina State University.

Armyworms can be a problem for farmers in many states, but the resistant armyworms have been documented only in some areas of Florida and North Carolina.

Researchers said farmers should plant more non-B.t. corn as a refuge and possibly increase the use of pesticides to control the resistance.

Officials with Dow said fall armyworm resistance is nothing new and not a significant problem.

DuPont said the company was trying to help farmers manage fall armyworms. The Cry1F protein still offers benefits, it added.

Researchers have also expressed concerns about B.t. resistance in western corn rootworm.

- Align training with industry needs.

Bryan Walton, general manager of the National Cattle Feeders' Association and a member of the task force, said the group presented the document to the federal government in March but little has happened since.

“We took a long time to work on that and I was insistent this be presented at a high level (of government),” Walton said.

The report was sent to the deputy minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the deputy minister of Employment of Social Develop-

ment and the associate deputy of Agriculture Canada.

“(But) we had no engagement, we had no response,” Walton said.

“And that is part of the issue here. There has to be more of an interaction and engagement from the policy makers.”

Walton said politicians are sympathetic to the labour shortage in Canada's red meat industry, but policy debate and discussions tend to focus on basic issues such as industry wages.

Doug Chorney, Keystone Agricul-

tural Producers president and vice-chair of the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council, said the federal government is paying attention to the labour shortage in the agricultural sector.

He said employment and social development minister Jason Kenney is engaged on the file and has held roundtable talks about the labour shortage.

“I have met with Jason Kenney's special assistant, and there's no question they appreciate the challenges and they (know) it's not just

level of pay.”

Alberta Pork chair Frank Novak isn't as convinced.

The Alberta producer said the federal government may comprehend the severity of the labour crisis, but given the lack of action it's hard to know what's going on.

“I would like to think (they get it), but I'm not sure.”

A copy of the Labour Action Plan is available at www.cahrc-ccrha.ca/publications/.

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BARLEY MARKETING | COMPETITIVENESS

Manitoba malting barley centre receives federal funding

The centre provides tours, training and advice for international customers

BY BRIAN CROSS
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

An organization that promotes the use of Canadian malting barley has received a financial boost from the federal government.

The Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre (CMBTC) will use the \$1.95 million in funding to maintain existing markets for Canadian malting barley and develop new ones.

"Today's investment will boost Canada's competitiveness in this specialized market, resulting in direct benefits to our economy, both right

here in Winnipeg and across the country," Conservative MP Shelly Glover said when making the announcement Nov. 14.

The centre was established nearly 15 years ago to boost the competitiveness of the Canadian malting barley industry.

One of its key functions is providing customer support and technical advice to buyers of Canadian malting barley.

It includes a state-of-the-art brewing and malting facility, which is used to test the performance of Canadian malting barley varieties.

The facility also provides technical training and problem-solving advice to international customers.

Canada supplies 20 percent of the world's malting barley and is the world's largest exporter of finished malt.

Funding to support CMBTC's operation comes from membership fees, government funding and producer levies.

The Alberta Barley Commission collects and administers the levies through the Western Canadian Deduction, which also supports the Western Grains Research Founda-

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tion and the Canadian International Grains Institute.

The commission collected \$10.7 million in levies in 2012-13, of which the CMBTC received \$160,000.

The federal funding comes from

Agriculture Canada's five-year \$341 million AgriMarketing program.

"Canada's malting barley industry is a global leader for the value-added services that we provide," said CMBTC managing director Peter Watts.

AG NOTES

BAYER CROPSCIENCE RENOVATES

Bayer CropScience has unveiled the improvements it made to its formulation, filling and packaging emulsifiable concentrate facility in Regina.

The company spent \$6.5 million to upgrade the facility with new fill and pack lines. They are designed to increase capacity, flexibility and efficiency for future growth opportunities.

DUC, LAKELAND TEAM UP

Ducks Unlimited Canada and students from Lakeland College teamed up to study the potential for winter wheat.

Ducks Unlimited asked the college's agricultural sciences students earlier this fall to see if they could reclaim a particularly difficult section of land southwest of Vermilion, Alta.

Students and Ducks Unlimited seeded the crop in mid-September on 135 acres and report that it is doing well.

The Natural Areas Conservation Program provided funding.

For more information, visit www.growwinterwheat.ca.

MAN. FUNDS GRAIN RESEARCH

Three Manitoba grain research projects recently received \$341,000 from the Growing Innovation-AgriFood Research and Development Initiative.

They will explore the health benefits of a range of crops.

The projects include validating food substitutes for cholesterol-lowering drugs, measuring whether eating flaxseed can help people with high blood pressure and breeding buckwheat varieties with new characteristics and health benefits.

Project proponents and other stakeholders will also invest more than \$865,700 in the projects.

RISK MANAGEMENT RESEARCH FUNDED

The Guy Carpenter Professorship in Agriculture Risk Management and Insurance at the University of Manitoba has received \$500,000 in federal funding.

Dr. Lysa Porth began her role in the position in February. This AgriRisk funding will make \$100,000 available to the professorship for five years.

The research will stimulate innovative risk management policy, new private sector risk management and insurance initiatives.



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NATIONAL 4-H MEMBERS FORUM | MENTAL HEALTH

Stressed out? How to cope

Ask for help | Some stress can be positive, but 'ugly' stress can lead to anxiety and depression

BY KAREN MORRISON
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

MISSISSAUGA, Ont. — Taking care of mental health is just as important as monitoring physical health, young people were told during the recent National 4-H Members Forum.

Simon Greenbush of the Rawdon 2-Way 4-H Club in Newport, N.S., said skiing is his stress relief.

"There's lots of different ways to be active to help you cope when things get to be too much," said the

second year university student.

"It's most important that you do something that makes you happy, something you like to do."

Greenough said it's important to watch for signs of depression in others.

"If you can tell when something is different about them, something wrong, talk to them about it," he said.

4-Hers learned about ways to curb stress in sessions focused on fitness, art and mental health.

Nancy Hood, youth engagement

co-ordinator with Peel Children's Centre-Nexus Youth Services, said it's important for young people to explore the options that are available to them in advance of stressful situations.

"So they can tap into resources that make them feel good," she said, citing examples such as exercise, time with family and friends and talking with someone.

"We want them to identify for themselves self-care strategies they would use," she said.

Hood said to avoid "ugly" stress such as feeling slighted by not being invited to a party.

Instead, consider that it might be because they did not see the invitation on Facebook.

She called exams and graduation examples of positive stress because young people are working toward specific goals.

"Be mindful of the stress going on and have coping strategies."

Watch for worrisome symptoms such as anxiety, weight loss, irritability, excessive sleeping and the inability to



Nancy Hood knows about challenges. The blind facilitator helps youths discover their own coping mechanisms when life throws them curve balls.

control emotions. Encourage those in trouble to seek help.

"It's OK to ask for help and important to ask for help," she said.

"Try not to hold it inside. Find someone to talk to."

Hood said it is especially important for young people in rural areas, where access to resources is more limited than in the cities.

She called stress the body's natural response to intense situations, but said it's how people handle and perceive it that make it better or worse.

"Our thoughts affect feelings that affect behaviour," she said.

WAYS TO MANAGE STRESS

- exercise
- eat healthy
- get a good sleep
- develop time management and communication skills
- learn how to relax
- improve self-image and think positive
- set realistic expectations

CUDDLE UP TO RELAX

Cute puppies or purring kittens make people smile. Animals, from dogs to rabbits, are often used for therapy in hospitals and nursing homes and more recently, in schools and universities to reduce stress during exams.

Petting an animal relaxes a person and reduces blood pressure. In a U.S. study, patients who spent time with a dog before visiting a doctor or having a treatment experienced a 37 percent reduction in their anxiety levels.

Horses are also used to reduce stress, build trust and fight depression. Learning a new horsemanship skill gives patients confidence to tackle new projects and gain self-esteem.



4-H FORUM | HEALTHY EATING

Be skeptical about diet info, fads, warns expert

Misinformation on internet | Dietitian provided tips on healthy eating and food buying

BY KAREN MORRISON
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

MISSISSAUGA, Ont. — The internet gives young people more access to nutritional information than previous generations, but a dietitian recently warned students to have a healthy skepticism.

Hannah Da Silva, a registered dietitian and researcher from Toronto, recently told the National 4-H Members Forum that many differing messages are spread through social media sites that could lead to eating disorders and fad diets.

"It's easy for laypeople to spread information around on Facebook, etc., and spew information that could be harmful," she said.

"Youth have a pretty good understanding of nutrition, but the information is often contradictory."

She said young people should consult with a registered dietitian before embarking on the latest fad diet or vegan lifestyle. Registered dietitians are the best source of reliable information, she added.

Da Silva said Celiac sufferers must avoid the gluten protein found in wheat, barley and rye because it causes gastrointestinal issues and inflammation in their small intestine. Gluten is found in bread but also hidden in other food such as salad dressings.

Some might get a rash from wheat, while others have gluten intolerance, which results in fatigue and bloating. Neither requires total abstinence from grains, she said.

"A little bit might be OK."

Going gluten free as a lifestyle choice is expensive, less tasty and can lead to imbalances in the diet, she said.

For those without food sensitivities, Da Silva said choosing whole wheat pasta is best, but eating regular pasta also works if more vegetables are added to the plate to increase the nutritional value and fibre content.

Protein shakes may be useful for high performance athletes who require more protein, but she recommended choosing those with as few ingredients as possible.

Young people also asked about the potential harm in eating late in the day.

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INTERNATIONAL MEETING | BEST PRACTICES

Global 4-H forum shares successes

BY KAREN MORRISON
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

TORONTO — Sharing best practices and helping increase 4-H membership worldwide were goals of the first ever Global 4-H Network Summit in Seoul, South Korea, earlier this month.

Canadian 4-H Council president Valerie Pearson, who was one of five Canadian delegates to attend the conference, said there was much to share with 235 delegates from 45 countries.

"We could learn a lot from other countries," she said in an interview during the recent National 4-H Members Forum. There was previously no formal system in place to explore others' program evaluations and volunteer recruitment, she said.

A Namibian delegate said evaluations by young members might include one word notes or drawings such as hands representing friends made at a 4-H event or a happy face for how it made them feel.

"It's something so simple, but we haven't been doing it here," Pearson said.

The U.S. program is much larger than Canada's 26,000 members and the rural youth group is growing rapidly in the Caribbean, but India and Afghanistan have no 4-H.

"It's an opportunity that was not available that could make a differ-



VALERIE PEARSON
CANADIAN 4-H
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ence in the lives of youth."

Pearson learned about reporting successes and failures to program sponsors.

"You may need funding to do it another way. Tell them what needs to change, what was wrong and why you need the money."

4-H Canada shared its success in increasing the age limit to 25 and the benefits for 4-H long term, citing new university clubs and the youth advisory committee.

"It holds on to them for those years before they might have time to be volunteer leaders," Pearson said.

"If you keep them in, then maybe they will be a volunteer leader one day."

Kathleen Fryer, a member of the youth advisory committee from Mission, B.C., who also attended the Seoul conference, said 4-H can make a difference globally, particularly in rural areas where access to services is limited.

She found that each country custom tailors its programs, noting how Taiwan is preserving traditional tea

serving practices.

University aged 4-H programs offer mentoring in her home province and leadership seminars in Ontario.

4-H opens doors to new ideas, Fryer said.

"They see opportunities available to them and can follow their dreams and go beyond what's always been."

She said the program turns shy children like her, who was once afraid to speak up, into confident adults able to tackle 21st century challenges.

Creating partnerships with rural youth groups in Europe, which were represented at the conference, would also be beneficial.

"What will come out of the summit is closer ties all around the world, and that can only benefit the program," said Fryer.

The summit set a goal of increasing 4-H membership globally to 25 million members by 2025, up from the current 7.5 million.

4-H Canada wants its membership to grow to 50,000 from the current 26,000.

Shannon Benner, 4-H Canada's chief executive officer, was elected the Global 4-H Network's first chair, and Canada was selected for the next conference in 2017.

Until then, the group plans to meet by phone three times a year.

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Abby Murphy does a timed run through hurdles during a session on fitness at the National 4-H Members Forum in Mississauga, Ont. Nov. 5-9. Youths received tips on keeping fit and maintaining good posture from high performance practitioner and chiropractor Duriell Bernard. | KAREN MORRISON PHOTOS

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Da Silva said healthy eating is about the ins and outs.

"Weight is a balance of how many calories you consume and how many you use up," she said. "It doesn't matter when you eat, but just how much."

However, she said evening eating often includes poorer choices, mindless snacking such as eating an entire bag of potato chips and eating well past the point of feeling full.

Moderate amounts of nuts, although high in calories, are a better choice because they are rich in nutrients.

Da Silva advised eating regularly to avoid being over hungry after school or when coming home late from club activities. She also suggested adding nuts and fruits and increasing lean proteins to make them feel fuller longer.

Da Silva said there is little need for multivitamins and supplements with a balanced diet. Many foods are already fortified.

"You can have a healthy balanced diet," she said.

"You can do it on a budget, but it takes work."



Dietitian Hannah Da Silva dispelled many myths about fad diets and food habits during a session on nutrition.

FOOD BUYING TIPS:

- Buy produce in season.
- Avoid processed, packaged food.
- Choose less expensive nutrient rich options (beans, eggs).
- Use slow cooker on cheaper cuts of meat.
- Look for sales.
- Plan meals a week ahead.
- Take inventory of the kitchen.
- Buy in bulk and subdivide into meal portions.



Youth explored and shared a host of coping strategies for dealing with stress during a session on mental health.

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Couple enjoys Canadian dairy system's stability

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BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

DIDSBURY, Alta. — When Berend and Karen Ridder agreed to appear on a local Calgary television show, one of their goals was to show urban residents that milk does not come from the grocery store.

They wanted to project a positive message from their dairy farm near Didsbury, Alta. and do some myth busting at the same time.

"There is so much social media stuff out there... that are the dumbest things. They don't make sense at all," said Karen.

"It is better to say something positive about a farm, no matter what kind of farm it is," said Berend.

"We live off the land so we better take care of it, otherwise there is no future for us or our kids," he said.

They have four children under the age of seven: Sem, 7, Mike, 5, Ella, 3 and Jace, five months.

At this point, the children's future is undetermined.

"At least they think farming is a good lifestyle and a good way of life. They don't have to become a farmer but as long as they get that out of it, I am happy," Berend said.

They milk 130 purebred Holsteins and work with Berend's parents Jan and Joanne who are heading toward retirement.

Berend and Karen immigrated to Canada from the Netherlands with their families in 1998. Both were 17 and met in Canada six months after their arrival.

Both attended Olds College where Karen became a florist and Berend eventually transferred to Lakeland College at Vermilion to complete his education in dairy management before joining the family's Buffalo Rock Farm.

A desire to expand drove both families to leave Europe. Karen came from the western part of the country where land was being lost to urbanization. Berend's father and uncle farmed and milked 50 cows but there was no room to grow.

"If we had stayed in Holland, my dad and I would have had to work outside the farm. It just wasn't feasible," he said.

Canada was an easy choice.

"Canada is a good place to farm. It is a stable country. If you look at Eastern Europe, it is a different story and that is why we chose Canada."

They were accustomed to a milk quota system and quickly learned that the Canadian supply management program provided a good living.

"The banks are willing to invest in supply management because it is stable. It is self-sufficient. There are no good or bad times and there are not really any surprises," he said.

Alberta is home now, but there were adjustments. Both spoke English and quickly made friends, but the approach to farming was different.

"The biggest change was the way everything is done as far as farming goes. The only thing that is the same is the cows still eat and drink and poop," Berend said.



Berend and Karen Ridder, shown with Ella and Jace, are taking over the family dairy at Didsbury, Alta. They milk 130 purebred Holsteins and recently added a calf barn with an automatic feeding system. | BARBARA DUCKWORTH PHOTO

"Everything was different. The weather was different, the cows were different," Karen said.

The growing season is shorter and the unpredictability of Alberta weather in the chinook belt presented challenges in putting up feed or getting crops off before the snow or rain beat them down.

Cattle tended to go on grass in Europe whereas here they are receiving prepared feeds.

"This is our home now. Next year we have lived just as long in Canada as we ever did in Holland. It is nice to go back and visit, but never to live," said Karen.

Every few years, they made improvements with new manure handling, heifer barns, better maternity pens and most recently, a calf barn where the youngsters will live in groups and receive milk from an automatic feeding system.

They have a young herd and keep all their own replacements. The herd is closed, the farm is a biosecure unit and an environmental farm plan has also been completed.

They prefer a hands-on approach in the barn. While operations are computerized to monitor milk production, heat cycles and behaviour changes, Berend still relies on being a cow manager where he knows the individuals and their daily needs.

"When we milk and something is wrong and we know that cow, we know when she is abnormal," he said.

They also make time for fun.

During the winter months, Berend trains outdoors as a marathon speed skater at Red Deer. Two years ago, he won a 100 kilometre marathon speed skating competition staged outdoors on Sylvan Lake.

"With dairy farming, it is a bit like endurance. It is not sprinting and slowing down, it is steady," he said.

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Randy Nelson investigated logging practices that destroyed this small salmon stream near Quesnel, B.C. The Ministry of Forests was charged as a result. Nelson said the impact can be reduced if companies take a bit of care, but many instead take short cuts. | RANDY NELSON PHOTO

CONSERVATION | BOOK EXCERPT

Poachers with attitude no match for ‘man in the shirt’

BY RANDY NELSON

FREELANCE WRITER

EXCERPT FROM *POACHERS, POLLUTERS & POLITICS, CREEK POACHERS AND THE NOISY MUFFLER*

My summer was passing quickly, with a number of charges laid to fishers for over limits, no licence and other misdemeanours. The really good ones to catch were always those

who had abandoned any sense of the law to take fish or wildlife, some for profit and some for greed.

A fairly common, but difficult offence to catch someone at was

snaring or spearing spawning pike or walleye in creeks at night.

My partner, Victor, and I really wanted to catch some of these bandits. We'd checked a creek about an hour away and had found evidence of people poaching near a bridge so we decided to come back in the middle of the night.

I met Victor at the office at 3 a.m. and we set off in our Dodge patrol vehicle toward the bridge on the creek. We were about halfway down the bumpy, winding gravel road when the muffler fell off the truck.

Victor suggested we go back to the office because the poachers would hear us coming for miles, but I said, "Why don't we just drive it like this? We'll just sound like some more poachers with a crappy truck and they won't suspect anything."

Victor was reluctant but agreed to drive to the bridge. As we reached it, driving fairly fast, we could see the tail lights of another vehicle so we drove right onto the bridge, stopped our truck, bailed out and shone our flashlights down into the creek.

Three men were wading around with gaffs and spears, throwing wall-eye up onto the banks. Remarkably, they didn't stop but instead asked us to shine the light in the water for them. We did so and watched all three of them catching fish. Then Victor said, "I've think you've got enough fish, boys."

The three poachers stopped and looked up in bewilderment.

"Wait your turn," one shouted.

"No," Victor replied. "We're conservation officers."

The shocked poachers dropped their gaffs and came up onto the bridge. They'd obviously been drinking and were not happy.

They directed their frustration at Victor as he was doing the talking, and they started becoming nasty and belligerent.

Victor remained calm until one snorted, "You think you're pretty tough wearing that shirt. If you didn't have that on, we'd take care of you."

I'll never forget his reaction. It was



Randy Nelson of Kamloops, B.C., served for more than 30 years as a conservation and fishery officer in Saskatchewan and British Columbia. All proceeds from his book, *Poachers, Polluters and Politics*, will go to the Fallen Officer Fund.

like a scene from *The Incredible Hulk*.

Victor clenched his teeth and fists, then ripped his shirt open, pulled it off and slammed it to the ground. He glared at the three men and said, "I don't have my shirt on now."

I was terrified, but knowing Victor could lift a 45 gallon drum of fuel eased my fear. The headlights shone on the chest and biceps of Victor's ripped torso. The three men did some sober reflection and calmed down, and they all co-operated as we gathered up the fish and all the gear they'd used. We gave them each an appearance notice and sent them on their way.

I drove back to Beauval, Sask., with Victor wearing his shirt with holes instead of buttons. The first thing he did was to apologize for having lost his temper. I didn't accept his unnecessary apology because I thought his reaction had prevented a battle that could have gotten ugly. They had gaffs and we had nothing.

From that day on, I always enjoyed being in Victor's company when things got serious.

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Tape worms from pork still possible

HEALTH CLINIC



CLARE ROWSON, MD

Q: Can you still get tapeworms from eating pork or is this a thing of the past and an old wives' tale? I have always made sure it is very well cooked.

A: It is a rare occurrence but it can happen. Pigs sometimes harbor the parasite known as taenia solium. The pig is the intermediate host and humans are part of the cycle.

People can develop cysts in various parts of the body if they consume undercooked pork or pork products. These cysts can burrow through the walls of the intestine and show up in various parts of the body, including the brain.

This disease is known as cysticercosis. Doctors at Jacobi Medical Centre's Tropical Medicine Clinic in New York City recently reported on an increasing number of cases of neurocysticercosis (NCC), a parasitic infection caused by the pork tapeworm and characterized by the presence of cysts in the brain.

Most of the 72 cases studied were immigrants from Mexico and parts of Central and South America. The patients tended to present with a history of seizures and/or headaches.

The main reason for pork becoming infected is food handlers and meat processing workers not washing their hands properly. Freezing meat at -10 C for at least five days will kill most of the parasites, but cooking pork well at high temperatures is important.

Patients who do become infected can be treated with a broad spectrum antihelminthic (dewormer) drug.

Norovirus is the diarrhea and vomiting bug that is famous for causing outbreaks in cruise ships and long-term care facilities.

It generally is not life-threatening but can be unpleasant for a couple of days. There is no treatment apart from trying to prevent severe dehydration.

