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CROP WEEK

Fusarium poised to make seed a challenge to find

Durum seed in particular has lower than expected germination rates, says one seed lab owner

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Seed quality is of great concern heading into this year, says the owner of a seed lab.

"In 22 years, I haven't seen a crop as badly diseased as what we have right now," Discovery Seed Lab owner Bruce Carriere told seed growers during Crop Production Week.

Fusarium graminearum is preva-

lent in all crop districts across Saskatchewan with heavy levels of infection in many regions.

Districts where growers might be able to find seed with the lowest levels of infection are 3A-S, 3B-S, 3B-N, 4A, 4B, 7A, 7B and 9B.

Carriere is particularly concerned about durum seed quality.

Slightly more than half of the 2,200 samples that have come through Discovery's Saskatoon office have germination rates lower than 85 percent.

Carriere estimates the average germination rate is 68 percent once he removes what he believes to be carryover seed from the 2013 crop. That is well below the long-term average of 86 percent.

"It really sucks to be durum this year," he said.

"Most of the other crops are not in such bad shape. The durum is going to be a struggle this year. It really is."

It really sucks to be durum this year.

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DISCOVERY SEED LAB

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Seed quality a concern

Wheat germination is only slightly below the long-term average of 91.9 percent, but Carriere is particularly concerned about the range of 39 to 99 percent. Fifteen percent of the samples the lab has received are below 85 percent germination.

Barley is at 91.7 percent, which is slightly above the long-term average of 90.9 percent, but that is based on an unusually small sample size.

Oat germination is 90 percent, which is well above the long-term average of 86.1 percent. However, 17 percent of the samples have been under 85 percent germination.

Peas are another crop with better than average germination rates of 93.8 percent, up from the long-term average of 91.8 percent. Only nine percent of the samples have less than 85 percent germination.

"Peas are the exception to the rule," he said.

"Every time we have a problem with cereal crops, peas are always good."

Lentil germination is down a little, while flax is up slightly.

Carriere said growers should seek out seed with germination rates around 95 percent, but this year they may be forced to compensate for much lower levels by increasing seeding rates.

He said farmers should use seed

lots with fusarium levels of less than five percent. In districts where the disease was less prevalent, they should seek out lots with infection levels of less than 3.5 percent.

Seed treatments are a must.

As well, farmers in areas where fusarium was rampant should plant varieties with a built-in level of resistance.

"They have some great value to them," said Carriere.

He advised seed growers to tell their clients to boost seeding rates despite grower skepticism that it's just a ploy to sell more seed.

Increasing seeding rates reduces tillers, which is probably the single most important thing growers can do to combat the disease.

There is a short two to three day window for applying fungicides. Growers spraying for flowers on the main stem are missing out on the opportune time to combat infection in the tillers. The result is an infected crop and a wasted seed treatment.

Carriere warned growers that there is no correlation between a fuzz count at the elevator or a vomitoxin test and a fusarium test done at the lab. Seed that passes a fuzz count or vomitoxin test could still be full of the disease.

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CROP WEEK

Sask. government announces \$7 million for crop research

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Research funding provided through Saskatchewan's Agriculture Development Fund will continue to be about \$7 million this year, despite troubling signals that the provincial economy is beginning to cool.

Saskatchewan agriculture minister Lyle Stewart and federal agriculture minister Gerry Ritz last week announced ADF funding worth \$6.9 million. The 60-40 funding arrangement will support 42 crop-related research projects: \$4.1 from Saskatchewan and \$2.7 million from the federal government.

The announcement was made Jan. 13 during Crop Production Week in Saskatoon, not long after premier Brad Wall suggested that Saskatchewan will rely more heavily on the agriculture sector to carry the province through potentially challenging economic times caused by declining oil prices.

Saskatchewan's share of the ADF funding is part of the province's larger agriculture research budget, which has been set at \$26.7 million in 2014-15.

"Investments in research have long-term benefits for the agriculture industry, leading to the increased competitiveness of our industry in the global marketplace and better returns for our producers," Stewart said last week. "Look forward to the new tools, knowledge and technology that will result from this year's ADF projects."

Third-party contributions also play an important role in funding ADF projects. It's estimated at \$3.4 million in 2014-15, with almost two-thirds coming from the Western Grains Research Foundation.

The foundation announced last week that it will also provide an additional \$2.2 million to other agricultural research projects.

It uses producer check-off money to leverage additional investment through provincial agricultural research funding bodies and commodity organizations and within the Growing Forward 2 funding framework.

A complete list of the ADF projects approved for funding in 2014-15 can be viewed online at bit.ly/1yBhQxr.

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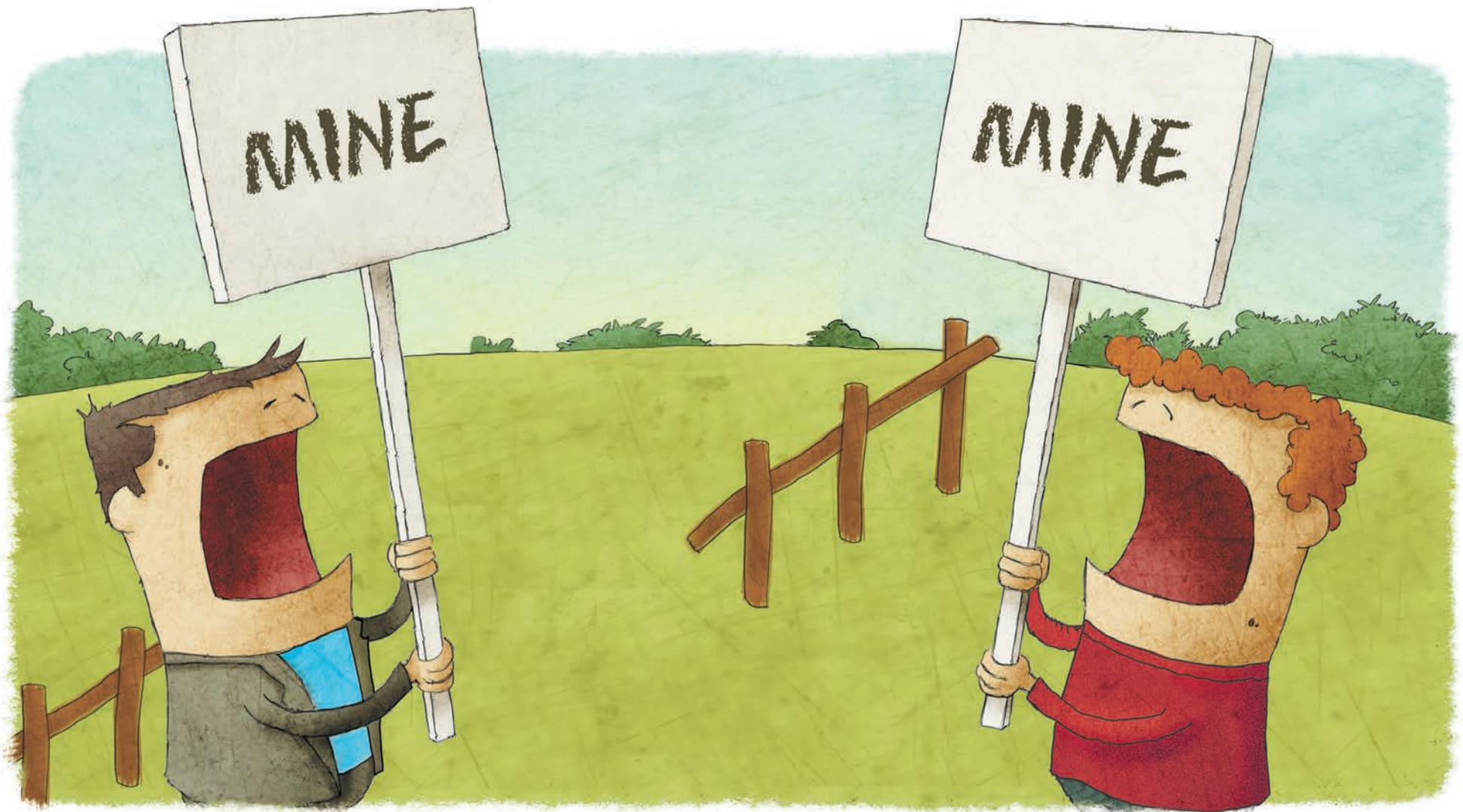
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PROPERTY RIGHTS

When squatters strike

Alberta squatters law allows people to be legal owners of land if they have been in open possession of it for 10 or more years



BY BARB GLEN
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Bob Woodward can see the 10-acre parcel of ranchland from his kitchen window.

It is land west of Cardston, Alta., that he bought in 1999, for which he had legal title and on which he has paid taxes every year since it was purchased.

So Woodward was flabbergasted when a judge ruled in December that the land belonged to his neighbour.

The decision was based on Alberta law involving adverse possession, more commonly known as squatter's rights.

It allows people to be recognized as legal owners of land if they have been in open possession of it for 10 or more years.

Alberta is the only province to retain the legislation, which is based on British common law but has been struck from the books in other provinces.

"I think that the rural people need to be made aware that this old act is still in the works and that if you have unscrupulous people looking for an opportunity like that, they can take advantage of that old law," said Woodward, a longtime rancher who owns 2,400 acres.

"Even though you've bought a piece of property and paid for it and paid the taxes on it and everything, if they squat on it, even if you know that they're there and more or less acknowledge, or in other words put

up with them, if you let them do it for 10 years, they can turn around and claim your property."

Woodward said he thought twice about going to court but decided to proceed when his neighbours gave notice in 2011 of a suit to claim the 10-acre piece of land, which he estimated to be worth \$3,000 per acre.

"It's kind of a matter of principle, but as it turned out, it didn't do us any good."

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BOB WOODWARD
CARDSTON, ALTA., RANCHER

He and his lawyer, Douglas Carle, were surprised at the outcome, and an appeal has since been filed with the Alberta Court of Appeals.

Carle said adverse possession is a throwback to an era before Canada adopted the Torrens land titles system based on registered titles and accurate surveys.

"I think that it is actually quite puzzling that a jurisdiction such as ours ... would even have a concept of adverse possession," said Carle.

"It's an archaic concept that causes nothing but hardship and flies in the face of our entire land titles system."

Carle, who practises out of Taber, Alta., said the outcome of Woodward's

case should serve as a warning.

"What should be very chilling to farmers and landowners in Western Canada is the notion that you can let your neighbours ... have access and use of your land, but you run the risk of them taking the land from you.

"I know many, many clients in southern Alberta who are good neighbours, who would never dream that their next door neighbour or

the legislation was outdated and its abolition "would assure Alberta landowners that they will not be at risk of losing land to a neighbour who has accidentally or intentionally been trespassing on their property."

Allred, who did not stand for re-election in 2012, is a former land surveyor.

He told the legislature at the time that about 100 court cases in Alberta had involved adverse possession but few were successful because of the province's "efficient land titles system."

It was Allred's contention that squatter's rights should never have been adopted from the English system in the first place because Alberta was surveyed before settlement, as opposed to Britain's settlement before survey.

Adverse possession caused the City of Calgary to lose land in 1965 and irrigation districts to lose land in 1993.

After that, the government amended legislation to exempt municipalities and irrigation districts from future claims on that basis.

The provincial property act allows people to claim land on which they have mistakenly built lasting improvements. However, that person must pay the landowner compensation for the property lost.

Woodward said he wants the current government to take action.

"I say at the stroke of a pen, the government could change this thing, and they need to do it.

"I say shame on Alberta for hanging

onto this thing when all the other provinces in Canada have thrown it out. I want these legislators to do something about it."

Individuals should be free of it, just as irrigation districts and municipalities are, he added.

Carle said he thinks the government may be considering changes.

Drew Barnes, Wildrose MLA for Cypress Medicine Hat, said he would be happy to examine the pros and cons of the legislation at the next legislative session, set to begin March 10.

"Property rights are the bedrock of a democratic society," said Barnes.

"Property rights allow individuals to know where their rights begin and where the government's rights end. So any infringement on an individual's property rights would be of great concern to me."

Carle said he has discussed adverse possession with some of his farmer clients and generally advises landowners to confirm their ownership in cases where neighbours are using their land.

"It has certainly caught the fear and imagination of southern Albertans," said Carle, adding that the case was one of the more interesting he has tackled in 26 years of practice.

"I've always told clients that 99.9 percent of the time, an issue can be decided merely by an application of common sense.... This is that point one percent of the time."

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CROP SHOW

Federal bill would enable CGC to track grain containers

BY SEAN PRATT
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The Canadian Grain Commission is seeking the authority to start tracking containerized shipments of grains, oilseeds and pulses.

It is one of the changes outlined in Bill C-48, the Modernization of Canada's Grain Industry Act.

"There is increasing pressure for transparency in statistics of grain volumes and grain handling in Canada for exports," chief commissioner Elwin Hermanson told canaryseed growers at Crop Production Week.

The commission currently tracks and publishes bulk exports on a weekly basis, but grain is increasingly moving by container cars.

Containers carried 16 percent of the grains, oilseeds, pulses and special crops that moved through Port Metro Vancouver in 2013.

"If this new bill is brought into effect, then we would be able to license container stuffing facilities and get the statistics," said Hermanson.

That is music to the ears of Larry Weber, who has long railed against the lack of transparency in Canada's grain industry.

"It's great because the information we get on containers today is three months behind," said the owner of Weber Commodities.

"We're in an information age, and getting three-month-old information is no better than Fred Flintstone. Anything that is going to get information back to the farm quicker is beneficial."

The benefits go beyond increased transparency for farmers and analysts.

"I think it's a phenomenal idea, especially when you get into food safety," said Weber.

A Japanese miller would theoretically be able to trace a grain shipment back to a farm in Saskatchewan, which Weber believes should result in price premiums for growers.

Hermanson said it is important to identify bottlenecks in the grain transportation system as well as the end users of Canadian grain.

"All of those things help the industry do a better job," he said in an interview following his presentation.

The grain industry depends on the weekly statistics that the commission publishes, but those numbers paint only part of the picture. Container exports show up months later in Statistics Canada's data.

Hermanson said there will still be transparency problems, even if Bill C-48 passes.

"The CGC is not responsible for transparency on marketing and pricing. We're not in the marketing end of things. But we are on the grain movement, and that's why it's important we have some knowledge of what's being moved by container because it's significant," he said.

"While we may never get it 100 percent perfect, we want to get it as close to 100 percent as possible."

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CROP SHOW

Council explores risk reduction by seeking new canola buyers

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

The Canola Council of Canada wants to decrease its reliance on four key export customers.

Ninety percent of the country's seed, oil and meal is exported, and 93 percent of that is shipped to the United States, China, Japan and Mexico.

"We've got a lot of eggs in one basket," Bruce Jowett, the council's vice-president of market development, told CropSphere 2015.

The council has set a goal of reducing the reliance on those four countries to 80 percent by 2025.

Jowett said it is too risky to have so much business tied up with four customers, particularly if a market access issue surfaces.

That has occurred in recent years with China restricting canola seed imports because of concerns over blackleg disease and the U.S. curtailing meal shipments because of salmonella contamination.

The U.S. is the biggest market for canola products, buying \$3.5 billion of oil and meal annually.

The first thing the council's market development staff look for in a market is a high literacy rate, which means consumers can understand the message being delivered. The second thing is a market with health concerns so that the message resonates. The final component is the economic ability to spend more on canola oil.

The U.S. has all three of those attributes, which is why canola has become the No. 2 oil behind a blended vegetable oil in a market of 320 million people.

Jowett said there is still room for that market to expand.

"There are some segments within the U.S. population that we have not reached," he said.

Those segments are the African



American community, which is expected to grow by 50 percent over the next decade, and the Hispanic community, which is forecast to double.

The U.S. also consumes 96 percent of Canada's canola meal exports, or 3.3 million tonnes per year worth \$1.4 billion annually.

Most of the meal is shipped to the dairy industry west of the Mississippi River, with California being the biggest market.

The council is focusing its market development efforts on the dairy industry east of the Mississippi and has made inroads in Wisconsin. It is also working with the U.S. hog and poultry sectors.

China is the second biggest export market for Canadian canola prod-

ucts, consuming \$2.94 billion worth of seed and oil annually.

It is a "frustrating but promising" market of 1.35 billion people, which consumes 4.4 million tonnes of canola seed annually worth \$2.2 billion.

The council's market development work in that country is focused on Shanghai and Beijing, which have a combined population larger than all of Canada.

The council recently held a media event featuring council chair Terry Youzwa.

"They loved the opportunity to meet a real, true farmer. Farmers in China are held in high esteem," Jowett said.

Media with a combined circulation of one billion people covered the event.

China is not a big buyer of canola meal, but it could become one once Canadian crushers meet the country's new food safety regulations.

Japan is the longest standing export customer for the canola industry. It buys two million tonnes of seed annually, worth \$1.23 billion, but no oil or meal.

Japanese consumers like the oil's omega 3 attributes and its high smoke point.

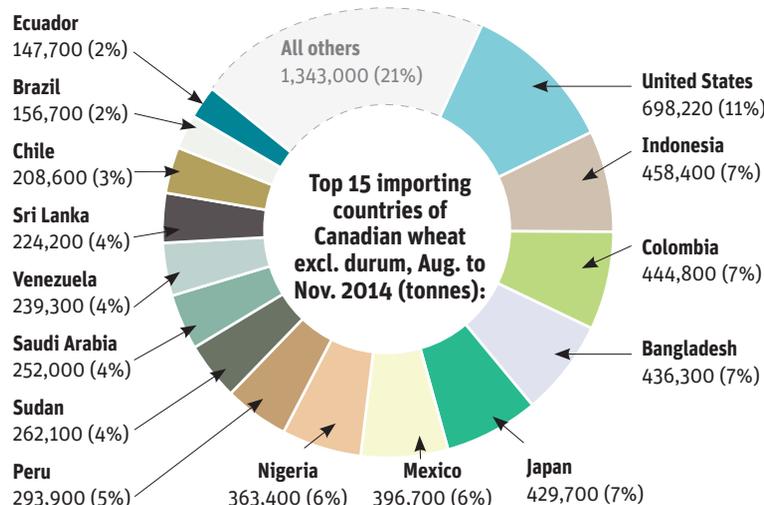
"In Japan, your living quarters are quite tight. You live where you eat and you sleep where you eat and you don't want the smell of dinner lingering around, so the smoke point has been a major selling point," said Jowett.

However, the aging population is a concern.

CANOLA CUSTOMER CONCENTRATION A CONCERN

The canola industry is overly reliant on four major customers, the United States, China, Japan and Mexico, says the Canola Council of Canada. The pie charts show who has been buying canola seed compared to the multitude of wheat customers. If the canola figures below also included oil and meal exports, the U.S. would become canola's biggest customer by far, followed by China, Japan and Mexico.

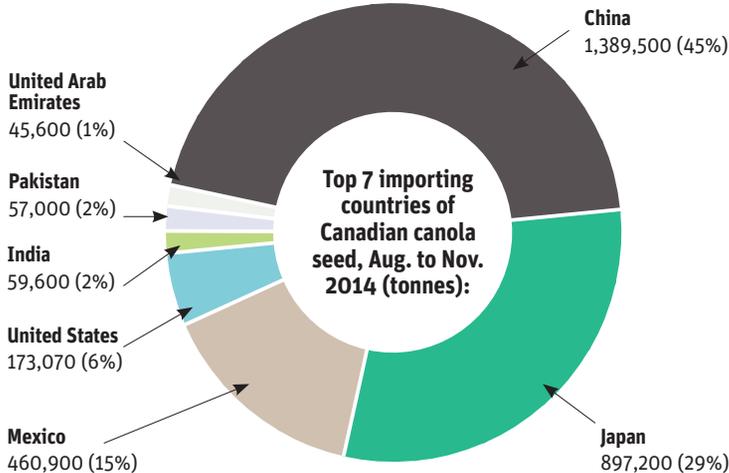
CANADA'S MAJOR WHEAT CUSTOMERS



TOTAL CANADIAN WHEAT EXPORTS, EXCL. DURUM: 6,355,020 TONNES

Source: Weber Commodities | WP GRAPHIC

CANADA'S CANOLA SEED CUSTOMERS



TOTAL CANADIAN CANOLA SEED EXPORTS: 3,082,870 TONNES

BELOW: The U.S. is the biggest market for Canadian canola products, buying \$3.5 billion worth of oil and meal annually. | FILE PHOTO



“The challenge we see with Japan is that they’re not having enough babies,” he said.

Mexico buys \$781 million worth of canola products annually, almost all of which is seed. It is a country of 116 million people, 40 million of which are the council’s target market.

In 2012, the World Health Organization gave Mexico the dubious distinction of being the most obese country. That prompted the government to place a tax on sugar products and require labels on food products that detail the amount of sodium, calories and fat.

Jowett said the mounting health concerns in Mexico represent a good marketing opportunity for canola, as does the country’s reliance on oil for food preparation.

The Mexican livestock industry understands the benefits of canola meal and wants more of the product, but it is too expensive to ship from Canada. The answer is to increase oil consumption and have Mexican crushers create more canola meal.

India is at the top of the list of what Jowett calls “wave two” countries. The vast majority of the country’s 1.3 billion people are more concerned about getting enough daily calories than they are about health issues.

There is a heavy reliance on palm oil and animal fat for cooking, which is why it is predicted that India will be home to 60 percent of the world’s cardiovascular disease cases by 2020.

The council is targeting the 200 to 250 million people in India’s growing middle class, which are concerned about their health. The campaign includes cardiologists, nutritionists and chefs spreading the word about the health benefits of switching to canola oil.

South Korea is another wave two country where the council is going to start “making some noise.”

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Jorgen Nelson, 4, of Dundurn, Sask., has a hands-on experience with Honey Bee’s 50 foot Airflex header during the Crop Production Show Jan. 15. | WILLIAM DEKAY PHOTO

CROP SHOW

With a big farm show comes big responsibilities

Western Canadian Crop Production Show is growing in popularity – and running out of room

BY WILLIAM DEKAY
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

As agricultural equipment continues to get bigger, so too does the need for a co-ordinated effort at the Western Canadian Crop Production Show in Saskatoon.

Organizing the set-up schedule starts a month before the four-day show, held this year Jan. 12-15. Larger pieces of equipment and some smaller exhibitors are given a specific move-in time.

“It’s definitely choreographed,”

said Lori Cates, manager of the show.

Forklifts, cranes and tractors are used to position the products during set up and removal.

“When we’re moving that equipment in and out, it’s very technical,” she said.

“We also have the luxury of having four really good volunteers and they make that move-in seamless.... Our exhibitors, year after year, comment on that.”

Cates said great weather contributed to this year’s strong atten-

dance, but it was a different story leading up to the show when temperatures reached -30 C.

“The challenge was those move-in dates,” she said.

The event also hosted more meetings and seminars compared to past years.

“That was really good for us. We could accommodate more of those types of things,” said Cates.

However, she said the facilities are now mostly maxed out for available space.

“The growth in the show will be

when we have another building. That’s something that we’re all working towards because we have so many requests from our exhibitors for more space and we just can’t give them anymore.”

Now in its 32nd year, the event is one of Western Canada’s top grain industry venues for the latest technology, services and products.

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PULSE CROPS

Market stays bullish on pulse prices ...

Poor growing conditions abroad, coupled with short supplies of peas and lentils means prices will be up this year

BY SEAN PRATT
 SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Larry Weber was concerned that pea and lentil growers wouldn't be able to fit their horns through the doorframe after hearing his market outlook.

"I'm bullish pea and lentils, but I don't want everybody's head to get too big," he said.

His bullish sentiment stems from the record pace of Canadian exports and poor growing conditions in India, Turkey and Australia.

"We're going to be out of product by June," Weber told delegates attending CropSphere 2015. "There is no reason for prices not to escalate from here to the end of the crop year, with the exception of the economy."

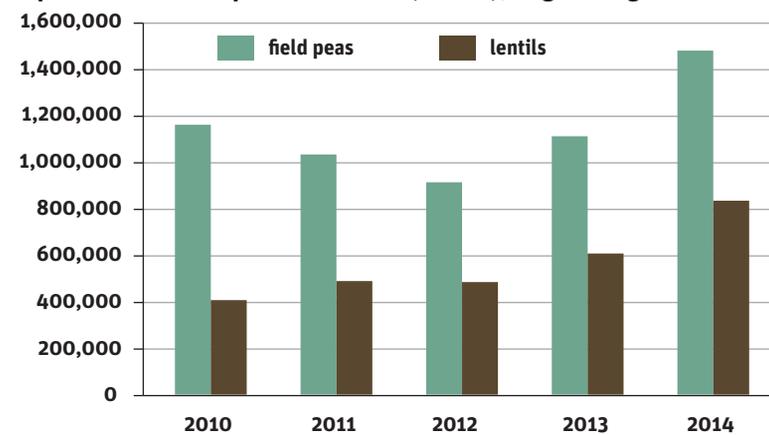
A story in the *Hindu Business Line* echoes Weber's bullish outlook, noting that markets are abuzz with speculations of India's import volumes given that winter pulse plantings are 10.5 percent below normal.

"A trader in Canada told *Business Line* in confidence that many traders, including some in Singapore, Dubai

LENTIL, PEA EXPORTS BOOMING

Canadian pea and lentil exports in the first quarter of the crop year smashed records. The phenomenal pace of shipments has analyst Larry Weber expecting prices of the pulse crops to rise through to the end of the crop year.

Exports of Canadian peas and lentils (tonnes), Aug. through November:



Source: STAT Publishing | MICHELLE HOULDEN GRAPHIC

and USA are positioning themselves by buying up whatever yellow pea and red lentil is available from Cana-

da. They expect India to buy up everything," stated the article. Canadian pea shipments are

already 150 percent ahead of the long-term average.

"Exports have been nothing short of phenomenal," he said.

Weber sees ending stocks of 100,000 tonnes, or one-quarter of the 10-year average. India is the top buyer followed by China and Bangladesh.

"We're out of peas," he said.

It is the same story for lentils. Exports are 165 percent of the five-year average with the main buyers being India, Turkey and United Arab Emirates, in that order.

Weber sees 50,000 tonnes of carry-out. There have only been three years lower than that.

The stocks-to-use ratio is forecast at 2.5 percent versus the 10-year average of 25.4 percent.

"Who's not bullish now?" he said.

Weber sees 3.95 million acres of peas, up from 3.8 million last year. However, he thinks that might be low given new crop prices of \$7 per bushel for peas and \$5.50 for wheat and fertilizer prices that are not dropping.

He believes lentil plantings will contract slightly to 2.95 million acres,

down from 3.11 million last year, which is still close to the record of 3.44 million acres set in 2010.

"There's going to be a whack of lentil acres this year," said Weber.

New crop lentil bids were 25 to 27 cents per pound at the Crop Production Show. Weber reminded growers they were thrilled with 20 cent bids this time last year.

"It's all about laying off risk, and there's some amazing prices out there right now," he said.

Yellow pea bids were in the \$7 per bu. range. Weber said he wouldn't sell at that level, but he would if they rise to \$7.50 to \$8.

He is also bullish for peas and lentils because of the lingering dryness in the key pulse growing regions of India, Turkey and Australia.

Some weather forecasters believe El Nino has arrived, which would mean continued dry conditions for India, Turkey and Australia. Others are backing off, saying El Nino won't arrive until the tail end of this year.

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OILSEEDS

... But the short term canola market is bearish

Outlook could improve if export pace picks up

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Brenda Tjaden Lepp doesn't see much upside in oilseed prices, at least in the short-term.

Canola will be flat for the foreseeable future and flax prices are likely heading down.

She thinks growers should jump if the old crop canola bids that were available over the holiday season resurface.

"I would not turn my nose up at \$10 if you've got more inventory than you're comfortable with," Tjaden Lepp, chief analyst of FarmLink Marketing Solutions, told growers attending CropSphere 2015.

She expects prices won't rise above that level for the next six to eight weeks.

"I don't think we'll see the pace of farmer selling slow down enough to support the prices in the next little while," she said.

The situation could improve by spring or summer, depending on Chinese purchases.

FarmLink is forecasting 1.7 million tonnes of canola ending stocks, which would be 100,000

tonnes above average but well below last year's 2.4 million tonnes.

Other analysts have forecast 1.3 to 2.3 million tonnes. The big wild card is the export number.

FarmLink has penciled in 8.6 million tonnes of exports but that could increase by as much as 400,000 tonnes if China starts buying again. Sales to China tailed off in recent weeks because of dismal crush margins in that country.

"If Chinese demand picks up, then (carryout) could tighten and we could see (prices) run higher," she said.

That's why she's advising growers who don't need to clear bin space to hold off on marketing the crop or risk leaving money on the table.

"I'm not a seller of canola in the next three months or so. I think we want to just give this market some time."

One bearish factor for prices is FarmLink's forecast of 21.5 million canola acres in 2015. Other analysts are at 19.5 million acres or lower.

Tjaden Lepp thinks there will be "a massive shift" out of disease-prone crops such as pulses and cereals into easier crops to grow

such as soybeans and canola. Growers are tired of attempting to sell quality-damaged crop from last year's harvest.

Flax will be another popular choice. Tjaden Lepp's seed industry contacts are telling her flax seed has been "flying off the shelves."

"That's a real bearish threat on the flax S&D (supply and demand chart)," she said.

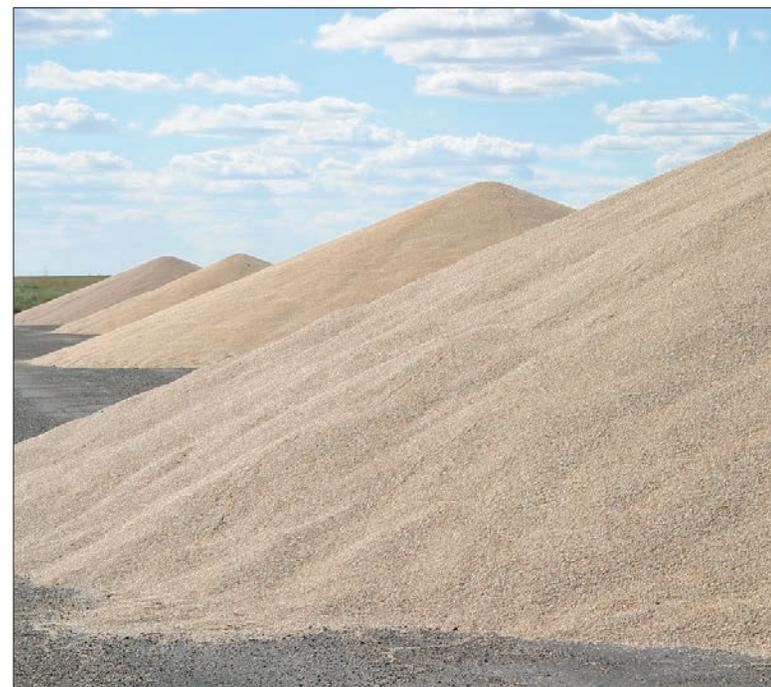
"Let's just say it's pretty oversupplied."

Production could be as much as 40 percent higher than last year based on her preliminary acreage estimate. Ending stocks for 2015-16 are forecast at 250,000 tonnes, which would be two to three times average.

Tjaden Lepp is surprised there are still \$13 per bushel flax bids around, given the acreage outlook and the large crop that growers produced in Kazakhstan last year. She knows of one major U.S. buyer that brought in a shipment from Kazakhstan.

One grower in attendance used his phone during her presentation to sell his remaining flax at \$13.

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Producers who signed durum contracts last spring got caught on quality discounts. | FILE PHOTO

GRAINS

Strong feed market is outlet for wheat

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Wheat prices can't fall much lower because of mounting demand from the feed sector, says a market analyst.

Feed mills in Manitoba were recently offering \$6 per bushel for low-vomitoxin wheat.

That is above recent bids for Canada Prairie Spring wheat, winter wheat and No. 3 Canada Western Red Spring wheat.

"We've got this situation where you can sell milling wheat into feed markets for a premium," Brenda Tjaden Lepp, chief analyst with FarmLink Marketing Solutions, told CropSphere 2015.

"This could really unleash a lot of supply."

The convergence of feed and mid-grade milling wheat prices should help mop up some of the "comfortable supplies" of the crop, depending on how much low-vomitoxin wheat can be pulled out of the countryside.

However, increased sales of Canadian wheat and U.S. corn into the feed market spells bad news for feed barley prices.

"That is going to put a cap on what has been a very robust feed market this past fall," said Tjaden Lepp.

Analysts were caught off guard by the run-up in feed barley prices given the massive U.S. corn crop. However, U.S. corn shipments to Canada were delayed by rail problems and the weakening Canadian dollar.

Lower than expected corn imports combined with high levels of vomitoxin in Canadian barley supplies drove up prices for feed barley.

There was also a shortage of malt barley, which caused prices to temporarily surpass \$6.50 per bu. Those prices have dropped back to the \$5 to \$5.50 range as maltsters turn to Europe for supplies.

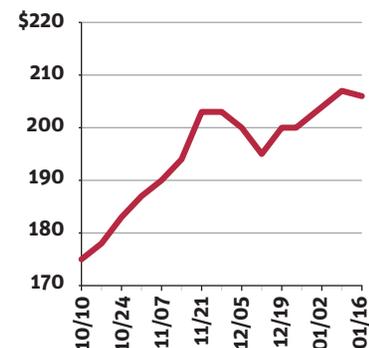
Tjaden Lepp doesn't expect those prices to go away soon because of tight carryout and the need to stop the decades-long decline in acres.

"The tight old crop situation is going to keep spot and new crop (barley) prices well supported," she

FEED BARLEY PRICES SURGE

Feed barley prices have rallied because of the tight supply in Canada. The attractive price could attract significant quantities of lower grade milling wheat, Canada Prairie Spring and winter wheat into the feed market.

Average feed barley price (Lethbridge, \$/tonne)



Source: Alberta Canola Producers Commission | WP GRAPHIC

said in an interview following her presentation.

"There could be some fireworks in that market in the summer for new crop."

Tjaden Lepp doesn't know what to tell durum growers after one of the most challenging production and marketing years in recent history.

"Looking ahead to new crop, I'm going to have a really hard time recommending to a grower to commit (to a contract) any amounts of new crop durum production," she said.

FarmLink had clients last year who forward contracted durum at \$8 per bu., but received only \$3 to \$4 per bu. because of quality penalties, even though the open market was paying \$10 to \$12 this fall.

Tjaden Lepp thinks durum contracts need new quality discount provisions that better protect growers from that kind of situation.

"At the end of the day, it didn't work out very well for growers who tried to manage their risk through these forward contracts," she said.

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Canola growers who don't need to clear bin space should hold off on marketing the crop or risk leaving money on the table.

PRICE OUTLOOK

Canada well placed with weaker loonie and tighter stocks

MARKET WATCH



D'ARCE McMILLAN

The global price outlook for major crops looks bearish, but several factors unique to Canada present a more upbeat forecast for prairie farmers, according to a CWB analyst.

Those factors are a weak Canadian dollar and tightening stocks of Canadian crops, Bruce Burnett, CWB's crop and weather specialist, said at a CWB session during Crop Production Week.

He thinks malting barley and pulse prices could rise in the new crop year.

Canola prices could also rise, or at least move to the top end of the usual price range relationship with soybeans instead of the low end.

Durum will likely be off the highs seen earlier this crop year but should remain attractive.

Wheat futures are unlikely to improve much but could go higher if a weather problem develops in a major growing region.

The heavy lifting for canola and wheat will likely be done by basis

levels in Canada, he said. They will likely improve as the local supply tightens, meaning cash prices, particularly for quality grain, could edge higher.

Burnett thinks that in the near term, the Chicago crop futures markets could test the harvest lows that were set in late September. That market is currently focused on the large supplies of corn, soybeans and wheat in the United States and elsewhere, the rising U.S. dollar and the impending harvest of record corn and soybean crops in South America.

However, the effect of the decline in Chicago market will be felt less here because the Canadian dollar is significantly weaker than it was in the fall.

Also, the supply and demand situation in Canada for most crops is getting tighter.

He thinks 2014-15 ending wheat stocks could fall to a little more than five million tonnes, down almost three million tonnes from the previous year and considered fairly tight.

Durum year-end stocks could fall to a million tonnes or even less, depending on exports. Little of it will be of good quality. Supply could fall again at the end of 2015-16.

Burnett is significantly more bullish on canola stocks than other analysts, saying they could fall to a million tonnes or less at the end of this year. Year-end stocks in 2015-16 could be 600,000 tonnes, which would be a tight situation last seen in

SEEDING PROJECTIONS

The CWB thinks that with drier fields, prairie seeded area will rise by about two million acres. Durum, soybeans and pulse crops will likely see major increases while the rise in spring wheat and canola will likely be modest.

Western Canadian acres (in millions):

	2014	2015	% change
Spring wheat	17.31	17.72	2.4
Durum	4.75	5.6	17.9
Winter wheat	1.06	0.67	-37.3
Barley	5.44	5.75	5.7
Canola	20.26	20.6	1.7
Flax	1.56	1.65	6.1
Lentils	3.11	3.35	7.7
Peas	3.8	4.13	8.7
Rye	0.21	0.22	4.8
Soybeans	1.54	1.75	13.6

Source: CWB | WP GRAPHIC

2012-13.

Burnett thinks western Canadian seeded acreage of all crops this spring could be up two million acres because of fewer problems with saturated or flooded fields, but a return to average yields could mean the harvested crop might not be a lot larger than last year.

And as already noted, stocks should continue to fall, putting an end to the negative effects of the record 2013 crop and transportation backlogs of the winter of 2013-14.

He said Canadian durum acreage will likely increase 18 percent. It might have increased more, but he

thinks the lack of quality seed and trepidation among farmers after last year's poor quality harvest will limit the upside.

Reviewing global weather, Burnett thinks South American crops are starting to mature to a point that a record crop is guaranteed.

However, because of the shifting relationship between corn and soybeans, the 2015 U.S. soybean acreage is unlikely to rise as high as was feared a few months ago.

On wheat, he said Canadian farmers shouldn't put much weight on reports of the last few weeks about cold weather hurting the U.S. winter



CWB analyst Bruce Burnett expects many crop prices will rise in 2015.

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wheat crop.

Reports of damage to the Russian winter wheat crop are true, however, and CWB thinks that crop will be 10 million tonnes smaller than last year. The wheat futures market though has taken this into account and even got too excited before Christmas about Russian wheat export controls.

The potential for another wheat rally depends on spring weather in the Black Sea region.

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SPECIALTY CROP

Declining acres expected to boost yellow mustard market

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Lower projected acreage and historically small stocks will make yellow mustard a reasonably profitable crop this year.

It was one of the key messages to emerge from the Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission's annual convention held Jan. 15 during Crop Production Week in Saskatoon.

Price projections offered during the meeting featured new crop yellow mustard contracts fetching 34 to 37 cents per pound in 2015, brown fetching 26 to 31 cents and Oriental getting 26 to 30 cents.

"That's a positive outlook for us," said commission chair Patrick Ackerman.

"That puts us in a range that makes it pretty profitable to grow mustard."

Stocks of Canadian mustard have been declining steadily during the past few years.

Spot prices for yellow mustard bottomed at around 15 cents per lb. in 2010, prompting some growers to look at other cropping options.

The low prices resulted in fewer acres, lower carry-in stocks and historically tight stocks-to-use ratios.

The carry-in fell to an estimated 8,000 tonnes last year, down from 116,000 tonnes in 2011.

The stocks-to-use ratio was pegged at 4.4 percent in 2013, down from 78.4 percent three years earlier.

Current stocks-to-use ratios are

estimated to be 14 to 15 percent, the equivalent of two to three month's worth of industry needs.

"These are very low numbers," said Walter Dyck, a mustard buyer with Olds Products, one of North America's biggest buyers.

"My message to (Canadian growers) is that ... the world is looking for your mustard because we're just not producing anything extra."

Despite the positive price outlook, some are forecasting fewer mustard acres again this year.

A projection at the conference showed Canadian plantings this year at 419,000 acres, down from 500,000 last year.

The five-year average is 400,000 acres.

Ackerman said he and other growers aren't reading too much into early estimates because planting intentions can change quickly.

However, the commission has anticipated reduced acreage and stronger prices for some time, he added.

It bodes well for domestic prices but can have a detrimental impact on the industry, especially if stocks run too low and stability of supply becomes an issue.

"We've known for a while that we're losing growers, we're losing acres and we're competing against other crops and usually, when you lose those acres, it takes a while to get them back because of canola contamination," Ackerman said.

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CANFAX REPORT

U.S. MARKET FALLS

Chicago cattle futures fell sharply last week as investment funds, which still had substantial long positions in cattle at the start of the year, sold heavily.

Funds rebalance their portfolios at the start of the year and having made good profits on the year-long rally in cattle futures, believed the rally has mostly run its course and it was time to scale back their positions.

Nearby live cattle futures fell 3.8 percent over the week and feeders fell 3.6 percent.

Cash cattle also fell. In the southern U.S. Plains, cash trade developed at US\$164-\$164.50 per hundredweight, up to \$6 lower than the previous week.

Packers are running their kill lines fairly slow.

U.S. steers in the week ending Jan. 3 averaged 897 pounds, 21 lb. heavier than a year ago.

CANADIAN MARKET STRONG

The Canfax weighted average for steers was a record C\$191.05 per cwt. Fed cattle were trading at \$130-\$133 last year at this time.

The Canadian market ignored the futures market selloff, and packers bid aggressively to acquire cattle.

It was the first time in 10 years that cash trade was at a premium over the futures market during January.

Volume of market-ready cattle was tight because feedlots had sold heavily the previous week. Dressed sales developed at the top end of the previous week's trade.

Some producers have started to pull February cattle forward.

It is unclear whether the futures will rise to the cash market level or the cash will fall to the futures.

In Canada, cattle bought over the past couple of weeks were scheduled for slaughter within seven to 10 days, indicating that packer-owned supply is tight. However, market-ready supplies usually increase going into February. The fed market may be near its top.

COWS RALLY

D1, D2 cows ranged \$125-\$143 to average \$134.90, up \$3.75 and a new record, while D3s ranged \$110-\$128 to average \$118.88, up almost \$2.75.

Butcher bulls rose to average \$144.15.

Federally inspected western Canadian non-fed slaughter for 2014 was 334,032 head, down 10 percent from 2013.

Total Canadian non-fed slaughter was down 8.5 percent for a 2014 total of 422,096. Non-fed exports to the United States for 2014 were down eight percent at 351,718 head.

Prices were expected to be steady this week.

FEEDERS JUMP HIGHER

Volatile cattle futures had little impact on the western Canadian feeder market.

Average feeder steer prices were almost \$10.75 per cwt. higher. Heifers rallied almost \$14.50.

Stockers 300-400 pounds rose more

than \$17.50 on an increased offering and improved quality, but prices were still well below the 2014 fall highs. However, feeders 500-800 lb. set new records.

The steer-heifer spread narrowed.

There was a broad base of buyers, including those from Eastern Canada and Americans.

Auction volumes have been brisk this year. The unsettled futures market has some producers marketing feeders earlier than planned.

Feeder exports to the U.S. were up 40 percent in 2014 at 441,942 head.

Producers who fatten cattle on grass are worried about the availability of supply and may try to buy earlier than normal, which will add to market competition. However, if the weakness in the cattle futures markets continues, it could weigh on the Canadian cash market.

U.S. BEEF RISES

The U.S. Choice cutout rose US\$8.31 per cwt. higher, with a new record high established Jan. 14 at \$263.81. Select rose \$8.73 to \$254.07 but was \$6.76 lower than the high set in July 2014. After seeing a strong rally in the past two weeks, the cut-out market is expected to soften because of the typically slow demand in January and cheaper pork and poultry prices.

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BIRD'S-EYE VIEW



A power pole makes an ideal perch for a snowy owl to rest and check out its surroundings northwest of Grande Prairie, Alta. The owl will winter in the area before heading to nesting grounds in the Arctic this spring. |

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CATTLE

New record set for fed steers



HOGS

U.S. cash prices fall



WP LIVESTOCK REPORT

HOG PRICES FALL

U.S. packers easily accessed the supply they needed and wholesale pork prices fell, leading to lower cash bids for hogs.

Cash prices traditionally rise in the new year as supply seasonally tightens, but packers have ample supply to work through and slaughter weights of barrows and gilts are up 5.4 pounds from a year ago.

Ron Plain and Scott Brown of the University of Missouri reported the following:

"USDA's (U.S. Department of Agriculture's) January WASDE (World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates) publication increased

their forecast of 2015 pork production by 1.2 percent and reduced their 2015 barrow and gilt price estimate by \$3 per hundredweight.

"They are now predicting 4.6 percent higher pork production this year than in 2014 with market hog prices averaging in the lower \$60s live compared to an average live price of \$76.03 per cwt in 2014. Currently, USDA expects 2015 pork production to exceed beef production by 65 million pounds. The last time the nation produced more pork than beef was 1952."

Iowa-southern Minnesota hogs delivered were US\$54-\$54.50 per cwt. Jan. 16, down from \$56 Jan. 9.

U.S. hogs averaged \$71.03 on a carcass basis Jan. 16, down from \$71.80 Jan. 9.

The U.S. pork cutout rose to \$84.37 per cwt. Jan. 16, up from \$83.96 Jan. 9.

The estimated U.S. weekly slaughter for the week to Jan. 17 was 2.276 million, up from 2.143 million the previous week. Slaughter was 2.263 million last year at the same time.

BISON STEADY

The Canadian Bison Association said finished bison prices are steady. Grade A bulls in the desirable weight range were C\$4.30 per pound hot hanging weight with sales to \$4.40. U.S. buyers are offering US\$4 with returns dependent on exchange rates, quality and export costs.

Grade A heifers sold at C\$4.15 with

sales to \$4.30. U.S. buyers are offering US\$3.85.

Mature animals destined for the trim market are selling for up to C\$2.75 per lb.

Animals outside the desirable buyer specifications may be discounted.

SHEEP STEADY

Beaver Hill Auction in Tofield, Alta., reported 1,492 sheep and 62 goats sold Jan. 12.

Wool lambs lighter than 54 lb. were \$215-\$227 per cwt., 55-69 lb. were \$222-\$248, 70-85 lb. were \$212-\$248, 86-105 lb. were \$184-\$224 and 106 lb. and heavier were \$172-\$181.

Wool rams were \$80-\$129 per cwt.

Cull ewes were \$63-\$85 and bred ewes were \$125-\$160 per head.

Hair lambs lighter than 54 lb. were \$190-\$210 per cwt., 55-69 lb. were \$206-\$228, 70-85 lb. were \$190-\$215, 86-105 lb. were \$161-\$205 and 106 lb. and heavier were \$160-\$175.

Hair rams were \$78-\$91 per cwt. Cull ewes were \$70-\$80.

Feeder kids lighter than 60 lb. were \$185-\$210. Good kid goats lighter than 70 lb. were \$205-\$235. Those heavier than 70 lb. were \$205-\$230 per cwt. Nannies were \$75-\$95 per cwt. Billies were \$100-\$145.

Ontario Stockyards Inc. reported 1,469 sheep and lambs and 35 goats traded Jan. 12. All classes of sheep, lambs and goats sold steady.

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Minimizing food waste at home will help global food security

The numbers are astounding. Thirty to 40 percent of food produced in Canada is wasted somewhere along the value chain. That food is worth an estimated \$27 billion per year, says a Canadian Provision Coalition report.

On average, every Canadian wastes 1.6 pounds of food every day, mostly fruit, vegetables, meat and seafood.

The cost of Canadian food waste is larger than the economic output of the poorest 29 countries in the world, according to one consulting firm report.

It is no better in the United States. A 2013 U.S. Department of Agriculture report estimated 31 percent of food was wasted there, worth \$161.1 billion.

The same report said 429 lb. of food per American was wasted based on 2010 figures, with 139 lb. lost at retail and 290 lb. at the consumer level. Vegetables, dairy products and meat were the foods most often wasted.

Rabobank published international figures on food waste last week that indicated 45 percent of fruit and vegetables in Europe are wasted.

The atrocity of food waste looms large, considering the costs of producing food and the oft-repeated warning that the planet will have to feed nine billion people by 2050.

The problem is complex because a little bit of waste at each link in the food chain contributes to the whole. Waste occurs at the farmgate, in the field, in storage, in transport, during processing, at wholesale, at retail, in restaurants and in our kitchens.

The average consumer needs look no further than the refrigerator's fruit and vegetable crisper to find hard, or perhaps more accurately soft, data on wasted food.

Food waste reduction is a goal that everyone can reach.

Last week, this newspaper told of a "misfit" campaign that gave shoppers the chance to

buy odd-looking yet safe and nutritious vegetables at a discount. It is one of several similar programs designed in part to address waste.

These promotions should cause us to speculate about the role simple cosmetic appearance plays in our food choices.

We will eat a dirt-dusted carrot from our own vegetable garden but we will reject a carrot with two legs when it's presented at the supermarket.

It makes little sense.