Oregano may be used to kill norovirus. It is a spicy herb often used in pizza sauce and other Italian or Greek dishes. The active ingredient is called carvacrol. Researchers at the University of Arizona found it demonstrated anti-viral properties in the mouse form of norovirus, which is the type most similar to that found in humans.

Carvacrol appears to act directly on the capsid proteins, causing the layer surrounding the virus to breakdown. This enables other antimicrobial substances to enter the internal part of the virus and kill it.

The researchers believed that this could lead to a potentially safe therapy with no side-effects.

py with no side-effects.

"Carvacrol could potentially be used as a food sanitizer and possibly as a surface sanitizer, particularly in conjunction with other antimicrobials," reported lead researcher Kelly Bright.

BREAKFAST AND DIABETES

Researchers at St. George's Hospital, University of London and the universities of Oxford and Glasgow studied the breakfast habits of 4,000 schoolchildren, aged nine or 10 years.

They also took blood tests and other physical measurements as well as the dietary data and compared

them with children who ate breakfast only occasionally or not at all.

They found one in four children reported not eating breakfast every day.

The results of the study showed that children who ate a sensible breakfast daily had better diabetes risk profiles than children who had breakfast only irregularly or not at all. In other words, these children were protected from getting Type 2 diabetes later in life.

Body fat, socioeconomic status or activity levels had no impact on the results.

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A LITTLE OFF THE TOP



Alexandra Labrecque shaves a goat for a Boer show with help from Vincent Nadeau and Carol Beaumont. More than 300,000 attended the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto Nov. 7-16. | KAREN MORRISON PHOTO



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RELATIONSHIPS | MONOGAMY

Partner lacks trust in promise to be faithful

SPEAKING OF LIFE



JACKLIN ANDREWS, BA, MSW

Q: My girlfriend and I have been hanging around each other for more than two and a half years. We are hoping that we will be married by this time next year.

Despite that, I am continually frustrated by her.

My girlfriend's first husband was unfaithful most of the time, which hurt and scared her. Despite what I say or do, she has trouble trusting me. How can I let my girlfriend know that I love her in such a way that she can start to believe and have faith in me?

A: "How do I love thee, let me count the ways" are among the most popular words ever written in love poems.

It dates back to those glorious knights in shining armour, thundering through the courtyards on their horses, lances drawn to challenge each other and prove themselves worthy of the little hankies dropped by their fair maidens.

Troubadours played their lutes and brought flowers to their ladies fair, while poets crafted their syntax to bring word power into their most intimate relationships.

They were searching for that magical mystery to court the perfect love.

You are not the only one trying to prove your love. It is so simple: the mystery of love is in the heart.

This is not, of course, the heart studied and nurtured by cardiologists. They could study the most intricate cardiovascular system ad infinitum

and still go home to an empty apartment after work.

Neither am I referring to that sexual being, or heart, which haunts the pages of dollar store romance novels.

I am referring to the word "heart," in which the middle word is "ear," which gives you the opportunity to listen to your partner.

The ear is the key to relationship problems. The more that you use your ears and listen to your girlfriend, the greater the odds that she will strengthen trust in you.

Of course, to listen more effectively, you have to start by looking after yourself. The healthier and happier you are within yourself, the more comfort you will bring into your relationship and the better you will hear whatever it is she is trying to tell you.

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MANNERS | DOS AND DON'TS

Has table etiquette been swept under the rug?

TEAM RESOURCES



SARAH GALVIN, BSHEc

The festive entertaining season is not far off and there is no time like the present to brush up on table etiquette and party manners. I remind students in foods class at school about their table manners and tell them they can eat however they choose at home but in public a few manners will go a long way to making good impressions.

The dinner party

Small or large dinner parties have a few rules for the host and guest. Casual parties can be arranged at the last minute but during a busy holiday season, it is best to give three to six weeks notice.

The type of invitation is determined by how formal the affair is. There is nothing wrong with a telephone call or an email for casual parties.

Have your home clean and tidy and rearrange furniture to accommodate the number of guests, if necessary.

Adjust the room temperature and lighting and decide if you would like background music. Have plenty of clean towels or use disposable paper napkins in the bathroom.

Don't begin cleanup and dish washing until guests have left, unless of course someone overstays his welcome.

As a guest, respond to the invitation as soon as possible. Don't bring a friend unless invited to do so and never ask if you can. Arrive on time.

A small hostess gift is a nice gesture. If place cards are set, do not rearrange them. Turn off your cellphone ringer. Don't be the last to leave and always thank the host for the evening.

How to set a table

The dinner plate is set in the centre and about one inch from the edge of the table and the salad plate to the left. Forks are placed to the left of the plate and spoons and knives to the right.

The rule of thumb is to place utensils in order of use from the outside toward the plate.

If there is a salad before the main course, then place a salad fork on the outside and a dinner fork next to the plate.

If the salad is served with the meal, there is no need for a salad fork.

The dinner knife is placed to the right of the plate with the blade toward the plate. Spoons are next to the knife.

The soup spoon, if needed, is the outermost spoon.

If you are using a bread and butter plate, place it directly above the forks with the butter knife resting on the plate at a diagonal. Water and other glasses are above the knife and outward from there ending with a coffee cup.

The napkin can be placed on the dinner plate or to the left of the forks.

How to hold utensils

Next time you are in a restaurant, look around and see how many people make a fist to hold their utensils. The fork or spoon should rest on the middle finger of the hand as the index finger and thumb grip the handle.

There are two different ways you can use your cutlery during a meal: the American or continental style. Both are proper and both may be used and interchanged in the same meal.

In both styles, the food is speared with the fork with tines pointing down and in the left hand if you are right-handed.

The index finger presses down at the base of the handle. Use your right hand to hold the knife with the index finger where the handle meets the blade. Keep your elbows close to the body.

With the American style, rest the knife on the side of the plate and move the fork to your right hand. With tines up, spear the food and move it to your mouth.

If you use the continental style, you may rest the knife on the side of the plate or hold it in your right hand. Then with tines down, move the food to your mouth.

Resting utensils

Do you ever wonder if you should put your used cutlery on the tablecloth? Never. Don't prop them on the edge of the plate either.

Place them near the centre of the plate with the tips pointing toward each other or the knife can rest on the edge of the plate and the fork in the middle of the plate.

When the meal is finished, place the fork and knife together diagonally on the right side of the plate with the knife blade facing inward. This indicates you are finished and the plate can be taken away.

During the meal

Do you take your napkin and tuck it under your chin like a bib? I hope not. The napkin should be unfolded and placed across your lap as soon as you sit down.

When do you begin to eat? I served food to one of my kids' cooking class groups and they were sitting there letting the food go cold. When I asked why they didn't begin eating, they reminded me of the rule I just taught them. Don't begin until the host or hostess begins or you are invited to do so.

Are you shovelling your food with your fork or slouching over your plate? Wrong.

Also resist the urge to fuss with utensils, rap your knuckles on the table or other fidgety habits. A good place for hands is on the lap.

Are you a chipmunk at the table? Don't take large bites and store food in your cheek?

Take a manageable bite and finish it before putting more food in your mouth. And don't talk while chewing food or taking a drink.

Do you cut all your food like the baby's plate? Cut only enough for four or five bites, lay down your knife and eat.

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Children's table manners

Reach only as far as your arm extends without crossing in front of another person. If you cannot reach, simply ask someone to pass the item and say thanks.

Chasing a piece of food around your plate with your fork? If you are unable to pick up a piece of food with your fork, don't use your fingers to help it along. Use your knife or a piece of bread as a pusher.

Never push your plate away when you are finished eating and announce, "I'm finished."

By age six, children should arrive at the table with clean hands and face. They begin to eat when everyone else does or are given permission. They will use a fork or spoon properly and begin to learn how to use a knife. They will ask for food rather than reaching and always say please and thank you.

They know not to talk with food in their mouth and do not make negative comments about the food. They do not interrupt when someone is talking and they ask to be excused when

they are finished.

By age 12, they leave plates and utensils alone until the meal begins. They watch the host and follow meal starting rituals without comment. They sit with good posture and feet on the floor.

They use all utensils correctly, take reasonable portions of food and ask for seconds, if necessary. They are polite and join in the table conversation, drink quietly with a glass in one hand and try a bit of everything. Uneaten food is left on the plate and not hidden in a napkin. They offer to help at the end of the meal.



ETIQUETTE DIFFERS AROUND THE WORLD

- Loudly slurping noodles and soup is acceptable in Japan and China and is thought to improve the flavour of the dish. It is also OK to lift a bowl up to your mouth to make it easier to shovel in food such as rice and noodles.
- In some cultures, it's an act of appreciation to burp after a meal.
- In many cultures, eating everything on your dinner plate lets the host know you enjoyed the meal. But in China, it's considered rude and means that you weren't fed enough.

Source: foodbeast.com.

What's your dinnertime pet peeve? A person who constantly tidies the table? A friend who applies lipstick after the meal? Join us at www.producer.com or follow us on social media.



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FARM LIVING NOTES

TREASURE TROVE OF RECIPES

Baked beans for 150, meatballs for 200 and chicken cordon bleu for 50 are among the more unique entries in a new cookbook.

Twenty Years of Treasured Memories, compiled by the Alberta Royal Purple Lodges Society, contains recipes from appetizers and beverages to squares, breads and loaves and includes a section on catering and large group cooking.

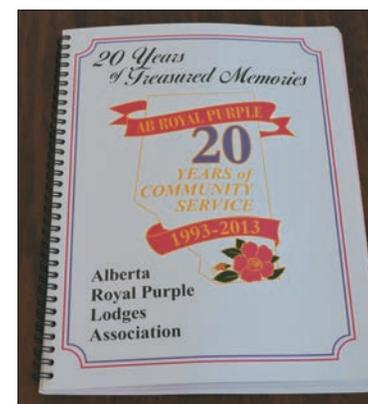
The 198 page coil-ringed book also features cooking and baking tips.

Proceeds from the book, which sells for \$15, will support the group's charity work with organizations that include Ronald McDonald House and Alberta's children's hospitals.

The cookbook draws on the society's extensive work in catering fall suppers in Alberta. It was created to mark the group's 20th anniversary in the province.

Once serving as a women's auxiliary to the Elks service club, the group is now an incorporated and independent society that includes both male and female members.

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SARM CONVENTION | GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Sask. RMs want more money for infrastructure

Flooding aftermath | Rural municipalities are considering public-private funding model to address infrastructure shortfall

BY WILLIAM DEKAY
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Representatives of Saskatchewan's

rural municipalities recently passed a resolution asking the provincial government to increase its funding caps on infrastructure.

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, which met in Saskatoon Nov. 13-14, wants the annual cap for road and bridge con-

struction maintenance increased to \$1 million from \$750,000.

Ongoing wet years and excessive rainfall are taking a toll on the province's roads and bridges, said Ray Orb, SARM's acting president.

"Definitely there's been areas of the province that have been hit pretty hard by the extreme amount of rainfall," he said.

"It seems that generally there's a problem somewhere every year in the province with bridges."

Orb said higher construction costs and delays caused by wet conditions are putting pressure on RMs to complete projects within their budgets.

"If we don't convince the province to give us more funding into MREP (Municipal Roads for the Economy Program), then there will most likely be fewer projects that will be completed," he said.

"I'm sure there's a long list of applicants through the MREP."

RMs are responsible for maintaining 1,625 bridges in the province, which does not include bridges in towns, private bridges and bridges within First Nations boundaries. Most of the bridges are in northeastern Saskatchewan.

Municipal bridge engineer Daniel Segal said a new bridge will last twice as long as a large diameter culvert but costs twice as much.

"None of the RMs want to fork out half a million dollars when they can put \$100,000 or \$200,000 in a culvert," he said. "The culverts will only last about 30 to 35 years before they rust out and you have to put a new one in."

Culverts have also been failing more than bridges because of excess moisture, he added.

Orb said municipalities continue falling behind with their road and bridge upgrades and repairs, which increases the cost.



RAY ORB
SARM PRESIDENT

"Definitely there's a certain amount of catch up," he said.

"The longer you delay the projects, the more money it costs to get them done and the more behind you get."

Orb said SARM has proposed the public-private (P3) funding model to work in conjunction with Canada's national building fund. The P3 model involves private enterprise along with federal, provincial and municipal governments.

"What we asked for was \$40 million a year over four years so the total would be \$160 million. It's more a long-term program," he said.

"So the two programs should run in conjunction with each other. It would help up catch up a little sooner. That would be a win-win for SARM. It would be a win-win for the province, too."

Other resolutions that passed include:

- Banning the sale and use of plastic garbage bags.
- Removing the two percent depreciation on steel hopper bottom bins.
- Holding landowners and conservation groups responsible for cleaning out their culverts.
- Increased measure from the province on flood control programs, and for producers not to be penalized in 2014 for production loss due to excessive moisture.

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BY RON LYSENG
WINNIPEG BUREAU

The efficiency of food production didn't change much from biblical times to 1830.

"Growing 100 bushels of wheat in 1830 required five acres of land and 300 man hours of labour, same as in biblical times," says Howard Dahl, president of Amity Technology, which specializes in leading edge agricultural equipment.

He is best known on the Prairies as the man who founded the Concord air drill company. At various times during his entrepreneurial career, he has owned and managed Bobcat, Steiger Tractor, Concord and now Amity Technology.

Dahl was in Winnipeg Nov. 18 as keynote speaker at the Agri-Innovation Forum, which brings together potential investment partners and agricultural innovators who need venture capital.

Dahl said that each technological step in farming allowed the human population to expand.

Mechanization crept into most aspects of farming between 1830 and 1890. The crude seed drills and combines of 1890 were powered either by horses or steam, but efficiency was vastly improved compared to 1830. Growing 100 bu. of wheat on five acres now required only 50 man hours.

Efficiency had not increased appreciably by the time of the Great Depression in the 1930s. It still took 20 man hours to grow 100 bu. of wheat on five acres.

The big jump in crop production efficiency happened in the 1970s, when the production of 100 bu. of wheat required only four man hours and three acres. Bigger and better equipment, crop protection chemicals and increased fertilizer use contributed to the increase.

Technological advances are now arriving at a blistering pace. Growing 100 bu. of wheat requires just 30 minutes of manpower and 1.5 acres of land.

Dahl said this 100 bu. of wheat timeline matters because investment in agricultural technology is investment in the future of the human race.

Earlier projections said the human race would peak at six billion people by 2040, but that figure was recently updated to nine billion people by 2040.

Where will the food come from to feed so many people, especially considering that humanity cannot find a way to feed its current population?

He said millions of acres have yet to be developed in South America, Russia, China and Africa, and the increased population will survive and thrive if venture capital and innovative agricultural equipment are applied to this challenge.



Howard Dahl of Amity Technology says precision farming is the next frontier in agriculture. He says new ideas and innovative technology is attracting venture capital that will allow farmers to continue to be more profitable. | AMITY PHOTO

However, the planet will have a serious crisis on its hands if the venture capital and agricultural inventions don't materialize.

Dahl said the Canadian prairie provinces and northern Great Plains states experienced the same thing on a much smaller scale 40 years ago.

"Historically, we've seen little or no agricultural innovation when times are good," he said.

"Innovation comes with necessity, when we're forced to improve."

Dahl said the Concord air drill gained popularity in the early days of the zero-till movement.

"The zero-till movement is a good example of necessity. We were in a long dry spell in the 1970s and nobody had any idea when it would end. Right around 1980, a small group of forward thinking farmers got together and formed the Manitoba North Dakota Zero Tillage Farmers Association."

He said the farmer-led movement quickly fostered research and innovation at universities, chemical and implement companies, government departments and farmyards.

"These were the early pioneers in a time of need," he said.

"Some had an emotional attachment to the concept of taking care of Mother Earth. Others simply saw the economic advantage of better utilization of moisture and fertilizer."

Dahl said precision farming is the next frontier in agriculture, and the smart research and development money is focused on advanced anticipation of crop conditions before the moment of treatment.

"It's called preventive maintenance and it's attracting venture investment," he said.

"Early detection of a plant disease, insect infestation, weed invasion or other problem will happen long in advance so farmers can address the problem before it develops.

Also, there's investment going into variable seed research. Seed varieties can be changed on-the-go according to conditions in different parts of the field. All of these factors will work together to allow farmers to be more profitable."

He said this is where venture capital in agriculture is headed.

Dahl said he grew up in a privileged setting, not because of the family's financial position but in terms of expectations.



Concord drills were a popular choice for prairies producers moving to reduced tillage and continuous cropping as that trend took hold. | MARY MACARTHUR PHOTO

His grandfather's last name was Melroe and his claim to fame is the Melroe skid steer loader, which was named Bobcat.

"In our household, we were constantly surrounded by new ideas and new technology all the time. And we were all part of those discussions," he said.

"I recall that even when he was on his deathbed, my father's mind was

still pushing for new ideas. Two weeks before he died, I remember walking into the room and he asked, 'what are you doing that's interesting? What new products are you working on?' That's just the way he was."

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SEED SPACING | ACCURACY

Singulator designed for seeders

BY ROBIN BOOKER
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Tweaking plant populations is an important adjustment that producers must make to maximize yields.

However, it involves more than just changing row spacing or the number of pounds per acre of seed.

The spacing of individual seeds within the row is also important.

Large cereal and oilseed producers may covet the seed spacing accuracy that planters provide, but the typical planter can store only a fraction of the inputs available in large air tanks. This discounts planters as a viable option for many large producers in Western Canada.

Tyler Billay of Horsch said the company's new wheat singulator merges the accuracy of a planter with a large air seeder's ability to cover acres efficiently.



TYLER BILLAY
HORSH

"Inside this case there's a rotor that spins with an electric motor," Billay said. "This pushes the grain to the outside. It then catches on a notch and drops one seed at a time down the chute."

The wheat singulator attaches to the seed line above a drill's opener.

Horsch developed its singulator as an add-on to its Pronto disc drill, but it is not yet available in Canada.

"It has been through field testing in Europe with great success," Billay said. "Our Pronto drill is designed to seed from eight to 12 m.p.h. The singulator has not been the limiting factor in keeping speed up."

He said the singulator does not have a problem with plugging.

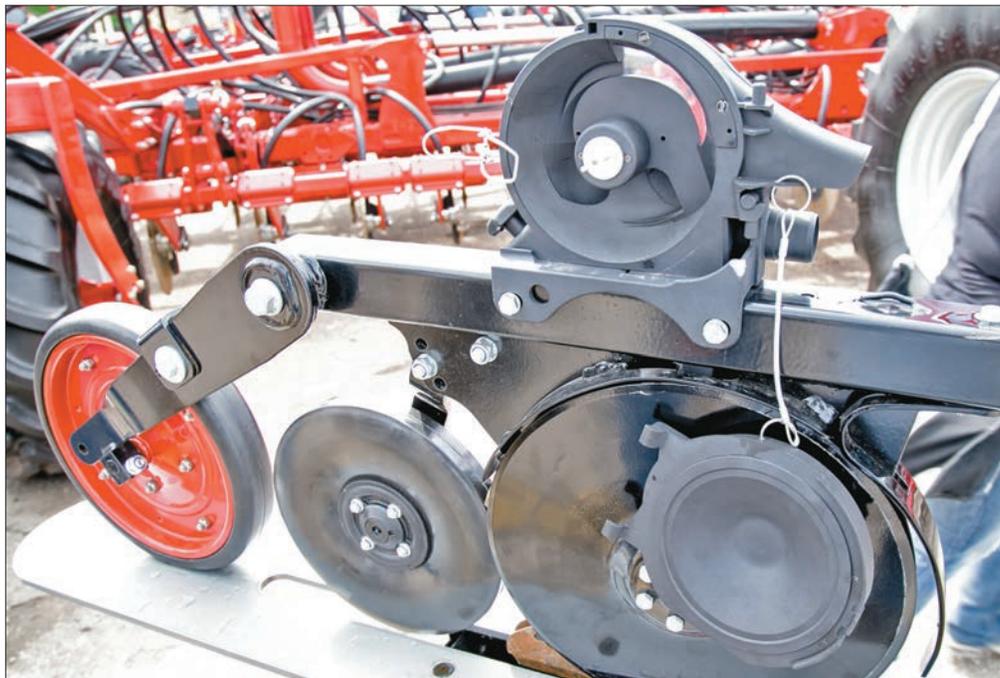
"The benefit of having the singulator is increased accuracy in spacing of the plants as you go down the field. Instead of having plants close together, you'll have a nice even four centimetres, five cm, spacing down the row," Billay said. "This allows for a better plant stand, reduced input cost in your seed and increased yield at the end of the year."

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LEFT: The Horsch wheat singulator is designed to bolt onto the company's Pronto disc drill.

ABOVE: The spinning movement of the rotor pushes wheat kernels to the outside of the singulator. A notch catches the seed and directs it down the chute toward the opener. | ROBIN BOOKER PHOTOS

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Dan Klein, marketing manager for crop production equipment at Case, said farmers start with a new or used Early Riser planter. They can then select Case and Precision Planting technology they want and have it installed either at the Case dealership or the factory. Case Early Riser planters are built in Saskatoon.

“The farmer only buys the technology he wants or feels comfortable with. He doesn’t have to buy any more or any less than they desire,” Klein said.

Klein said the new Early Rise 1255 will come with the components and wiring that allow it to accommodate Precision Planting equipment.

“The farmer is in control,” he said.

“He doesn’t have to take whatever the factory sends on the planter, then strip off the components he doesn’t want so he can replace them with parts he wanted in the first place.”

He said five main component options will likely get the most attention from producers:

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Researchers eager to see hungry weevils return

Taking on toadflax | Did Serbian weevils released in Alberta and British Columbia survive our Canadian winter?

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Rhinusa pilosa is an extremely picky eater: it likes only yellow toadflax.