And what of the waste consumers incur through confusion about "best before" dates? Many of us don't take those words literally. Instead we throw out safe and nutritious food that is "best before," but still good "after."

Food safety is of course a critical issue, but it often seems to cause common sense to be supplanted by fear. Waste is the sad result.

Figures on wasted meat and dairy products are particularly troubling, given the criticism of livestock production in relation to climate change and animal welfare.

If we really want to reduce the environmental footprint of food animal production and continue to defend its necessity, surely we should start by not wasting so much meat.

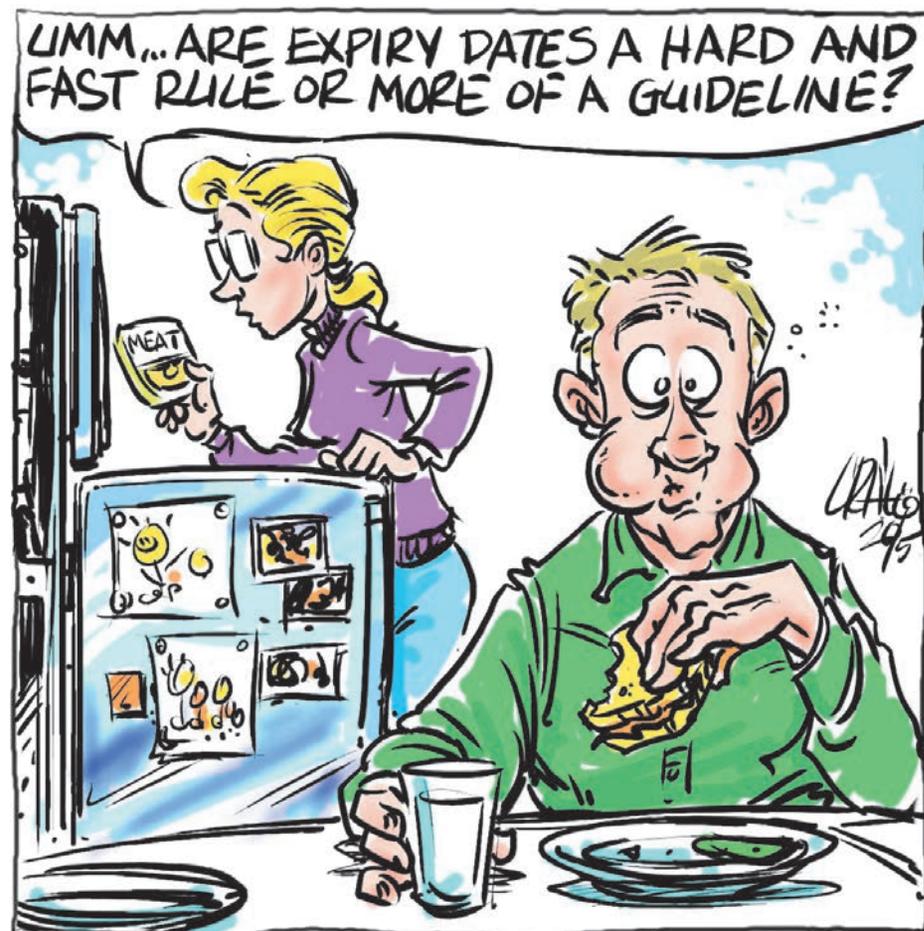
Each of us can reduce food waste. It is within our power. That reduction benefits everyone, not just those who grew it or made or otherwise produced it or those who eventually bought it.

Check the crisper. Smell the milk and drink it if it's fine, even though the best before stamp was yesterday. Don't waste meat that is put on your plate at home or at a restaurant.

Then you will know you are making a difference in global problem.

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CRAIG'S VIEW



ENVIRONMENT

We've got an underfunded health system, world wide poverty, child abuse and political corruption, and people pick the death of 12 coyotes to really stand up and howl about. It doesn't make a lot of sense until you think about the symbolic interaction of this.

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TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Canada could be left outside as Trans-Pacific talks heat up

CAPITAL LETTERS



KELSEY JOHNSON

Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations are shifting to the spotlight, with U.S. trade representative Michael Froman signalling the Americans want the talks wrapped up in the next two months.

Twelve countries, including Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand, are involved in trade discussions which, if finalized, would open access to several lucrative Asian-Pacific markets, including Japan and Vietnam.

Sources close to the negotiations say talks have shifted to addressing various trade sensitive areas, including agriculture.

As a result, those involved in the file

say officials with Agriculture Canada have reached out to agriculture stakeholders to ask for more detailed input.

Canada has already come under fire from New Zealand and the United States for refusing to make market access offers in the negotiations, particularly when it comes to the industries protected under supply management.

New Zealand and the U.S. blocked Canada's initial application to join the TPP talks in 2010 because of concerns about Canadian supply management, particularly in the dairy industry.

The country eventually took a seat at the negotiating table in 2012 following domestic consultations with the nine other members, but supply management has repeatedly emerged as a potential hurdle in the TPP discussions.

Agriculture minister Gerry Ritz has repeatedly said Canada won't be bullied into agriculture concessions, all while insisting supply management is not "the issue" at the TPP table.

This, despite recent warnings from U.S. agriculture secretary Tom Vilsack in December, when he criticized "our Canadian friends" for not stepping up "as much as they ought to have."

Several agriculture stakeholders say they have been warned by American negotiators as recently as before Christmas that Canada could be asked to leave the negotiations if concessions aren't made soon.

In a year-end interview with iPolitics, Ritz brushed aside Vilsack's comments, saying supply management is an issue "the Americans like to throw up because they have nothing else."

"We'll take the advice, but we'll take it from where it came from," he said.

Ritz said if the Americans really want serious conversation, they should be willing to concede on sensitive files of their own, such as sugar, cotton and rice.

All three commodities are heavily subsidized and have tied up trade negotiations in the past.

Word of the heightened TPP talks

comes as all eyes turn to Washington, D.C., for president Barack Obama's final State of the Union address Jan. 20, where sources say the president could commit to securing the ever-elusive fast-track authority.

Obama has faced heavy criticism, including reprimands from Ritz and former prime minister Brian Mulroney, for failing to secure fast-track authority, which has been deemed critical to TPP's success. Mulroney told the Grow Canada conference in early December that a trade deal can't happen without it.

Fast-track authority allows Congress to put free trade agreements to a simple yes or no vote, eliminating the possibility of amendments once the final deal has been negotiated.

However, securing it hasn't been easy. Past efforts have been thwarted by several high profile Democrats, including House leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate majority leader Harry Reid, both of whom have insisted fast-track authority is undemocratic.

Their opposition has made fast-

track authority a contentious issue in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

However, Republicans now hold control of both the House and the Senate, which sources say has put the president under increased pressure to get fast-track authority for the TPP.

A recent report by *Inside Trade* said the White House has launched a "whip-effort" to try and secure Democratic votes in favour of fast-track authority, with the Republicans expected to table a bill seeking fast-track authority sometime in the next few months.

TPP chief negotiators are set to meet in the United States in January for another round of negotiations, while a ministerial round is expected sometime in February. The location of that meeting has not been disclosed.

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

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Up to one-third of all food is spoiled or squandered before it is consumed by people.

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Food loss and food waste refer to the decrease of food in subsequent stages of the food supply chain intended for human consumption. Food is lost or wasted throughout the supply chain, from initial production down to final household consumption.

The decrease may be accidental or intentional, but ultimately leads to less food available for all. Food that gets spilled or spoiled before it reaches its final product or retail stage is called food loss.

This may be due to problems in harvesting, storage, packing, transport, infrastructure or market-price mechanisms, as well as institutional and legal frameworks.

For example, harvested bananas that fall off a truck are considered food loss. Food that is fit for human consumption but is not consumed because it spoiled or was discarded by retailers or consumers is called food waste. This may be because of rigid or misunderstood date marking rules, improper storage or buying or cooking practices. A carton of brown-spotted bananas thrown away by a shop is considered food waste.

Efforts to reduce food losses and waste are gathering increasing global interest and action. Governments, research institutions, producers,



A woman searches for food in the garbage on the streets of Guatemala City, Guatemala, in this file image from last year. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization hopes to play a key role in reducing food waste worldwide. | REUTERS/JORGE DAN LOPEZ PHOTO

distributors, retailers and consumers have different ideas about how to solve the problem and the ability to change.

As an intergovernmental organization, FAO is in a position to play the role of a neutral and independent facilitator.

FAO can co-ordinate, at a global level, the initiatives, activities and projects on food losses waste reduction by partnering with United Nations agencies, other international organizations and worldwide stakeholders, including the private sector and civil society.

FAO and Messe Düsseldorf are col-

laborating with donors, bi- and multi-lateral agencies, financial institutions and private sector partners, such as the food packaging industry, to develop and implement the program on food loss and waste reduction. The operation for this global initiative is founded on four pillars:

- Raising awareness on the impact of and solutions for food loss and waste.
- Collaboration and co-ordination of worldwide initiatives on food loss and waste reduction.
- Policy, strategy and program development for food loss and waste reduction.

- Support to investment programs and projects, implemented by private and public sectors.

The Save Food approach works within an international framework such as the Millennium Development Goals, the upcoming Sustainable Development Goals, the Post 2015 Agenda and the Zero Hunger Challenge.

For more information, see the Global Initiative on Food Loss and Waste Reduction.

The Food and Agriculture Organization is an agency of the United Nations.

AG EDUCATION

Meetings make for a busy season

EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK



MICHAEL RAINE
MANAGING EDITOR

Farmers across Western Canada meet for three weeks every January.

Well, only a few farmers meet for all three weeks. Most who attend the events limit it to their own regional meetings and shows.

However, our reporters and editors cover most of the sessions and events.

First up is a week of meetings in Saskatoon. It used to be called Crop Week, and for most producers, it still is. However, it is really Crop Production Week, CropSphere and Crop Production Show. The first two are sets of meetings for most of the commodity groups as well as the Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association. The latter is an indoor farm equipment and technology show.

Next is Manitoba Ag Days in Brandon with a similar plan but all under one set of roofs.

Third is FarmTech in Edmonton, which, like the others, includes commodity group meetings and speakers and seminars about everything from marketing to advanced agronomy.

This year, I plan to attend all three shows, something I have not managed for three years.

Other shows and events are also held over the winter months that feature agronomy workshops and trade shows, including the Red River Valley's St. Jean Farm Days, a great, but much smaller event.

Growers who attend the big three can hear about where and how their commodity check-off dollars are being spent and their associations' plans for next season.

Research groups make presentations about new agronomy and technology, and all the groups discuss commodity pricing, trade and transportation.

If you are addicted to agriculture, as I am, the mind sizzles with ideas about what 2015 will, could or should look like on the farm.

New crop varieties that could spread some risk while also limiting it occupy my thoughts along with the additional \$25 to \$100 per acre price tags.

Machinery ideas will give me more information with which to play ... I mean work.

Crop pricing information, including the background behind the markets, is learned at these events.

And then there's the new stuff, such as flexing 50-foot combine headers. I bent ours, half that size, last fall while harvesting mud.

It is a long month for me, but a good one, and from it will come many stories to tell in these pages.

CROP MIXES

Intercropping could be worth time investment

HURSH ON AG



KEVIN HURSH

After watching from the sidelines for a couple years, I'm ready (I think) to experiment with intercropping.

Intercropping certainly isn't a new idea. It probably reached its height of popularity in Western Canada with peola, a mixture of peas and canola.

The peas fixed nitrogen for the canola while the canola gave the peas upright stems on which to cling.

There was never a large peola acreage, and the practice pretty much ended when herbicide tolerant canola came along.

These days, one of the most interesting combinations is chickpeas and flax.

Sulfentrazone (Authority) is now registered on both crops, and this can provide good control of kochia, buckwheat and pigweed. What's still lacking is a way to control brassica weeds in the combination.

Lana Shaw of the South East Research Farm at Redvers, Sask., has been working with the chickpea-flax combo by putting chickpeas down the fertilizer tube with flax off to the side. The chickpeas go in deeper, but everything is in the same row.

It appears the flax is able to use a considerable amount of the nitrogen that the chickpeas fix, but further study with nitrogen markers will be needed to know for sure what's happening between the two rooting systems.

The chickpeas potentially benefit from having another type of plant in the canopy to help stop the spread of disease. Chickpeas, particularly kabulis, typically require numerous fungicide applications to ward off ascochyta. It's hoped intercropping will negate the need for a couple of fungicide applications.

Chickpeas and flax are later maturing and shatter resistant, so harvest timing has the potential to work out well.

Colin Rosengren of Midale, Sask., has been growing a chickpea-flax intercrop on a field scale, but he has used a different approach. Rather than plant both crops in the same row, he alternates between two rows of chickpeas and two rows of flax.

This requires messing around with the drill tubes, and not everybody will be interested in that sort of time investment at seeding time. For that matter, not everyone will have the patience or ability to separate the crops after harvest.

Most producers aren't interested in any cropping practice that will take extra time at seeding and create extra headaches at harvest. At least they aren't interested unless substantial benefits can be demonstrated.

But what if you can get higher total yields without the use of nitrogen for the flax crop? What if you can eliminate a couple of fungicide applications? What if the flax also helps the

chickpeas mature a bit earlier, potentially missing a frost?

Not only will the intercrop be better financially, it will also be viewed as more environmentally sustainable.

Rosengren is a partner in Three Farmers, the company that produces and markets camelina oil.

It also markets crunchy, roasted chickpeas as a snack food and topping. Each package has a trace back code. The packages that link back to Rosengren include an explanation of his intercropping. It's a great sustainability message.

I haven't asked crop insurance yet how it views intercropping. Perhaps if the crops are in separate rows, it will consider half the acreage as chickpeas and half as flax. It should be an interesting conversation.

I'm also preparing myself for people driving past the field and wondering what the heck is growing there.

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FARMERS OWN ASSETS

To the Editor:

Why would (agriculture minister) Gerry Ritz wish to rob Western Canada of income due them?

The history of the Canadian Wheat Board is short in world standards. The CWB has provided Canada's grain farmers a system to monitor buyers and sellers to provide a fair price to western farmers.

With farmers' co-operation, it helped level farmers' ability to source markets. The CWB helped farmers provide a quality product by seed selection recognized here and around the world. The CWB stabilized grain markets with the world. It held railroads accountable, by movement of grain farthest inland in the world to port and placed on ship in a cost efficient manner with limited resources.

Wheat sold in Canada for domestic consumption had to be Canadian

grown so farmers were not price undermined.

Corporations have driven down prices even lower than the cost of production, forcing sellers to sell product at a loss. The CWB is efficiently managed with returns to farmers and spinoffs to Canada's economy.

Ritz, being from Saskatchewan, is aware farmers own the CWB.

Can consumers and farmers work together to lower the consumer price from \$5 per loaf (of bread) and increase farmers' share, about 12 cents per loaf? Ask your member of Parliament to explain why the price of bread is so high and farmers' share is so low.

The federal government plans to give the CWB to corporations for free. Why not give the CWB to the people of Western Canada whose farmers own the CWB assets?

Ritz proposes to give the CWB to corporate rivals who pit consumers against farmers and farmer against farmer.

Grant McFarlane,
Calgary, Alta.

STRONG AND VIABLE

To the Editor:

Following changes to the Canadian Wheat Board Act in 2012 by the federal government, CWB has always stated its intention to build a strong and viable CWB in the open market. CWB wants to provide farmers with greater choice, increased competition resulting in better prices, secure access to new markets and custom-

ers, and the ability for farmers to pool their grain with a company that they know and trust.

Recently, there has been some speculation and inaccuracies regarding CWB's future and our commercialization plans. We understand that CWB is in a unique position and will address some of the questions that have arisen without jeopardizing our business and putting our farmers-customers or potential investors in an unfair competitive position.

Part of our dilemma is that when the monopoly ended and CWB moved into an open market environment, CWB needed to begin to transition into the same operating conditions as that of our competition. As everyone knows, other grain companies are not required to release any confidential commercial information that would disadvantage their operations.

In accordance with the Act, CWB was tasked with providing a commercialization plan to the govern-

ment by 2016 and executing on that plan by 2017.

CWB has always said it intended to beat those legislated deadlines. For the past two years, CWB has been building a network of assets and is on the path towards commercialization.

CWB's growth strategy requires significant capital.

To that end, CWB and its professional advisers have embarked on a rigorous process of looking for a strategic partner that meets a number of criteria, including experience in grain handling, industry expertise and enough capital to continue to expand CWB's strategic network of grain-handling assets. It is also critically important that an investor support the idea of Western Canadian farmers being provided an opportunity for ownership in CWB going forward.

CWB is currently involved in a commercial process and has engaged expert advisers to assist us.

At this time it is inappropriate and, in fact, detrimental to the process to confirm or deny which companies are interested in partnering with us until we have concluded our due diligence.

However, we can say that any bids rejected to date were evaluated by CWB and our advisers using the rigorous criteria listed above. If bids were rejected it was because they did not meet the requirements.

Our objectives are to develop a strong and viable grain-handling company in Canada that can compete with the best in the business and to give farmers an opportunity to have an ownership stake. CWB is not being sold or given away. We are securing an investor to partner with farmers to ensure there is a strong and viable CWB for today and the next generation.

Dayna Spiring,
Chief Strategy Officer, CWB,
Winnipeg, Man.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Determination trumps challenge

SPIRITUAL VIGNETTES



JOYCE SASSE

Might we measure our life by asking what handicaps we've faced and how we've moved ahead.

As CBC radio broadcaster Michael Enright reviewed the life of Dr. Vera Peters recently, I marvelled at how many challenges she overcame.

In the 1930s, when she graduated from medical school, women were not accepted as scientists. However, she moved ahead with persistent resolve, doing research on patients with Hodgkin's disease.

Until her time, those afflicted had to accept the diagnosis that their condition was incurable. However, Peters found a treatment that made the condition manageable.

Members of the Hodgkin's Society turned their back on her work because they did not want to share the spotlight with her. It was other practitioners who saw the positive results she offered and made certain their patients' lives were changed for

the better.

She next worked with women who had breast cancer.

The practice till then was for doctors to anesthetize patients for a biopsy, and if the biopsy was deemed to be malignant, they immediately performed a radical mastectomy, without the patient's consent. Not only was this procedure presumptive on the part of the doctor, but it was also horribly disfiguring.

Peters believed it to be excessive and suggested lumpectomies instead.

Then, with meticulous research, and without the use of computers, she compared the survival rate of those with lumpectomies and those with radical breast removal and concluded that the lesser surgery was preferable.

She also insisted on working in close consultation with her patients throughout the process.

Peters was a conservative, gentle person who sought to overcome what others thought were insurmountable challenges. With dogged determination and ingenuity, she did what she felt called to do.

We may at times want to surrender in the face of challenge. But what a blessing when we find opportunity to work toward what lies beyond.

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ALBERTA FARM ACRES

Competition for land use will challenge farms

Acres, mines, well sites and cities continue to alter the Alberta landscape

BY BARB GLEN
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In the last 100 years, Alberta has cultivated 27 million acres, put livestock on 35 million acres, built towns and cities on more than 617,000 acres, put acreages on 840,000 acres and used more than 2.5 million acres for energy sector development.

The result? Four million people, a gross domestic product of \$40 billion from natural resources alone and the loss of biodiversity, natural landscapes and habitat.

Alberta's affluence has come at a cost, and landscape ecologist Brad Stelfox says people need to know the tradeoffs made in terms of natural landscape to enable their current lifestyle.

Once fully informed, they may decide the tradeoffs have been worth it, said Stelfox.

The point is that both gains and losses have to be considered as Albertans plan the future.

"I do wonder whether or not Albertans know, objectively, empirically, what they traded off for the unbelievable lifestyle that we've got," Stelfox told a Jan. 13 meeting organized by the Alberta chapter of the Wildlife Society in Lethbridge.

Stelfox is the driver behind the ALCES group of planners, environmental scientists, industrialists and ecologists who have developed a model to track and predict effects from changes in land use.

He noted the polarity of factions involved in land use, with environmentalists at one end and business and industry on the other, and the need for discussion among all Albertans.

"The more we discuss it, both the benefits and the challenges of land use, the more we are building policy that is probably more helpful to today and tomorrow's Albertans," said Stelfox in an interview after his talk.

The ALCES systems model uses data on natural landscape, forest age, water availability, population density and other variables to predict the effects of future land uses.

Agriculture, for many years the defining land use, involved 9,000 sq. km of cultivated land in 1910. In 2014, it was 85,000 sq. km.

"The model suggests that if anything, our amount of cropland will probably go down and the primary reason for that is incremental loss of our crops to expanding footprint of residential, and to a degree transportation, and to a degree the hydrocarbon sector," said Stelfox.

Towns, cities and farms today use 5,200 sq. km of land, compared to 110 sq. km in 1910. Stelfox predicted that the amount of land used for residential will more than double by 2060 to 12,600 sq. km.

"A lot of that is rural residential, its

Clearly we in Alberta need a new way of thinking.

BRAD STELFOX
ALCES

acres," he said.

"We've got more area in acres than we do in all of our cities and towns in Alberta."

Road access to those acres, as well as to provincial mines, well sites, forests, farms and cities, has used 7,600 sq. km of land, compared to 333 sq. km in 1910.

"Our landscape is changing," he said.

"Our ability to distribute ourselves and move around the landscape is becoming exceptionally easy, and this plays into biodiversity in many different ways."

His model traces the growth of Alberta's cattle industry from 800,000 head in 1910 to five million in 2014.

"The model suggests that in all likelihood we're not going to see either a rapid increase or decline in cattle, but we're seeing a redistribution of cattle as people try and figure out where they're going to acquire the forage crops to feed them in the winter and where they're going to have access to water."

Stelfox said land use drives the economy. Agriculture, forestry, mining and the energy sector could increase the provincial natural resource GDP to \$72 billion by 2060, which will depend upon decisions made about future land use.

Projections indicate the loss of five to 7.5 million acres of natural landscape in the next five decades, at the current pace.

"Clearly we in Alberta need a new way of thinking," Stelfox said.

"We need to make sure people are aware of what the tradeoffs are. Are they good tradeoffs? Has there been a good dialogue?"

"It's not a free ride. There is a tradeoff, and that requires a conversation."

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BY THE NUMBERS

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Markets expected to support greater malting barley production

CWB official believes acres will grow nine percent this year as a response to a shortage in high quality malting grain

BY BRIAN CROSS
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Malting barley production in Western Canada is expected to rise in 2015, thanks to tight North American supplies and attractive contract prices.

However, it remains to be seen whether the increased area will be sustained over the longer term.

Canada's barley production has fallen steadily in the past few years, in step with increased production of oilseeds and other feed crops.

Bruce Burnett, market analyst with CWB, said he expects Western Cana-

da's malting barley acreage to rise nine percent this year.

However, that increase will have only a marginal impact on overall North American supplies of top-quality malting grain.

Statistics Canada says prairie farmers planted 5.5 million acres of feed and malting barley last year.

Fewer than five million acres were harvested as grain last year, well below the five-year average of 5.65 million acres.

Burnett said global markets for top-quality malting barley received relief recently from the new Australian crop, which came off in decent shape.

"Because the Australians have just finished with their harvest and they had reasonable good quality ... (the global market) is fairly well supplied right now," he said.

"But as we move into the next crop year, especially given the fact that North America had very poor quality on the U.S. side as well as on the Canadian side, supplies are going to be limited. When we hit new crop positions, especially for North American purchasers, it's going to be quite tight for them, so that's why I'm quite positive on barley."

Burnett said Canadian carryout stocks will be tight this crop year and

next, even with a nine percent increase in acreage next year.

"That is going to result in just a modest increase in ... production and that ... is going to leave the barley market fairly tight next year," he said.

"We're going to end with carryout this year of less than a million tonnes ... and we might be on track to have carryouts of a similar or even a smaller amount next year. That's something to keep in mind as we go into the spring season here. Malting barley might produce better returns than we've been used to in the past, just because of the tightening of those stocks."

Despite a rapidly increasing global demand for beer and malt, production of malting barley in Western Canada has been falling, said Peter Watts, executive director of the Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre in Winnipeg.

Malting barley acres dropped to slightly more than three million last year, down almost 65 percent from 8.6 million in 2002.

Those numbers are a stark contrast to global beer production, which has increased 50 percent to nearly two billion hectolitres during the past 15 years, Watts said.

Much of that growth is the result of higher consumption in South America, Africa and Asia, specifically China.

Canada is not the only country to reduce its barley production.

Global production was estimated at 140 million tonnes last year, in line with the 10-year average.

Watts said several factors are discouraging production in Canada, even though Canadian malting barley fetches a premium on global markets and is recognized as a top-quality product by end users.

"There's a lot of competition from other crops," Watts told barley growers at CropSphere in Saskatoon Jan. 14.

"Malting barley is a tricky crop to grow and it's also a tricky crop to market in terms of quality. So producers, I think, tend to get a little bit frustrated when they're trying to market their barley."

Malting barley acreage in Western Canada may not increase appreciably over the long-term until new, higher yielding varieties are grown by more farmers and used more widely by global maltsters and beer makers, he added.

"There are a number of things that can be done to boost acreage, but in my view, one of the biggest factors is uptake of new varieties," Watts said.

"We've got some great new varieties that are coming. They're higher yielding, they have better agronomics and they're just as good or better quality wise than some of the older established varieties."

Watts said the technical centre needs to promote Canada's newer varieties more aggressively to global buyers who have become accustomed to the quality and consistency of established varieties such as Copeland and Metcalfe.

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CROP SHOW

No agreement on component pricing for canola

Canola group presents information about component pricing, but says issue requires further study

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

A Saskatoon farmer said he thinks the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission is dragging its feet on its study of component pricing.

A resolution was tabled at last year's annual general meeting asking the SaskCanola board to explore the pluses and minuses of moving to a system that would feature rewards and penalties based on oil content.

SaskCanola presented information to growers at this year's meeting, but said the issue required more study.

That didn't sit well with Russell Novick, who farms near Saskatoon.

"The bottom line is in one year nothing got accomplished. That's unacceptable. Totally unacceptable," he said.

Novick, who wants a shift to component pricing, said oil content has averaged higher than 44 percent during the last seven years for a crop that is marketed as having 40 percent oil content.

"We're leaving a lot of cash on the table," he said.

"We've been giving crushers and (importing) countries free canola. No one has ever sent me a thank you note."

Novick feels the SaskCanola board is overly concerned about how a switch to component pricing would affect the trade.

"There doesn't seem to be any concern for the farmer, which is frustrating," he said.

The Alberta Canola Producers Commission is in favour of component pricing, while Manitoba Canola Growers says it depends where the cutoff percentage is spotted.

Terry Youzwa, chair of the Canola

Council of Canada, said the issue has bubbled up many times around the council's board table.

"To date, council has not supported component pricing and has not been able to prove there is additional value there," he said.

Youzwa said growers are decreasing protein and meal as they strive to increase oil content.

"You don't just get paid for the oil, you get paid for the whole package, so while you're getting more on the one side you will get less on the other," he said.

Tracy Jones, SaskCanola policy manager, told delegates attending

the annual meeting held at Crop-Sphere 2015 in Saskatoon last week that the goal of switching to component pricing would be increased pricing transparency. It is how the crop is sold in Australia and England.

However, growers need to understand there are drawbacks.

"Not only would there be premiums, there would be discounts, and more importantly, there would also be grading costs and costs to implement the system," she said.

There would also be increased risk for exporters, who would be forced to find markets willing to pay

for high oil content.

"For the most part, consumers are price sensitive and traders still have to sell this as a commodity oilseed," said Jones.

She said exporters would compensate for the increased risk by paying growers less for their canola.

There would also be increased storage risks for storing canola with higher oil content.

"If a fundamental shift of this type is going to happen, we need to make sure it is going to result in a net benefit to farmers," said Jones.

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CROP SHOW

Feed mills could gain access to security program

BY SEAN PRATT
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There is a good chance the Canadian Grain Commission will expand its producer payment security program to include feed mills.

"The (federal agriculture) minister has suggested he wants us to look at it and producer groups have suggested we should move in that direction, so we're complying with what government wants and what stakeholders want," said chief commissioner Elwin Hermanson.

The commission plans to consult with all affected parties to find the best way to incorporate the feed sector into the payment security program.

"Maybe we'll look at it and it's more trouble than it's worth, and the industry and producers will change their mind after they talk about it," said Hermanson.

"But my guess is that they'll want to proceed forward in some manner. It seems like there is some momentum in that direction."

The momentum comes from angry producers who lost money when hog companies such as Big Sky Farms and Puratone went out of business without paying farmers for the grain they delivered. In the case of Puratone, farmers lost more than \$1 million.

The commission is not interested in licensing all 250 feed mills, feedlots and hog barns, such as the small feedlot that occasionally buys grain from a neighbour.

The goal of the industry consultations will be to determine where to draw the line, said Hermanson.

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CROP SHOW

Feds fund pulse, canola market development

The pulse funding will be spent on marketing benefits of the crop, eliminating trade barriers and transferring knowledge

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Federal agriculture minister Gerry Ritz kept busy making Growing Forward 2 funding announcements at CropSphere 2015.

On Jan. 13, he doled out \$3.3 million to Pulse Canada and other groups for market development initiatives. The announcement included \$1.3 million to develop new tools for measuring the sustainability performance of Canadian grain, oilseed and pulse crops.

Gordon Bacon, chief executive

officer of Pulse Canada, said it is an example of farm groups working together toward a common goal.

"Farmers have said that they don't want to pay multiple organizations to focus on the same issues," he said in a news release.

There was \$870,261 for marketing the nutritional value, health benefits and sustainability of Canadian pulses, \$897,311 for eliminating trade barriers and \$270,000 to transfer knowledge to the food processing and ingredients sector.

"We are pleased to accelerate the

commercialization of value-added research and technology in the sector and to give producers the tools they need to better respond to emerging non-tariff barriers in foreign markets," said Ritz in a news release.

The following day, he announced \$9.5 million for the canola industry to spend on market development and market access efforts over the next five years, which is slightly less than what was provided the previous five years.

The funding is being matched by the canola industry and lasts through March 2018.

Patti Miller, president of the Canola Council of Canada, said the money will help the industry achieve its goal of producing and selling 26 million tonnes of canola by 2025.

"We can move more quickly. We can do more in markets. We can dig deeper in those second wave markets. So it's really useful," she said in an interview at CropSphere.

Miller said canola oil accounts for only five percent of the global vegetable oil market.

"So it's really important for us to get the message to consumers about what

our health benefits are, how versatile the product is and differentiating ourselves from our competitors," she said.

Sixty percent of the funding will be spent on market development activities, with the remainder devoted to market access initiatives such as working with the federal government to develop a position for the South Korea free trade agreement, continuing to work on access issues in China and promoting the council's Export Ready program.

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CROP SHOW

Watch costs, producers advised

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Brenda Tjaden Lepp says some of the best marketing advice in this era of declining grain prices is on the cost side of the ledger.

"You better have a pretty good handle on your costs," said the chief analyst of FarmLink Marketing Solutions.

Many growers rely on outdated numbers or only factor in variable costs.

"That is not our approach at FarmLink. We put every cost into (the calculation), even depreciation."

Some farmers feel depreciation should not be included in cost of production because it is not a cash cost.

"Some day it is a cash cost because that equipment is going to have to be replaced, and you better start accounting for it now," said Tjaden Lepp during an interview at CropSphere 2015.

Growers need to ensure the margin they are making on a crop covers the depreciation on the equipment used to plant and harvest the crop.

A proper accounting of costs can make a huge difference in evaluating what crops to grow in 2015.

"It is alarming how different the actual costs come in at," she said.

For instance, a potential client said the break-even price for growing flax on his farm was \$9.50 per bushel. He was wondering if he should lock in a new crop flax price of \$10.

Tjaden Lepp said every single FarmLink client had a break-even price that was much higher than that, with the average being around \$12 per bu.

She thinks part of the problem is that farmers are using outdated information when making their calculations.

"That's the trap that a lot of people fall into," said Tjaden Lepp.

"They assume their cost of production is one thing, and then time goes on and there is inflation or there is structural change on the farm and those costs are changing quite dramatically."

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CROP SHOW

Growers unlikely to push for canaryseed regulation

Grain commission won't be handling crop any time soon, say officials

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Canaryseed is likely to remain one of the few crops outside the jurisdiction of the Canadian Grain Commission.

There doesn't appear to be much producer interest in becoming the 21st regulated crop, Kevin Hursh, executive director of the Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan, said following a presentation by chief commissioner Elwin Hermanson at last week's Crop Production Week in Saskatoon.

"Frankly, we didn't get a deluge of producers afterwards saying, 'yeah, we should become a regulated crop,'" he said.

"There doesn't seem an adequate level of concern or even a clear direction from producers as to whether they think this is worthwhile."

Hermanson told producers there were advantages to becoming a regulated crop, such as producer payment security protection, being able to use the Canada brand to sell their crop abroad and having the commission "go to bat" for them when market access issues arise.

The big disadvantage is that they would be asked to help offset some of the commission's costs, including the \$3 million spent annually administering the payment security program.

"We're certainly happy to look at moving in that direction if you want," Hermanson told growers.

That is not the impression he left

It doesn't sound like if we went and asked it would be a slam dunk.

KEVIN HURSH
CANARYSEED DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

with Hursh, who said Hermanson led him to believe it would be difficult to add canaryseed to the existing mix of crops.

"It doesn't sound like if we went and asked it would be a slam dunk. It sounds like we'd have to do some lobbying at a political level," said Hursh.

The combination of the lack of producer interest and the less than enthusiastic response from the commission means the status quo for canaryseed.

"I foresee very little done on this file unless producers for some reason come and tell board members that they want us to pursue it," he said.

Hermanson told canaryseed growers the commission is pushing for the passage of Bill C-48, which among other things would give it the power to revamp the producer payment security program.

Twenty-four business failures have occurred over the past 35 years in which the commission was required to help compensate farmers for the combined \$17.6 million they were owed.

Producers received 100 percent of

what they lost in 20 of those cases, while compensation was as low as 50 cents on the dollar in the other four cases.

The average compensation in all 24 failures was 94 percent, which Hermanson said is a pretty good record.

The problem with the existing program is that licensees have \$1 billion of capital tied up in security.

"That's a lot of money," he said.

"That's capital that is tied up that can't be used by the industry, and we're looking at ways to reduce that amount."

Bill C-48 would give the commission the power to establish an industry fund, in which licensees pool the risk of payment failure rather than posting individual bonds or other forms of security.

Hermanson said the commission will not proceed unless it results in reduced costs and administration.

There will be consultation with all sectors of the grain sector if Bill C-48 passes and the commission decides to explore the fund option. However, there is no guarantee it will pass before the looming federal election, which means the bill could be scrapped.

Bill C-48 also extends producer access to binding determination of grade and dockage to 131 process elevators and grain dealers, such as canola crush plants and ethanol facilities.

That right is now limited to the 331 primary elevators.

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Canaryseed growers aren't eligible for producer payment security protection through the Canadian Grain Commission because of the crop's unregulated status. | FILE PHOTO

CROP SHOW

Pesticide tolerance levels worry grower groups

Many countries are dropping international standards and adopting their own policies

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Canadian commodity groups would like future free trade agreements to include a clause saying the partners accept the results of global joint reviews on pesticides.

Poor countries used to rely on Codex, a United Nations body, to establish maximum residue limits (MRLs) for pesticides.

However, Codex is way behind schedule, leading to massive delays in reviews of chemistries.

More countries are dropping Codex as they are lifted out of poverty and are instead creating their own MRLs.

"The problem is that the people who are making these decisions and moving that ball forward are typically health authorities that have no mandate for trade," said Gord Kurbis, director of market access and trade policy with Pulse Canada.

"So they could be setting up major trade barriers and not even knowing it."

The list of jurisdictions that have dropped Codex includes South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Chi-

na, he told delegates attending CropSphere 2015.

Others moving in that direction are United Arab Emirates, Mexico and India.

"In many cases, we don't know what the tolerances are as they transition away from Codex towards their own national lists," said Kurbis.

"This could be a problem in the future when we go into an environment where more countries have their own custom systems and we have testing that is more sensitive."

Canada has created an MRL task force made up of a wide cross-section of grower groups, government departments and pesticide manufacturers to help address potential looming MRL trade barriers.

The group hasn't released official position statements, but one of the things that has been discussed is the need to have clauses in future free trade agreements stating that the parties agree to accept results from global joint reviews on pesticides.

"This is a relatively new approach, but it's one we think we need to move towards," Kurbis said in an interview following his presentation.

The task force would also like to see interim acceptance of other jurisdictions' MRLs while waiting for the approval process to be completed.

That way, they could avoid situations like the one that arose in 2011 when it was discovered that the European Union had never established an MRL for glyphosate in lentils, so it had to apply the near-zero-tolerance default MRL of 0.1 parts per million.

"Lentil trade continued, but there were some hiccups and disruptions," said Kurbis.

After a quick review, the EU increased the MRL to 10 parts per million, which gave exporters such as Canada more breathing room.

Kurbis said the problem is not the approvals themselves but their timing. Long delays can cause costly trade disruptions, especially with world trade in cereals, pulses and oilseeds expected to double to 600 million tonnes a year by 2050.

"There is an opportunity to get 21st century trade rules in place before trade doubles inside a generation," he said.

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CROP SHOW

Producers have few options for controlling new root rot

BY WILLIAM DEKAY
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Farmers are urged to watch for a new root rot pathogen this year.

"It is of particular concern because it's very difficult to manage," plant pathologist Sabine Banniza of the University of Saskatchewan's Crop Development Centre said about *Aphanomyces euteiches*.

"*Aphanomyces* is a new problem here and it's quite a tricky problem.... It's a pathogen that's very well adapted to very wet soils, so flooding is just perfect."

Banniza, who spoke at CropSphere in Saskatoon Jan. 13, has been part of a pulse research group in the prov-

ince since 1998 focused on disease management strategies and resistant breeding activities.

Continuous wet years, which started about 2009, have resulted in a prevalence of root rot. It is caused by a variety of pathogens, including *fusarium*, *rhizoctonia* and *pythium*.

Thirty-eight percent of 144 pea fields surveyed experienced root rot in 2009, followed by 29 percent of 112 fields in 2010 and 87 percent of 29 lentil fields in 2011.

Aphanomyces was first confirmed in Saskatchewan in 2012. The fungus-like organism was verified in 11 municipalities in 2013, and 72 percent of 18 lentil fields had it last year.

"It is quite widely distributed, which

suggests to us that it has really been around probably for a very long time, and what triggered it to become a problem have been these really wet springs."

Banniza said peas and lentils are most susceptible to the pathogen, but it can also infect other pulse crops.

Effective management tools are limited with current varieties and basically involve rotation.

"At least right now there are no highly resistant varieties out there," she said.

"Unfortunately with *Aphanomyces euteiches*, we don't really have an effective seed treatment right now....

There's a misunderstanding among growers in controlling root rot. There

are growers who think they can grow lentils instead of peas and will be fine."

The pathogen is widespread, but it may not be in every field. Initial soil sample research has shown that the pathogen is prevalent from the surface down to about 20 centimetres or more.

"I believe that soil testing (in wet conditions) will eventually be a major tool in risk assessment and a tool for farmers to make a decision, whether to grow a pea or lentil crop in this soil," she said.

Banniza said crop rotation is the only thing that works because of the pathogen's persistence in soil.

"Because it's so persistent it means very, very long rotations (six years) away from the susceptible crops of

peas and lentils," she said.

Fababeans and chickpeas are alternative crops that have good partial resistance. Soybeans will also work if the seasons are long enough.

Farmers and seed companies have concerns about the difficulty marketing Saskatchewan-grown fababeans and chickpeas, but Banniza said there is still good reason to include them into rotations in light of the pathogen and wet conditions.

"I think there will be a lot of movement on this now because I think the industry has realized that we probably have to have fababeans as an alternative crop here in the province."

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ANIMAL TRAINING

Service dog training has big payoff

Pawsitive Independence, a non-profit group in Saskatchewan, trains three dogs per year to assist autistic children

BY KAREN MORRISON
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MARTENSVILLE, Sask. — A small non-profit group is seeking big benefits for children with special needs through its service dog training program.

Pawsitive Independence relies on an extensive network of volunteers to raise and train dogs that are matched with families and their children's specific needs.

The group is currently focused on training dogs for autistic children but also plans to train a dog to help people with conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

Lead trainer Kristine O'Brien said a service dog will require two and a half years of training before it's ready to be placed.

Dogs will be taught to alert the family by barking if the child bolts, nudge or lick a child to quell repetitive behaviours or tug to keep the child in one place.

"We start to make it more specific to the kid's needs, depending on where they are on the autism spectrum," she said, noting the training continues during the dog's work life as the child's needs change.

The child and dog will always be supervised.

"The dog is not to be used as a nanny," said O'Brien.

She cited the current training schedule for Andy, an English labrador supplied by Kim Anderson's Labradors of Dunrovin kennel at Borden, Sask.

It begins by choosing a healthy dog with the right temperament, she said.

"We do temperament and social tests to see how open they are to touch and human interaction," said O'Brien.

Puppies that are ready to leave the breeder are placed with "puppy raisers" such as Amanda Gardner of



Amanda Gardner teaches basic commands to Andy, an English labrador, one of the dogs being trained through Pawsitive Independence. | KAREN MORRISON PHOTOS



KRISTINE O'BRIEN
TRAINER

Colonsay, Sask., until about four and half months old.

Gardner's two active young children and a busy lifestyle will help the dog get used to family life.

She said she is a longtime dog per-

son who wanted to help the program. "When the opportunity came along to be involved, I couldn't pass it up."

Home training is "all day, every day," she said of teaching simple commands like sit, wait and shake a paw.

Andy's littermate, Annie, is currently spending her days in a school in Maymont, Sask.

More intensive training takes place later at O'Brien's Paws Republic pet boarding and training centre in Martensville, where Pawsitive's board of directors also meets and plans its fundraising efforts.

Pearl Gagnon, the mother of school-aged autistic boys Gabriel

and Cole, said the dogs play a role in keeping children safe and giving them some independence.

Gabriel could use the dog to stop him from running away, while Cole could learn how to feed, care, train and possibly even show the dog when he's not "at work," said Pearl.

"It's an opportunity for them to grow and have a purpose," she said, noting it could provide life skills or employment opportunities later in life for Cole, a high functioning autistic.

"You can't always see what the autistic child's abilities are," she said.

Gagnon felt the docile dogs are a constant companion that helps calm the child. The dog's presence can

AT WORK

Service dogs must:

- Stay within 0.6 metres of the child.
- Be seen and not heard.
- Be attentive and obedient.

also be a catalyst for conversation.

"They are often alone, watching from afar," she said of the autistic.

"Hopefully, it will make therapies more beneficial, especially if they get the dogs earlier," said Gagnon.

Joan Frehlich, Gagnon's sister and Pawsitive's vice-president and coordinator, said demand for dogs outstrips supply. Service dogs for the autistic are rare in Saskatchewan, but are more common in provinces such as Quebec and Ontario.

She said trained dogs can fit into a rural or urban environment.

"At the end of the day, they're just working," she said.

Frehlich said guide dogs get regular breaks from work and are retired to family homes.

"A service dog has to be retired before it's broken," said Frehlich, citing instances where the dog's body breaks down from wear and tear and age and when the child requires more from the dog than it can deliver.

She said the two-year-old Pawsitive program trains three dogs a year, but that number could grow with greater funding to supply service dogs and serve as resources for families with special needs children in Saskatchewan. It will also help work with dogs now in service in homes.

"You're getting a dog that's going to help your life," said Frehlich.

She estimated the cost of training and buying one service dog at between \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Families manage the dog's costs while in their care and buy pet insurance to help manage veterinary expenses.

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Most of the salt consumed is in packaged, processed and restaurant food. Processed meats, frozen meals, canned soups, packaged, seasoned rice and noodle products and many condiments contain large amounts of sodium.

Nutrition labels on packaging show the amount of nutrients per serving.

There is also a percentage of the daily value, a reference value based on recommendations for a healthy diet.

For sodium, the reference standard is 2,400 mg, which is 900 mg more than what the Canadian Dietetic Association lists as the amount the body requires.

If the value for sodium in a food is five percent DV or less, there is little

Nutrition Facts		Valeur nutritive	
Per 250 mL / par 250 mL			
Amount		% Daily Value	
Teneur		% valeur quotidienne	
Calories / Calories 120			
Fat / Lipides	3 g	5 %	
Saturated / saturés 1 g			
Trans / trans 0 g			
Cholesterol / Cholestérol	20 mg		
Sodium / Sodium	650 mg	27 %	
Potassium / Potassium	660 mg	19 %	
Carbohydrate / Glucides	15 g	5 %	
Fibre / Fibres 2 g			
Sugars / Sucres 3 g			
Protein / Protéines	7 g		
Vitamin A / Vitamine A		8 %	
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salt in the food.

If it is 20 percent DV or more, there is a lot.

Expect your taste buds to take six to eight weeks to adjust to less salt in the diet.

Don't reduce salt in baking and yeast bread because it's necessary for dough development and flavour.

LOW SODIUM CHICKEN SOUP

A can of chunky chicken noodle soup contained 27 percent DV for a one cup (250 mL) serving. An easy alternative is homemade chicken noodle soup made with no salt chicken broth, fresh or frozen vegetables and pieces of chopped chicken.

This recipe makes six one cup (250 mL) servings, with a sodium content of less than five percent DV.

3 2/3 c. no salt added chicken broth	900 mL
1 c. water	250 mL
1 c. celery, sliced thinly	250 mL
1/2 c. onion, finely chopped	125 mL
1 tsp. sage	5 mL
1/2 tsp. pepper	2 mL
1/4-3/4 g package of medium noodles	
2 tbsp. chopped parsley	30 mL



Using chicken broth with no salt added can help keep your daily intake of sodium within a healthy range. | |

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MAKING CHANGES

Making small changes in your food choices can make a big difference in the amount of sodium in your diet.

Simple ways to reduce sodium in the diet:

- Remove salt shaker from table.
- Rinse canned vegetables.
- Use less ketchup, soy sauce and other condiments.
- Compare nutrition fact labels on low sodium or low salt foods with regular food because of possible increase in sugar or fat to compensate for flavour loss.
- Beware of pickled, cured, smoked,

1 c. frozen peas and carrots 250 mL

1 c. cooked, boneless chicken pieces 250 mL

In a large soup pot, add the celery,

seasoned and "in broth" food because they indicate high sodium levels.

- Use smaller amounts of pre-packaged mixes like taco kits, pasta and rice mixes.
- Choose unsalted snacks.
- Cook rice using water or low sodium broth.
- Consider roasted meats and poultry, fresh or low sodium canned fish, eggs or natural peanut butter for sandwiches.
- Use fresh or dried herbs and spices, garlic, onion, fresh ginger,

onions, sage and pepper. Simmer for five minutes. Add noodles and cook four minutes. Add frozen peas and carrots, parsley and chicken. Cook five minutes or until noodles are tender and carrots are cooked.

vinegar, lemon or lime juice to enhance flavours.

- When eating out, ask for dressings, sauces and gravy on the side and use small amounts. Request low sodium food or a list of the nutrient content of food and request no salt or monosodium glutamate (MSG).
- Use whole fresh fruits, vegetables and meat to make meals instead of pre-packaged and processed foods and meats.
- Limit frozen TV dinners and frozen meats like chicken pieces.

Source: www.dietitians.ca, www.hc-sc.gc.ca, www.inspection.gc.ca.

Serve hot or cool and freeze into serving size containers for a quick meal.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Cat scratch fever bacteria spread through bites and scratches

HEALTH CLINIC



CLARE ROWSON, MD

Q: I have had some swelling in my neck for the past two weeks and my doctor thinks it may be cat scratch fever. She has put me on antibiotics. I have three cats and one of them scratched me accidentally quite badly. Can you tell me about

this disease? Will I be immune if my cat scratches me again?

A: Cat scratch fever or cat scratch disease (CSD) is an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Bartonella henselae*. Most people with CSD have been bitten or scratched by a cat and developed an infected bump or blister at the point of injury.

The sufferer will also sometimes have enlarged, tender and swollen lymph nodes in the head, neck and under the arms. He or she may have a slight fever with fatigue, a headache and poor appetite and some people have weight loss and a sore throat.

For some, the symptoms are so

mild that they may not be aware of having the condition.

Kittens are more likely to harbour this disease than mature cats and are also more likely to bite or scratch. About 40 percent of cats carry the bacteria at some point in their lives. *B. Henselae* has also been discovered in fleas, although cat and dog fleas do not often bite people.

To reduce your risk of getting CSD, avoid rough play with cats and kittens, wash cat bites and scratches immediately and thoroughly and consult your family doctor if symptoms develop.

Most people make a complete recovery from CSD without any

special treatment. Some may require treatment with antibiotics. Swollen lymph nodes will settle down spontaneously in two to four months.

Complications can affect the eyes or the nervous system. Even the most resistant and complicated cases will get better in one or two years. One episode of cat scratch disease will give lifetime immunity to children and adolescents.