The tiny weevil might eat dalmatian toadflax in a pinch, but yellow toadflax will always be its first choice.

That singular taste makes the weevil ideal for biological control of yellow toadflax, an invasive weed introduced to North America from the Balkans.

It also allowed Agriculture Canada researchers to get approval for release of the weevil as an insect biocontrol agent to control yellow toadflax.

Entomologist and weed biocontrol researcher Rosemarie DeClerck-Floate, who works at Agriculture Canada's research centre in Lethbridge, is the lead on the project, which is years in the making.

This coming spring, she and fellow researchers will scour sites in British Columbia and Alberta to see if the rhinusa pilosa they released in seven different places have survived the winter to once again attack toadflax.

"Our lab has been studying this biocontrol insect, a stem-galling weevil from Serbia, in quarantine for six years and also in collaboration with European entomologist colleagues," DeClerck-Floate said.

She and her colleagues petitioned for approval to release the insect in March 2012, received it this year from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. They did seven experimental releases in May and will go back to those sites in spring.

DeClerck-Floate has also raised 4,000 weevils in the lab for additional releases. For now, the weevils spend their days burrowed in small pieces of corrugated cardboard inside a dish that is inside a cooler. They have access to lab-raised toadflax.

During the growing season, the weevils lay eggs on toadflax, causing the formation of large galls that rob the host plant of nutrients and inhibit its ability to set seed.

"They're pretty tiny things, but they create such big galls," said DeClerck-Floate.

The weevils are about two millimetres long.

"They hijack growth of the plant, and nutrients that would go to flower production or vegetative growth get shunted to the gall. Even the root biomass is reduced significantly."

Biological control agents are subject to intense scrutiny to ensure they won't adversely affect non-target plants.

"We don't even start with an agent that has a broad host range. That just doesn't happen," she said. "We choose insects that already are known to be host specific or feed on a very tight group of closely related plants."

DeClerck-Floate said advancements in DNA technology have aided weed biocontrol efforts because weeds can now be more accurately



LEFT: Entomologist Rosemarie DeClerck-Floate has been studying the weevil as a biocontrol for yellow toadflax, an invasive weed on the Prairies. | BARB GLEN PHOTO

ABOVE: Weevils lay eggs on the plant, causing galls that drain nutrients and inhibit its ability to self-seed. | ROSEMARIE DECLERCK-FLOATE PHOTO

They'll never get rid of the weed. That's not the intent. The weed will just kind of be there in low levels, hopefully below damage thresholds for ranchers.

ROSEMARIE DECLERCK-FLOATE PHOTO
AGRICULTURE CANADA

classified. Researchers now know there are no native species of linaria, the genus of toadflax. Of course, rhinusa pilosa has known that all along.

"If insects hadn't evolved to recognize their host, it would be similar to putting a brick in front of you and saying, 'eat it!'"

Serbian entomologist Ivo Tosevski has done extensive work with the weevil and toadflax, said DeClerck-Floate, and her graduate student, Emily Barnewall, worked with Tosevski in Serbia as part of the Canadian research project.

"He's pretty excited about this release and he's very confident that it will survive," DeClerck-Floate said about Tosevski.

One challenge of biological control agents is the need for patience, she added. Landowners may want a quick fix to weed problems, but insects such as the weevil do their work over a period of years.

"They'll never get rid of the weed. That's not the intent," she said.

"The weed will just kind of be there in low levels, hopefully below damage thresholds for ranchers."

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SUPPORT | UNEXPLAINED EVENTS

Sask. proves bountiful location for UFO spotters

Ufology club formed | Club meetings can attract up to 100 people and organizers plan to increase their frequency

BY ROBYN TOCKER
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Saskatchewan is a hot spot for extraterrestrial activities, according to Sask Ufology Club founders Dianne and Dave Saum.

Dianne said there were 1,700 sightings from Ontario to British Columbia last year and 2,000 this year. Fort Qu'Appelle, Watrous, Lumsden and Saskatoon in Saskatchewan have shown to be hot spots for the activity.

The couple lives in the Watrous and Manitou Beach area and both have witnessed strange events, such as crop circles near the landfill site outside of Watrous and bright, white lights on their summer acreage.

"There was an airplane going from Regina to Saskatoon and these lights dimmed," said Dianne.

"As soon as the airplane was gone, they came back on. They were there for about 15 minutes; then they zoomed and zipped away."

Dianne said she and Dave were on the beach at Manitou Beach on Canada Day five or six years ago. Dave was cleaning out his snow cone machine when Dianne saw a big, white light.

Two young men showed up soon after and asked what the couple was doing. They had never heard of a snow cone.

"I just had a really bad feeling about these kids," she said.

Dianne said she never saw them walk up; they just appeared. When she asked them about the light, one immediately replied it was an air



Dianne and Dave Saum started the Sask Ufology Club to give people a safe place to share experiences about unexplained phenomena. | ROBYN TOCKER PHOTO

ambulance from Lanigan, Sask.

"After the weekend, I phoned Lanigan and they said they didn't have any air ambulances that night. I had this creepy feeling."

However, the Saums aren't the only ones who have seen unexplainable things on the Prairies. They held their first ufology meeting two years ago and were surprised by what people said and brought.

"There was that guy who had a

UFO hovering over his farm house," said Dave.

The farmer had someone hold up his phone and take a video as he shot at the object with his rifle.

"This thing changed colours and disappeared into the horizon.... He still has the video."

Another told a story of a friend actually seeing creatures about a metre high get out of an unidentified flying object that had landed behind a hill. "There are so many stories. They're incredible."

Dianne said they began holding

their meetings a couple times a year to give people a place to share what they saw. Now they plan to have meetings every four months because sightings aren't slowing down.

One hundred people are attending the meetings, and she expects the number to grow.

"Nobody knows who to talk to," said Dave. "And half the people are afraid to talk because they think other people would think they should be put in a home or something."

The Saums said people from across Saskatchewan attend the meetings,

including retired RCMP officers, professors and scientists.

They are working on building Canada's first ufology museum on their acreage.

"I hope the meetings get big enough that we become the voice for Saskatchewan," she said.

Added Dave: "If anyone sees anything, they can phone us."

The club can be reached at 306-946-3553.

The next meeting is in February.

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Five nominations have been received to fill four positions on the SaskCanola Board of Directors. Registered producers will have received a web based election package the week of November 1st that will instruct them how to select their Board choices from the nominated candidates. Online voting must be complete by December 1 at Noon.

The election results will be announced mid-December and on January 14, 2015, at SaskCanola's AGM held in conjunction with CropSphere.

ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE | FOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS

Disease centre targets drug resistance to salmonella

Reduction goal set

The CDC wants better surveillance and faster information sharing

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

ATLANTA, Ga. — Food poisoning can result in an unpleasant week of vomiting and diarrhea.

Most people recover without medical attention, but hospitalization may be required in severe cases. Serious illness could result if the stomach bug turns out to be resistant to common antibiotics.

For example, campylobacter and salmonella, two common bacterial infections found in improperly cooked food, can be serious.

"Antimicrobial resistance in food-borne pathogens is a subset of the resistance. It is a substantial and changing challenge in human and animal health," said Robert Taupé, deputy director at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, which is dealing with food-borne pathogens.

The threat of antimicrobial resis-



Antimicrobial resistance in food-borne pathogens, such as salmonella, shown here, is a growing worldwide problem. | FILE PHOTO

tance was discussed at a conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 12-14, which was hosted by the National Institute for Animal Agriculture.

Resistant strains of resistant food-borne pathogens are of particular concern because treatment choices may be limited, particularly among

patients who are already weakened because of other health problems.

"Resistant strains have an advantage in individuals who are taking an antimicrobial for other reasons," he said.

The general trend line for multi-drug resistance is down for 1996-

2012, but no agencies want to let down their guard.

A national antimicrobial resistance monitoring system for enteric bacteria was formed in 1996 after outbreaks of resistant infections occurred in the 1980s.

Campylobacter is linked to 410,000 illnesses a year in the United States. Campylobacter jejuni that was resistant to fluoroquinolone was found in poultry in the late 1990s.

Non-typhoidal types of salmonella cause 1.2 million illnesses per year, and some types are showing resistance to three or more classes of drugs.

A prolonged outbreak of the Heidelberg strain was traced to one poultry producer in 2013-14. The poultry was not cooked properly at a retail outlet. Reported cases eventually totalled 634, and one-third were hospitalized. No one died, but some patients were extremely ill.

Control measures were undertaken at the production flock, processor and retail levels for about 18 months once the disease was pinpointed.

The challenge was to determine exactly where the disease entered the production system and stop it before people became seriously ill.

"It underlined for us that Heidelberg, like other strains of salmonella, can spread vertically through the poultry production and breeding pyramid," Taupé said.

The CDC's goal is to reduce salmonella antimicrobial resistance by 25 percent by 2020. It includes releasing information to the public sooner and increasing surveillance for resistant bacteria.

Taupé also supports stopping the use of antibiotics in food-producing animals for growth promotion. The connection between animal agriculture and human health is not known, but he supports FDA guidelines to change the way antibiotics are administered to livestock and poultry.

The antimicrobials guidelines, which will be implemented by Dec. 12, 2016, will make it illegal to use antibiotics in water or feed for food-producing animals without veterinary oversight.

As well, the 26 pharmaceutical companies that manufacture these products have agreed to voluntarily work with the FDA to make the changes by the deadline.

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ANTIBIOTIC MISUSE | STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

CDC pushes for reduced antibiotic use

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

ATLANTA, Ga. — Antibiotic resistant bacteria are gaining added attention as a worldwide public health challenge.

Prudent use is emphasized in human medicine, yet the Centers for Disease Control in the United States estimates that 30 to 50 percent of all antibiotics prescribed for American patients are inappropriate.

Bacteria naturally evolve and inevitably over time develop resistance to the antibiotics used to control them.

Recently, there has been added emphasis on physicians to ensure they prescribe antibiotics only when necessary, but statistics show that is not happening.

Public Health Agency of Canada data from 2000-11 shows that pharmacy dispensing of antibiotics was down, but hospital use increased.

The report found that 75 percent of antibiotics were prescribed for urinary tract infections, 62 percent for ear infections and 46 percent for respiratory tract infections.

The U.S. saw a decrease in antibiotic prescriptions for young children about 10 years ago, probably as a result of extensive health-care campaigns.

However, the dispensing rate has since plateaued, said Theoklis Zaoutis, a pediatrician at the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the Centers for Disease Control's infectious disease board. He is also part of the centre's antimicrobial resistance working group.

Alternatives to current drugs are hard to find. Many companies favour developing drugs for common baby boomer conditions, such as acid reflux, cholesterol and high blood pressure because there are high

profit potentials there.

"Which company wants to develop a drug that doctors and veterinarians want to use less of?" Zaoutis said.

Faced with fewer choices, physicians may prescribe more broad spectrum antibiotics, which are not necessary for many illnesses, he said. Children receive significant amounts of antibiotics compared to medications for asthma, pain, allergies, coughs and cold medication.

"It is the most commonly prescribed out patient drug in children," he said.

Ear infections are the most common complaint to be treated with antibiotics.

However, one out of three prescriptions for children are for illnesses such as respiratory tract infections that do not respond to antibiotics.

"Bronchitis and upper respiratory tract infections in children are mostly viral, and yet we see significant prescribing across all age categories for conditions we do not need to prescribe," he said.

Doctors often surrender to parental pressure when more effort should be devoted to preventing infections through immunization, washing hands, safe food preparation, tracking infections and improved diagnostic tests.

The risk of inflammatory bowel disease is a side-effect of the overuse of antibiotics. The human colon is full of beneficial bacteria, and antibiotics can eliminate the good ones along with the bad.

"The more antibiotics you give, the more the risk of a child developing inflammatory bowel disease," Zaoutis said.

Steve Solomon, director of antimicrobial resistance with the CDC said although antibiotic use is common in hospitals, it may not be the

ACTION ON RESISTANCE

Recently, U.S. president Barack Obama signed an order to approve recommendations on combating antibiotic resistant bacteria. The action plan calls for these measures:

- Better surveillance of the rise of antibiotic resistant bacteria. The U.S. lacks a comprehensive monitoring system that is co-ordinated across the country, and it does not have a national network of diagnostic laboratories.
- Increasing the longevity of current antibiotics by improving appropriate use and preventing the spread of antibiotic resistant bacteria.
- Expanding proven interventions to decrease the rate at which microbes develop resistance.
- Increasing the rate of developing and approving new antibiotics.

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The CDC has published a good stewardship program calling for reduced drug use, accountability and developing pharmaceutical expertise to properly advise on medication use.

It also calls for improving the way antibiotics are prescribed, tracking success, reporting information and providing more education for health professionals and patients.

He said 600 to 1,200 antibiotic prescriptions are written every year for every 1,000 people. Thirty to 50 percent of those are probably inappropriate or inaccurately prescribed.

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AGRICULTURAL GROWTH ACT | NDP OPPOSED

Proposed ag legislation 'not what farmers asked for'

Lacks clarity | Farmer's ability to save harvested seed remains an issue

BY BRIAN CROSS
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Federal New Democrats have withdrawn support for Bill C-18.

NDP agriculture critic Malcolm Allen said despite recent amendments to the Agricultural Growth Act, it still lacks clarity on key issues affecting farmers, including their ability to save and replant harvested seed without paying additional fees.

Allen said in a recent interview that amendments made to the bill by the House of Commons' agriculture committee fall short of providing the assurances that farmers wanted.

The bill has already received second reading and is expected to receive parliamentary approval in the coming weeks.

"The reality is that it is not what farmers asked for," Allen said during recent debate in the House of Commons.

"The problem is that the government did not quite listen to exactly what farmers were saying. Farmers said more than what the minister finally came back with as his amendments. That is why we are against it."

The Agricultural Growth Act is an omnibus bill that proposes amendments to nine pieces of federal legis-



New Democratic Party leader Thomas Mulcair speaks in the House of Commons in Ottawa Oct. 29. The NDP recently pulled its support from the Conservative's Agricultural Growth Act. | REUTERS/CHRIS WATTIE PHOTO

lation: the Plant Breeders' Rights Act, the Feeds Act, the Fertilizers Act, the Seeds Act, the Health of Animals Act, the Plant Protection Act, the Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Act, the Agricultural Marketing Programs Act and the Farm Debt Mediation Act.

One of the most controversial elements is a proposal to amend the

PBR legislation and ensure that it conforms to an international seed treaty known as UPOV 91.

Supporters say an amended PBR Act that conforms to UPOV 91 would encourage private sector investment in seed breeding and provide farmers with access to improved seed varieties.

Critics fear the changes will result in

higher seed prices by opening the door to new revenue collection mechanisms such as end point royalties.

These would allow a seed company to collect royalties on every tonne of grain that is produced from a PBR protected seed variety.

An amended PBR Act would not necessarily result in the introduction of end point royalties, but it would

allow Ottawa to approve their use at any time in the future without additional parliamentary debate.

Federal agriculture minister Gerry Ritz has indicated that an end point royalty system will not be implemented in Canada until thorough consultations have taken place involving all stakeholders in the agriculture industry.

However, Allen said farmers are still concerned that their ability to save harvested seeds and replant them for free in subsequent years will be eroded.

Bill C-18 states that the "farmers privilege" to retain harvested seed and replant it in subsequent years will be protected.

However, critics of the bill say the introduction of end point royalties could allow seed companies to collect revenue on crops that are grown with farm-saved seed.

Ritz said in an email that it is "disappointing but not surprising to see the NDP turn a blind eye to farmers by reneging its support for the Agricultural Growth Act (C-18).

"Every relevant farm group in Canada has come out in support of this important bill, which entrenches in legislation a farmer's right to save, clean and store their own seed... Our government has heard farmers loud and clear and we will continue to move this bill through Parliament on their behalf."

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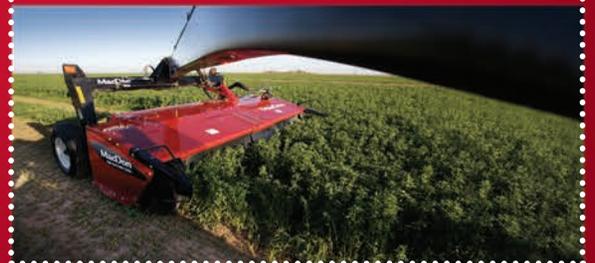
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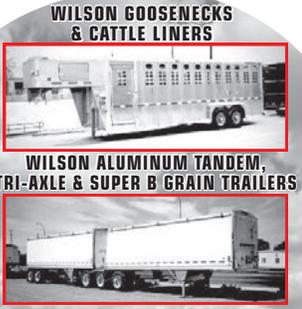
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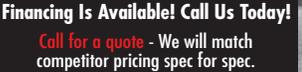
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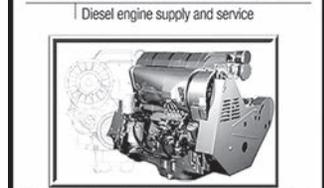
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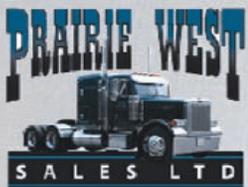


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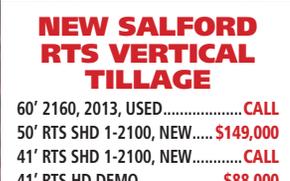
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<p>2009 NEW HOLLAND CR9070</p> <p>N20343B. 1647 HRS, 900 FRONT TIRES, 600 REAR TIRES, CRARY BIG TOP, LONG AUGER, DELUXE NH CHOPPER, Y&M, 76' RAKEUP 2007.</p> <p>NOW \$169,000 CASH</p>	<p>2009 NEW HOLLAND CR9080</p> <p>HN2991A. 1053 HRS, 826 SEP HRS, LGHTG, HID, LONG UNLOADING AUGER, NH STRAW CHOPPER DELUXE, AXLE DIFF LOCK, 14' 76C NH PICKUP, INTELLIVIEW PLUS 2 DISPLAY, Y&M, 900/60R32 FRONT, 600/65R28 REAR. WAS \$265,000</p> <p>NOW \$205,000</p>	<p>2008 NEW HOLLAND CR970</p> <p>HN2643C. 1382 HRS, 900/60R32 DRIVE TIRES 600/65R28 REAR, BEACON LIGHTS, MAV CHOPPER, TRAILING RUB BARS, GRAIN TANK COVER, LONG UNLOADING AUGER.</p> <p>NOW \$139,000 CASH</p>	<p>2008 NEW HOLLAND CR9070</p> <p>HN3179B. 1368 HRS, 20.8R42 DUALS REDEKOP CHOPPER, 2ND RUBBAR SET, MICHEL TARP, AXLE EXTENSIONS, GRAIN TANK COVER, HID LIGHTING, AUGER LONG UNLOADING, C/W 76C 16' PU HEAD.</p> <p>NOW \$175,000 CASH</p>	<p>2006 NEW HOLLAND CR970</p> <p>HN3133A. 2181 HRS, LIGHT BEACON, DELUXE CAB, AXLE DIFF LOCK, LONG AUGER UNLOADING, Y & M MONITOR, 76C 14' PU HEADER, MAV CHOPPER. WAS \$160,000</p> <p>NOW \$139,000 CASH</p>
<p>2006 NEW HOLLAND CR970</p> <p>N21483B. 1888 HRS, 370HP, DEL CAB, HDR LIF, CD PLAYER, COOLANT HEATER, BEACONS, CONCAVE AWNING PLATES, SERVICE LIGHT, 540/65R30 REAR, 20.8R42 DUALS, SL FAN BOTTOM SHIELD, REDEKOP CHOPPER. WAS \$178,000</p> <p>NOW \$148,000 CASH</p>	<p>2005 NEW HOLLAND CR970</p> <p>N21798B. 1647 HRS, 900 FR TIRES, 600 REAR TIRES, CRARY BIG TOP, LONG AUGER, LUX NH CHOPPER, Y&M, 76' RAKEUP. WAS \$132,500</p> <p>NOW \$119,000 CASH</p>	<p>2011 NEW HOLLAND CR9070</p> <p>#N22200A. 1128 HRS, FEEDER HOUSE 2.75" LIFT CYLINDER, ELECTRIC MIRRORS, FEEDER HOUSE FIXED SPEED, HID LIGHTING, LONG, UNLOADING AUGER.</p> <p>NOW \$219,000 CASH</p>	<p>2004 NEW HOLLAND CR960</p> <p>PN2872D. 2532 HRS, 1956 SEP HRS, 76C 14' RAKE UP HEADER, 900 TIRES, YIELD/MOISTURE, PSP CHOPPER. WAS \$129,500</p> <p>NOW \$92,000 CASH</p>	<p>1985 NEW HOLLAND TR96</p> <p>N21067D. 2944 HRS, W/ 971 NH VICTORY HEADER.</p> <p>NOW \$7,000 CASH</p>



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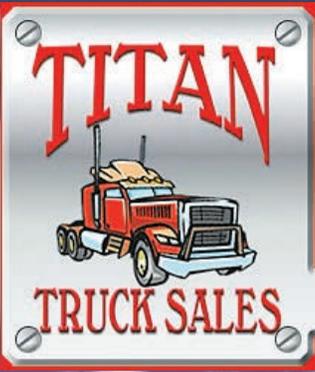
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\$45,000

2010 PETERBILT 386



485 HP Cummins ISX, 13 sp, 14.6 front super 40 rear, 391 gears, 232" WB, 22.5" alloy wheels, 63" bunk, 828602 km.

\$55,000

2007 PETERBILT 386



430 HP Cat C13, 13 sp, 12/40, 22.5" alloy wheels, 3:55 gears, 70" bunk, 236" WB. 1,181,480 km.

\$39,000

2011 PETERBILT 386



485 HP Cummins ISX, 18 sp, 12/40, 3:55 gears, 3x4 diff. locks, 236" WB, 22.5" alloy wheels, 70" bunk, APU.

\$65,000

2007 PETERBILT 379



470 Cat C13, 13 sp, 12/40, 3:36 gears, 244" WB, 70" bunk, 22.5" alloy wheels, 1,548,131 km.

\$45,000

2007 FREIGHTLINER COLUMBIA



490 HP Detroit, 18 sp, 13 front super 40 rear, 4:11 gears, 4x4 diff. locks, 209 WB

\$35,000

2010 PETERBILT 386



485 HP Cummins ISX, 13 sp, 14.6 front super 40 rear, 4:10 gears, 244" WB, 22.5" alloy wheels, 63" bunk, 775,694 km.

\$55,000

2009 KENWORTH T800



525 HP Cummins ISX, 18 sp, 12 front super 40 rear, 4x4 diff. locks, 4:10 gears, 196" WB, 22.5 alloy wheels, 780,991 km.

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2007 WESTERN STAR 4900SA



515 HP Detroit, 18 sp, 12000 front super 40 rear, 4x4 diff. locks, 209" WB, 48" bunk, 979,831 km.

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500 HP Cummins ISX, 18 sp, 12 front super 40 rear, 244" WB, 22.5" alloy wheels, 63" flat top bunk, 3:70 gears, 3x4 diff. locks, 380,117 km, warranty till March 2017.

\$120,000

2007 PETERBILT 386



430 HP Cat C13, 10 sp, 12/40, 22.5" alloy wheels, 3:55 gears, 70" bunk, 236" WB. 1,137,740 km.

\$35,000

2009 PETERBILT 388



475 HP Cummins ISX, 18 sp, 12/40, 22.5" alloy wheels, 3-way diff. locks, 3:55 gears, 244" WB, 63" midrise bunk, 1,145,366 km.

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BISON/BUFFALO

AUCTION SALES 5000

CADIAC AUCTION MART is holding a Bison Auction Sale. Monday December 8th, at 11AM. Taking all classes of bison. For more information call Kevin 306-424-2967 or 306-539-4090, Candiac, SK.

BISON AUCTION: Kramer Auctions Ltd. will be having the Season Opener Bison Auction on Wednesday, December 3, 2014. Over 350 head on offer. MGM Grand Genetics Bison Auction December 12, 2014, don't miss out on this incredible offering of top quality genetics. For more details visit: www.kramerauction.com or call 1-800-529-9958.

BISON/BUFFALO 5001

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AUCTION SALES 5005

DECEMBER 5TH AT Mankota Stockmens Weigh Co. Ltd. 1:00 PM CST, 25th Annual Select Bred Heifer Sale: 90 bred heifers. Don and Bev Gillespie Herd Dispersal: 170 Black and Black Baldy, 40 preconditioned open replacement heifer calves, 30 bred heifers, 4 black bulls. Bulls turned out July 1st to September 1st. For 15 years all Hereford bulls came from Gillespie Hereford Ranch. Black bulls are predominately Wayne Bircham, Glendar Angus and Breed Creek Angus. Mankota 4-H Beef club Grand Champion Steers in 2008, 2011 and 2012. Many champion females. Call Don/Bev at 306-478-2271. December 12th All Class Sale and Herd Dispersal for Anthony Ranch: 240 Black Angus cows bred to Johnson Livestock bulls from Peebles, SK. Johnson's were the 2012 Saskatchewan Angus Breeder's of the year. Bulls turned out July 1st to Sept. 20th. Start to calf April 9, 2015. The cow herd is 100% born and raised on the Anthony Ranch. Full herd health. Cows have been culled hard for production and disposition. The Anthony's have continued to expand for several years, so the majority of the cows are 7 years and younger. Call Lee for more info at 306-478-7773, dlranch@sasktel.net Mankota Stockmens Weigh Co., 306-478-2229. Photos on our web page www.mankotastockmens.com

CADIAC AUCTION MART is holding a Bred Cow Sale, on Wednesday December 3rd at 11AM. To pre-book and for more information contact Kevin 306-424-2967 or 306-539-4090, Candiac, SK.

DISPERSALS, BRED HEIFERS and more Sat., Dec. 6, 1:00 PM at Johnstone Auction Mart, Moose Jaw, SK. Young & Clemens Simmental/Angus bred heifers; Byma 150 black cow dispersal; Tucker reduction and more. Call: 306-693-4715. Details/photos at: www.johnstoneauction.ca PL# 914447

CADIAC AUCTION MART is holding a Pen of 3 Bred Heifer Show and Sale, with bred cows to follow, on Friday December 19th at 11AM. To pre-book and for more information contact Kevin 306-424-2967 or 306-539-4090, Candiac, SK.

AUCTION SALES 5005

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BRED HEIFER SALE, Sunday, December 7, 2:00 PM at the Ranch, Swift Current, SK. 40- F1 Black Angus cross Tarentaise, bred Black Angus, calving April, 20- PB Black Angus bred Black Angus, calving April and May. 10- 3, 4, and 5 year old cows, bred Black Angus, calving May. Bryce Burnett 306-773-7065 or Wyatt Burnett 306-750-7822, wburnett@xplornet.ca

Heartland Livestock Services Swift Current, Sask.

BRED COW & SPECIAL SALES 2014

Tues., November 25 - 1:00 PM Bred Cows & Heifer Sale Riverbute Stock Farm Ltd, Cabri, SK 19 Cows Bred Red Angus/Simm Allan Perrault, Ponteix, SK 50 Red Hfns Bred Red Angus Micon Enterprises (Mike Mattenbeier) 60 Red & Black Cow Dispersal, Bred Angus June 22

Wed. December 3 - 1:00 PM Six Mile & Guest Consignor 400 Head Bred Heifer Sale

Thurs. December 4 - 1:00 PM Bred Cow & Heifer Sale ABH Holdings, Hazlet, SK 36 Red Angus Heifers, Bred Red Angus. Bulls out June 12th- Pulled August 11th Really Fancy set of Red Angus Bred Heifers. Wayne Dueck, Lucky Lake, SK - 60 Red Heifers, Bred Red. Bulls out June 20th. Wayne Flaherty, Tompkins, SK. 50 Young Black Cows, Bred Black. Ranchers Choice & Oberle Bulls. Raymond Duclos, Cadillac, SK. 30 Red & Black 1st or 2nd Calvers, Bred Red or Black. Bulls out June 28th.

D&N Ag Ventures, Cadillac, SK. Complete Dispersal - 80 Red Cows, Bred Red. Bulls out June 1st

X-T Ranch, Eastend, SK. 30 Red & Black Heifers, Bred Red Angus. Bull out June 10th.

Mon. December 8 - 1:00 PM. Rock Solid Bred Hfr. Sale 500 of Canada's Best. rocksolidbredhfr.ca

Thurs. December 11 - 1:00 PM Bred Cow & Heifer Sale Bone Creek Angus Production Sale, Eastend, SK. 200 Black 2nd & 3rd Calvers April 1st Calving. Total Herd Health Program. Tom Graham Production Sale, Webb, SK. 150 Black & Red Heifers, Bred Black Angus. Bull out June 20th.

Total Herd Health Program. Dennis & Jean Nelson, Central Butte, SK. Complete Dispersal - 100 Fancy RWF & BWF Cows, Bred Black Angus. Bull out June 20th. Total Herd Health Program.

Jack & Irene Gunter, Val Marie, SK. 50 Black Heifers, Bred Black Angus. Bull out June 7th - August 7th. Total Herd Health Program.

Sat., December 13 - 1:00 PM Bred Cow & Heifer Sale 4 COMPLETE DISPERSALS FROM: McIntosh Farm & Ranch 120 Red Angus Cows, Bred Red Angus Bull out June 20th - August 17th. Full Vaccination Program. Nov. 2013 Strs Weight - 615 lb. Hfns Weight - 611 lb.

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Thurs., December 18 - 1:00 PM Bred Cow & Heifer Sale. David Slever - 40 Black Cows, Bred Black Simmental. More Listings Daily.

Tues., December 23 - 1:00 PM Last Regular Sale & Bred Cow & Heifer Sale.

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AUCTION SALES 5005



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BRED CATTLE INFORMATION: RCN RANCH COMPLETE DISPERSAL - 180 Bred Primarily Blk Cows, a few BWF, BBF Cows. Bred to Blk Angus Bulls. Bulls in June 6th. CAM OSTERCAMP - 75 bred cows consisting of: 50 Red RBF 3rd calvers. Bred to Red Angus and Hereford Bulls. Bulls in June 12th. 25 Blk & Red Cows. Bred to Red Angus Bulls. Bulls in June 12th. LOMA LANE ANGUS (Edmund Kolesar) - 23 Blk Angus Cows. Bred to Blk Angus Bulls. Bulls in May 12th. J2 RANCH - 40 Red & Blk Angus Cows (4 to 8 yrs old). Bred to Blk Angus Bulls. Bulls in May 10th. Out Jul 30th.

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 5th at 1:00pm

DOUG HANSEN - 200 bred females consisting of: 120 Red & RBF Hfns AI BRED. AI Breeding program started April 20th for 6 weeks to Red Angus ABS Above & Beyond, 4 star calving ease, NOTE: no clean up bull used on AI Hfns, PLUS 27 Red Hfns (pasture bred). Bred to Blk Angus bulls. Bulls in June 1st. Out Aug 1st. 30 Solid Red Cows (2nd calvers). 20 RBF & Blk Cows (3rd or 4th calvers). Bred to Char Bulls. Bulls in June 1st. out Sept 1st. BEVER FARMS - 105 2nd calvers consisting of: 45 Sold Yellow Char X Cows. Bred to Angus Bulls. Bulls in July 1st, Out Sept 15th. 60 Blk Angus Cows. Bred to Blk & Red Angus Bulls. Bulls in July 1st, Out Sept 15th. THISTLE RIDGE RANCH - 35 Red & Blk Cows. Bred to Red & Blk Angus Bulls. Due to calve Feb 1st.

DAVID WIEST - Dispersal - 40 Solid Red & Red Blaze face (Simm X) Cows. Bred to Red Simm Bulls (Darrell Maronda). Bulls in April 10th. Out July 31st. Note: Full Herd Health program - Scourguard, Ivomec breedback 9.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 9th at 1:00pm

EAST & WEST RANCHING CO - 120 Blk Angus Hfns. Bred to Hamilton, Belvin, and Doug Reid Angus Bulls. Bulls in July 10th. Out Aug 22nd for 42 day breeding program. JOE MEIER - 50 Blk & BBF Hfns. Bred to low birth wt Blk Angus Bulls. Bulls in June 1st.

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BLACK ANGUS 5010



WJ RANCH Black and Red Angus Dispersal, Dec. 19th, Team Internet Sale. Cattle will be at Crowfoot Cattle Co. sale facility, Standard, AB. 103 head, 20 embryo lots. Videos of sale offering will be online at: crowfootcattle.com Call Johnny at 403-728-3382 or Dallas 403-934-7597.

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HERD DISPERSAL: 27 Red Angus pairs, April/May calves, mainly 2nd and 3rd calvers, exposed to Reg. Red Angus bull, \$3250/pair. 306-861-4592, Eyebrow, SK.

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CHAROLAIS 5055

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COMMERCIAL SHORTHORN SALE of bred females. Consignments welcome. Dec. 5, 2014 at 12:30 PM, Heartland Livestock Services. Contact Greg Tough at: 204-748-3136, 204-851-4541, Virden, MB.

SIMMENTAL 5205

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THE SHE'S GOT THE LOOK Simmental and SimAngus Female Sale. Wed. Dec. 10, 1:00 PM at Double Bar D Farm, Grenfell, SK. Selling a selection of Fleckvieh, Red and Black Simmental and SimAngus. For a catalogue or info contact Ken Dimler 306-697-7204 or T Bar C Cattle Co. 306-220-5006. View the catalogue on line at: www.buyago.com (PL#116061). Watch and bid live on line at: DV Auction.com

BRED COW SALE. Spring Creek Simmentals will sell 108 bred heifers and cows at their Golden Opportunity Sale, Heartland Livestock, Virden, MB, December 6, 2014, 1:00 PM. Call: 306-435-3590, 306-435-7527, Moosomin, SK. brian.mccarthy@live.ca springcreeksimmentals.com

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HOGS | GENOMICS

Experts use ancient pig genome to trace history

BY ROBYN TOCKER
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

The recent discovery of an unchanged pig genome has put the porker on a pedestal.

Researchers recently discovered that the Iberian pig genome has remained unchanged after five centuries.

Miguel Pérez-Enciso, a researcher at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona in Spain who was part of the research team, said he has always been curious about the genetic legacy of Spanish pigs.

He said he has contacts who work with ancient DNA, and one happened to be working at the site of the Montsoriu Castle in Girona. Bones of pigs were discovered and handed over to Pérez-Enciso and his team.

The data indicates that this ancient pig is closely related to today's Iberian pig, considered to represent the original European Mediterranean pig populations.

The sample dates for the bone are 1520-1550 A.D., which is before the introduction of Asian pigs to Europe. This prompted Pérez-Enciso and his team to discard the hypothesis that Asian pigs were crossed with modern Iberian pigs.

However, the discovery does not affect the Canadian pig genome.

"In the case of Canada, with all the lines that are exploited with pig breeds that come primarily from Europe, their unit is later."

In other words, Canadian pigs bred with Chinese pigs in the 17th and 18th centuries, creating a mixture that still exists today.

"(Scientists) are trying to untangle what parts of the DNA come from China and Europe, but many times you cannot tell properly."

This discovery offers interesting information that was previously unknown.

For one thing, the pig was not a white pig because it was missing a duplicated KIT gene.

As well, it is closely related to the "Lampino del Guadiana" strain.

Pérez-Enciso said more tests will need to be done to gather more answers about the Iberian pig. The discovery coincides with the castle's history of pig breeding, having been a necessity for the residents.

"We are talking about village pigs, not commercial pigs."

The findings don't apply to wild boar but there is evidence of occasional crossbreeding between wild boars and ancient pigs, as has happened between wild boars and Iberian pigs.

"It would be interesting to see what has been changed by modern selection and breeding compared to pigs that were there before," said Pérez-Enciso.

The advances of modern technology will lessen the challenges that researchers face with ancient DNA.

"We are going to see in the near future a burst in international study with livestock, like it is with humans."

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PRODUCER SURVEY | INVESTMENT

Producers dole out for their birds

New and improved | 84 percent of producers say they plan to make environmental improvements

BY ROBYN TOCKER
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

A recent survey of Canadian turkey farmers has found that producers are investing in their farms.

Sixty-eight percent of the almost 100 producers who completed the Turkey Farmers of Canada survey said they have built or upgraded their operations in the past 10 years.

Executive director Phil Boyd said the survey is conducted every three to four years to keep in touch with producers' priorities.

"It gives us a snapshot of what's going on with their farms and how they're doing for the future."

He said farmers are building new barns, upgrading old ones, buying new equipment and investing in new environmental control systems for their barns.

Chair Mark Davies said he has invested in his operations in Nova Scotia.

"I invested significantly in a new generator. It's more efficient," he said.

"The one I had before was older than I am, I think."

Davies has been in charge of his father's farm since 1993 and since then, this "boots on the barn" farmer has switched to LED lighting, bought new fans, installed propane heaters and has developed a manure management program with a neighbouring dairy farmer.

"He takes all my manure and uses it. He brings me the straw and we have this sort of cycle," he said.

The survey also found that turkey farmers care about the environment. Eighty-four percent of them have made or are planning to make environmental improvements to their



A Turkey Farmers of Canada survey revealed producers are continuing to improve the welfare of birds and the environment. | FILE PHOTO

turkey operation in the next two years.

Changes include improved litter storage, litter composting, more efficient ventilation and heating systems and alternative energy sources.

"It's not like the old days when you threw everything on the back of the truck and took it to the landfill," Davies said.

"You recycle and compost what you can and go from there."

Boyd said the survey results will help the organization understand what farmers are doing, thinking and looking forward to in terms of their future plans and aspirations.

"Producers are willing to invest to make sure the consumer's demands are met and to move forward with the times as things move forward in the marketplace," he said.

Added Davies: "It gives us a sense of our position in the industry."

Boyd said top tier priorities emerged from the survey that will now be shown to the organization's research committee so that it can see what is of interest to producers.

"We're seeing a greater need for biosecurity. They are more focused on cost and quality of feed stuffs."

Bird health and genetics were also seen as priorities.

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RURAL MUNICIPALITIES | BUDGETS

Alberta RMs want stable gov't funding

FOR EVERY DOLLAR THE PRICE OF OIL DROPS PER BARREL, THE GOVERNMENT LOSES

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IN REVENUE

SOURCE: ALBERTA PREMIER JIM PRENTICE

BY MARY MACARTHUR
CAMROSE BUREAU

Rural councillors don't like going cap in hand to the Alberta government every year looking for money to repair road, bridges and other infrastructure projects.

They say stable funding would solve the problem.

"We need to know the money from the provincial or federal governments is going to be consistent so we can make plans," said Al Kemmere, president of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties.

The provincial government has not funded the Resource Road program and the Local Road Bridge program for the past two years.

It had previously paid \$31 million a year for the resource road program and \$26 million to bridge funding.

Lethbridge County reeve Lorne Hickey introduced a resolution to bring back the funding, but he wonders if bridge and road funding will ever get back on the table now that the price of oil down to \$75 a barrel.

"When oil was \$112 a barrel, it was cut because the province said it couldn't afford it. Now it's at \$75 a barrel. How will we ever get it back," said Hickey.

"We were told at \$75 a barrel, don't expect an awful lot."

Provincial politicians at the annual convention were not making many promises, he added.

"\$75 oil is a very significant reality in this province," Alberta premier Jim Prentice told reporters during the convention.

"It is for every Albertan. It is for government. It is something we all need to watch and be prudent and cautious about. For every dollar the prices of oil drops per barrel, the government loses \$200 million of reve-

nue.... We're very focused on the current fiscal year we are in. We will balance the budget as promised and then have important decision we have to make for 2015-16, and we'll do that."

Hickey said Alberta's rural municipalities are responsible for building and maintaining 8,500 bridges and want a funding arrangement that will help them plan for repairs and replacements.

One of the 167 bridges that cross irrigation canals in Lethbridge County cost \$260,000 to replace two years ago. The bridges now cost \$600,000, and each must be engineered individually.

New rules that would allow for culverts or simpler bridges instead of

traditional bridges would help municipalities reduce costs and keep the roads open.

"Do we close the roads? That would be unpopular," said Hickey.

"It's a huge issue."

Kemmere said maintaining rural roads and bridges has become a significant issue for rural councillors, but it's an important issue for farmers hauling grain and livestock and companies hauling oil, gas and lumber.

"It's important counties and municipalities maintain the roads and bridges to allow grain and oil and gas resources to get to market," he said. "We need to be able to get these things down the road."

Kemmere said some municipalities may have to start placing load restrictions on roads without funding for repairs.

He said he knows the province is dealing with low oil prices, but stable funding is an important issue for rural municipalities.

"There were no promises, but they sure did acknowledge the issue."

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TECHNOLOGY | CAPITAL

Investors skeptical of agricultural projects

Off-farm investors may not understand industry

BY ED WHITE
WINNIPEG BUREAU

The strangeness of agriculture is sometimes the hardest part of attracting investment money into new farm technology, says a leading farm data analysis provider.

It makes the already excruciating process of raising capital for a new business more painful when asking venture capitalists to invest in agriculture.

"They get it intellectually, but when it comes down to (me asking them), 'have you been to a farm yet? Have you talked to a farmer?' (they say), 'no, we should do that,'" Pat Christie, chief executive officer of Conservis Corp., said in a presentation at the Agri Innovation Forum.

And that's where things can go wrong, Christie said.

Farming and agriculture seem weird and unsettling to investors who are familiar with regular industrial production, and they sometimes back away from deals at the last minute because they realize they still don't understand the basics of farming.

"We were at the table with a couple of groups. Almost married. We were dating. We had our vows picked out. And at the last moment they said, 'we're not sure we get this ag thing yet,'" Christie said, to laughter from the crowd.

Conservis offers cloud-based farm production and management software and data management and has been raising money to expand its services.

It is working with more than 100 large family farms in the United States and has started working with farmers in Australia.

Christie said the farm economy has a great future, especially for innovative companies, but getting enough capital is an ongoing challenge for companies like his that need to educate investors not just about their particular products and services but also about farming itself.

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Toronto graphics facilitator Liisa Sorsa illustrates the themes of one of the sessions at the Agricultural Excellence Conference. | ED WHITE PHOTO

NETWORKING AND EDUCATION | MEETINGS

Farmers still prefer real-life face time

Farm management | New technologies haven't replaced importance of face-to-face communication

BY ED WHITE
WINNIPEG BUREAU

Farmers often still learn best from talking to other farmers and their personal advisers, last week's Agricultural Excellence Conference was told.

For all the wonders of websites, social media and other electronic communications, bringing farmers and advisers into the same room can still be the best way to boost farming skills.

"I think we have (lost something) because people can travel to the website but there's not that same type of mentoring," said Ron Bonnett, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

"I think really what we're going to have to look at is some type of mentoring system, or people setting examples."

A young farmer said online communications help producers begin finding advice and support, but it doesn't tend to be the way they actually get the advice.

"They'll find it online, but the face-to-face are going to be important moving forward," he said.

The Agricultural Excellence Conference, which was organized by Farm Management Canada, was rife with references to websites and online information sources.

However, many people said they felt that direct contact between people can't be compromised by an over-reliance on electronic communication.

"Has anybody actually added up all the money that has been spent on websites and technology in communicating to farmers and compared that to how much has been lost in the

face-to-face, knees-under-the-table extension we used to do in the good old days?" said BMO agriculture manager Lynn Lashuk of Kelowna, B.C.