People who have HIV/AIDS or are immune-compromised due to chemotherapy cancer treatments should be careful with cats because they are more likely to develop a more serious case of the disease.

Arthritis risk linked to finger length ratio

Men usually have shorter second than fourth fingers, while in women these fingers are mostly of equal length. If women have longer ring fingers, they are more likely to suffer from osteoarthritis.

Smaller ratios between these two fingers also may have hormonal connections, including higher prenatal testosterone levels, lower estrogen concentrations and higher sperm counts in men.

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THE EDGE OF ETHIOPIA

Friendly connections, scenery greet hikers in Ethiopia

TALES FROM THE ROAD



ARLENE & ROBIN KARPAN

Our hearts pound and lungs gasp with each upward step as we hike through oxygen-starved air at altitudes of more than 4,000 metres. But our discomfort is quickly forgotten with each breathtaking view: soaring jagged peaks, gorges galore and cliff faces dropping a half kilometre almost straight down.

The Simien Mountains of northern Ethiopia are part of a vast mountain plateau known as the Roof of Africa. It was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of the combination of dramatic scenery and rare species. Indeed, this was among the first places in the world chosen when the United Nations started designating sites of outstanding cultural or natural significance.

Our trip here came together remarkably quickly and efficiently. We had hoped to visit the Simiens but had no concrete plans when we arrived in the nearby city of Gonder, about an hour's flight from Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa. The owner of our hotel recommended someone who arranges excursions, and after a short meeting, we worked out a five-day hiking and camping trip, and were off the following morning.

We've never taken a hike quite like this. We not only had our guide, Getachew, but also a cook and his assistant, plus mules with handlers who hauled everything between campsites.

Then there was Jemale, the national park scout who was never without his Kalashnikov rifle. Park regulations require all hiking parties to have an armed scout "for protection." While there used to be bandits in the hills, these days it's more to provide employment in this impoverished region.

The park was created to protect several rare species. The most obvious of the plants is the giant lobelia, a short palm tree with a long flower stem that shoots up as high as 10 metres.

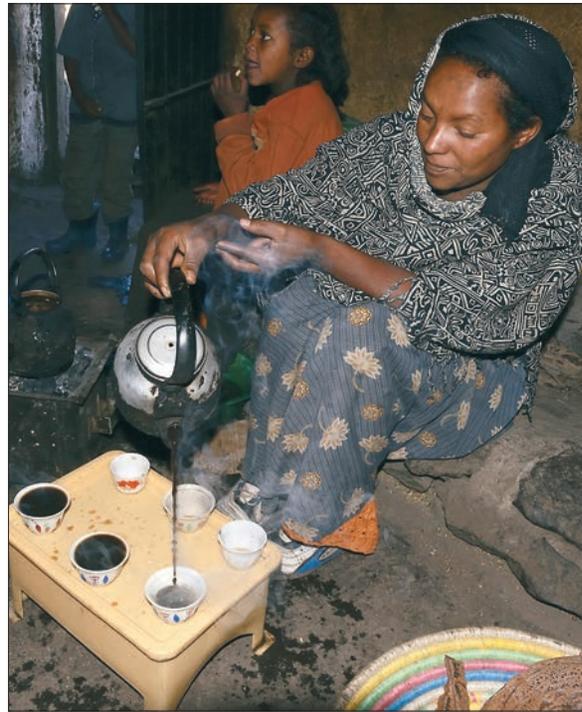
We were fortunate to find extremely rare walia ibex, large goat-like creatures with massive curved horns that males use to fight each other for dominance. This is the only place in the world where they live.

The wildlife highlight was seeing large troupes of gelada baboons, found only in the highlands of Ethiopia. Rarely venturing into trees, these grass-eaters prefer to walk and shuffle along the ground, where they pick blades of grass with their hands.

Sporting luxuriant lion-like manes, they're remarkably gentle and easy going, and they often pass right beside us.

Though this is a national park in remote terrain, small villages are scattered everywhere in this crowded country of more than 90 million.

Our approach to Geech village was almost surreal, as we saw round buildings of rock and mud, topped with substantial thatched roofs. From a distance, there was abso-



lutely nothing to remind us that we hadn't been transported a thousand years back in time. Men were hand winnowing barley, the easiest crop to grow in these harsh conditions.

Our last campground was next to Jemale's tiny village, so he invited us to his house for coffee. Coffee is a highlight of Ethiopia, both for the excellent quality and its social importance. After all, this is where the stuff originated.

According to legend, it all began when a goat herder noticed that his animals became more spirited when they ate particular berries.

Jemale's wife went through an elaborate ritual of roasting green beans in a frying pan over a charcoal fire. It's important to appreciate the aroma. She then ground the beans and added them to hot water to brew. It doesn't get any fresher than that. We sipped the delicious drink as neighbours wandered by for coffee and conversation.

The experience became unforgettable for a combination of jaw-dropping landscapes, curious critters, fascinating cultures and agreeable companions, all served up with the world's best coffee.

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ABOVE, CLOCKWISE: Arlene Karpan, centre, with guide Getachew, right, and scout Jemale on Ethiopia's Simien Mountains.

Gelada baboons preen in the sun.

Thatched roof huts dot Geech village.

A young girl sells crafts to hikers.

Jemale's wife pours fresh coffee for visitors.



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WINNIPEG BUREAU

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE, Man. — Every year in the first week or two of January, visitors trudge down the main street of this Red River town, through frigid temperatures, toward the Knights of Columbus hall.

They open the door to heat, throngs of farmers and exhibitors, a moist wash of air redolent with French-Canadian pea soup and no cellphone service.

These are some of the hallmarks of St. Jean Farm Days, a popular farm show celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

"I'm sure it's the meals," joked Gilles Sabourin, the grand knight of the local Knights of Columbus and the event's chief pea soup cook.

"The continental breakfast, and they have a good lunch. Hey, I'd come back for the soup."

But that joke is probably not too far from the truth, because the homemade pea, barley and vegetable soups are something farmers and exhibitors line up for during each of the event's two days, with virtually none left over and with people taking seconds and thirds once they see everyone's gotten at least one bowlful.

St. Jean is a big success for a small farm show, with a packed exhibition hall (more than 50 exhibitors and a waiting list) and a seminar room packed with farmers. The information sessions always end up with standing-room-only by late morning.

This year, Manitoba Agriculture released its much-anticipated crop profitability projections for 2015-16 at the event, rather than at Manitoba Ag Days, underlining St. Jean's status.

There's a "good variety of speakers, timely topics," said Brunel Sabourin, one of the event's organizers and



The highlight of St. Jean Farm Days is the pea soup lunch included with the show's \$6 admission price. St. Jean Baptiste calls itself the "soup pea capital of Canada." | ED WHITE PHOTO

often the master of ceremonies. He's a locally based agronomist and part of the well-represented Sabourin clan, which is the biggest name in this traditionally French area.

It also helps that the show, despite often brutal weather, is the first farm

show of the year and immediately following the Christmas holidays.

"Now's the time to start thinking about farming again," said Brunel.

"It's a great little show."

Exhibitors like the show because it is a chance to chat with farmers in a less harried environment than at Manitoba Ag Days in Brandon or Crop Production Week in Saskatoon.

An amusing annual element of St. Jean is the inability of mobile phones to work inside the hall. Rather than being ringed by outdoor smokers, the hall is surrounded by a thin halo of mobile addicts.

Throughout the show, farmers, exhibitors and reporters can be seen outside in the cold, often coatless, talking on cellphones or holding up their mobiles above their heads, on the north end of the building, to send

out Tweets, to link into the poor reception the town generally suffers.

But this doesn't inspire much annoyance, just good natured joking because whether it's due to the pea soup or the small, friendly crowd or the lingering effects of Christmas and New Year's, it all seems a part of the ambience that yearly draws a dedicated audience of people for whom St. Jean Farm Days is a never-miss event.

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Here's some advice for the year ahead.

- If you plan to start a new business in 2015, consider seeking professional advice from an accountant and lawyer early in the process. Consider how to structure your business because it can have important tax and liability implications.
- The same advice applies if you plan to buy or sell a business in 2015. People often target Dec. 31 for a closing date, and while the appeal of such a date is clear, consider that that month is often the busiest time for corporate lawyers. That reality, along with the closures of government offices and financial institutions and individual holiday schedules could result in a late closing and/or increased costs.
- Billable rates for lawyers often increase at the beginning of the calendar year.
- If you plan to extend credit as part of your business in 2015, speak to a lawyer beforehand to learn how best to protect yourself if the agreed-upon terms are not met.
- If you haven't yet talked about estate planning with a lawyer, consider doing it in 2015. We are often asked if online will kits are valid. Such kits are usually sold as a "one size fits all" package and are the same regardless of which province, territory, or country you live in. We caution people against using them because the laws governing wills vary by jurisdiction. To obtain the

best possible advice, speak to a lawyer in the province where you live.

- If you have a will that was prepared some time ago, review it to make sure that it continues to reflect your circumstances and your wishes.
- If you are in a common-law relationship or plan to marry in 2015, consider whether you would benefit from speaking to a lawyer about an interspousal contract. Are you bringing assets into the relationship that you do not want to be subject to division if the relationship ends?
- If you are in a relationship and have adult children from a previous relationship, consider discussing your after-death wishes with your children. Do you consider your new partner your spouse? Does the law consider your new partner your spouse? The likelihood of estate litigation can be reduced by understanding the law and making your wishes clear to your family.
- Does your succession planning involve putting certain assets into joint names with your adult child in 2015? Obtain professional advice from an accountant and lawyer before doing so. Your child's personal taxes could be affected, and your asset could be liable to claims by your child's spouse or creditors.
- Is an employment change in the forecast for 2015? Do you know your responsibilities, rights and entitlements if you quit? How much notice do you have to provide? Do you have a pension? What are your options regarding your pension upon departure?

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ON THE FARM

Communication a focus of family farm operation

All three farm partners meet regularly to talk business and farming

BY REBECA KUROPATWA
FREELANCE WRITER

Many farms operate with one or two people in charge and others helping.

The Woodside farm partnership northeast of Langbank, Sask., is following a different path by getting everyone involved in the discussion about their farm operation.

This third-generation farm is owned and operated by Geoff Hewson, 32, his sister, Margaret Hansen, 40, and their cousin, Mark Cowan, 30.

The 11,000 acre farm is now a grain-oilseed operation, but it once included cattle.

Hewson and his family introduced regular meetings when Hansen returned to the farm full time in 2002.

"It just developed from there. There wasn't particular tension or issues before, but, looking back, I think it was a smart move, done proactively, not reactively," said Hewson.

"Before our generation began taking a more active role on the farm, my father and uncle were running it, so they didn't see a big need for a formalized meeting structure. They were in contact with each other all the time, and always had an unspoken connection, not feeling the need to talk a whole lot."

As the farm grew to include more people, the consensus was to have regular meetings to keep everyone informed about what was going on.

Today the farm schedules weekly family meetings with four or five key people involved in farm operations.

The partners also hold monthly management meetings where they focus on big picture items like budgeting, human resources and high



Geoff Hewson plows snow in the farmyard with his son, Owen. | AMY HEWSON PHOTO



MARGARET HANSEN
FARMER

level cropping plans.

They added a yearly stakeholder meeting to their schedule that includes a Christmas party for staff, owners, families, employees, as well as a yearly stakeholder meeting attended by owners and their family members involved in the operation.

"The meetings are a good way to

keep everyone in contact and make sure we're all basically pulling in the same direction," said Hewson.

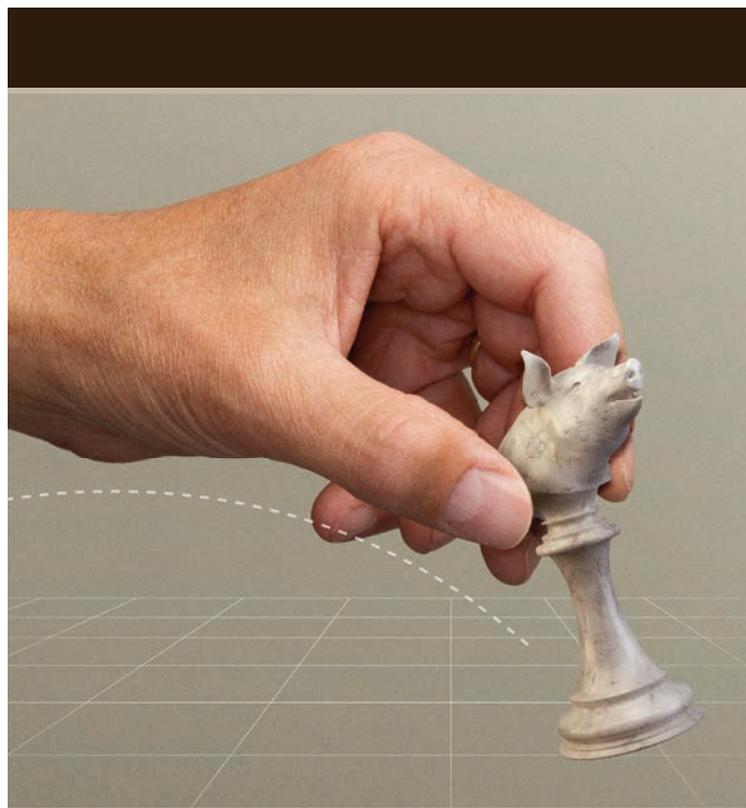
"Having family meetings has definitely helped us financially," said Hewson.

While the meetings are useful, the partners are also constantly looking for other ways to stay better connected.

"We are looking at how we can digitally share information more efficiently," said Hansen.

Cowan and Hewson look after the day-to-day farming while Hansen helps out where needed and does the farm's finances and marketing.

"It's a natural fit ... I should have become an accountant," said the mother of three.





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KIM QUINTIN

Bushnell Powerview 7x35 is a decent lower priced choice

Sight might be one of the most important senses. When it comes to enjoying the outdoors and hunting, a good set of binoculars is a must.

For years now, I have been carrying a pair of simple Bushnell Powerview 7x35 binoculars.

They were inexpensive but still had good optic clarity for the cost, which I thought was a double win at the time.

These binoculars are slightly more than seven inches wide, about 4.5 inches long and slightly less than two inches thick. They weigh slightly more than a pound. The average person would consider them a standard size model.

Other than the attractive price, there were some features that drew me to the Powerview 7x35.

Primary focus was done with a lever



Bushnell Powerview 7x35 binoculars don't perform as well as other models in twilight, but come at a fraction of the cost. | KIM QUINTIN PHOTO

rather than a wheel at the centre of the binoculars, which made for fast adjustment when shifting my view

between different distances.

The binoculars have a wide view angle and a viewing width of 487 feet

at 1,000 yards. This greatly helps in scanning terrain for wildlife.

The lenses were multi-coated and collected enough light even in dim conditions to create a reasonable viewing image. The magnification was adequate enough to see details at medium distances but not so powerful that it caused too much image shaking.

Above all, the binoculars seemed simple to use.

Although not waterproof, the rubber housing does make the unit somewhat weather resistant. The sealed design makes it useful in the field but not something I would bring on a boat.

The Powerview 7x35 came with a carry case, lens covers and neck strap.

The strap is adequate for wearing the binoculars for short periods.

However, because of the weight of the unit, a binocular shoulder harness is necessary for long wear comfort in situations such as hunting.

The image clarity of the binoculars is reasonable even during twilight but does not compete with more expensive models. You get what you pay for.

Online retailers seem to offer modern versions of the Bushnell Powerview 7x35 for US\$45, which is an inexpensive price point for binoculars.

I have my eye on some units around the \$200 to \$400 mark but cannot yet justify the cost.

The only real complaints I have about these binoculars are their weight, and perhaps I would be better served with 10x magnification.

However, those are small drawbacks when I think about how clearly and reliably this inexpensive model has performed for me with over the years.

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FARMING PRACTICES

Corporate scrutiny may be here to stay

BY ROBERT ARNASON
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Farmers may not like filling out sustainability forms, but they better get used to it and soon, says a baking industry leader.

Walmart, Unilever and other Fortune 100 corporations have entrenched sustainability into their business models, and they are exerting pressure on suppliers.

Paul Hetherington, president of the Baking Association of Canada, said there was a time, not long ago, when farmers were insulated from that sort of pressure. Producers could focus on growing crops and raising livestock and ignore issues further up the supply chain.

Those days are gone because corporate sustainability programs are not going away, Hetherington said.

"The producing sectors... are going to come under greater and great focus," Hetherington told the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association annual meeting in Winnipeg earlier this month.

Hetherington said health and wellness is the No. 1 trend in the food industry. Young people want wholesome food for their children and baby boomers want to live longer and continue to compete in triathlons.

He said health and wellness can be broken down into three expectations:

- A clean label: the food sector wants to remove all the additives that people can't pronounce.
- Natural ingredients.
- Improved nutrition: reducing salt, fat and sugar in food and adding fibre, probiotics and whole grains.

As an offshoot of the health and wellness trend, many consumers have questions about animal welfare, potential food contaminants and growth hormones.

Hetherington said companies such as Walmart have adjusted to changing consumer expectations.

The world's largest retailer has instituted sustainability programs to satisfy its customers. As an example, it now requires baked goods companies to share information on packaging and how its farmers grow wheat.

Walmart expects details on fertilizer use, energy consumption and other best management practices.

"They want to know what bakeries are doing to address on-farm biodiversity management.... That (sort of thing) is going to be part of the discussion for many, many years to come," Hetherington said.

"They see, in this, a particular interest from their customers and potentially... a marketing opportunity."

Walmart, A&W and other companies are likely paying attention to Chipotle Mexican Grill, one of the rising stars in America's quick service restaurant industry.

Chipotle's revenue increased 31 percent in the third quarter of 2014, and in-store sales climbed nearly 20 percent from 2013.

The company's success may be connected to its "food with integrity" business model and commitment to sustainably produced food.

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GM REGULATION

EU to let governments choose GM crop policy

Genetically modified crop industry upset with decision to allow each EU member the authority to approve or ban crops

BRUSSELS, Belgium (Reuters) — Individual European Union countries will be able to ban cultivation of genetically modified crops under a compromise deal that ends years of deadlock over the controversial issue.

A list of GM products is awaiting EU approval and the Jan. 13 vote in the European Parliament opens the way for authorities to review it.

Countries will be able to opt out of any eventual GM approvals, but environment campaigners said the new law was not robust enough.

Some players in the GM industry were also unhappy, complaining that the compromise meant countries would be able to reject GM crops for unscientific reasons.

GM crops are widely grown in the Americas and Asia, but opinion in Europe is divided. Many countries, including France and Germany, oppose them, while others, such as Great Britain, favour them.

An earlier attempt to agree on a compromise failed in 2012.

The recent vote is almost the final stage in the legislative process.

This is a stop sign for innovation in Europe.

JEFF ROWE
EUROBIO

The plan will become law once it has been signed off by member states and published officially, which is expected in the coming weeks.

Vytenis Andriukaitis, European commissioner for health and food safety, welcomed the outcome.

"The agreement meets member states' consistent calls since 2009 to have the final say on whether or not GMOs can be cultivated on their territory," he said.

EU authorities have approved only two GM crops for commercial cultivation. One was later blocked by one of the EU's top courts, which found EU authorities had failed to follow the rules when they approved it.

EuropaBio, which represents companies such as Syngenta and Monsanto, argued the compromise deal sent a negative signal to industries considering investing in Europe.

"This is a stop sign for innovation in Europe," said Jeff Rowe, chair of EuropaBio's Agri-Food Council.

However, Bart Staes, who represents Green politicians in the European Parliament, said the Greens voted against the accord because it would ease the way for GM crops in Europe.

TRADE

China bans U.S. poultry, egg imports

Bird flu fears could see some shipments destroyed

CHICAGO (Reuters) — China has banned all imports of U.S. poultry, poultry products and eggs amid recent reports of highly pathogenic strains of avian influenza found in the Pacific Northwest.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said all poultry and poultry related products shipped from the United States after Jan. 8 would be returned or destroyed.

The ban also applies to poultry breeding stock, which includes live chicks and hatching eggs.

Toby Moore, spokesperson for the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council, said the U.S. exported 239.768 million pounds of poultry products to China from January to November last year, which were worth nearly US\$272 million. The imports were primarily chicken feet.

China also imported 55.923 million lb. of U.S. turkey during that period.

China's U.S. egg imports are marginal, according to industry sources.

"This move is somewhat hypocritical as there have been zero findings of high pathogenic avian influenza in a commercial poultry flock in the U.S., and China already has a variety of avian influenza strains," said Brett Stuart, chief executive officer of Global AgriTrends in Denver, Colorado.

China's actions came after Hong Kong suspended imports of certain U.S. poultry and poultry products in late December after two separate virus strains were identified in Whatcom County in Washington, including H5N2 in northern pintail ducks, according to the USDA.

Discovery of the same strain has resulted in the deaths of thousands of birds on two British Columbia farms.

As well, the highly pathogenic 85N8 strain was confirmed in guinea fowl and chickens in a backyard poultry flock in Winston, Oregon.

Neither virus has been found in U.S. commercial poultry. No human cases involving either viral strain have been detected in the U.S. or Canada, and there are no immediate public health concerns, said the USDA.

Technotill Helps With Transition To Full-Time Grain Farm

As Abe Unrau converts long-time pasture and hayland to annual crop production he has developed a one-pass seeding system that is not only economical, but works in all kinds of field conditions.

The 2014 growing season was the first year the Unraus did not run cattle on their long-time mixed farming operation west of Prince Albert. For many years they ran a 350 head commercial cow-calf operation and cropped about 1,500 acres of grain. About four years ago they began phasing out of the cattle business. As the herd was downsized, hay and pasture land were brought into annual crop production.

Whether it is the sandy soil at his north-central Saskatchewan farm near Parkside or the heavier clay soil he has further north near Debden, the Ezee-On air seeding equipment outfitted with Technotill works through all types of field conditions.

"When I can direct seed canola into sod and get a 40 bushel canola crop, as I did in 2013, that's pretty respectable," says Unrau, who along with his wife Judy crop about 2,500 acres of grain and oilseeds. "In a conventional system I don't know how many passes I would have to make to disc that sod and then cultivate to prepare a nice seed bed. With Technotill I can spray

out the hay field or pasture in the fall then seed directly into the sod the next spring with one pass."

"Before we went to this Technotill system my wife used to put down the anhydrous ammonia, then I would seed and then my wife would follow behind and do the harrow/packing — now she is out of a job!"

"Whether we are converting hay and pasture land to annual cropping, or seeding into stubble, the Technotill system works equally well," says Unrau.

"I usually go with canola the first year I am converting grass to annual cropping," says Unrau.

"I go with a Roundup Ready variety and that way if there is still some grass coming back it can be controlled. It is ideal if you have moisture in the ground or a rain just before seeding — it really works nicely in sod. With that narrow opener it

just makes a slit through the grass. It works well even when it is dry, but a bit of moisture makes it smoother."

While Unrau prefers to spray out the field in the fall well before

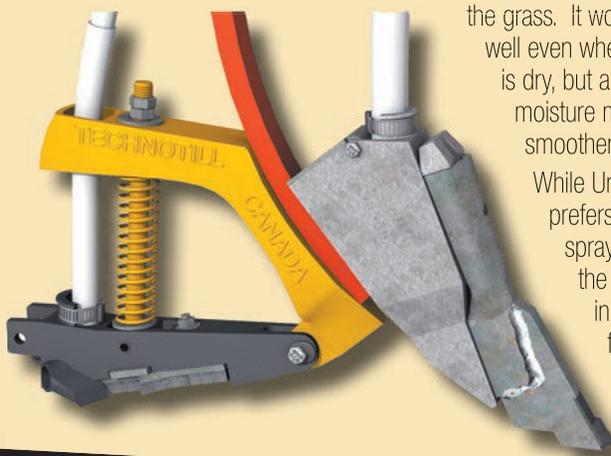
spring seeding, he has had good success waiting to kill the forage stand in the spring.

"In 2013 and 2014 I really pushed the limits when I sprayed out some old pasture in the spring ONLY," he says. "I seeded my crops and fertilized as usual. In fall I harvested 40 bushels of canola. I was pretty pleased."

Unrau's Ezee-On air seeder with Technotill technology works in all soil types, with sod or stubble and even under adverse conditions. "In the spring of 2014 my son was seeding with the equipment at the Debden farm and it started raining," says Unrau. "Other farmers had to stop, but he just kept going, they thought he was crazy. The rain didn't affect the operation of the Technotill seeding system. We had to make sure the fertilizer didn't get wet and cake up, but aside from that everything worked well despite the rain."