"Every time we're asked that question (about how to transfer advice and knowledge to farmers), there's a new website that's launched."

Farmers and advisers sat together over the course of the three-day conference and discussed how to improve on-farm business management.

The importance of interpersonal communication came up repeatedly, with many noting how online services can distract from farmer-to-farmer and farmer-to-adviser contact.

Some rued the loss of many forms of extension services in recent years, but others, especially farmers, highlighted the importance of "peer

groups" as a way to transfer knowledge.

"Outside of paying (for superstar-like farming and farmer experts to meet with farmers), I think peer networks are probably the most fantastic way to get the knowledge transferred," said one farmer during the roundtable session.

Bonnett said farmers can be shy or feel guilty about sharing their farm production and financial numbers with strangers, but many are willing to do so with friends or people they see as peers.

"Somehow we need to have a safe place where that discussion can take place on a one-to-one basis," said Bonnett.

"We have a tendency to overlook the human element."

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MEAT | PROCESSING

Harmony Beef operator could reopen former Alta. producer-owned facility this spring

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

Canada's newest beef packing plant hopes to start processing cattle next spring.

Harmony Beef, located north of Calgary, plans to start taking feedlot cattle for the first six months of operations to test the new systems installed. The plant was bought by Rich Vesta and his family last year and is now being renovated.

The 75,000 sq. foot plant is the former Rancher's Beef, built by a group

of beef producers in response to the BSE crisis when live cattle were not eligible for export. It operated for only 14 months and closed in 2005.

Vesta's decision to buy the mothballed plant was under consideration since 2011 after he retired from JBS.

It should handle up to 800 head per day once it is fully operational. It will be the largest European Union-approved facility in Canada, meeting exacting food safety and animal welfare standards, Vesta said at the annual Canfax forum in Calgary Nov. 18.

The decision to maintain EU certifi-

cation was serendipitous because of the signing of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement with Europe earlier this year.

Vesta has promised the plant will do things differently than the large multinational companies and will focus on customers in Canada, Europe and Asia. As a smaller facility, it should be able to customize orders and offer beef cuts to meet more exacting specifications.

"We are not big enough to be a major factor in this market. We never wanted to be. We saw the need to do

things a little bit differently," he said.

The average carcass weight is approaching 900 pounds, and the result is oversized steaks. The company will handle those larger cattle, but Vesta's lifelong experience in the meat trade has shown that consumers want smaller cuts.

"It does no good for a consumer to get a 12 ounce steak that is three-eighths of an inch thick," he said.

"Every grilling steak should be an inch thick."

Large steaks that are flat and wide cannot be cooked properly. Over-

sized rib eyes are not improved by cutting them in half because the muscle quality changes across the dimensions of the cut.

Vesta said managing facilities for meat packing giants such as JBS taught him that the customers were always right and many were willing to pay extra when their specifications were met.

"There are segments out there that want something a little different and they are willing to pay for it," he said.

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ROYAL WINTER FAIR PARTICIPANTS | COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Royal 'better than Christmas' for participant

Networking event | Farmers eager to renew friendships and share trials and tribulations

BY JEFFREY CARTER
FOR THE WESTERN PRODUCER

TORONTO — There are places in Canada where rural communities have faltered. The neighbourhoods where Nicole Shelley and Janice Kyle reside are not among them.

Neither is the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

"It's a large part of who we are. My mom and dad actually met down here and were engaged. My mom was very pregnant with me the November before I was born. I didn't miss the Royal that year and I haven't missed one since," Shelley said.

"It's a chance for people to network. I see people here every year at the Royal that that's the only place I see them."

It's a similar story for Kyle, except her family's association with the Royal goes back further, to before the event was founded along the waterfront in downtown Toronto in 1922.

"It's hard to say when they started going," she said.

"It was in the 1900s, 1901, that kind of thing. It was part of the Canadian National Exhibition at the time."

The Royal is the highlight of the year for the Shelley and Kyle families — "better than Christmas," according to Kyle.

Shelley, although only 20, has become something of an institution at the annual event through her involvement with the sheep industry.

Along with showing sheep and gathering a wall full of ribbons along the way, she's been the commentator for the sheep shearing demonstration since she was five.

Judy Miller-Shelley, her mother and a professional shearer for 40 years, usually removes the wool. This year, Shelley's father, Steve, filled in.

Kyle said her husband, Peter, competed in the Queen Guineas beef competition at the Royal 35 years ago.

Today, they carry on the Royal tradition with their four children: Victoria, Maggie, Emily and Tommy. Emily competed in the TD Dairy Classic and all three daughters have served as Ontario Shorthorn Lassies, presenting awards in Scottish regalia.

The Kyles also enjoy the 4-H Go For The Gold competition, Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture, the sheep competition, the livestock barns, the rabbits and the 4-H displays.

"I started 4-H before I was 12 and I helped lead before I was married. Now I'm sitting on the provincial council," Kyle said.

Members of the Kyle family have completed more than 250 4-H club credits, while Shelley has completed 80 and has her sights set on 100.

Kyle and Shelley said the Royal remains a strong event. The livestock barns this year were once again full to capacity.

However, there have been changes. Attendance by urban residents looking to connect with rural Ontario is up, while at the same time



Ontario's farming population has fallen.

Rural culture has managed to hold its own, at least where the Shelley and Kyle families live.

Shelley said her farming roots go back three generations on her father's side and four on her mother's side.

Their 140-acre in Grey County farm between Hanover and Durham is typical of the region. It's not large by today's standards and Shelley's aspirations are not leading her in that direction, beyond a modest expansion to perhaps 200 acres.

"I'm big on knowing where I come from and staying with my roots," she said.

"My dream is to stay on the farm. I want to run a flock of sheep with about 150 ewes and keep a nice herd of cattle."

Shelley, who has a natural affinity for animals of all kinds, is already self-employed as a horse trainer.

Her mother remembers losing sight of her daughter at the Royal when she barely beyond the toddler stage. She was soon found scrubbing a Cheviot ram at the wash station to the delight of an old shepherd.

Shelley said neighbours pull together when there's a need. It's the same for the Kyle family, who farm near Ayr along the border between Brant and Oxford counties.

Kyle said three Kyle families and three Sayles families are among the long-standing members of her community.

"The neighbours are still definitely here. We have a community club. It used to be more often, but we still meet a couple times a year and have a

People from the city don't know how important farms like those are to the community, and they don't understand why young people want to farm.

DAVID JELLEN
CONNECTICUT AG STUDENT

Christmas celebration together," Kyle said.

"A few years ago, my husband had an accident. We couldn't have survived without the neighbours."

Purebred Shorthorn cattle are the major focus at the Kyle farm, and the family began a switch to organic production in the wake of the BSE crisis.

"It's a lot of intensive labour, but we can make ends meet at the end of the day."

The years have not been as kind to other parts of rural Ontario, at least from a cultural perspective. Shelley said many of the neighbours from the area her father hails from have sold to larger interests.

Others at the Royal had similar thoughts.

Kathryn Milhousen has a hobby farm near Guelph with young dairy cattle, but was she was raised on a Jersey operation in Brampton. Urban sprawl has left farming little more than a memory in that municipality, and the adjacent Halton Region is headed in the same direction.

Two 16-year-old visitors to the Royal from Connecticut are facing similar changes.



TOP: Nicole Shelley has been serving as a sheep-shearing commentator at the Royal since she was five. Her mother usually does the shearing but this year her father, Steve Shelley, filled in.

ABOVE: Andrew Turmell, David Jellen and Ryan Biscow, all 16 and all from Connecticut, say acquisition of land may be today's greatest obstacle for aspiring young farmers. | JEFFREY CARTER PHOTOS

David Jellen and Ryan Biscow are pursuing studies at an agricultural trade high school but see little future for agriculture in their state, thanks to urban pressure on land prices.

Jellen and Biscow do see a possibility of farming in upstate New York.

Jellen's dream is to work 80 acres of land, milk perhaps 20 cows and sell his production locally, possibly as raw milk.

"It's something pretty small, but I think it's a reasonable goal," he said.

"People from the city don't know

how important farms like those are to the community, and they don't understand why young people want to farm."

Another young farmer is far more optimistic.

"I lucked into it (dairy farming)," said Prentice, who farms in Ontario.

"I went to university and decided after a year I'd rather be in the barn."

Prentice said he and his father are buying quota every month with plans to build their herd to 70 milking cows.

ONTARIO ORCHID | VALUE-ADDED

Farm touts apple a day the dehydrated way

BY JEFFREY CARTER
FOR THE WESTERN PRODUCER

TORONTO, Ont. — With just a small orchard and a northerly location, Matt Peredery's apple business is small in scale but big on marketing.

The Sudbury, Ont., farmer attended the recent Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, where she sold her An Apple A Day dehydrated chips for \$5 a bag. Each bag weighs 20 grams, which is the equivalent of one medium-sized apple.

"I have five acres of apples and 27 varieties. They're mostly dwarf and semi-dwarf trees," Peredery said.

"I don't spray at all if I can get away with it, and if I do it's only once. It's because of our northerly location."

Peredery uses mostly organic practices on her farm, which is 58 acres as well as adjacent crown land. The location falls within Zone 3 for hardiness.

She said the growing season starts about two weeks later and ends two weeks earlier than Toronto. The temperature fell to -47 C last winter.

Peredery has planted her trees in sheltered locations and covers them with burlap in fall and spring. She's been able to grow varieties such as Ambrosia and Mutsu, which are rat-



MATT PEREDERY
ONTARIO PRODUCER

ed as Zone 5 for cold hardiness.

Sales at the Royal are just a yearly perk for Peredery. She sells most of her apples chips online and through retailers in Sudbury and the greater

Toronto area.

The apples are just one aspect of her diverse business.

Peredery also raises heritage poultry, selling their fertilized eggs to customers across Canada.

She grows a wide variety of small fruit and vegetables and raises goats and cattle.

Even the wild pigeons that frequent her property are periodically harvested and sold to members of the area's Italian community.

The pigeons are lured into the barn using her pet bird, Squib, and collected while they roost at night.

Peredery exploits the economic

aspects of her animals, but she also delights in them.

She once trained polo horses and has ridden one of her cattle like a horse. She has also trained groups of chickens and geese to march in a figure 8 configuration before wide-eyed visitors to her farm.

"People underestimate animals. They are actually very, very smart," she said. "I guess you could call me an animal whisperer."

Peredery does most of the work on Willow Lane Farms, but also takes on volunteers through programs such as World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms.



It didn't take long for Colt Longpre, owner of Tire Service, to replace valve stems on vandalized tires at the Royal, but paint sprayed on pickups and livestock trailers was a bigger problem. | JEFFREY CARTER PHOTO

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR | DAMAGE

Celebration of agriculture marred by vandals with paint

Tires also damaged | Officials uncertain if animal activists are involved

BY JEFFREY CARTER
FOR THE WESTERN PRODUCER

TORONTO, Ont. — Animal rights activists may have picked a poor target if they vandalized pickups and livestock trailers at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair earlier this month.

"If it was activists, and we're not 100 percent sure, they're not bettering their cause by doing this," said Sarah Brien, a spokesperson with Farm and Food Care Ontario.

"These animals here are the best kept animals that you can find anywhere."

Peter Hohenadel, the event's director of agriculture and food, said at least 20 farm families were affected by vandalism Nov. 11 and Nov. 13. Paint was sprayed and drizzled on trailers and trucks, and valve stems were cut.

The Royal is not liable for the thousands of dollar of damage because it occurred in a lot a block

from the event, but Hohenadel said the fair will pick up the deductible on insurance claims and pay for tire repairs.

"We all feel violated because this is a celebration of agriculture. It's supposed to bring the country and city together," he said.

Dean Craswell, a dairy farmer from Prince Edward Island, said he is unlikely to be deterred by the vandals, but he is angry.

"I had my trailer painted and my truck painted and they cut a tire stem on the trailer. Within four spaces of where I was there was four tire stems cut," he said. "It's the third year in a row this has happened here."

Sheep farmers Ron Gates and Sean McBrien from Ridgetown, Ont., were also hit. With only 30 ewes, Gates is far from being an industrial-sized producer.

"It isn't the Royal that I blame, it's the security company over there," Gates said.

"My family has been coming here

since 1955. I've had thoughts of not coming back. It costs money to come here. This has pretty well sealed the deal."

Gates figures he sustained \$1,200 in damage.

Declan Patten of Illinois was not directly affected but expressed deep concern over the vandalism.

"You travel hour after hour to get here and this just adds to the pressure and stress," said Patten, the marketing and genetics manager with Butlerview Farms.

Added Len Riebof of Dunnville, Ont.: "Everyone here collectively is upset. It's making people think twice about coming back. It's a celebration of the industry, but it's also an investment in time and money."

Speaking from Los Angeles, Ari Solomon with Mercy for Animals didn't offer an opinion when asked whether his organization's cause is helped by such actions.

He said Mercy for Animals does not condone illegal action.

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HOG PRODUCTION | PORCINE EPIDEMIC DIARRHEA

Vet applauds new traceability for PED

PigTrace Canada | The federally enforceable program is intended to help investigate outbreaks and prevent disease spread

BY **DAN YATES**
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

A Manitoba veterinarian who has worked with two hog operations that tested positive for porcine epidemic diarrhea virus is vouching for Canada's nascent pig traceability program.

"I'll (give) a big plug for PigTrace for PED," Brad Chappel, a veterinarian from Steinbach, Man., told the Saskatchewan Pork Industry Symposium in Saskatoon last week.

Since July, pork producers have been required to report the movement of pigs to PigTrace Canada.

The federally enforceable traceability program is intended to help officials investigate outbreaks and public health concerns and reduce the risk and transmission of diseases that threaten production, such as PED, which has killed millions of piglets in the United States.

PED has also been found in more than 60 farms in Ontario, as well as Quebec, Prince Edward Island and four sites in Manitoba.

One of the farms Chappel worked with had been submitting data to PigTrace.

Under the program, officials will conduct a trace back investigation after confirming a PED diagnosis. They'll want to know who was on the farm and where they went. In the case of PED, trucks are known to be a vector for the virus.

The PigTrace program requires locations, times of departure and arrival, license plates, animal identification and the numbers of animals to be reported.

The requirements cover most pig



The outbreak of porcine epidemic diarrhea virus will likely boost the popularity of animal tracing programs. | FILE PHOTO

movements: shipping and receiving, importing and exporting, slaughter and dead stock pickup.

"They were able to quickly spit out the listing of where all the semis have gone," Chappel said in a later inter-

view about the farm in question.

"It was very quick and efficient versus having to go back through your receipts from the trucking company, trying to understand the timeline. If it's all been recorded once already,

it's very simple to pull that data."

Initial participation in the new program has been positive, said PigTrace Canada manager Jeff Clark.

He said the program is receiving reports from all regions of the

country and had recorded more than 177,500 movements as of last week, which is more than 8,800 per week.

Almost 8,000 premises have been registered with the program. More than 4,300 have begun reporting.

"That's over half.... It's not just people reporting once and saying, 'that's stupid,'" said Clark.

"It's people doing it, which is encouraging to see."

Clark said most premises have begun reporting in Saskatchewan, but he has noticed a drop off in weekly movements.

He warned producers that enforcement is on the way.

"There's no fine structure right now from (the Canadian Food Inspection Agency)," he said.

"I'll put money on the table there will be one by this time next year. CFIA will start issuing fines. They're already starting to issue letters of non-compliance."

Chappel said the Manitoba farms on which PED was found are still working to eliminate the disease, which can linger in lagoons.

He credits stringent biosecurity protocols for minimizing the virus's spread but said diligence will be needed over winter as the threat increases in cold weather.

"PED is a horrible disease, but if we can get all the people doing the basics on biosecurity right everyday, I think we're good," he said.

"We've done a good job keeping it out of farms already in Canada, so we can do it."

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HOG PRODUCTION | PROCEDURES THAT HURT

Pig profit can survive use of pain control: vet

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New regulations to provide pain control when castrating and tail docking piglets shouldn't hamper production, says a University of Guelph veterinarian.

The new rules under the country's pig code of practice come into effect July 1, 2016.

Robert Friendship, a researcher who works in hog health and disease surveillance, said studies show that the added step at processing may not improve growth or mortality rates, but it doesn't hurt them either.

He said there are options that are "relatively practical."

"I don't think producers that don't want to do this really have a leg to

stand on. It'll be 10 or 15 cents more per pig. It'll be a little bit more labour, but it's so small," Friendship said in an interview during the Saskatchewan Pork Industry Symposium in Saskatoon last week.

"I don't think that looks particularly good on the industry to say we can't do it because of 10 cents."

He told the symposium that several analgesics are available to producers to successfully mitigate pain in the 24 hours following castration, including meloxicam given through an intramuscular injection.

He expects this is how most producers will comply with the regulations.

"These piglets, it's not obvious that they're suffering a lot of pain, but when you give them this analgesia,

their behaviour changes a little. They don't isolate themselves away ... they're in there with their litter mates," he said.

"If you look at cortisol, the stress hormone, it comes down to normal fairly quickly when you have analgesia, so it's doing something in a positive way. I think it's a lot easier to sell to the general public that we care enough, that we're providing some pain control. It's still a painful procedure. We have to do it. We can't market our pigs unless we castrate them, but we are aware that it's painful."

However, the analgesics he listed are an imperfect solution and don't provide pain relief for the incision.

Animal agriculture watchdogs applauded the inclusion of pain relief requirements when the new pig

code was revealed earlier this year.

"This new code of practice is a turning point for the welfare of pigs in Canada," Barbara Cartwright, chief executive officer of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies, said in a news release when the code was made public.

"Pigs' lives will also be improved by mandatory pain relief during castration and tail docking. However, we encourage producers to provide even higher standards than the code requires."

It's been suggested that producers could use a local anesthetic such as lidocaine to freeze the area before a procedure, but Friendship said this is impractical. It takes several minutes to take effect and requires handling the animals twice, which increases

animal stress.

As well, he said images of needles and testicles could disturb the public.

"I can't imagine producers complying with this having to handle the animal twice, and I don't think you could argue from a welfare standpoint ... that the extra handling and the extra pain from the injection of the lidocaine amounts to a better solution than just going with the straight analgesia," he said.

"Accept the fact that there is going to be an acute pain and then we're using an analgesic to cover the chronic pain. I think (that's) doing something that's positive.... Not completely solving the problem, but maybe a good step forward."

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VALUE-ADDED | ON-FARM VENTURE

Excess hay leads to exports

400,000 bales annually | Family invests in equipment to produce quality product

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AYER'S CLIFF, Que. — Extra hay and plenty of labour were crucial to the Bouffard family's entry into the export business.

Alain and Pauline Bouffard's 12 children gave them a built-in work force on the family dairy farm, while a year with extra hay started their foray into marketing.

What started locally as a way to sell the excess to the neighbours has blossomed into a business that sells 400,000 bales of hay a year from their Quebec farm to more than 100 clients in the United States from New England to Florida.

The dairy cattle are now gone. In their place are beef cows, a beef feedlot, a cattle trucking company, a small butcher shop for processing meat and a large hay production company that grows and sells high-quality hay on 3,000 acres.

Most of the family's income comes from export hay, Alain said through a translator during a farm tour.

Bernard Bouffard, 35, one of the children, said export sales began modestly with a pick-up truck loaded with sample bales and a trip to the U.S. to find potential buyers.

The family eventually bought a Cardinal bale and stacking system as demand grew for top-quality hay. The machine and an attached trailer will stack 18 bales at once before they are dumped and then brought back to the farmyards.

The Bouffards now have six Cardinal machines, and their best hay day was cutting and stacking 22,000 bales.

Two dehumidifiers play a crucial role. They are a type of dryer that pushes hot air through the bales and allows moisture to be removed and mould potential eliminated.

"It allows us to produce hay," said Alain.

Hay is ideally baled at 15 to 20 percent moisture or lower. Hay baled at 20 percent moisture can be reduced to 12 percent moisture in eight hours with the dryer.

"That was our saviour," said Alain.

They have baled hay at 40 percent moisture, but it takes about two days to dry. About 25,000 bales a year are



put through the electric dryer.

The family bought a hay macerator in 2008, which conditions the hay and speeds drying.

Alain said they prefer to cut hay at about 5 p.m. and return the next morning with the macerator. If the weather is good, the hay can be baled by 2 p.m. and loaded on trucks ready to be shipped to the U.S.

"That is how we keep the colour," he said.

Moisture from the dew and bleaching from the sun fades the hay and makes it less desirable.

"The colour of hay is important."

A larger client base has forced the Bouffards to build additional hay storage on their four farm locations, which can accommodate 225,000 to 250,000 square bales. The bales are classified by colour and quality in the storage sheds as they come off the field.

The family also built a special trailer loader that allows 18-bale flats to be pushed into long trailers with a tractor.

It takes 45 minutes to load 800 to 875 bales into a trailer.

The family grows 3,000 acres of timothy, alfalfa and alfalfa grass hay, mostly for the horse market.

Owning their own trucks has helped maintain good customer relations. The truck driver can usually solve any problems when the hay is delivered.

Much of the hay goes to horse owners with 25 to 30 head. The rest is sold to feed stores, which store it and resell it to smaller horse customers.

The family also has a Charolais cow herd and finishes 500 head of beef cattle a year in their covered feedlot, which was once a dairy barn.

Wet weather keeps the animals indoors during winter. Cows and calves are on one side of the barn and feedlot cattle are on the other side.

The lack of a cattle slaughter facility in Quebec forced the Bouffards to buy a small butcher shop to sell meat from their feedlot.

They also have a cattle trucking business to ship cull cows from Quebec auction markets to the JBS slaughter facility in Pennsylvania. They truck about 400 cows a week to the U.S. facility.