Unrau says that Technotill has been a valuable part of transitioning the farm from cattle to crop production. "It is a very affordable way for us to get an air drill, and it creates a farming system I can handle myself," says Unrau. "My crops look just as good as anyone else's and yield just as well. In many respects it has revolutionized the way we farm — I just go out there and seed and my wife is retired."

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AG NOTES

AUCTION FUNDRAISES FOR AGRI-BUSINESS EDUCATION

A fundraising live and silent auction raised almost \$46,000 for the Canadian Agri-Business Education Foundation.

The silent auction brought in \$3,805 and the live auction brought in \$42,100.

The money will go toward scholarships for high school students entering a post-secondary agriculture or agri-business educational program.

CABEF has raised almost \$180,000 from corporate and individual donations, which is being invested in six annual \$2,500 scholarships.

Donors for the live auction were *The Western Producer*, *Ontario Farmer Publication*, Farms.com, Agri Studies Inc., Johnny Rodgers and Rural Radio, RealAgriculture, Top Crop

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More information can be found at www.cabef.org.

DEER MEAT DONATED TO SASKATOON FOOD BANK

The Saskatoon Wildlife Federation's Hunt for Hunger Program donated 500 pounds of deer meat to the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre in December.

The program has provided an opportunity for hunters to donate their extra meat for more than six years. It's also a way to even distribute added protein among people who could use it.

The federation also organized a food drive and raffle among their members.

BASF HIRES SENIOR OFFICIAL

Paul Rea has been appointed senior vice-president of BASF's crop protection business in North America.

Rea joined BASF Australia in 2001 and moved to the United States in 2004, where he has held several positions with the company, including director of the professional and specialty solutions division and vice-president of U.S. crop operations.

He was most recently senior vice-president of crop protection for Asia-Pacific.

Rea received a post-graduate business degree from the University of Sydney in Australia.

CANADIAN CHAMPION RECOGNIZED

Silveridge Farms Ltd. of Springfield, Ont., has won the 2014 New Canadian award for Silveridge September Rae, which was born May 23, 2007.

Canadian Champions awards are presented to Holstein cows (75 percent pure or higher) that surpass the previous all-time highest performance for milk, fat, protein or total breed class average ranking in its age at calving category.

The list of the all-time highest production Canadian Champion cows can be found at Holstein Canada's website.

MASTER BREEDERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2014

Holstein Canada will honour the 21 Master Breeders recipients during its annual convention in Fredericton, N.B., in April.

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BY SHIRLEY BYERS
FREELANCE WRITER

ROSEMARY, Alta. — Greg and Bonnie Spragg were pioneers in an unknown territory when they got into pastured pig production in 2002.

Raise pigs outside, year round, on the Canadian Prairies? Who does that?

The Spraggs credit Bert Denning, then the swine specialist with Alberta Agriculture, for pointing them in the right direction.

They wanted to raise hogs and they were well positioned in some ways. Greg was working in a hog barn and Bonnie had grown up on a pig farm.

They had a lot of pig know-how between the two of them, but they didn't have the money to build a barn.

Denning was talking about pastured pigs, low cost start-ups and direct marketing.

The Spraggs didn't immediately act on the direct marketing suggestions, but they did buy some pigs and put them out to pasture.

Free range was a bit of a learning curve for the pigs, which were accustomed to nipple waterers and unaccustomed to sunshine and mud walls.

However, it wasn't a steep curve and before long the hogs were drinking from a trough, finding shelter from the sun when necessary and enjoying the mud. In short, they were doing great.

"And they were certainly happier," said Bonnie. "All of a sudden they all had unique personalities."

When the Spraggs decided to direct market their pigs, they looked at other selling points to make their product stand out, such as certified organic. They eventually settled on raising their animals antibiotic free and not feeding them animal byproducts.

Bonnie said conventionally raised pigs are generally fed antibiotics for the first six weeks of their lives until they are weaned, and sometimes longer.

As well, all animals are usually medicated if one pig in the barn gets sick because otherwise disease will spread from pig to pig.

"We've had some pigs die, but never had (disease) spread to a second pig," she said.

The Spraggs feed their pigs a mixture of locally grown barley and faba beans run through a mix mill instead of commercial pig feed, which may contain animal byproducts. The pasture is a mix of alfalfa and native grasses.

"We know they're eating it because of how much feed we have to grind," Bonnie said.

"During the summer, our feed consumption is almost halved."

She said the pigs thrive outdoors.

"Even at -25 or -30 C, they'll get out for a couple of hours," she said.

"They'll eat and go back in the straw and do just fine."

The Spraggs farrowed their own pigs when they first started, but now they buy weaners from another farmer who follows their protocols.

They originally had a no tail docking policy but they've had to go back on that. Their supplier is trying to



Hogs like these ones can soon learn to adjust to the great outdoors. | FILE PHOTO

figure out a way he can keep the tails intact, but the close proximity of indoor barns makes that a challenge.

Setting up their own butcher shop in nearby Rosemary was a turning point.

"We opened it in 2005. It was right in the middle of the BSE crisis and we couldn't get enough capacity to get our pigs processed. Everybody was doing so much beef."

Farmers couldn't sell their cattle, and many were scrambling to slaughter one or two cows so they could sell the meat on their own. This was clogging the smaller provincial plant, which the Spraggs were trying to sell to.

"We were driving around to three different butcher shops," she said.

"Every shop would cut the pork chops differently and make different sausage and we couldn't promise our customers when we would have product because they would bump us at the last minute. We thought, 'if we're going to do this, we have to have our own processor.'"

Getting into the year-round Calgary Farmers Market was another turning point because having that market available 12 months of the year gave them a stable cash flow. They now have six employees at the Calgary market.

Twenty-three people work for the Spraggs, selling and processing their pork, but the couple still manages the farm on their own.

"We hired people in the meat shop side, and we do less and less of the cutting and processing all the time," she said.

"That was where it was easy to add people."

The business now processes 2,500 pigs a year, and the pork is sold from

the main retail store and another retail outlet in Calgary as well as farmers markets in Calgary, Brooks and Millarville. The pork is also available in some restaurants, and they recently launched a product line of sandwich meat.

It's a different business from what they envisioned just a few years ago.

"We never thought it would grow to this point," Bonnie said.

"We dreamed of it but we didn't really believe it. But every year it seems the next step seems attainable, so we're like, 'let's keep going.' We're having fun and it seems doable."

Farmers have asked the Spraggs over the years if they could raise pigs and sell them to the Spraggs.

"We always said no," Bonnie said.

"We were building our brand. We figured we had to make our mark before bringing in others."

Now, she thinks it might be time to say yes, looking at it as the logical next step.



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Agriculture Canada's Wade Abbott was part of a team of researchers that discovered yeast mannans, which can breach walls that surround yeast cells, assisting digestion. | AGRICULTURE CANADA PHOTO



RESEARCH

Yeast discovery aids animal digestion

Newly discovered bacteria could lead to new feed additives

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Humans have little trouble digesting barley sandwiches, just as cattle have little trouble digesting dried distillers grains.

Both feedstuffs involve yeast, but intestinal bacteria ensure that the human and the bovine body can break it down and use it.

That sounds simple but it's a tricky business for bacteria to breach the nearly impenetrable wall of complex carbohydrates, called mannan, which surround yeast cells.

Wade Abbott, an Agriculture Canada researcher in Lethbridge, was on the team of scientists who discovered a yeast-loving bacteria.

The breakthrough has implications for future treatment of intestinal diseases in people and for prebiotic use in livestock.

Abbott said he and researchers Harry Gil-

WHAT'S IN A DEFINITION?

- **Prebiotics:** Nutrient sources that favour the bloom of beneficial bacteria in the host animal.
- **Probiotics:** Live bacteria cultures fed to animals to improve digestive system health.
- **Symbiotics:** The combination of prebiotics and probiotics to achieve a certain outcome.

bert of Newcastle University and Eric Martens of the University of Michigan began their study six years ago. They knew of enzymes they thought were breaking down mannans.

"We didn't realize how specific that relationship was, how extensive the pathways of enzymes were, so that was not really predicted," said Abbott.

"Sometimes you don't know the story until you start to write it near the end, and that's where we found ourselves. I think we realized that we were onto something pretty neat towards the end."

The research team's findings were recently published in the science journal *Nature*.

Abbott said the discovery could help develop additives that allow animals to better digest certain feeds.

It might also factor into extraction and development of more potent forms of yeast mannans that could function as growth promoters.

Ideally, the latter could replace the use of antibiotics as growth promoters, but that idea is some distance away, said Abbott.

"A lot of scientists are really motivated to find alternatives to antibiotics, and there's a lot of funding available for doing research projects on that," said Abbott.

"But the reason I'm excited about yeast mannans is that there is quite a bit of scientific studies that have been performed that show that they can make food safer in the sense that they prevent the binding of some pathogens," said Abbott.

"If we can extract more potent forms from distillers grains, or if we can add enzymes to distillers grains to help the animal digest it easier, that's another way to try and increase value for the industry."

On the human health side, yeast sugars are known to exacerbate the symptoms of intestinal diseases and autoimmune diseases such as Crohns.

Bacteria that can break down those sugars could help alleviate those symptoms and release beneficial molecules back to the host.

Abbott summarized it in an Agriculture Canada news release: "Conversion of indigestible carbohydrates, such as yeast mannan, into beneficial molecules for their host has been associated with combating intestinal diseases, promoting correct immune responses and helping to maintain healthy tissues."

His continuing work on bacteria and mannan meshes with a parallel project funded by the Beef Cattle Research Council, which explores potential benefits of prebiotics, probiotics and symbiotics.

That project seeks to identify and track sugars as they move through animals' digestive systems to better understand where and how they are used.

"A lot of those mechanisms aren't understood with prebiotics," he said.

"We feed it, and there's an effect, but we don't know what's going on."

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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

Earning trust of millennials hard, says farmer

Science-based defence of farm practices isn't necessarily enough to appease skeptical consumers, says Alberta farmer

BY JEFFREY CARTER
FOR THE WESTERN PRODUCER

RIDGETOWN, Ont. — Farmers have little choice but to address the demands of consumers, says an Alberta farmer.

John Kolk, who farms near Picture Butte, said that may mean building a convincing argument in defence of legitimate agricultural practices or acknowledging the values consumers hold and bending to their demands.

Kolk said A&W's hormone and steroid-free beef campaign is a good

example.

"Beef producers were upset when A&W did this, but from A&W's point of view, it was about branding. It wasn't about you. And if Canadian producers won't supply it, a U.S. or Australian producer will. For us to get upset probably isn't very productive," he told the Southwest Agricultural Conference in Ridgeway Jan. 6.

"The fact you take care of your animals is not enough weight to win the argument.... You may not like that, but let's get used to it."

He said the millennials, who were



JOHN KOLK
FARMER

born between 1980 and 2000, are helping drive the consumer trend. They are often driven by values more than by facts, he added.

"The social licence is about getting and keeping access to valuable busi-

ness resources like markets, financing, talent, raw materials, technology, infrastructure and legal permits by winning acceptance and approval from consumers," Kolk said.

"They expect us to make a profit, but they do not necessarily trust us to put principles before profit."

He said farmers should work together to develop transparent relationships built on trust. That means being accurate, credible and clear about motivations and willing to disclose factual information about farming operations.

For instance, Kolk said farmers shouldn't hide the fact that many of them are incorporating.

"The thing is, I'm a family farm, but I'm also a corporate farm, and I suspect many of you are in the same situation."

He said it's also important to use science-based practices, but science sometimes has limitations.

"Science is about the pursuit of answers, truth if you will. It's not about the answers seeking the facts."

Regardless, in today's world, even legitimate scientific research does not necessarily represent the trump card.

Kolk said he's gained a certain amount of credibility among hardened environmentalists because of the practices he uses on his farm.

Prominent among these is his family's straw-bale home, which uses passive and active systems to achieve a zero-energy footprint.

He said genetically modified canola, chemical pesticides and irrigation are part of the business strategy on the 4,600 acre farm. He also co-operates with his brother, Leighton, who operates a 10,000-head feedlot, by making use of the manure.

The region receives an average of 280 millimetres of rainfall a year, which makes irrigation necessary for cropping. Kolk went to the added expense of using variable controls for his pivot system, along with solar panels at field corners to offset energy use.

The solar electricity sold to the grid is not a paying proposition at this point, but he said future regulatory changes and lower costs for installation make profitability a possibility in the future.

Kolk worked as a trade union representative before farming full time and has held several board positions over the years, including with the Alberta Economic Development Authority, Alberta Water Council and Oldman River working group.

ENVIRONMENT

Weather system strikes cocoa

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (Reuters) — A worse than anticipated Harmattan weather phenomenon has damaged trees in Ivory Coast's main cocoa growing regions, raising fears it could curtail production of the country's main crop.

The Harmattan wind blows in from the Sahara every year during Ivory Coast's November-to-March dry season, but farmers say the effects have been particularly severe this year.

Cocoa arrivals in Ivory Coast and purchases in No. 2 producer Ghana are already lagging behind the levels of last year's bumper crop, and exporters fear things could get worse.

"The crop is going to tail off very, very rapidly. The Harmattan has the ability to spoil a crop," said an exporter based in Abidjan, Ivory Coast's largest city and one of its two ports.



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PROFILE

Gehl says goodbye to research farm after 25 years

Dave Gehl oversaw production of breeder seed at Indian Head's federal research facility

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

INDIAN HEAD, Sask. — Dave Gehl closed his office door for the last time exactly 25 years to the day he first opened it.

He arrived as officer-in-charge at the Indian Head federal research farm Oct. 22, 1989, after four years at the Brandon research centre.

"That was a big chance in my career to come here and focus on what I had studied — plant breeding and agronomy," Gehl said in an interview before his retirement.

The Indian Head farm is one of the original five established in 1886, along with Ottawa, Brandon, Napan, N.S., and Agassiz, B.C. They were set up to research the development of cereals, fruit and orchard crops, seeds, fertilizers, plant diseases and pests as well as livestock breeding, nutrition and disease.

Many of those mandates had already been phased out by the time Gehl arrived at Indian Head.

The livestock barn remains on site as a government heritage property, and ribbons hanging in out buildings showcase breeding success, particularly with Clydesdales through the 1930s.

However, the animals were mainly gone by the 1960s, and work has focused on agronomy since the 1970s.

Indian Head was a perfect fit for Gehl, who had a master's degree from the University of Saskatchewan.

The federal seed increase unit had been transferred from the Regina research centre to Indian Head in 1984, and he became responsible for its operation.

The unit produces and distributes all the breeder seed for Agriculture Canada researchers across the country.

This involved propagation in winter nurseries in California, but the detection of a single spore of karnal bunt in a hulless oat seed crop in 1996 devastated the unit.

"That wiped us out completely," Gehl said.

"Thirty acres of small plots and 14 tonnes of samples had to be incinerated to prevent introduction of the disease into Canada."

The winter nursery moved to New Zealand, where work continues today.

Some increasing is still done in California, but Gehl expects it will be completely phased out this year.

He usually participated in the California harvest every second year, and said it was not a holiday despite the warm, dry location.

"We're talking sickles, paper bags and rubber bands," he said of the small-plot harvest.

"It certainly loses the glamour."

Contractors do the fieldwork in New Zealand, but Gehl was still responsible for all the paperwork.

A five-tonne shipment went miss-

ing last spring, leading him on the proverbial wild goose chase before it was found in storage in Vancouver.

"Breeders are anxious to get this seed in time for spring planting," he said.

"These are all germplasm that could be our next greatest variety."

Gehl has a special affinity for oats. He was part of an Agriculture Canada research team honoured for achievement in developing new hulless oat varieties, and fellow researcher Vern Burrows even named a variety after him.

"I think it's probably the crop with the most future," Gehl said, citing the ability for people with celiac disease to eat oats but not wheat and barley.

However, he was also involved in developing fusarium resistance in wheat.

"We are the first ones to get to see these varieties," he said.

"At Indian Head, fusarium is endemic."

Gehl said making sure the breeder seed is pathogen-free was a major part of his job.

Alberta has a policy of zero tolerance for fusarium-infected seed, yet the best that researchers could offer was control, not eradication.

"That threatened our operation," Gehl said.

"Here we were, a national program, and we can't send seed into Alberta."

Disinfecting seed using dry heat for fusarium control was first done at the farm in 2000. A large sample dryer was used for three years and then a



Dave Gehl has retired as officer in charge of the Indian Head research farm. The seed increase unit is one of the major functions of the farm staff, providing breeder seed to researchers across western Canada. | KAREN BRIERE PHOTO

walk-in oven replaced it.

"It's really reduced seed-borne fusarium," he said.

"It's been a huge gain for us. We're not limited shipping breeder seed into Alberta."

Another breakthrough was how to treat bacterial blight in oats. The disease is not normally considered economically important, but it can cause problems. For example, infected seed shipped from Quebec to the Maritimes cost a farmer his entire crop, and at that time there was no way to treat the infection.

Indian Head researchers tried hot water baths and formaldehyde, and finally had success with an antibiotic used for scab on apples.

Gehl's quarter-century of service puts him in the company of the first man to head the farm, Angus MacKay, who was superintendent from 1888 to 1913.

W.H. Gibson holds the longest ser-

vice record: superintendent from 1915-1919 and again from 1924-49.

Gehl said the farm's longevity is due to its Class 1 land, good location and stable environment. Results from research done there are representative of a much larger area, he added.

The farm planted a demonstration plot last year of all the registered varieties it distributes: 377 varieties of 42 crops.

Spring wheat is probably the best known, but Gehl said one-quarter to one-third of the work done at Indian Head is with forage crops.

Gehl will still be working with plants in his retirement. He will be farming with his brothers, and one of his hobbies is breeding minor crops.

His work with Seeds of Diversity Canada led to the registration of arikara, a yellow field bean historically grown by First Nations in North Dakota.

One of the organization's members

offered Gehl 12 dry bean varieties. One, arikara, grew and produced the best by far, and he got the same result the next year. So he grew a plot, harvested the seeds and sent them to a bean company.

"A bean breeder at Lethbridge put it in the preliminary trials and it beat the check," Gehl said.

It was registered as a new variety after co-op trials, but it didn't meet market class standards because of a brown ring around the hilum.

"Someone needs to find a market," he said.

One constant during Gehl's 25 years at Indian Head was the farm's combine.

"It's one of the first things I bought and it's lasted the length of my career," he said.

"The last thing I do is purchase a new one."

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PEST CONTROL

Invaded by furry pests? Call the rat phone

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Fans of the caped crusader are familiar with the bat phone.

But what about the rat phone?

In Alberta, the number to call is 310-RATS (7287), a new listing designed to encourage the reporting of rat sightings, dead or alive, and keep the province rat-free.

Bruce Hamblin, an inspector with Alberta Agriculture, said the new phone number should eliminate the guesswork.

"Some people didn't know who to call, and so they would just start calling numbers," said Hamblin.

The department responsible for rat control can vary in cities, while not all residents of rural municipalities have the agricultural fieldman on speed dial.

Most Alberta farmers know that 310-FARM can be used to connect with rat control officials, but it isn't staffed on weekends.

"If somebody phones in and they don't get an answer for a couple of days, then they're going to get frustrated or they're going to maybe think that we don't take this rat-free



The Norway rat is the most common species of rat in Alberta. | WIKIPEDIA PHOTO

status seriously," Hamblin said.

"It's an easily remembered number," he said about 310-RATS.

"It's a catch-all for everybody."

The number connects callers with voice mail, where they can leave a message. The voice mail is checked several times a day, including week-

ends, Hamblin said.

"I think it's going to make it more effective and more efficient."

Farmers can still use other channels to report rats, such as direct contact with municipal district or county officials.

Many Albertans have never seen a

live rat in the wild, which makes Hamblin happy.

However, that also results in incidents of mistaken identity. Muskrats and pocket gophers are the most common species mistaken for their unwanted rodent cousins.

Hamblin said there were more calls than usual last year involving actual Norway rat sightings, although he did not have exact figures.

One rat caught a plane into Fort McMurray, one hitchhiked in a vehicle driven from British Columbia and a few came into the Redcliff area aboard farm machinery.

Sightings were also reported north of Sibbald, at Youngstown and in Calgary, Edmonton and Medicine Hat.

"People will say, 'we're supposed to be rat free but there's rats in Medicine Hat (for example)'. Well yes, but we fight that. It's a constant," said Hamblin.

"Rat free is not a noun, as far as I'm concerned. It's a verb."

A rat infestation at Medicine Hat's landfill in 2012 received national and international attention, and was in part responsible for this new initiative to encourage reporting, Hamblin said.

Medicine Hat now has a baiting program and employs steady vigilance.

"That's not to say that next week a truckload of garbage comes in from Saskatchewan or from wherever and there are two rats in it. Then you start

again. It's a constant battle. But it's an interesting battle."

Hamblin said the cost of Alberta's program is small, considering the damage rats could do if left to their own devices. The rodents consume and contaminate feed and food, gnaw and tunnel, and can transmit disease.

Rats cause an estimated \$19 to \$20 billion in economic damage in the United States each year, and about \$100 million is spent annually on control efforts.

Provincial legislation requiring landowners to take action against rats is the backbone of the rat-free program, said Hamblin.

"As long as we can stay ahead of the curve, it's huge, because if they ever do get established, then it's like a snowball going downhill, almost. It's going to get bigger and bigger and bigger until people get accustomed to living with them."

He believes Albertans are proud of the province's rat-free status and often hears supportive remarks about the program.

"One of the comments that I hear quite often is, 'I don't care what you guys do but keep the rats out of Alberta.' So there is an arm of support out there for the program, a very big arm, I think."

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RATS

A growing problem

- Rats can be responsible for losses to food stuffs by consumption and contamination, damage to property, caused by gnawing and tunnelling and disease transmission.
- The predominant rat species in Canada is the Norway rat, a shy, nocturnal rodent that can survive on a wide range of food items ranging from garbage to stale grain, straw or packaged food.
- Norway rats have a life span of about 18 months. Under ideal conditions, a breeding pair of rats can produce 15,000 offspring per year. Females as young as eight weeks old can deliver 12 to 18 pups per litter. They can produce up to 12 litters per year.

How to identify rats

- An adult male Norway rat weighs about one lb. and is seven to 10 inches in length (not including the tail).
- Its fur can be reddish to greyish brown or black with a lighter underbelly.
- It has small, delicate pink feet and a small pink nose. Its eyes are small compared to other rodents and its ears are small compared to other rat species.
- The most distinguishing feature of this rat is its tail, which is cylindrical, tapered and nearly hairless. Any hairs on the tail are short and bristled and grow from well-defined ridges along the entire length of the tail. Tail length is six to nine inches and is always shorter than the body.
- Rats must chew continuously to wear down their front teeth, which grow two to four inches per year.

They chew anything in their path, including plywood, structural woodwork, frozen ground and even concrete.

- They produce up to 25,000 droppings per year, so they can be easily detected. Droppings are black, blunt at both ends and are the size and shape of a small olive pit.
- Norway rats are ground dwellers, building nests on or below ground level. Nests consist of food remains and scavenged items such as paper, straw, cardboard, rags or even shredded plastic. Entrances to their nests are sometimes smudged from contact with their oily fur. Rat nests often have a distinctive musky odour.

How to control rats

- Remove food sources such as garbage, food containers, spoiled grain or feed.
- Remove potential shelter such as tires, planks and bales. Rats will make any object a temporary home as long as they can crawl underneath it. Move items frequently to discourage nesting. Rotate stored grain or forage bales.
- Use poison to eliminate infestations. Pre-mixed warfarin bait is the recommended product for rat control. Newer baits such as brodifacoum and bromadiolone are non-targets but are less safe for non-targets such as pets and livestock. Only warfarin should be used near occupied buildings.
- Set bait where only rats will find it in obvious habitats such as bale stacks, under granaries, barns, shelters and garbage piles. Use an all-weather bait station to keep the bait dry and fresh.

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NEWS BRIEFS

TRADE



Argentina loses import restriction appeal

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Reuters) — The World Trade Organization has rejected Argentina's bid to overturn a ruling in favour of the United States, European Union and Japan against the South American country's licensing rules used to restrict imports.

The WTO's appellate body recommended Argentina fix its trade rules after it upheld an earlier WTO panel report that Argentina's import licensing requirement and other import restrictions breach international trade rules.

Faced with a struggling economy, Argentina's government has limited imports in a bid to shield local industries and bolster its trade surplus. In 2012, the country imposed a system requiring prior approval of nearly every purchase from abroad, sparking the WTO case.