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Alain and Pauline Bouffard and their children run a hay export business from Ayer's Cliff, Que. They also finish 500 head of beef cattle and sell meat from a small butcher shop on the farm. |

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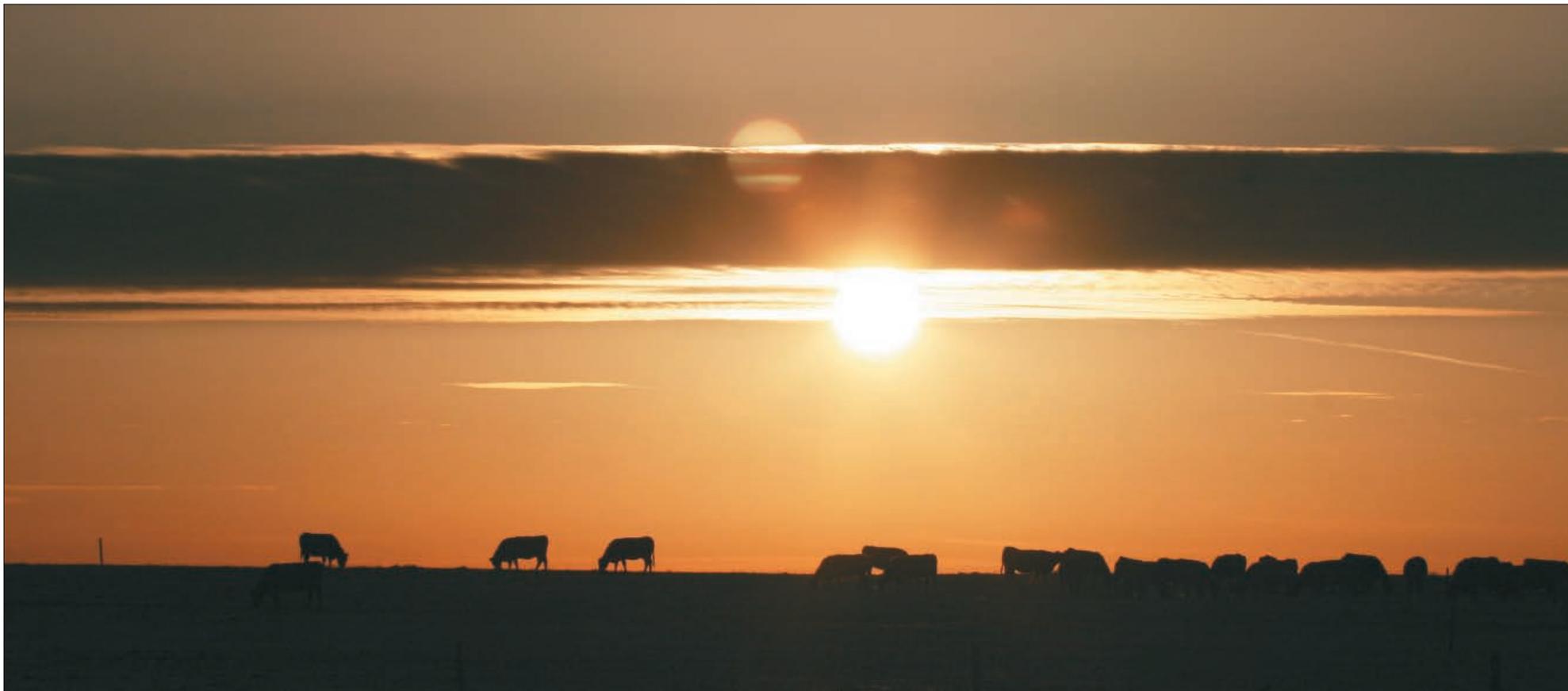
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The United States wants antibiotics removed from livestock feed and water by 2016. Health Canada has released a plan to address antimicrobial resistance, but it is not yet clear how it will affect livestock management. | FILE PHOTO

DISEASE CONTROL | ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Bacteria's ability to resist drugs an international issue

Global surveillance needed | Countries take action on antibiotic use

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
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ATLANTA, Ga. — Global surveillance of antimicrobial resistant bacteria is needed because these bugs are on the move.

"Any country with antibiotic resistance is a global concern," said Tom Chiller, who oversees diseases carried in food, water and the environment for the Centers for Disease Control in the United States.

He told an antimicrobial resistance conference in Atlanta, Georgia, that salmonella Kentucky has become increasingly resistant to drugs such as ceftiofur in Africa, Asia and Europe.

Problems were first noticed in Africa and then in turkey flocks in Europe. Scientists were able to discover the same resistant genetic line wherever that strain appeared.

The ability of disease-causing bacteria to fend off drugs has become an international problem in a world that could face a post-antibiotic era in which minor infections are more difficult to treat.

The World Health Organization, the World Organization for Animal Health and the Food and Agriculture Organization have agreed that international standards for testing and surveillance are needed to track and compare bacteria moving around the globe.

The connection between human health and antibiotic use to treat animals is not definitive, but many countries have already banned the use of antibiotics in feed for growth improvement as one way to control potential resistance patterns moving from farm to fork.

The United States wants antibiot-

ics removed from livestock feed and water by 2016. These medications will then be available only through a veterinary prescription.

U.S. president Barack Obama signed an executive order earlier this year to address antimicrobial resistance.

His Council of Advisors on Science and Technology had reported that agricultural use of antibiotics can affect human health, but what was less clear is how that compares to inappropriate or over-use in human health care.

The presidential order said a five-year action plan is required by this February to combat resistance and find new therapies.

Chiller said the goal is to conserve current antibiotics and find the best ways to prevent the development of disease and resistance to drugs.

The U.S. and the European Union formed the Transatlantic Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance in 2009 to promote appropriate therapeutic use of antimicrobial drugs in medical and veterinary practices.

Pilot projects in Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East and Latin America have been started to address global food safety and food-borne infections.

It's often difficult to pinpoint the exact amount of antimicrobials that are used.

Denmark has been working to reduce the amount of antibiotics used in pig production for many years. It developed a project called Danmap that reports on antibiotic use in animals and people and indicates which antibiotics were used and for what purpose.

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ABOUT ANTIMICROBIALS

Antimicrobials are sorted into four categories, based on their importance in human medicine:

Low importance: These products are not used in human medicine and include ionophores such as Rumensin, Bovatec and Posistac.

Medium importance: These antimicrobials include products such as Nuflor, Resflor and Liquamycin.

High importance: These are drugs sold under the trade names Draxxin, Zactran, Zuprevo, Tilmovet, Pulmotil, Micotil, Tylan and Trivetin.

Very high importance: This class includes Baytril, A180, Excecel and Excede and is medically important because the drugs are closely related to antimicrobials prescribed in human medicine.

The Public Health Agency of Canada said the high and very high importance categories account for more than 80 percent of the antimicrobials sold for human use but less than 20 percent of the antimicrobials sold for use in livestock and companion animals.

Research funded by the Beef Cattle Research Council and Alberta Beef Producers showed that less than one percent of the antimicrobial doses used in Canadian feedlot cattle belong to the high and very high importance categories. More than 90 percent of the antimicrobial doses used in Canadian feedlot cattle are ionophores, which are never used in human medicine. Ionophores are feed additives to make cattle more feed-efficient and gain more weight.

Source: Beef Cattle Research Council

PREVENTING RESISTANCE | WHEN, WHY, HOW MUCH?

Antibiotic use in pets goes under microscope

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
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ATLANTA, Ga. — Antibiotic resistance is often blamed on doctors over-prescribing medications.

The situation is no different among veterinarians who treat pets.

"Pets, especially cats and dogs, are a potential source of spread of antimicrobial resistance due to common use of antimicrobials in the pet population," Jeff Bender of the University of Minnesota's college of veterinary medicine told an antimicrobial resistance conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 12-14.

"Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus is the biggest issue for companion animals."

This is a bacterium often found on the skin and noses of people and can be removed with thorough hand washing. However, some of them are resistant to the antibiotic methicillin, and if untreated can be life threatening.

Pets often receive medically important antimicrobials such as cephalosporin and flouroquinolone. A 2002 study found that companion and non-food animals accounted for 37 percent of the pharmaceutical product sales in the European Union.

A recent survey of practitioners in Minnesota found 85 percent did not perceive antimicrobial resistance as a problem in their daily clinical practice.

More than 65 percent said their choice of antibiotics was based on whether the owner could afford to pay for it.

One-third of the respondents said they used antibiotics for clean surgical procedures such as spaying, castrations and uncomplicated mass removal.

More laboratory tests should be



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done to make sure an animal actually has a bacterial infection, and routine assessments should be done within 48 to 72 hours to make sure the prescription is working.

Bender said veterinarians often don't provide the right dose, drug or duration to cure the problem.

A committee formed in Minnesota about a year ago to study companion animals and antimicrobial stewardship.

The aim is to understand practitioner prescribing behaviours and laboratory practices and develop practice guidelines on antibiotic use for companion animals. It will also develop a checklist for veterinarians to consider so they can rule out non-bacterial causes of disease, try other therapies or stop using antimicrobials in certain cases.

For example, it is advised to avoid antimicrobial use in healthy pets with diarrhea.

As well, veterinarians should avoid drugs for respiratory disease and antibiotics for routine dental procedures in healthy patients. They shouldn't routinely prescribe antimicrobials for cats younger than 10.

Bender also recommended the Antimicrobial Smart Vet, a recently developed smartphone app from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association that walks a clinician through a urinary tract infection diagnosis and appropriate treatment plan. More diseases will be added in the future.

RESEARCH | NEUROLOGICAL DISEASE

Virus hunters use metagenomics to find cattle disease

ANIMAL HEALTH



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Scientists at the University of California Davis have discovered a new virus associated with brain inflammation in cattle.

They had considered the usual causes when a yearling steer developed clinical signs consistent with brain and spinal cord inflammation, including rabies virus, herpes viruses, histophilus somni, listeria monocytogenes, which is the causative agent of listeriosis, and sporadic bacterial causes such as salmonella.

BSE, the parasite neospora caninum and non-infectious causes such as lead poisoning and thiamine deficiency, sometimes referred to as polio, were also considered.

Since none of the known causes were found, the scientists then went hunting for novel viruses.

They used a new technique called metagenomics to search for virus genes and discovered a new virus, which they called BoAstV-NeuroS1.

Genetic analysis grouped it in the astrovirus family. It is distantly related to other astroviruses that cause diarrhea in infant children and a shaking disease in farmed mink.

The scientists' next step was to look back at cases of neurological disease in cattle in which an exact cause was not found. Three of the 32 cattle that were tested had this new virus in their brain tissue.

Researchers in Switzerland independently found the same virus in cattle with neurological disease, fur-



Using metagenomics, brain tissue showing inflammation can be examined for unknown viruses to determine the cause. | FILE PHOTO

ther supporting the discovery.

More research is needed to understand how the new virus is transmitted, what proportion of cattle is exposed, what other countries have infected cattle, how the virus causes brain inflammation and if a vaccine can be developed.

Diagnosing the cause of neurological disease in cattle can be challenging. Clinical signs can include behaviour changes such as loss of appetite, teeth grinding, restlessness and increased excitability.

More dramatic signs include wobbly gait, loss of balance, blindness, paralysis, head-pressing, inability to stand, seizures, coma and death.

It is important to determine the exact cause when brain inflammation is found during an autopsy. We don't want to miss a case of rabies or

BSE. For example, a public health investigation is needed if a heifer is diagnosed with rabies to determine if people were exposed and require treatment.

The new virus discovery is important because it gives us one more option for which to test.

We look at microscopic pieces of brain tissue and can usually confirm or rule out causes such as neospora and bacteria.

However, changes to brain tissue all appear pretty much the same when it comes to viruses. It takes additional testing to find out which virus is the cause, but generally we have to know what to look for.

This is where the virus hunting technology shines.

Metagenomics recently became affordable and fast enough to apply

to cases such as the steer in the California study.

The technology was originally developed and perfected through the Human Genome Project, which provided the funding to automate these techniques and make them cheaper.

As a result, tissues from clinical cases can now be screened for unknown viruses.

An explosion of new viruses has been discovered in recent years. Scientists previously had to grow viruses in cultures, which left a vast amount of virus types undiscovered because they cannot be propagated in this way.

Other molecular techniques became available in the last 30 years that didn't require virus culture, but the investigators still had to have a

rough idea what virus type they were looking for.

These virus hunters can now "shoot in the dark" and come up with answers.

The astrovirus discovery is just the tip of the iceberg. Metagenomics will quickly open up the world to many bacteria and viruses that were previously unknown.

It is an exciting time for infectious disease discovery as science continues to document, explain and understand the natural world around us.

As well, veterinary pathologists now have one more virus to test for in cattle with brain inflammation.

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CATTLE DISEASE | TREATMENT

Liver fluke drug scarce in wake of European outbreak

Manitoba livestock producers left vulnerable

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GRUNTHAL, Man. — Manitoba ranchers can't get their hands on the best drugs to fight liver flukes because of an outbreak in Europe.

It's worrying many who have seen the parasite move into southeastern Manitoba and continue to spread wider as the wildlife-borne worms find hosts in domestic cattle.

"You cannot get it right now," Manitoba Beef Producers manager Melinda German said about Fasinex, a Novartis veterinary drug used to control liver flukes. "There are supply issues."

A major liver fluke outbreak in Europe has infected thousands of herds. Farmers have snapped up the drug, which hits all stages of the fluke in cattle, but that has swallowed the world supply.

North American farmers are having trouble getting the drug from their veterinarians, which is leaving many feeling vulnerable.

"How long will it be unavailable?"

asked one rancher at a MBP regional meeting in Grunthal Nov. 6.

German told him it was unclear when Fasinex would be back in stock. Liver flukes are not usually a devastating disease in cattle.

The parasitic flatworm can quickly kill some livestock, such as sheep and goats, but in cattle they don't often spread more widely than the liver.

The parasite has a horrifyingly interesting life cycle.

Worms live within main host species, such as deer, and then produce eggs that are eventually excreted. Snails eat the eggs as they dine on infected feces, and cattle do the same when they eat something on which snails are sitting.

Two main types of liver fluke afflict livestock: the small (fasciola hepatica) and the large (fasciola magna) fluke. The small one has been a problem in Alberta and the western Prairies. Southeastern Manitoba has been seeing infections of the large fluke.

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LIVER FLUKES IN LIVESTOCK

Two species of liver flukes are causing problems in prairie livestock: fasciola hepatica, the common liver fluke, and fascioloides magna, the giant liver fluke. The common fluke infects cattle, bison, sheep, deer, swine and llamas, while the giant fluke infects cattle, elk, white-tailed deer and caribou. The life cycle for both species of liver flukes is identical.

How liver flukes are spread

■ Adult flukes excrete eggs, which pass through the host's bile ducts into the intestine and pass in the feces, which comes in contact with pond or slough water.



■ The eggs hatch into miracidia and invade aquatic snails, where they multiply and develop into metacercariae. These live on moist or submerged vegetation.

■ Livestock ingest aquatic plants or drink pond or slough water containing metacercariae. The metacercariae migrate through the intestinal wall and then to the liver. Young flukes locate a bile duct and complete their development to the adult stage.

Source: Alberta Agriculture | MICHELLE HOULDEN GRAPHIC

GMO | ALFALFA

Roundup Ready in alfalfa exports 'catastrophic'

China market closed | U.S. exporters blacklisted because of GM presence in the crop

BY MARY MACARTHUR
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BROMONT, Que. — The discovery of Roundup Ready alfalfa in global hay exports should be on Canadian farmers' radar, says a Canadian hay exporter.

Ed Shaw, who exports forage around the world, including to China, said three American hay exporters have been blacklisted from exporting hay to China, and hundreds of container loads of hay have been turned away after Roundup Ready alfalfa was found in the loads.

"In the export market, it has become a really hot topic item with the Chinese market. The Chinese have zero tolerance for GMO," Shaw said during a discussion about the introduction of Roundup Ready alfalfa in Canada at a recent forage conference. "It's catastrophic."

Forage Genetics International, which has the right to sell Roundup Ready alfalfa in Canada, seeded 11 test plots in Quebec and Ontario this year and is looking to expand its test locations and studies next year.

Roundup Ready alfalfa is registered and allowed to be grown in the United States, but Shaw said U.S. exporters

have been blacklisted because of the genetically modified crop.

"They have had three strikes against them and the U.S. is considering totally shutting down the Chinese market until we get something established," he said.

"China has zero tolerance and I mean zero tolerance, not several parts per million but zero tolerance."

Shaw is worried that Canadian hay exporters will be shut out of the market if GM canola seed is found in hay crops.

"I am afraid that if we start testing our alfalfa for zero tolerance, I bet we would fail," he said.

"Now the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) and the Chinese are trying to work on a tolerance level. If you have canola field next to an alfalfa field and get some trash, it's going to check positive on the forage."

Forage Seed Canada president Heather Kerschbaumer said a container load of her farm's timothy hay was rejected because of the discovery of one canola seed in a 25 gram sample destined for Japan three years ago.

"(It) was enough to cause the company we had the contract with to cancel our contract," she said.

"We lost \$20,000 because of one



Genetically modified traits in alfalfa have become a hot export issue.

canola seed."

It's a troubling trend for Canadian grass and forage seed growers, who export thousands of tonnes of seed around the world. The discovery of a Roundup Ready alfalfa seed in an alfalfa, timothy, red clover, brome or fescue shipment would put an end to all export markets.

Kerschbaumer said her Golden Acre Seed Co. had nine non-Roundup Ready alfalfa samples tested last year for the presence of Roundup Ready alfalfa, and all tested negative.

"We find alfalfa in 60 to 70 percent of the lots shipped out of the Peace. If it is genetically modified, we would lose all those markets as well."

Kerschbaumer said she recently visited the Imperial Valley in California, where counties have outlawed the growing of Roundup Ready alfalfa

because of their large vegetable production. Alfalfa is used in the rotation with vegetable crops.

Kerschbaumer said she returned from that trip with a glimmer of hope that there are ways to stop Roundup Ready alfalfa from being introduced into Canada, at least in Western Canada.

"They told us if they can't keep it out of Canada, keep it out of the West," she said.

"If you can't keep it out of the West, you should keep it out of Alberta. If you can't keep it out of Alberta, you should keep it out of the Peace because there will be benefits and bonuses paid on the seed that is produced that is GE free."

Shaw said the three blacklisted hay producers are from the Imperial Valley. The rules that prohibit the pro-

duction of Roundup Ready alfalfa don't stop the hay from being processed in the area.

"What has been processed there has been contaminated. They're bringing hay in from God knows where. You can't grow it, but processors can still bring it in."

Kerschbaumer said Forage Seed Canada wants to raise awareness of the issue and encourage farmers to test their alfalfa seed before it's planted.

"It's a big awareness issue," she said.

"You want the cattle people to be aware not to plant it. They could be unknowingly planting this stuff and contaminating fence lines and ditches, which could contaminated someone's seed fields."

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CANADIAN FORAGE AND GRASSLANDS ASSOCIATION | ECONOMIC VIABILITY

Forage association raises profile, but insecure funding an issue

BY MARY MACARTHUR
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BROMONT, Que. — Building the profile of forages and grasslands has been easy compared to raising money to fund the sector's national organization.

The Canadian Forage and Grasslands Association will have about \$3,000 in the bank by the end of the year.

Higher than expected costs to promote forages and the end of funding agreements have placed the organization in a difficult position.

"The board is very determined to carry on, retrench and establish the financial viability of this organization," said association chair Doug Wray during the annual conference.

"We heard so many interesting and good research over the last two days. It just reconfirms there is real value in what we're doing. We have been very successful in raising the profile of forages. We built up a head of steam and don't have the dollars flowing to keep it going. Nobody is saying we're going to shut it down. Just because things aren't easy doesn't mean you stop."

Executive director Ron Pidskalny resigned during the convention.



RON PIDSKALNY
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Pidskalny said he was hired to develop strategic partnerships and make the group more sustainable over the long term. Instead, he was bogged down by daily tasks.

The association was formed five years ago to raise the profile of forages in Canada and provide a national voice for forages and forage issues.

Pidskalny and board members flew to Ottawa to talk to the House of Commons' agriculture committee, joined forces with the Commission for Environmental Co-operation to promote good land management, developed timothy hay export strate-

gies for China and worked hard to sell the benefits of forages.

Promoting and developing an industry takes money, but the association has no annual check-off revenue or guaranteed funds.

Much of the work applying for grants, organizing conferences and translating texts from English to French was left to Pidskalny or the volunteers from the provincial associations.

"It is really difficult to develop a long-term strategy when the finances are piecemeal," he said.

Pidskalny said he believed the organization was on more secure funding when he was hired last year.

The Canadian Cattlemen's Association had pledged \$20,000 for three years, but it was not renewed at the end of the year.

Dairy Farmers of Canada pledged \$10,000 a year, but it must be asked for each year and is not guaranteed.



DOUG WRAY
CANADIAN FORAGE
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CHAIR

"I thought the \$30,000 was ongoing funding as an annual contribution," said Pidskalny.

"When we sent an invoice to the CCA for \$20,000 we were asked to reapply. We put together a presentation to the environment committee and they actually cut us off completely, I am not sure where the relationship is going with the beef sector."

The Dairy Farmers of Canada board has said its support will be assessed year by year.

Forages represent the largest cultivated crop in Canada with an estimated value of \$5.1 billion. Almost

every farm and ranch has grassland, hay or forage that they use to feed livestock or grow for hay or seed, but the forage association has no way to tap into the crop for cash.

The association had \$23,000 in its bank account as of Oct. 31, but \$20,000 worth of bills need to be paid by the end of the year.

The fiscal year begins March 1, when the association can start sending out membership renewal notices.