The U.S. National Association of Manufacturers said Argentina should quickly scrap its "burdensome" import requirements, and the administration said it would continue to make sure trading partners played fair.

"Argentina's protectionist measures impact a broad segment of U.S. exports, potentially affecting billions of dollars in U.S. exports each year that support high quality, middle-class American jobs," U.S. trade representative Michael Froman said in a statement.

The European Commission said Argentina should stop requiring foreign companies to limit their imports, offset the value of imports with equivalent exports, invest in the country and keep their profits there or use a certain amount of Argentine content in their products.

A U.S. trade official said the ruling means Argentina would have a "number of months" to fix its laws and make sure any import licences were automatic and transparent.

NEWS BRIEFS

WEATHER

Brazil's soy belt hit by lack of rain

SAO PAULO, Brazil (Reuters) — A long stretch of little to no rain since the beginning of the year in west-central Brazil is starting to worry soybean farmers, who fear productivity losses from the expected record crop.

Meteorologists say an atmospheric block is stopping cold air from advancing from the south, preventing widespread rain in the top producing region of the world's second

largest soybean grower.

"All areas are showing a hydric deficit; it's only raining in micro-regions," Marco Antonio dos Santos, Somar's agro meteorologist, said of conditions in the west-central region.

Some areas in Goias state, which is responsible for 10 percent of the national crop, have not seen any rain since Christmas, said Cristiano Palavro, technical consultant from Senar Goias.

He said the rain that has occurred has been less than needed. Soybean plants can go up to 15 days without rain before productivity losses occur.

Somar said the blockage could break up by the end of the month, bringing needed rain. The soy crop is in the early stages of harvesting in some areas.

Rainfall in general has been better in the west-central grain belt than in the southeast coffee and cane areas, but southern Mato Grosso state is on track for below-average rain in January, Somar said.

Ninety-four millimetres have fallen there so far compared with the 256 mm average for the month.

in a nation already grappling with avian flu.

The agriculture ministry said Jan. 13 that the disease had been detected at a cattle farm in the city of Anseong, nearly 100 kilometres south of Seoul.

More than 26,000 hogs, or .3 percent of the country's total hog population, have been slaughtered as defence against foot and mouth, according to ministry data.

All the cases have involved a type of the disease that animals are inoculated against in South Korea, the ministry said.

Worries over livestock disease have helped boost meat imports.

South Korea's pork imports, mainly from the United States and Germany, rose 21 percent to 328,241 tonnes in the first 11 months of last year from the same period the previous year, customs data showed.

The country's beef imports, mainly from Australia and the United States, also rose six percent to more than 260,000 tonnes between January and November last year from a year earlier, the data showed.

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BRANDING INITIATIVE

Kenya hopes to boost coffee reputation

NAIROBI, Kenya (Reuters) — Kenya has launched a coffee branding initiative designed to boost the country's reputation for producing high quality beans and help the industry regain its position as a top foreign exchange earner.

Producers and traders will brand bulk coffee sold to roasters as "Coffee Kenya Mark of Origin," while the Kenya Coffee Directorate will police the system and ensure the beans are from the east African country.

Agriculture minister Felix Koskei said the government wanted to add value to exports through initiatives such as branding and widening the appeal of Kenyan coffee with consumers. The move follows similar schemes used by other producers.

"This will increase value for farmers, create more jobs and enhance the contribution of coffee to the economy," Koskei said.

Coffee exports are Kenya's fourth-biggest foreign exchange earner after tourism, tea and horticulture. They were worth \$254 mil-

lion in 2013-14.

The sector was the leading earner in the 1980s, accounting for 40 percent of foreign exchange. However, output plummeted as farmers said political corruption meant they were not paid and many switched crops or sold fields for real estate development.

Farmers produced 49,475 tonnes in 2013-14, down from a peak of 130,000 tonnes in 1988-89, although Kenya's high grade beans are still appreciated by roasters who often blend them with lower quality beans from other growers.

Kenya had not previously branded its specialty Arabica beans, referred to by grades such as AA or AB depending on size. However, some producers already use a mark of origin, helping them supply coffee shop chains in the West where a premium is charged for specialty origins.



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SEOUL, South Korea (Reuters) — Foot-and-mouth disease has spread to a cattle farm in South Korea for the first time in more than three years.

It's a blow to authorities who are battling to contain an outbreak of the disease.

The outbreak was discovered around half a year ago on hog farms, intensifying fears about food safety

CRIME

Attacks on South African farmers increase

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (Reuters) — Violent attacks on South Africa's farmers, most of whom are white, are on the rise, and 67 farm murders occurred last year, according to recent data.

The issue of crime on the farm is an emotive one in South Africa, with white commercial farmers seeing much of the violence as racially motivated.

Police say farmers are often targeted because of their remote locations and the perception that they have valuables such as cash or guns.

Farming and land are sensitive issues in South Africa, where the white minority still holds 87 percent of commercial farmland, two decades after the end of apartheid.

AfriForum, which represents mostly white South Africans on issues such as affirmative action, and farming group TAU SA, said the number of verified farm attacks had risen to 277 in 2014 from 96 in 2011.

Farm murders, which are defined as a homicide against a farmer, family member or one of their employees during an attack by an outsider, had risen to 67 over the same period from 54 in 2011.

Ernst Roets, AfriForum's deputy chief executive officer, said farm murders had been declining since hitting a peak of 115 in 2004 but have been rising since 2011.

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ALBERTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Young entrepreneur not new to awards

Integrity Post Structures among ag businesses nominated for an Alberta business award

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Jerry Myer said he doesn't feel all that young after starting a business from the back of his pick-up truck and expanding it into the second largest company of its kind in Canada.

Nevertheless, Myer, 32, a partner in Integrity Post Structures of Okotoks, Alta., is a finalist in the Young Entrepreneur Award of Distinction through the Alberta Business Awards of Distinction program, which is organized by the Alberta Chamber of Commerce.

Integrity Post Structures builds post frame buildings across Western Canada for farm, equestrian and commercial use.

"I don't feel like a young entrepreneur any more," said Myer.

"I feel like I've been doing it for so long, but it's really exciting when you look back and realize that it has only been eight years since we started it."

Myer and partner, Al Williams, founded the company in 2008. Business increased from 90 structures in the first year to 300 last year. It expects to build about the same number this year.

Integrity Post employs about 160 people in the summer building season, said Myer.

The business initially concentrated on agricultural buildings, but it expanded to a wider range of structures after securing Canadian distribution rights to U.S. "perma-column" technology in 2010.

The perma-column is a pre-cast concrete post designed to last longer than wood when in contact with soil.

The company also won the Agriculture Innovation award at Red Deer's Agri-Trade show in November.

The latest nomination through the Chamber of Commerce was a surprise, Myer said.

"When you look back at it, it's happened really rapidly, and to get nominated for an award for it, that's pretty special, for sure," he said.

"Even if we don't end up winning anything, just to have somebody put you in that category with a lot of people that probably deserve it as much or more than I do, that's pretty exciting."

Myer's company is among five finalists for the award. The others are Western Manufacturing Ltd. of Hythe, Alta., Dreamstalk Studios of Medicine Hat, Cerulean Boutique of St. Albert and Dead Bolt Construction Inc. of Medicine Hat.

The winner will be announced Feb. 27 in Edmonton, but before that, Myer and other finalists will undergo interviews with the selection committee.

"Typically, unless I'm in front of a customer actually selling a building, I'm terrible at public speaking, so we'll see how that goes," he said.

"I'll try and remember everything that they tried to teach me in 4-H."

Other nominees with agricultural connections on this year's list include Blood Tribe Agricultural Projects of Standoff, Alta., in the Eagle Feather Award of Distinction

category and Barr-Ag Ltd. of Olds, Alta., in the Export Award of Distinction category. Barr-Ag exports hay and forage.

Champion Pet Foods of Morinville, Alta., the 2014 winner of the export award, was nominated this year for the Marketing Award of Distinction.

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GRAINS

Ukraine ag ministry asks traders to curb wheat exports

With uncertain harvest prospects, Ukrainian officials have suggested a voluntary export cap

KIEV, Ukraine (Reuters) — Ukraine's agriculture ministry has asked traders to cap milling wheat exports at 200,000 tonnes per month in January and February, despite a

large volume of wheat in stocks.

Traders said the suggested limits are not obligatory.

February exports of wheat from Ukraine were 188,000 to 446,000 tonnes

in the previous three years, with milling wheat comprising half the total.

"They (the ministry) asked us to export 200,000 tonnes of milling wheat in January and in February

and then to meet again to consider a future strategy," a foreign trader said after a meeting of top grain exporters and the ministry's officials.

Traders said the ministry wanted to keep as much wheat in stock as possible because it was uncertain how much the next harvest, in July, would yield.

Agriculture minister Oleksiy Pavlenko said Ukraine had no plan to restrict grain exports and would instead meet with traders to plan the year ahead as normal, after Russia introduced curbs to stabilize surging prices.

He said his ministry and traders would prepare a memorandum for the season, which runs from July 2014 to June 2015, allowing the government to impose restrictions if exports exceeded specified volumes.

Traders said this memorandum, which is produced every year, was likely to be signed in the near future.

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Ukraine is asking traders to voluntarily curb grain exports, while Russia has already introduced export tariffs to prevent domestic shortages. |

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GRAINS

Russia's winter grains appear worse than last year's crop

Dry fall took a toll on country's crops

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russia's winter grains are in worse condition than last year after a dry autumn, the head of Russian weather forecaster Hydrometcentre said Jan. 14, which adds to risks for this year's harvest.

Russia is expected to be the world's fourth-largest wheat exporter this year, but its grain crop depends heavily on weather patterns.

Turkey, Egypt and Iran are the key importers of its wheat.

"Autumn in the European part of Russia was very dry," Interfax news agency reported, citing Roman Vilfand.

"One had to wait for precipitation for a very long time, but winter grains

vegetated very badly anyway."

However, there are signs that part of the damage could be reversed in Russia's key grain-exporting regions, such as Krasnodar, Stavropol and Rostov, he said.

"Very warm weather in the grain regions of Russia's south ... led to quite active vegetation in December," Vilfand said.

Vilfand expected weather to be colder than usual in the European part of the country in February, but March is forecast to be warmer than in recent years.

Last year, Russia had the second-largest grain harvest in its post-Soviet history of 105 million tonnes.

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OF GRAIN HARVESTED IN RUSSIA LAST YEAR

TRANSPORTATION

U.S. railway denies favouring oil sector

Official says crude oil shippers saw a greater impact from last winter's service crunch on BNSF's lines than farmers

BY ROBERT ARNASON

BRANDON BUREAU

The largest railroad in the U.S. does not give preferential treatment to crude oil shipments, says Barb Haertling, general director of agricultural products at BNSF.

Haertling told the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association meeting, which was held in Winnipeg Jan. 8-9, that the petroleum industry actually had worse service during last year's railway capacity crunch, at least in the United States.

"When you go to crude conferences, they scream bloody murder because they think we've got all our resources on ag," said Haertling.

"We're treating everything as though it's equal. So crude is suffering the same service issues that ag has suffered in the past."

Producers in North Dakota and other northern tier states complained last year about poor rail service for grains and oilseeds, similar to what was heard from farmers in Western Canada.

Haertling said the idea that railways would rather ship crude than grain is a misconception.

To demonstrate that to its customers, BNSF conducted internal research to compare its level of service for coal, crude and ag commodities.

"Crude actually has been impacted more severely by the service problems than ag has," she said.

"I think that's a big surprise to people."

Mark Hallman, a Canadian National Railway spokesperson, said the situation is similar in Canada.

"CN rejects any assertion that it favours crude oil over other commodities or products it transports," he said in an email.

"CN works closely with its customers to make sure all end-market segments receive appropriate service."

Statistics Canada numbers indicate that railway shipments of petroleum more than tripled in 2009-13. Canadian rail car loadings of fuel oil and crude petroleum by the country's major railways increased to an average of nearly 9,300 cars per month in 2013 from 2,800 per month in 2009.

Haertling was popular at the WCWGA meeting as farmers gathered around her, asking questions for at least an hour after her presentation.

Cherilyn Nagel, a longtime WCWGA member and a farmer from Mossbank, Sask., said Haertling's words were a "breath of fresh air."

"I just about fell off my chair three or four times listening to your comments," Nagel told Haertling during the question and answer session.

"To hear a railroad talking about

market signals and determining what the marketplace really wants and adjusting quickly to that ... we just do not have that sort of language happening with CN and CP (Canadian Pacific Railway)."

Haertling said BNSF invested \$5.5 billion on infrastructure, locomotives and other upgrades in 2014 and plans to spend \$6 billion in 2015, including double tracking lines in North Dakota, to accommodate increased crude volumes from the Bakken oil deposit.

Haertling said BNSF hasn't deter-

mined its spending priorities for 2016, but it's unlikely the railroad will invest in its Canadian operations to handle more grain from the Prairies.

"The fact of the matter is we need to get our own house in order," she said. "We really can't spend a lot of time focusing on that."

Charlie Mayer, a former federal agriculture minister, said it's shocking to hear that BNSF is spending billions on new locomotives while CP has reduced its locomotive fleet.

Haertling did catch her audience

off guard when she said farmers don't benefit from Canada's railway revenue cap on grain shipments.

"You guys don't really want to hear this, but I don't think the rate cap is working in your favour, as far as increasing capacity of the grain industry."

For example, Canada's hopper car fleet is aging and in need of replacement, she said.

"You've also got a rate cap, and that causes the Canadian railroads to not get all that excited about investing in covered hoppers."

Nagel said the positives and negatives of the revenue cap are something worth looking at, but western Canadian farmers still rely on the cap.

"That's not to say that we need to get rid of it any time in the near future because that's our one mechanism at the moment to maintain cost," she said.

"But I do think it needs to be on the table and it is something we need to discuss."

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Lloydminster Stockade Round-Up - Lloydminster, SK

Farmfair International - Edmonton, AB

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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

African slaughterhouse producing portable energy

Facility makes a bottled biogas for heating and cooking

KISERIAN, Kenya (Thomson Reuters Foundation) — Maasai pastoralists in Kenya have found an innovative way to generate biogas: using animal blood and waste from a slaughterhouse.

The Keekonyokie facility in Kajiado County uses the gas it produces to generate electricity that powers the meat cold room and processing equipment. It also pipes the gas to local hotels, while the slurry becomes fertilizer for grazing pastures. The Maasai now hope to take the

project a step further and become the first group in the country to package the alternative fuel into cylinders and make it mobile.

Project leader Michael Kibue said the 320 pastoralists anticipate that they will be selling their Keeko Biogas in six kilogram cylinders by March. Each should cost around \$9, which is half the cost of conventional liquefied petroleum gas.

The slaughterhouse can afford to sell its biogas so cheaply because, with an average 120 cows and 400 sheep and goats slaughtered daily, "raw input is assured and at zero cost," said Kibue.

Even the process of pumping the gas into cylinders costs nothing, he added, because it's powered by the slaughterhouse's own biogas.

The fuel is also hotter than liquefied petroleum gas "and it is highly combustible, so it allows you to cook faster," said Erastus Gatebe of the Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI), which provides technical support on the Keeko Biogas project. Gatebe said biogas can be as much as 30 to 40 percent more energy efficient than propane or butane.

Before it started producing biogas in 2005, the Keekonyokie plant spent almost \$500 a week on waste disposal to meet standards set by the National Environmental Management Authority.

Generating fuel from its waste and selling what biogas it doesn't need has allowed the slaughterhouse to expand its revenue sources beyond the sale of meat.

The facility, which sits on four acres of land, is capable of generating enough biogas in a day to fill one 100, six kg cylinders. Gatebe said it will be able to generate three times that amount if the slaughterhouse upgrades its facilities with secondary biogas digesters.

The Kenya Climate Innovation Centre, a World Bank initiative, is providing funding to help with the

upgrade.

Kapunei Ole Tunda, chair of the Keekonyokie slaughterhouse, sees environmental as well as economic benefits to selling biogas in cylinders. He believes the venture could help save the trees in and around Maasai villages.

"We cut down a lot of trees for charcoal and we hope to reduce that, since they keep our air clean," he said.

Kibue said buyers have already begun making enquiries about the cylinders of Keeko Biogas. Two women's groups have expressed interest in the product, including one in Nairobi's Kibera slum, which makes yogurt and wants to cut its energy expenses.

John Maina, the principal renewable energy officer at Kenya's Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, said the government supports ventures such as Keeko Biogas, which reduce the amount of methane escaping into the atmosphere.

Methane, which is the gas released when animal waste decays, is 30 times more potent than carbon dioxide in producing climate change, according to the journal *Nature*.

India has already seen success in packaging biogas into cylinders. A recent report by India's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy said 11 projects have been commissioned and licensed to package biogas into compressed natural gas cylinders.

India's bottled biogas is supplied to hotels and companies for cooking and heating.

Biogas use in Kenya is currently small, according to a 2010 report by the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis.

However, the United Nations' Environment Programme says the country spends \$900 million a year on off-grid lighting, and fuel-based light sources in the country are responsible for more than 2.3 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions per year.

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MEAT SUPPLIER

U.S. restaurant chain suspends pork sales over welfare issues

(Reuters) — Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. said it would suspend pork sales at one-third of its U.S. restaurants, following a routine audit that revealed one of its suppliers was not complying with its animal welfare standards.

The inspection of the undisclosed supplier exposed inconsistencies in protocol, communications director Chris Arnold said.

Suppliers must raise pigs with access to the outdoors or in deeply bedded barns to improve their comfort. They cannot use antibiotics.

"We could fill that shortfall with conventionally raised pork, but the animal welfare standards fall well short of our requirements, and (we) simply aren't willing to make that

compromise."

Chipotle will not serve caritas, a Mexican pork dish, at some of these restaurants rather than using conventionally raised pork, said Arnold.

Instead, the burrito seller is looking at a host of options to address the shortfall, including procuring additional pork from existing suppliers or finding more suppliers.

Meanwhile, Chipotle could resume its relationship with the suspended supplier if it becomes compliant with the company's standards, he added.

The restaurant chain, which is known for serving antibiotic-free meat and organic produce, posted third-quarter same-store sales growth of nearly 20 percent.

ENVIRONMENT

China increases fake rain initiatives

'Artificial weather' used to ease water shortage

BEIJING, China (Reuters) — China aims to induce more than 60 billion cubic metres of additional rain a year by 2020 by using an “artificial weather” program.

The country's water resources are among the world's lowest at 2,100 cubic metres per person, or just 28 percent of the world average. Shortages are particularly severe in the country's northeast and northwest.

China has already allocated funds of US\$1.05 billion for artificial weather creation since 2008, the State Council said in a document setting out the program from 2014-20.

“Weather modification has an important role to play in easing water shortages, reducing natural disasters, protecting ecology and even safeguarding important events,” it said.

Sixty billion cubic metres is equivalent to more than one-and-a-half times the volume of the Three Gorges reservoir, which is part of the world's largest hydro-electric project.

Artificial rain is created using rockets to launch chemicals, such as silver iodide, into clouds.

China used the technology, known as cloud seeding, to scatter clouds ahead of the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008.

The government wants to increase the country's rainfall by one-fifth from 2013 levels as a way to battle its crippling water scarcity, which threatens a long-standing policy of self-sufficiency in food production. Shortages are increasing as demand from manufacturing and power generation grows.

The program is also increasingly used to disperse smog in heavily polluted regions.

Seventy percent of China's rivers and lakes have become too polluted to use.

China recently kicked off the second phase of its South-North Water Diversion Project to send billions of cubic metres of water from central and southern China northward to Beijing and the neighboring area.

However, frequent droughts in central and northern China keep the government under pressure to ensure sufficient water supply.

China launched its “human affected weather” program in 1958 and has done extensive research in cloud seeding. Last year, the government said it had met a target of increasing artificial rain to more than 50 billion cubic metres per year.

China's “cloud water potential” is huge, with average water vapour levels standing at 1.82 trillion cubic metres, the government said in the recent document.

Existing technology would allow China to potentially induce as much as 280 billion cubic metres of additional rain each year, it added.



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Notification of Application to Participate in National Energy Board Public Hearing

Energy East Pipeline Ltd. Energy East Project

The National Energy Board (Board) received an application from Energy East Pipeline Ltd. (EEPL) for approvals needed to construct and operate the proposed Energy East Project, a 4,500 km crude oil pipeline system from receipt points in Alberta and Saskatchewan to delivery points in Quebec and New Brunswick, comprised of both new oil pipeline facilities and existing natural gas pipeline facilities to be transferred from TransCanada PipeLines Limited to EEPL and converted from gas to oil service (Application).

EEPL's Application and a description of the Energy East Project are available on the Board's website at www.neb-one.gc.ca.

The Energy East and Eastern Mainline Projects will be reviewed by a single Panel made up of three Board Members, who will consider all evidence filed on both projects. This is the most effective approach to conduct a thorough review. The details of the hearing process will follow once the Application to Participate (ATP) process has ended. Further information on the Panel can be found on the NEB website.

The Board is currently assessing completeness of the Energy East Project application. The completeness determination is an initial threshold question where the Board determines if an application is sufficiently complete to proceed to assessment. If the application is found to be sufficiently complete, the Board will hold a hearing, at which time it will collect evidence from the parties approved during the ATP process. Any information received prior to the completeness determination is not considered to be evidence in the hearing.

Participation in the Hearing

The Board has updated its List of Issues. The List of Issues is available on the Board's website and will be part of the ATP form for the Energy East Project.

Those who wish to participate in the hearing for the Energy East Project must apply to participate using the ATP form. Persons who apply to participate must clearly describe their interests and how those interests relate to the issues on the List of Issues. Those persons or groups who, in the Board's view, demonstrate clearly that they are directly affected will be allowed to participate. The Board may allow people who clearly demonstrate they have relevant information or expertise to participate.

The Board encourages persons to collaborate or form a group with those who share similar interests or views or will present similar evidence. Groups should complete one ATP form on behalf of their group, identifying the individual(s) who will speak on behalf of the group.

The ATP form will be available on the Board's website **from 3 February to 3 March 2015**. All deadlines must be adhered to.

The deadline to submit an Application to Participate is noon, 3 March 2015, Mountain Standard Time.

To access the ATP form, select “Energy East Project” from the Quick Links menu on the right hand side of the Board's main page. A link to *Apply to Participate* will be visible on the right hand side menu of the Energy East Project webpage.

Process Advisory Team

The Board's Process Advisory Team will provide general information and a step-by-step overview of the ATP process through technology-based (online) sessions. The ATP forms and the schedule for information sessions are available at www.neb-one.gc.ca along with information on the Board's hearing process and participant funding.

If you have process questions or need further assistance accessing the website or the ATP forms, please contact the Board's Energy East Process Advisory Team:

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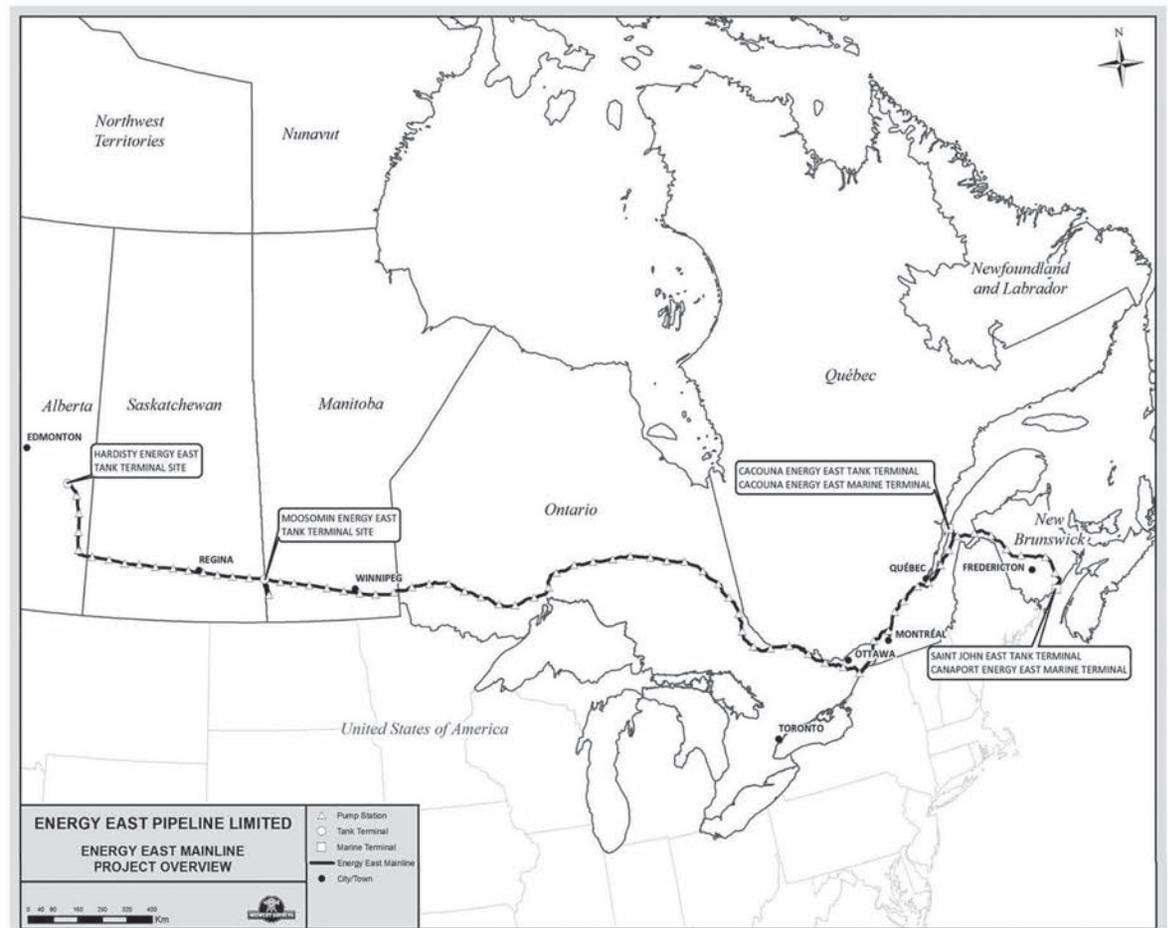
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CROP STOCKS

U.S. forecasts large global soybean supply

U.S. stocks are at an eight year high, while a large South American harvest is expected

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Reuters) — Last year's record U.S. soybean harvest was even bigger than expected, pushing domestic supplies to their highest in eight years ahead of what is expected to be a bumper South American harvest.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Jan. 12 that U.S. corn stocks were also a record 11.203 billion bushels as of Dec. 1, despite surprisingly large cuts to its production and yield readings.