Wray said higher corn, canola and soybean yields are making it increasingly difficult to convince producers to leave land in forages.

"We're going to have to fight for those acres and learn how to manage them so the beef cow becomes competitive on those acres again."

Part of the organization's work is to highlight ways farmers and researchers across Canada are able to maximize yields from their grass and hayland.

Wray said the association hopes to hold its convention again next year.

"These things, while they're costly, are also very empowering," he said.

"There is a benefit to them. It will be contingent on us marshalling the resources to do it."

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FORAGES REPRESENT THE LARGEST CULTIVATED CROP IN CANADA, WITH A VALUE OF

\$5.1 billion

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ALFALFA | HERBICIDE TRIALS

Roundup Ready alfalfa trials not heading West

BY MARY MACARTHUR
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BROMONT, Que. — Farmers who are participating in Roundup Ready alfalfa trials in Canada have been positive about their experience, says an official with the rights to the perennial crop in Canada.

"Many of them have asked if it is going to be for sale because they would like to buy some," said Michael Peterson, lead of global traits with Forage Genetics International.

"It's very effective weed control, especially with problem weeds."

Forage Genetics, which has the rights to Roundup Ready in Canada, planted trials on 11 Canadian farms this spring: six in Ontario and five in Quebec. Each field is about 30 acres, and farmers have harvested the alfalfa.

"We know exactly what they're doing, when they're cutting it, what maturity they're cutting it at," Peterson said during the Canadian Forage and Grasslands Association conference. "They're getting experiences and evaluating it."

Most dairy producers in Quebec grow a mixture of grass and alfalfa in their hay fields, but Roundup Ready alfalfa can be grown only in a straight alfalfa stand.

"If a grower wants to have a true grass alfalfa mix, if that grower is dedicated, he is not a customer for Roundup Ready alfalfa," Peterson said. "There is quite a bit of pure alfalfa stands in Ontario and Quebec. Those are the primary customers."

He said the company plans to increase the number of trials next year and continue the existing trials in Ontario and Quebec.

It doesn't plan to introduce trials in Western Canada, where seed growers are concerned about potential contamination with non-Roundup Ready alfalfa fields.

"We want to keep the traits away from the West right now," he said.

Forage Genetics will be working as part of larger group next year to help develop a national coexistence plan

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for Western Canada.

"We need to find out how they can have fields next to each other and not impact their business."

Eastern Canada has already developed such a plan, although there is almost no alfalfa seed production in that part of the country.

It takes about 60 days from pollination until an alfalfa seed is mature and up to 180 days before seed from the pollinated plant will grow and form a new seed.

Peterson said cross contamination should not be a problem in Eastern Canada because alfalfa is cut for hay and isn't allowed to set seed.

"Until you have seed to seed, it is not gene flow, it is only pollen flow."

Peterson said little wild alfalfa grows in Eastern Canada because of a lack of vacant land or headlands where alfalfa can grow.

"The problem with feral alfalfa is in seed production areas," Peterson said. "It has to be managed in (Western Canada)."

He said if Roundup Ready alfalfa turns up in Western Canada, it will be because someone broke the law and brought it to Canada from the United States.

"We can't control stuff like that," he said.

Peterson said Roundup Ready alfalfa will not be sold commercially until the coexistence plans are complete and company and grower interest has been evaluated.

"We have made a decision we are not going to sell traits in Canada next year. There is a lot of emotion in Canada around these alfalfa traits."

POLITICS | PROPERTY RIGHTS

Alta. premier hopes to rebuild relationship with landowners

Land ownership | Wildrose party says Jim Prentice's Bill 1 lacks sincerity

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Alberta premier Jim Prentice made property rights the focus of his first bill in the new sitting of the legislature.

Bill 1, which has passed second reading, would repeal the controversial Land Assembly Project Area Act, otherwise known as Bill 19, which was enacted in 2009, amended in 2011 and never proclaimed.

The legislation would have allowed government to "freeze" property for years, requiring landowners to apply for written permission to make changes. No compensation was promised, although the later amendment would have reinstated compensation to landowners.

In the Nov. 17 speech from the throne, the Prentice government said Bill 1 would "signal the beginning of government's commitment to rebuild relationships with property owners in Alberta. Private ownership of land is a fundamental and essential principle of our democracy and our economy."

"This government respects the property rights of Albertans and has heard the strong recommendations provided through the Property Rights Task Force. The introduction of Bill 1 today will begin to foster a culture of respect by acting on what landowners have told us already."

However, repealing one bill proved underwhelming for the

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opposition Wildrose Party, which won the bulk of Alberta's rural seats in the last election largely over property rights concerns.

"You will all recall that Mr. Prentice made property rights a pillar of his leadership campaign and upon becoming premier, he led Albertans to believe it would be a major part of his governing agenda," said Wildrose leader Danielle Smith in a Nov. 18 news conference.

"With the release of Bill 1 yesterday, which was only seven words long, we know that Mr. Prentice has seriously misjudged what landowners and Albertans were truly looking for from his government."

Smith and MLA Rod Fox used the news conference to again explain motion 501, which Fox plans to introduce during this legislative session.

It supports an amendment to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms that would entrench Alberta property rights.

If the motion passes in the legislature, Lethbridge MP Jim Hillyer has

said he will introduce a motion in the House of Commons using Section 43 of the federal Constitution Act.

It allows changes if the amendment applies to one or more provinces, but not all of them, and the legislatures of those provinces support it.

Such an amendment must also be passed in the House of Commons and Senate.

Smith said Prentice and his government should also repeal other bills that affect provincial property rights.

"The fact that premier Prentice has not addressed those bad bills, but also the fact that he didn't take the opportunity to do what my colleague Rod Fox has done, of initiating a constitutional amendment to enshrine property rights in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, so that we would be able to ensure these kinds of legislation could never be passed again, I think that calls into question his sincerity on the issue," said Smith.



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Rogers' industrial, consumer sugar sales up, exports down

Rogers hopes trade agreements with Europe and Asia will boost the sugar industry

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

This year's sugar deliveries by Rogers Sugar Inc. were slightly lower than volumes from last year.

The 646,376 tonnes it delivered were 2,900 tonnes less than last year, a decrease of .4 percent, said chief executive officer Edward Makin in a Nov. 18 conference call about the company's fourth quarter and year-end results.

Rogers will pay a quarterly dividend of nine cents per share for a total payout of \$8.5 million.

Adjusted gross margin was \$81.9 million year to date, compared to \$82.1 million in fiscal 2013, or \$127 per tonne, compared to \$126 per tonne last year.

Industrial sugar sales were up by 5,400 tonnes for the year, and consumer sales were up by 2,900 tonnes. The latter was mostly from a new multi-year agreement signed with a major retail account.

However, the increases were offset by lower liquid volumes and export sales. Makin said Rogers had limited access to the U.S. and Mexican mar-

kets in fiscal 2014. Both countries had good crops and good inventory.

The company might be able to increase exports to the U.S. next year, depending on the outcome of negotiations between the United States and Mexico over dumping and countervail duties.

The two countries signed an agreement in late October, which Reuters reported at the time was designed to avert potentially steep duties on Mexican sugar imports.

However, the deal was only a draft. Makin said further discussions and changes to the deal are still possible, potentially opening the door to Canadian sugar, but Rogers has not factored that into its outlook for next year.

Rogers operates sugar factories in Montreal, Vancouver and Taber, Alta. Makin said the 22,000 acres of sugar beets planted in Alberta this year are expected to yield 85,000 tonnes of refined sugar.

Last year it contracted 24,000 acres. The company earned \$1.3 million less in byproduct revenues this year because of the reduction.

"The Taber beet factory is the most

significant contributor of revenues from byproducts in the form of beet pulp and beet molasses," said Manon Lacroix, vice-president of finance for Rogers.

Gross margins for this year's fourth quarter were \$140 per tonne compared to \$99 per tonne in the same quarter last year.

"Additional costs (were) incurred (last year) relating to higher costs of raw material in Taber, higher maintenance costs in Vancouver due to an unusual equipment breakdown and lower overall plant performances," said Lacroix.

Makin said the company is confident the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement with the European Union will benefit the Canadian sugar industry once it is ratified.

Rogers also supports the objectives for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which is now being negotiated.

"The interests of the sugar industry could be enhanced further should an agreement be reached with this extremely important trading partner," Makin said.

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ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR | HEAVY HORSES

Alta. heavy horses reap ribbons at Toronto fair

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Alberta's heavy horse breeders and fitters have been hauling hardware home from recent national and international shows.

Clydesdale breeder Dennis Gordeyko of Ohaton won the supreme champion Clydesdale title at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto earlier this month.

The winning horse, two-year-old 2S Barnaby's Grand Luchesse, also won the grand champion Clydesdale stallion title.

Bruce Roy, a director with the Wild Rose Draft Horse Association, said the win was especially interesting because Gordeyko bought the horse for \$6,200 as a weanling during a dispersal sale.

Gordeyko also won the overall champion foal event at the Royal with one of the six animals he took to the show.

"He had a banner show, to be quite honest," said Roy.

The grand champion Clydesdale mare at Toronto's Royal, owned by Alan and Mary Knobloch of Princeville, Ill., also had an Alberta connection.

The mare, Calico Isabell, was raised by Kevin and Tammy Pelonero of Huxley.

At another show and in another breed, Brian Coleman of Didsbury, Alta., showed the world champion team of Percheron geldings at the World Percheron Congress in Springfield, Mass., held Oct. 6-11.

Coleman, a Percheron breeder in his own right, showed the team of Pride and Guy, which is owned by Brian and Randi Thiel of Pleasant Grove, California.

"Brian handles the horses for the Thiel family," said Roy.

"The horses are here and he schools them, breaks them, fits

them, shoes them and shows them. He is Mr. Complete in the draft horse industry."

Coleman and the winning pair competed against 141 breeders from 19 states and six provinces.

"Their big 18-hands-high hitch horses were matched for colour, style and stride," Roy said in a news release about the win.

In a later interview, Roy said Coleman regularly uses the horses to haul manure in winter at his Eaglesfield Percherons farm, and the workouts develop muscle tone and condition.

"The sharp joints on their underpinning were clean as hound's teeth," reported Roy, a long-time heavy horse breeder, judge and show announcer.

Coleman also showed the winning horses in the ladies cart horse and the four-horse hitch of geldings at the World Percheron Congress.

On his way back to Alberta from Springfield, he showed horses at the Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse show at Lansing.

There, the horses from Eaglesfield Percherons topped the ladies cart, gelding team, unicorn, four and six-horse hitches in the Percheron performance classification.

The six-horse hitch won overall champion in a final class.

Roy said there are quite a few Percheron and Clydesdale breeders in Alberta, increasing the success rate for people from that province.

"It's kind of a hotbed of activity." He said draft horses are consistent crowd pleasers at shows.

"I think they're so big and I think they're so gentle and I think they just awe Joe Public. If they're properly presented, they can be extremely beautiful."

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CROP INSECTICIDE | SAFETY

CropLife calls nurse, doctor neonic push misleading

Brain development | Nurses' organization says public can't wait for definitive evidence and wants herbicide moratorium

BY ROBERT ARNASON

BRANDON BUREAU

CropLife Canada says nurses and doctors in Ontario are "blatantly misleading the public" when it comes to the safety of neonicotinoids.

The Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) and the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) issued a statement last week claiming that neonicotinoid insecticides may cause brain damage in children.

The groups want the Ontario government to ban the controversial neonicotinoid class of insecticides, which are applied as coatings to nearly every corn and canola seed and some of the soybeans in North America.

Pierre Petelle, CropLife vice-president of chemistry, said linking neonic to childhood brain development is preposterous.

"This is a ridiculous allegation, coming from a known anti-ag activist group," he said.

"Despite its name, the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment is nothing more than an environmental activist group that anyone can join simply by paying for a membership."

Doris Grinspun, chief executive officer of RNAO, said the campaign is necessary because neonic insecticides may be compromising children's brain development.

She said there is no scientific proof that neonicotinoids cause brain damage, but nurses, doctors and society can't wait for definitive evidence.

"We are saying you cannot wait until there is conclusive evidence that they actually cause complete damage of the brains of our children," she said.

"Until there is no proof that it doesn't (cause) damage ... then we are saying hold it. We are asking at a minimum to start with a moratorium."

The RNAO and CAPE have teamed up with the David Suzuki Foundation and Ontario Nature to buy ads on Toronto's subway system. They show a sad boy looking at a dead bee and the caption reads: "Doctors and nurses say neonic pesticides hurt our bees and us."

Barry Senft, chief executive officer of Grain Farmers of Ontario, said it is alarmist for medical professionals to make unfounded claims about neonics.

"To come out with these kind of statements about children's health... this is just irresponsible," he said.

"This is just a money raising campaign for some of those special interest groups."

Neonicotinoid seed treatments have also attracted attention lately with some scientists calling them a threat to pollinators, such as bees.

As well, a European Food Safety Authority report issued a scientific opinion last fall on the human health risks of neonicotinoids. The panel looked at published studies to evaluate the developmental neurotoxicity of two neonics: acetamiprid and imidacloprid.

The scientists concluded "both compounds may affect neuronal development and function, although

several methodological limitations have been identified."

Petelle said the EFSA opinion isn't valid.

"The EFSA panel findings are irrelevant to real-world use conditions for this product," said Petelle, who cited qualifiers in the report.

"The EFSA also said: 'Acute and chronic consumer exposure assessments have been conducted follow-

To come out with these kind of statements about children's health ... this is just irresponsible.

BARRY SENFT, GRAIN FARMERS OF CANADA

ing current WHO (World Health Organization) methodologies and no risk for the consumer is expected

resulting from the use of imidacloprid according to the representative uses."

However, Petelle said no international regulatory body has adjusted its scientific findings to account for the report.

The European Food Safety Authority opinion on neonics and human health can be found at www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3471.htm.

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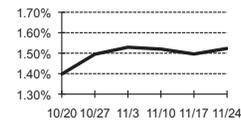
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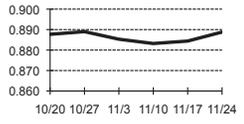
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Team Flax members Anton Canitz, Erik Tetland and Dustin Gamester won first place at the University of Saskatchewan's Emerging Agriculture hackathon held Nov. 21-23 for their computerized, automated indoor greenhouse. | ROBYN TOCKER PHOTO

EMERGING AGRICULTURE | TECHNOLOGY

Techies unite at ag 'hackathon'

Innovation and collaboration | University, farm and business communities look at ag issues

BY ROBYN TOCKER
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Technology has valuably served many industries, but it's truly freeing up the agriculture industry.

"It's freeing up farmers to expand and progress their industry and their business," said Anton Canitz, a participant in Canada's first agriculture hackathon.

The University of Saskatchewan's junior chamber of commerce organized the Emerging Agriculture hackathon at the university Nov. 21-23.

Canitz and team members Dustin Gamester and Erik Tetland joined with students, producers, business professionals and software programmers Nov. 22-23.

Hackathons bring experts together to collaborate over a fixed period of time to develop technology-based solutions for proposed problems or challenges.

The U of S event was intended to help experts find solutions to problems affecting the agricultural industry.

"I'm just really happy we're getting the opportunity where people can throw out ideas and spend a week-

end where they're supported," Cantiz said.

Cantiz and his partners, under the name Team Flax, came up with an indoor greenhouse small enough to fit on a coffee table. The greenhouse can be used to grow any kind of fruit or vegetable and is completely computerized and automated.

Their innovation won them first place at the hackathon.

Gamester said his experience working in the automation sector makes him believe technology is the way of the future.

"I see the trend and it seems as if the rate of automation is advancing is incredible," he said.

"If that trend continues in agriculture, it will only become more technology rich."

Added Tetland: "As technology gets cheaper and cheaper, it's going to be used more. These tools are out there."

Second place winners Luke Burkholder, Ilia Rudnitskiy and Jeremy Tkachuk, known as Team Dairy, said they believe the relationship between agriculture and technology is going to keep growing.

"Nowadays everything is becoming cheaper, more accessible and inter-

connected," Rudnitskiy said.

"It's just a logical progress to develop technology for agriculture."

Added Burkholder: "It's not just technology becoming cheaper and more accessible, but more people know about it so more people can teach it to farmers."

Team Dairy created an online prototype of the Saskatchewan Seed Guide, and it also included predictions for pest infestation and weather anomalies.

"Simply put, information is readily available via the internet," said Brennan Turner, one of the judges at the event and president of FarmLead.

"More and more people can purchase new technology because it's cheaper at cost and it's easier to learn because of the hardships already experienced by first-time processors."

Many entrepreneurs attended the hackathon showcase.

"You have a different outlook on things when you're working for yourself," Turner said.

"It gives you the opportunity to be creative and innovative and bring ideas to the table without hesitation or reluctance."

Turner started FarmLead because he saw a need to create an open, transparent marketplace where farmers could identify new buyers, nearby or far away.

His online crop market brings together buyers and sellers, allowing them to post what they want to sell or buy and negotiate in real time from any location.

"Being able to provide a solution for a problem farmers face is something that's personally rewarding," he said.

Turner's family has been farming in Saskatchewan for more than 100 years, and he said farming is something that has stuck close to him.

Turner wasn't the only entrepreneur at the hackathon. Cantiz readily claimed the title, as did his partner, Tetland.

"My first true income source was selling saskatoon berries from my parents' acreage. I've always had the drive to make my own money," said Cantiz.

Added Tetland: "My major is physics but I'm doing a minor in entrepreneurship. I've always worked for entrepreneurs."

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AG STOCKS NOV. 17-21

A cut in Chinese interest rates helped lift U.S. and Canadian stocks. For the week, the TSX was up 1.8 percent, the Dow increased one percent, the S&P 500 jumped 1.2 percent and the Nasdaq rose 0.5 percent.

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NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
ADM	NY	52.71	51.35
AGT Food	TSX	27.74	28.19
Bunge Ltd.	NY	91.50	88.58
ConAgra Foods	NY	35.51	34.73

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NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Ceapro Inc.	TSXV	0.42	0.30
Cervus Equip.	TSX	20.50	18.20
Input Capital	TSX	2.05	1.97
Ridley Canada	TSX	25.65	25.98
Rocky Mtn D'ship	TSX	10.33	10.70
Hormel Foods	NY	54.33	54.50

FOOD PROCESSORS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Maple Leaf	TSX	18.90	19.35
Premium Brands	TSX	24.35	24.20
Tyson Foods	NY	42.26	40.66

FARM EQUIPMENT MFG.

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Ag Growth Int'l	TSX	51.35	50.72
AGCO Corp.	NY	44.94	44.18
Buhler Ind.	TSX	5.60	5.40
Caterpillar Inc.	NY	106.45	101.34
CNH Industrial N.V.	NY	8.35	8.01
Deere and Co.	NY	87.07	87.52
Vicwest Fund	TSX	12.60	12.69

FARM INPUT SUPPLIERS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Agrium	TSX	114.91	113.19
BASF	OTC	91.10	86.38
Bayer Ag	OTC	145.66	137.30
Dow Chemical	NY	52.84	51.37
Dupont	NY	72.15	70.80
BioSynt Inc.	TSXV	10.70	10.10
Monsanto	NY	120.81	118.97
Mosaic	NY	47.21	45.15
PotashCorp	TSX	41.17	37.99
Syngenta	ADR	66.29	64.91

TRANSPORTATION

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
CN Rail	TSX	81.01	80.46
CPR	TSX	230.03	230.89

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ADM sues Syngenta

(Reuters) — Archer Daniels Midland is suing Syngenta AG over sales of a genetically modified corn variety not approved for import by China.

It joins more than 100 farmers as well as Cargill and Trans Coastal Supply in pursuing damages from the seed company.

The lawsuit alleges that Syngenta commercialized the MIR162 corn variety without creating a stewardship program to ensure the grain would not be shipped to markets that have not approved it.

China has rejected about a million tonnes of corn over the issue.

BUSINESS COMMUNICATION | LESSONS FROM THREE FARMERS

Being a good listener can lead to positive outcomes

THE BOTTOM LINE



GLENN CHEATER

Fans of the *Dragons' Den* know that the CBC television show lives up to its name: even normally polished entrepreneurs become flustered when grilled by the sharp-tongued venture capitalists.

But the dragons were almost puppyish when Natasha and Elysia Vandenhurk appeared on the program in 2012, heaping praise on their premium camelina cooking oil, their branding and their company's potential.

The sisters are certainly poised and personable, but Natasha Vandenhurk says their presentation was a success for one simple reason: lots and lots of practice.

"That pitch was nothing new — we'd said it a zillion times before," says Vandenhurk, chief executive officer of Three Farmers.

"We know what our story is, we know what our product is about, we know what aspect people want to hear about. It wasn't a big deal to just get out there and tell our story."

However, the story behind the story is what holds a lesson here, one that applies to any business, including farms.

The tale starts with three farmers — Vandenhurk's father, Dan, and friends Ron Emde and Colin Rosengren, who all farm near Midale, Sask.

The trio was interested in niche crops and at the time, camelina was being hyped as a feedstock for biodiesel and jet fuel.

When Rosengren heard about its food properties — loads of omega 3s, shelf stability, a unique light taste and high smoke point that makes it ideal for high-heat cooking — they figured it had huge potential as a premium cooking oil.

However, potential and five bucks will get you a frappuccino in the world of gourmet products, especially the highly competitive premium cooking oil market.

They were all busy farming, so Natasha Vandenhurk, just 24 and armed with a business degree, was recruited in 2009 to head the company. She was joined a year later by her younger sister, a Red Seal chef who had worked with a celebrity chef in Toronto.

Rather than get a distributor and become lost in its product list, the sisters cold-called retailers.

"I remember my first sales call to a little Italian store in Regina. I was just so incredibly nervous," recalls Vandenhurk.

But the sisters were nothing if not determined.

"We drove to Toronto for our first sales trip and basically left Elysia there for two months, just selling products in stores and banging on the doors of retailers," she says.

Those sales calls taught them a critical lesson.

"Listening is incredibly important," she says.

"Not interrupting and really hear-

ing what someone is saying. Not being too pushy with the whole sales aspect. Listening to what their problems are and thinking of ways you could help. Customizing the presentation of the product to fit their approach, which could be the healthy aspect or that it's local or highlighting the taste profile."

Ditto with customers during the countless in-store product demos.

"We've changed our packaging a million times based on customer suggestions like, 'you should have omega 3 stamped right across the front of the label, not hidden on the back.' We're about to change our whole look again. We started out wanting to look very high end, and

now we're telling people this is an oil you should use daily, and we want our labels to reflect that."

They've learned that being from Saskatchewan and having full traceability, right down to the field where the camelina was grown, resonates with customers.

They now know that \$25 for a 500 millimetre bottle is too much for most people, but less than \$20 is appealing.

It's all aimed at standing out on the shelf and grabbing the attention of prospective customers as their eyes scan rows of premium oils.

"People are very honest," Vandenhurk says with a laugh.

"I don't worry about getting honest

feedback. It's also the body language and the expression on their face. It's a fine line to discern the good advice from the bad, but after a while you start to develop a sixth sense about that."

That sixth sense is paying off. The company is still small, but Three Farmers now has its product in more than 1,000 stores and sales are doubling each year.

For the Vandenhurks, listening became the foundation of their business. It drove improvements in their marketing and allowed them to triumph in the *Dragons' Den*, where they were offered \$150,000 for a 20 percent share. The deal wasn't consummated, but sales soared after

their appearance.

However, you don't have to have a product to pitch to succeed. The lesson is simply that being a good listener can lead to good things.

Typically, it leads to better relationships, which pays dividends at the grain elevator or the input dealer and works wonders with employees.

Choosing the right words in your business dealings makes all the difference. Finding the right ones starts with listening.

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WIN-WIN.

Nominate a member of the Western Equipment Dealers Association for the **2014 WESTERN PRODUCER OUTSTANDING DEALERSHIP AWARD** and you could win a

\$1,000
credit on your
agricard



How to enter:

No purchase necessary. Simply complete and return the ballot below (all fields marked with * must be completed). Qualified ballots will be placed in a random draw to be held in December, 2014. The winner will receive a \$1,000 credit to their AgriCard account. If the winner does not already hold an AgriCard, (s)he will be provided one with a \$1,000 credit.

The winner of the 2014 Western Producer Outstanding Dealership Award will be announced at the WEDA annual convention in Regina, to be held Jan. 6-8, 2015, and printed in *The Western Producer*.

Sponsored by:



* Name of dealer being nominated: _____

* Dealer Location: _____ * Ph #: _____ * Dealer Contact (Name): _____

* Customer Name: _____ * Customer Ph #: _____ * Customer Email: _____

* Customer Address: _____

In Part I, rank the dealer on each attribute. In Part II, write a brief description of an event, incident or characteristic that you feel makes this dealer the Dealership of the Year. Use extra paper as necessary. Only Part I has to be completed for your ballot to qualify. Part II will be used to help in the selection process.

* Part I	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Somewhat Above Average	Well Above Average	Outstanding
A. The normal customer service provided by this dealer is:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
B. The honesty and integrity displayed by this dealer is:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
C. When I have needed parts or service, the response from the dealership has been:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
D. The information available from this dealer about my equipment needs has been:	<input type="checkbox"/>				
E. This dealer has demonstrated a willingness to "go above and beyond" to service my needs:	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Part II

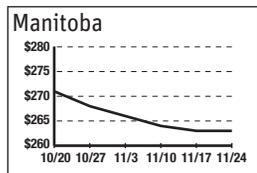
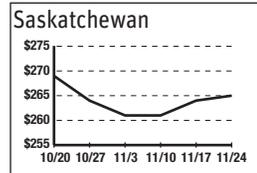
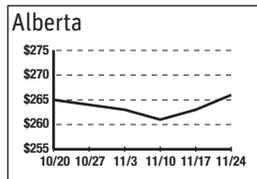
Why do you think this dealer should be Dealer of the Year?
(This question helps us see specific examples of dealers doing something special for their customers, so don't worry about the appearance or quality of your writing!)

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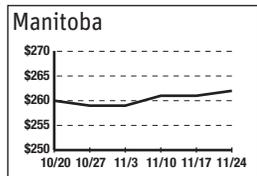
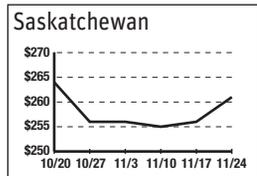
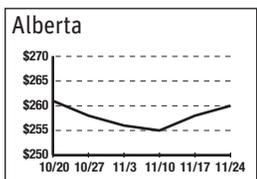


CATTLE & SHEEP

Steers 600-700 lb. (average \$/cwt)



Heifers 500-600 lb. (average \$/cwt)



Canadian Beef Production

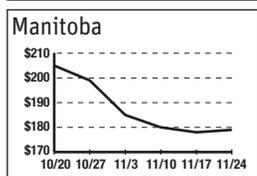
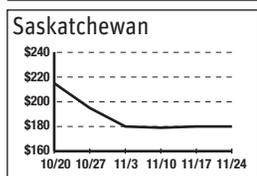
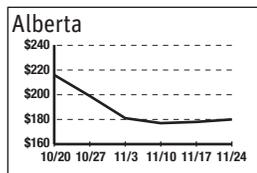
million lb.	YTD	% change
Fed	1692.1	+4
Non-fed	244.3	-7
Total beef	1936.3	+2

EXCHANGE RATE:
DATE
\$1 Cdn. = \$0.8888 U.S.
\$1 U.S. = \$1.1251 Cdn.

HOGS

Due to wide reporting and collection methods, it is misleading to compare hog prices between provinces.

Index 100 Hog Price Trends (\$/c/kg)



ELEVATOR SHIPMENTS

Slaughter Cattle (\$/cwt)

Grade A	Live Nov. 14-20	Previous Nov. 7-13	Year ago	Rail Nov. 14-20	Previous Nov. 7-13
Steers					
Alta.	176.00	n/a	124.66	288.75-293.75	n/a
Ont.	161.70-186.45	163.70-183.86	121.07	288.00	288.00
Heifers					
Alta.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ont.	156.57-175.67	155.14-178.71	124.34	287.00	287.00

*Live f.o.b. feedlot, rail f.o.b. plant. Canfax

Feeder Cattle (\$/cwt)

	Sask.	Man.	Alta.	B.C.
Steers				
900-1000	211-223	no sales	223-235	209-225
800-900	226-240	221-237	230-242	214-238
700-800	241-256	239-261	243-259	235-251
600-700	255-275	250-272	258-277	246-265
500-600	275-305	273-313	274-304	261-293
400-500	302-337	302-336	304-336	282-336
Heifers				
800-900	203-230	200-220	217-228	210-225
700-800	220-237	216-232	227-242	215-232
600-700	235-253	232-260	234-255	225-248
500-600	251-274	240-275	251-276	238-260
400-500	274-306	270-308	274-306	245-285
300-400	292-320	285-330	300-327	269-310

Canfax

Average Carcass Weight

	Nov. 15/14	Nov. 16/13	YTD 14	YTD 13
Canfax				
Steers	905	874	859	876
Heifers	823	801	793	816
Cows	687	664	684	676
Bulls	923	906	929	893

U.S. Cash cattle (\$/cwt)

	Steers	Heifers
National	173.18	173.36
Kansas	172.90	173.00
Nebraska	173.96	174.27
Nebraska (dressed)	267.12	267.40

Feeders No. 1 (800-900 lb)

	Steers	Trend
South Dakota	223-247.50	+3/+6
Billings	219-229	n/a
Dodge City	225-236	steady

USDA

Cattle / Beef Trade

	Exports	% from 2014
Sltr. cattle to U.S. (head)	636,406 (1)	+2.5
Feeder C&C to U.S. (head)	374,725 (1)	+48.3
Total beef to U.S. (tonnes)	163,885 (3)	-17.0
Total beef, all nations (tonnes)	233,612 (3)	-16.2
	Imports	% from 2014
Sltr. cattle from U.S. (head)	n/a (2)	n/a
Feeder C&C from U.S. (head)	32,643 (2)	-13.0
Total beef from U.S. (tonnes)	120,215 (4)	-22.2
Total beef, all nations (tonnes)	176,860 (4)	-10.7

(1) to Nov. 8/14 (2) to Sept. 30/14 (3) to Sept. 30/14 (4) to Nov. 15/14
Agriculture Canada

Chicago Futures (\$/cwt)

	Close Nov. 21	Close Nov. 14	Trend	Year ago
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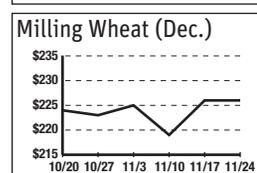
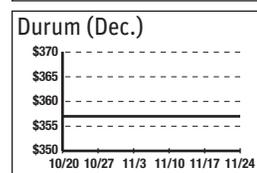
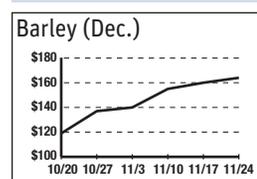
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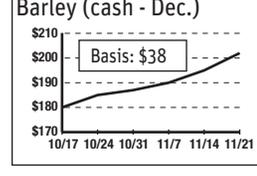
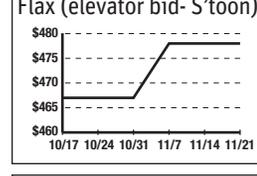
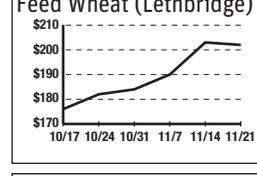
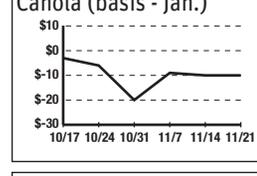
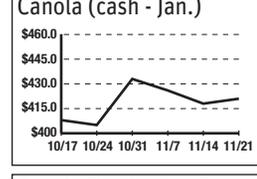
(000 tonnes)	Nov. 16	Nov. 9	YTD	Year Ago
Alta.	314.6	314.8	4614.8	3599.4
Sask.	378.1	435.4	6895.3	5718.2
Man.	122.4	170.6	1953.3	2265.6

GRAINS

ICE Futures Canada

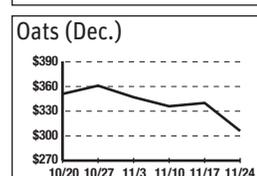
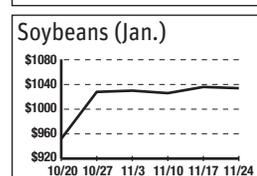
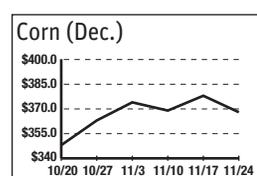


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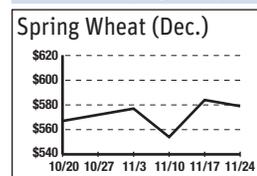


Canola and barley are basis par region. Feed wheat basis Lethbridge. Basis is best bid.

Chicago Nearby Futures (\$/100 bu.)



Minneapolis Nearby Futures (\$/100bu.)



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.

	Nov. 24	Avg. Nov. 17	Nov. 10
Laird lentils, No. 1 (c/lb)	33.00-38.75	35.53	35.53
Laird lentils, Xtra 3 (c/lb)	22.00-27.00	24.79	24.79
Richlea lentils, No. 1 (c/lb)	27.00-35.00	31.08	31.08
Eston lentils, No. 1 (c/lb)	29.00-31.00	30.41	30.41
Eston lentils, Xtra 3 (c/lb)	20.00-22.00	20.80	20.80
Sm. Red lentils, No. 2 (c/lb)	28.00-31.00	29.29	29.29
Sm. Red lentils, Xtra 3 (c/lb)	24.00-27.75	25.38	25.38
Peas, green No. 1 (\$/bu)	9.30-9.50	9.46	9.46
Peas, green 10% bleach (\$/bu)	8.30-8.50	8.46	8.46
Peas, med. yellow No. 1 (\$/bu)	6.65-6.75	6.73	6.73
Peas, sm. yellow No. 2 (\$/bu)	6.65-6.75	6.72	6.72
Maple peas (\$/bu)	8.60-9.00	8.87	8.87
Feed peas (\$/bu)	4.00-4.10	4.03	4.03
Mustard, yellow, No. 1 (c/lb)	30.40-32.00	31.47	31.47
Mustard, brown, No. 1 (c/lb)	25.70-27.00	26.68	26.68
Mustard, Oriental, No. 1 (c/lb)	29.50-31.00	30.63	30.63
Canaryseed (c/lb)	23.00-25.00	24.25	24.25
Desi chickpeas (c/lb)	15.20-16.00	15.73	15.73
Kabuli, 8mm, No. 1 (c/lb)	18.00-20.00	19.29	19.29
Kabuli, 7mm, No. 1 (c/lb)	14.00-17.00	15.43	15.43
B-9 ckpeas, No. 1 (c/lb)	15.00-19.00	16.94	16.94

Cash Prices

	Nov. 19	Nov. 12	Year ago
No. 3 Oats Saskatoon (\$/tonne)	141.73	150.07	162.14
Snflwr NuSun Enderlin ND (c/lb)	17.65	17.35	20.10

U.S. Grain Cash Prices (\$/bu.)

	Nov. 21
USDA	
No. 1 DNS (14%) Montana elevator	6.48
No. 1 DNS (13%) Montana elevator	5.51
No. 1 Durum (13%) Montana elevator	13.50
No. 1 Malt Barley Montana elevator	5.76
No. 2 Feed Barley Montana elevator	no bid

Grain Futures

	Nov. 24	Nov. 17	Trend	Year ago
Wpg ICE Canola (\$/tonne)				
Jan	432.60	431.30	+1.30	493.75
Mar	434.20	434.10	+0.10	503.35
May	435.50	435.30	+0.20	510.45
Jul	436.00	437.00	-1.00	515.85
Wpg ICE Milling Wheat (\$/tonne)				
Dec	226.00	226.00	0.00	214.00
Mar	234.00	234.00	0.00	224.00
May	237.00	237.00	0.00	234.00
Wpg ICE Durum Wheat (\$/tonne)				
Dec	356.50	356.50	0.00	247.00
Mar	357.50	357.50	0.00	253.00
Wpg ICE Barley (\$/tonne)				
Dec	164.00	160.00	+4.00	152.00
Mar	166.00	163.00	+3.00	154.00

	Nov. 24	Nov. 17	Trend	Year ago
Chicago Wheat (\$/bu.)				
Dec	5.4225	5.5175	-0.0950	6.5250
Mar	5.4950	5.5375	-0.0425	6.5925
May	5.5700	5.6075	-0.0375	6.6400
Jul	5.6275	5.6750	-0.0475	6.6150
Chicago Oats (\$/bu.)				
Dec	3.0550	3.3950	-0.3400	3.8125
Mar	3.1200	3.3900	-0.2700	3.3100
May	3.1275	3.3850	-0.2575	3.1875

	Nov. 24	Nov. 17	Trend	Year ago
Chicago Soybeans (\$/bu.)				
Jan	10.3375	10.3625	-0.0250	13.2925
Mar	10.3975	10.4400	-0.0425	13.1475
May	10.4575	10.5025	-0.0450	12.9600
Jul	10.4950	10.5500	-0.0550	12.8825
Chicago Soy Oil (cUS/lb.)				
Dec	33.20	32.45	+0.75	40.66
Jan	33.36	32.61	+0.75	40.95
Mar	33.58	32.82	+0.76	41.35

	Nov. 24	Nov. 17	Trend	Year ago
Chicago Soy Meal (\$/short ton)				
Dec	374.9	387.1	-12.2	437.2
Jan	362.6	370.7	-8.1	428.4
Mar	349.8	353.9	-4.1</	

FAMILY ROPING | Matt Switzer of Yorkton, Sask., and his father, Blaine, of Swift Current, Sask., competed in the team roping event at the Wheat City Stampede Rodeo in Brandon, Man., in October. Matt became the year-end team roper heeler champion and Blaine was named cowboy of the year. | SANDY BLACK PHOTO



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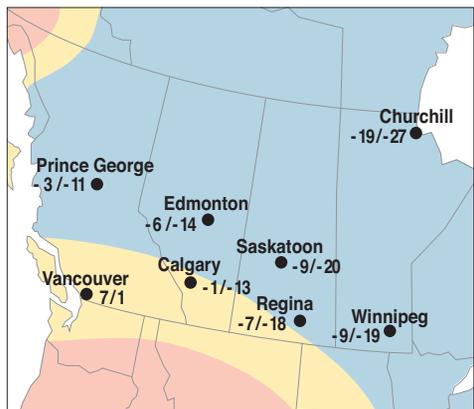
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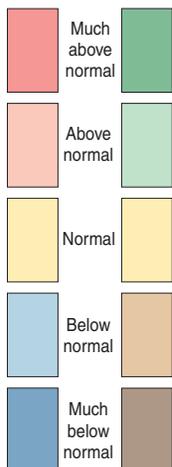
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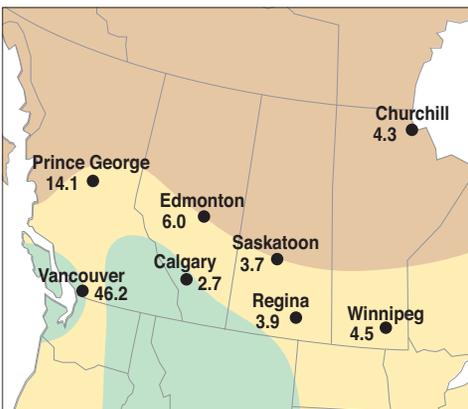
TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 Nov. 27 - Dec. 3 (in °C)



TEMP. MAP



PRECIPITATION FORECAST
 Nov. 27 - Dec. 3 (in mm)



The numbers on the above maps are average temperature and precipitation figures for the forecast week, based on historical data from 1971-2000. Maps provided by WeatherTec Services: www.weathertec.mb.ca
 n/a = not available; tr = trace; 1 inch = 25.4 millimetres (mm)

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER SUMMARY ENDING NOV. 23

SASKATCHEWAN

	Temperature		Precipitation		
	last week High	last week Low	last week mm	since Nov. 1 mm	since Nov. 1 %
Assiniboia	8.0	-20.2	2.2	6.4	65
Broadview	3.8	-17.6	3.7	14.1	96
Eastend	3.2	-20.5	0.7	6.0	45
Estevan	8.4	-18.2	0.9	10.3	73
Kindersley	5.0	-15.0	12.4	29.9	308
Maple Creek	9.1	-18.9	1.4	11.3	98
Meadow Lake	1.4	-22.0	6.4	29.5	181
Melfort	1.1	-21.9	3.0	16.9	130
Nipawin	0.0	-20.1	4.7	24.6	160
North Battleford	3.8	-19.3	9.0	49.3	355
Prince Albert	1.3	-22.9	11.7	43.2	292
Regina	6.9	-19.2	1.8	10.9	103
Rockglen	6.4	-19.1	1.1	7.8	71
Saskatoon	3.5	-17.8	7.6	27.9	238
Swift Current	6.5	-15.3	3.4	9.8	91
Val Marie	6.4	-24.3	0.3	7.2	67
Yorkton	3.9	-19.3	3.0	6.4	45
Wynyard	1.2	-23.6	10.5	24.2	178

ALBERTA

	Temperature		Precipitation		
	last week High	last week Low	last week mm	since Nov. 1 mm	since Nov. 1 %
Brooks	7.5	-21.2	0.0	34.6	376
Calgary	8.8	-13.5	0.0	34.5	338
Cold Lake	2.0	-15.2	17.1	27.9	173
Coronation	7.6	-20.2	5.3	37.4	394
Edmonton	6.5	-25.1	4.1	13.9	92
Grande Prairie	4.3	-19.8	6.1	33.0	158
High Level	-3.5	-24.2	4.1	10.2	47
Lethbridge	9.3	-16.8	0.8	37.6	327
Lloydminster	3.1	-16.5	13.3	37.6	263
Medicine Hat	6.6	-14.5	0.0	16.1	156
Milk River	8.8	-18.9	0.0	20.8	154
Peace River	1.7	-21.6	13.3	23.9	123
Pincher Creek	7.4	-13.9	0.0	29.6	120
Red Deer	4.1	-21.7	0.6	26.0	206
Stavely	9.1	-8.2	0.0	27.6	183
Vegreville	5.1	-19.7	9.2	15.9	130

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	Temperature		Precipitation		
	last week High	last week Low	last week mm	since Nov. 1 mm	since Nov. 1 %
Brandon	7.2	-19.8	1.5	5.8	41
Dauphin	4.8	-19.6	2.6	8.5	57
Gimli	-0.4	-23.0	1.1	8.4	41
Melita	8.7	-16.8	0.2	8.3	51
Morden	7.5	-17.2	0.3	2.8	13
Portage La Prairie	6.0	-18.2	0.4	7.5	36
Swan River	1.6	-24.7	7.3	14.7	75
Winnipeg	2.0	-23.4	0.5	3.5	17

BRITISH COLUMBIA

	Temperature		Precipitation		
	last week High	last week Low	last week mm	since Nov. 1 mm	since Nov. 1 %
Cranbrook	5.0	-18.4	9.6	32.4	90
Fort St. John	4.6	-17.7	22.6	47.4	193
Kamloops	7.1	-12.7	2.3	5.6	26
Kelowna	8.5	-13.0	3.3	4.8	17
Prince George	5.1	-13.3	12.4	45.3	100

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