U.S. farmers cut their winter wheat plantings by 4.6 percent to 40.452 million acres, which is below the low end of a range of analysts' forecasts.

Soybean futures sold off sharply following the report, shedding 2.8 percent to a one-week low, while corn firmed slightly and wheat sank to its lowest since Nov. 26. Soy prices had risen for four of the previous five sessions as traders built up bullish positions on strong export demand.

"Even if China continues the (import) pace that they're on, they're not going to make a significant dent in our ending stocks," said Joe Lardy, a research analyst at CHS Hedging.

"And given that Brazil looks to be pushing out a record crop, we're going to have adequate ample soybean supplies going forward, so the soybean prices should be going down."

The USDA pegged the total U.S. soybean crop at a record 3.969 billion bushels, based on an average yield of 47.8 bu. per acre, which is also a record.

The harvest pushed U.S. soybean stocks as of Dec. 1 to 2.524 billion bu., up from 2.154 billion bu. a year ago but below the 2.590 billion bu. predicted by the average of trade forecasts.

The government raised its outlook for Brazil soybean production by 1.5 million tonnes to a record 95.5 mil-



U.S. soybean stocks were up 2.154 billion bushels in December from a year ago, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, following a record harvest by American farmers. | FILE PHOTO

lion tonnes. Production in Argentina was left unchanged at a robust 55 million tonnes.

The USDA trimmed its U.S. corn harvest forecast to 14.216 billion bu. from 14.407 billion and the average yield to 171.0 bu. per acre from 173.4.

Analysts had been expecting a corn harvest of 14.349 billion bu. and an average yield of 173.3.

For wheat, the department said farmers seeded 40.452 million acres of winter wheat, below forecasts of 41 to 44 million. Winter wheat plantings

were 42.399 million acres a year ago.

The USDA also lowered its outlook for 2014-15 domestic corn ending stocks to 1.877 billion bu., raised its wheat stocks view to 687 million bu. and left soybean stocks unchanged at 410 million bu.

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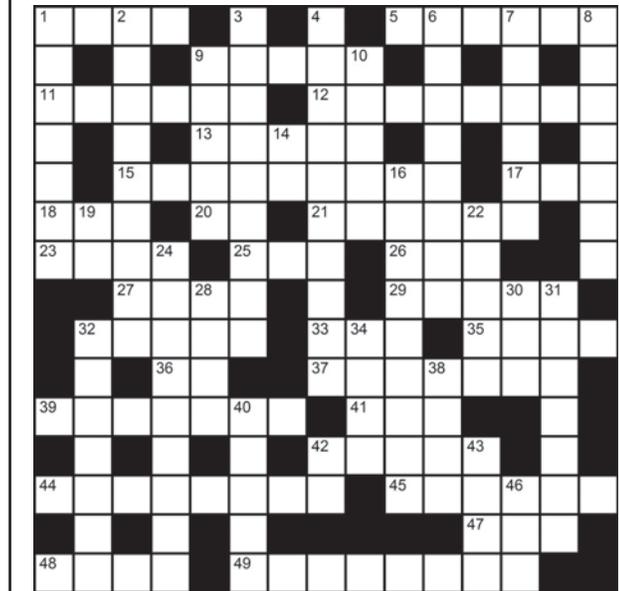


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 5. He plays Tom Keen on *The Blacklist*
 9. *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* director
 11. First name of 11 Across
 12. He played deputy sheriff Dewey Riley in *Scream*
 13. *Bunny* _____
 15. He played Tyrel Sackett in *The Sacketts*
 17. *Scream* director Craven
 18. Nightmarish street of film
 20. Initials of the actor who received an Academy Honorary Award at the second annual Governors Awards in 2010
 21. *Seven Days in* _____
 23. Film starring Jeff Bridges and Ryan Reynolds
 25. *The Devil's* _____
 26. *Tinker Tailor Soldier* _____
 27. Kojak's first name
 29. He played Santa Claus (a.k.a. Seth Applegate) in *Ernest Saves Christmas*
 32. Canadian TV series that was filmed in British Columbia coast (with *The*)
 33. *The Lady* _____
 35. Film starring Naomi Watts (with *The*)
 36. *Saw* _____ (2009 film)
 37. _____ *Thunder*
 39. He plays Leonard on *The Big Bang Theory*
 41. Okamoto who starred in *The Wolverine*
 42. Canadian who played Char in *Distant Thunder*
 44. Canadian actress who played a Deputy Prosecutor on *Close to Home*
 45. She won an Academy Award for *National Velvet*
 47. *The* _____ *Bully* (2006 computer-animated film)
- DOWN**
1. TV series about an immortal medical examiner
 2. Film starring Judy Davis and Hugh Grant
 3. Gina Prince-_____ (*Love & Basketball* director)
 4. Canadian science fiction TV series that Michael Pare and Tanya Allen starred in
 6. Andrews who played a sheriff's deputy in *Cabin Fever* and its sequel
 7. Where Tom Cavanagh was born
 8. 27 _____
 9. *Murder, She* _____
 10. Actor Williams
 14. Initials of the actor who played Scorpio in *Dirty Harry*
 16. He played Zack Morris on *Saved by the Bell*
 19. Jet from China
 22. Actress Limon
 24. Canadian on *Hannibal*, the TV series
 28. Serena van der Woodsen's brother
 30. Actress Shaye
 31. She played Lena in *Beautiful Creatures*
 32. Film about two astronauts stranded in space
 34. *Swing* _____
 38. *The* _____ *Ranger*
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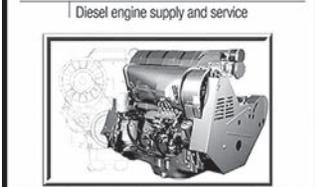
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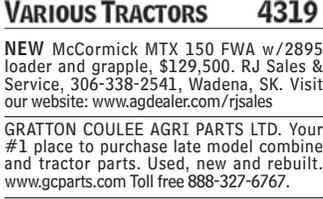
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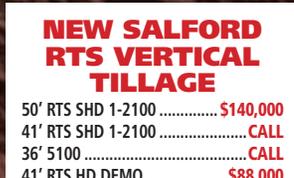
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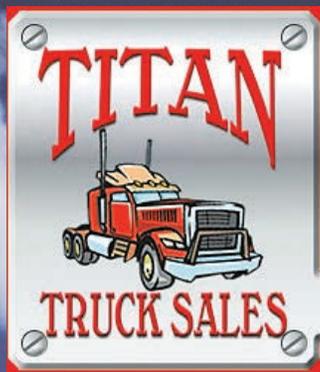
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550 HP Cat C15, 18 sp, 12,000 front 46,000 rear, 3:91 gears, 4x4 diff. locks, 22.5" alloy wheels, 822,305 km.

\$55,000

2010 IH LONESTAR

500 HP ISX Cummins, 18 sp, 12/40, 22.5" alloy wheels, 3:73 gear, 4x4 diff. locks, 238" WB, warranty remaining till May 20 2016, 489,463 km.

\$69,000

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.

\$55,000

2007 WESTERN STAR 4900SA

515 HP Detroit, 18 sp, 12000 front super 40 rear, 4x4 diff. locks, 209" WB, 48" bunk, 979,831 km.

\$40,000

2011 KENWORTH T800

500 HP ISX Cummins, 18 sp, 14,600 front, 52,000 rear, 4x4 diff. locks, 22.5" alloy wheels, 4:30 gears, 190" WB, 840,137 km.

\$69,000

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.

\$45,000

2007 WESTERN STAR 4900FA

450 HP Mercedes MBE4000, 10 sp Eaton Autoshift, 12/40, 22.5" alloy wheels, New 20' Cancede grain box, remote shute and hoist, 1,287,500 km.

\$65,000

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2014 CIH 8230

900 singles, lateral tilt, ext wear rotor, stnd chopper, y & m, folding auger...**\$357,500** (SC)



2009 Case IH 4420

100ft, 2 sets of tires, AimCommand, HID lights, Viper, SmartTrax, 1600 hours...**\$239,500** (ES)



2012 New Holland T9 560

PTO, autoguidance, weight pkg, twin pump, 800 metrics, 950 hours **\$334,500** (SC)



2013 CIH Steiger 500 Quad

36" tracks, luxury cab, 6 elec remotes, hi-cap drawbar, 372 receiver...**\$399,000** (SA)

AIR DRILLS

2011 Bourgault 3310 Drill, 75ft, 12" spacing, double shoot, MRB 25, X20 map link, 6550 tank	\$298,000 (SC)
2013 Seedhawk 84-12 Drill, semi pneumatic packer tires, Agron art 260 blockage, 800 TBH tank	\$335,000 (SA)
2013 Seedhawk 60-12 Drill, 800 TBH tank, auger with hopper, semi pneumatic packer	\$291,635 (LL)
2011 Bourgault 3310 Drill, 75ft, 6550 tank, 12" spacing, liquid MRB, X20 monitor, deluxe auger	\$225,000 (SA)
2008 Bourgault 3310 Drill, 75ft, X20 monitor, midrow banders, hydraulic auger	\$234,000 (LL)
2011 Bourgault 3310 Drill, 75ft, 12" spacing, liquid mid row, double shoot dry, 6550 tank, X20 monitor	\$298,000 (SC)
2013 Bourgault 7700 Tank, double shoot, 710 duals, 4 tank metering	\$200,000 (ES)
2009 Seedhawk 50-12 Drill, MR440 tank, double shoot, 10" spacing, morris monitor, shedded	\$189,000 (SA)
2007 Seedmaster 72-12 Drill, 72ft, 12" spacing, granular distribution, 3 tank metering, dual fan, duals	\$195,000 (SA)
2010 CIH PH800 Drill, 70ft, 800 TBH cart, single shoot, high flotation tire, dual fan, new dutch paired row	\$190,000 (LL)
2012 Flexi-Coil 5000 Drill, 58ft, double shoot, atom jet openers, harrow kit, steel packers, 3850 cart	\$146,500 (SA)
2002 Seedhawk 64-12 Drill, 64ft, 12" spacing, 2100 gallon cart, onboard, need liquid pump, Flexi-Coil 3450 cart	\$125,000 (ES)
2007 New Holland SD550 Drill, 60ft, fold back, 10" spacing, 3.5" steel packers, SC380 TBT cart	\$84,500 (SC)
2000 Bourgault 5710 Drill, 54ft, dickey john NH3 kit, steel packers, 3 tank metering, overhauled MRB	\$79,000 (SA)
2011 Morris Maxium II Drill, 50ft, 10" spacing, steel packers, 7300 TBH tank	\$49,500 (SC)
1998 Bourgault 5710 Drill, 52ft, 3225 air cart, steel packers, 10" spacing, single shoot	\$49,500 (SC)
1999 Bourgault 5710 Drill, 40ft, 3.5" steel packers, 4250 TBH tank, 3 tank metering, single shoot	\$49,000 (SC)
1999 Flexi-Coil 5000 Drill, 39ft, 1720 tank, steel packers, NH3 kit, atom jet single openers	\$41,000 (SA)
1997 Morris 7240 Drill, 36ft, single shoot, 10" spacing, full blockage, 7240 tank, 2 tank metering	\$39,000 (SC)
1996 Morris Maxm 7300 Drill, 50ft, 10" spacing, s/s steel packers, 300 bushel cart, Atom Jet openers	\$29,500 (SC)
1998 John Deere 1820 Drill, 40ft, 10" spacing, single shoot, 3.5" steel packers, 787 tank	\$29,000 (SC)
1995 Flexi-Coil 5000 Drill, 57ft, 12" spacing, rubber packers, double shoot, 2320 tbt air cart	\$22,000 (SC)

COMBINES

2013 CIH 9230, heavy lift lateral tilt, c/w 3016 header, magna cut fine chopper, HID lighting	\$360,000 (SA)
2014 CIH 9230, heavy lift w/trap lateral tilt, ext wear rotor, magnacut fine chopper, c/w 3016 header	\$399,000 (SA)
2012 CIH 9230, auto guidance, fine cut chopper, luxury cab, cross auger control, 520 duals	\$349,000 (SC)
2012 CIH 9120, lateral tilt, Y & M, 620 tires, HID lighting, c/w 3016 header, 462 rotor hours	\$319,000 (SA)
2011 CIH 9120, lateral tilt, powerplus cvt feeder, c/w 3016 pick up header, 719 rotor hours	\$300,000 (SA)
2014 CIH 8230, 900 singles, lateral tilt, ext wear rotor, stnd chopper, y & m, folding auger	\$357,500 (SC)
2013 CIH 8230, 520 duals, lateral tilt w/trap, magna fine chopper, Pro 700, diff lock, 800 hours	\$337,500 (SC)
2012 CIH 8230, lateral tilt, magna fine cut chopper, c/w 3016 header, HID lighting	\$309,000 (LL)
2010 CIH 8120, 520 duals, lateral tilt, ext wear rotor, c/w 3016 header, hopper toppe, 625 rotor hours	\$268,000 (ES)
2010 CIH 8120, 900 singles, HID lights, Y & M, Ext wear rotor, c/w 2016 header, hyd fold cover	\$210,000 (LL)
2004 CIH 8010, fine cut chopper, long auger, yield & moisture, 900 tires, c/w 2016 header	\$135,000 (SA)
2004 CIH 8010, duals, lateral tilt, HID lights, long auger, Pro 600, 2000 rotor hours	\$129,500 (SC)
2012 CIH 7230, 620 duals, lateral tilt, ext wear rotor, HID lights, Full AutoGuidance, 796 rotor hours	\$275,900 (SC)
2013 CIH 7130, lateral tilt, y & m, electric fold grain tank cover, trailer hitch, 399 rotor hours	\$286,500 (SC)
2011 CIH 7120, 620 duals, lateral tilt, HID lights, luxury cab, long auger, AutoGuidance	\$239,500 (SC)
2010 CIH 7120, 900 front tires, 540 rear, fine cut chopper, Michels hopper toppe, c/w 2016 hdr	\$210,000 (SA)
2010 CIH 7120, duals, lateral tilt, extended wear rotor, HID lights, c/w 2015 pu header	\$269,000 (LL)
2010 CIH 7120, 900 singles, stnd rotor, michaels toppe, c/w 2016 header, 1190 rotor hours	\$195,000 (SA)
2010 CIH 7120, 520 duals, lateral tilt, ext wear rotor, c/w 2016 header, auto steer	\$269,000 (LL)
2009 CIH 7120, 800 singles, fine cut chopper, y & m, NO guidance, NO lateral tilt, 1045 rotor hours	\$184,500 (SC)
2010 CIH 7088, 800 singles, lateral tilt, ext wear rotor, AFS GPS, HID lights, Pro600, 910 rotor hours	\$185,500 (SC)
2009 CIH 7088, 800 singles, lateral tilt, AFX rotor, chopper, 1050 rotor hours	\$169,500 (SC)
2010 CIH 7088, 800 singles, lateral tilt, GPS, HID lights, Y & M, Pro 600, 768 threshing hours	\$189,900 (SC)

2009 CIH 7088, 800 singles, AFX rotor, chopper, pro 600 monitor, 1773 rotor hours	\$129,200 (SC)
2000 CIH 2388, hopper toppe, outback steering, c/w 1015 pu, 2069 engine hrs, 1543 rotor	\$78,500 (SC)
1999 CIH 2366, specialty rotor, rock trap, yield & moisture monitor, singe drive tires, c/w 1015 pu	\$47,500 (SC)
1998 CIH 2388, specialty rotor, chopper, Y & M, c/w 1015 Swathmaster pu, 2698 threshing hours	\$59,500 (SC)
1997 CIH 2166, c/w pick up header, fore & aft, AHH	\$26,900 (SC)
1994 CIH 1688, Rice tires, no fore & aft, c/w 1015 pick up header	\$29,000 (SA)
1994 CIH 1688, Specialty rotor, rebuilt feeder house, shedded, internal chopper	\$27,900 (SC)
2012 John Deere T670, duals, lateral tilt, hyd folding hopper toppe, full GPS, 184 rotor hours	\$337,500 (SC)
2009 John Deere 9870, big singles, rear rice tires, JD 615P pick up, Greenlight in 2014	\$230,000 (ES)
2009 New Holland 9080, 620 duals, HD lateral tilt, long auger, toppe, c/w Swathmaster pick up header	\$169,000 (LL)
2011 New Holland CR9080, 620 duals, AutoGuide, deluxe chopper, HID lights, NH 790CP 15ft hdr	\$265,000 (SA)

HEADERS

2012 Case IH 2162 Header, 40ft, double knife, upper cross auger, seed saver kit, transport	\$79,500 (SC)
2013 Case IH 2162 Header, 40ft, double knife, upper cross auger, transport, 2 yrs usage	\$75,500 (SC)
2013 Case IH 2162 Header, 40ft, AFX adapter, rock retarder kit, upper cross auger, transport	\$85,000 (SA)
2011 Case IH 2162 Header, 40ft, double knife, upper cross auger, air reel, AFX adapter	\$65,900 (SC)
2009 Case IH 2162 Header, 40ft, single knife, cross auger, transport	\$68,000 (SA)
2008 Case IH 2162 header, 40ft, single knife, cross auger, transport	\$58,000 (SA)
2012 Case IH 2152 Header, 40ft, single knife, AHHC, AFX adapter, transport	\$62,900 (SC)
2012 Case IH 2152 Header, 35ft, single knife, hyd tilt, transport, cross auger, AFX adapter	\$57,500 (SC)
2008 Case IH 2142 Header, 30ft, 5 batt plastic, 23/2588 adapter, upper cross auger, transport	\$39,000 (ES)
2012 Case IH 3020 Header, 30ft, single knife drive, 6 batt reel, AWS air reel	\$34,500 (SC)
2010 Case IH 3020 Header, 35ft, pick up reel	\$39,500 (SC)
2009 Case IH 2020 Header, 35ft, trailer, pu reel	\$25,000 (SA)
2011 Case IH 3016 Header, PTO drive, fixed guage wheels, in cab hyd flotation, wind guard	\$29,900 (SC)
2010 Case IH 2016 Header, 16ft pick up, AHHC	\$22,900 (SA)
1988 Case IH 1020, 30ft, pick up reel	\$14,500 (SC)
1993 Case IH 1015 Header, IH pick up	\$6,500 (SC)
1999 Case IH 1010, 30ft, pick up reel	\$9,500 (SC)
2014 MacDon D65 Combine Header, 35ft, CA25 adapter, red transport, AFX adapter	\$87,500 (ES)
2007 HoneyBee SP40 Header, double knife, AFX adapter, Ull pu reel, hyd F&A, cross auger	\$47,000 (ES)
2006 HoneyBee SP36 Header, 36ft, Ull pick up reel, hyd fore & aft, transport, 2388 adapter	\$34,500 (SC)
2011 John Deere 635F Header, 35ft flex header, auto header height	\$30,750 (SC)
2007 New Holland GB36 Header, Ull pick up reel, plastic tines, F & A, 2588 adapter	\$35,900 (LL)

SWATHERS

2012 MacDon M205, turbo diesel, 750 Trimble autosteer, hydr swath roller, D60 40ft header, hyd fore & aft	\$169,000 (SA)
2011 MacDon M150, c/w D60 35ft, dual speed, pick up reel, tilt, large tires	\$135,000 (ES)
2013 MacDon M155, c/w D65 35ft, 6675 acres, 16.5L forked casters, hyd fore & aft, pick up reel	\$156,000 (SC)
2013 CIH WD1903, c/w DH362 header, deluxe cab, cab suspension, cold weather pkg	\$139,000 (SA)
2010 CIH WD2303, c/w DHX362 and HDX182 header, upgrade cab, cab suspension, deluxe mirrors	\$135,900 (SC)
2012 CIH WD1903, c/w DH362 header, cold start kit, sickle header adapter, stnd cab	\$130,000 (SA)
2008 Massey Ferguson 9220, c/w 30ft Schumacher header, 16.9x28 tires	\$73,000 (SA)
1998 Case IH 8825 Swather, c/w 30ft header, new knife, new guards, rebuilt wobble box, dbl swath	\$31,900 (SC)
1999 Case IH 8860 Swather, c/w 30ft header, pick up reel	\$45,000 (ES)
1995 Westward 9000 turbo, c/w MacDon 960 header, 36ft, 2439 engine hours	\$35,000 (ES)
2006 MacDon S30 Pull Type Swather, 30ft swather pick up reel	\$17,000 (SC)
1995 MacDon 2900 Swather, c/w 30ft header, turbo diesel, new canvas, mounted swath roller	\$22,900 (SA)
2006 MacDon 29521 Swather, c/w 30ft 972 header, pick up reel, keer sheer, JD AutoSteer, 573 cutting hours	\$89,500 (SC)

SPRAYERS

2012 Case IH FL4530 floater w/810, 750 tires, deluxe HID lights, rear fenders, 6 pc mud flaps	\$330,000 (SC)
2014 Case IH 4430, 120ft, luxury cab, pro 700, HID lights, AccuGuide Nav II, 372 receiver, OmniSTAR	\$395,000 (SC)
2012 Case IH 4430, 120ft, viper pro, auto guidance, 650 & 380 tires, chem eductor, 750 hours	\$339,000 (SC)
2012 Case IH 4430, 120ft, AimCommand, AutoBoom, AccuBoom, 620 tires, Pro 700, full GPS	\$329,000 (SC)
2011 Case IH 4420, 120ft, deluxe cab, viper pro, Aim Command, HID lighting, AccuBoom, fenders	\$299,000 (LL)

2010 Case IH 4420, 120ft, viper pro, HID lighting, 320 & 650 tires, chem eductor, turbo foam marker	\$275,000 (ES)
2009 Case IH 4420, 100ft, 2 sets of tires, Aim Command, HID lights, Viper, SmartTrax, 1600 hours	\$239,500 (ES)
2011 John Deere 4830, 100ft, 1000 gal stainless tank, chem eductor, SF1 guidance, 1244 hours	\$259,000 (SC)
2010 Case IH 3330, 120ft, luxury cab, Viper Pro, Aim Command, AutoBoom, 1200 hours	\$249,000 (SA)
2010 Case IH 4420, 100ft, 650 & 380 tires, AutoBoom, AccuBoom, AutoGuidance, WAAS, Viper	\$249,000 (SC)
2010 Case IH 3330, 100ft, deluxe cab, Viper Pro, Aim Command, AccuBoom	\$235,000 (LL)
2012 Apache 1020, 100ft, guidance, AutoBoom w/wheels, rear duals	\$195,000 (ES)
2008 Case IH 4420, 100ft, Aim Command, luxury cab, 380 duals, Envizio Pro Raven, chem eductor	\$189,900 (SC)
2005 Case IH 4410, 90ft, 380 tires, Aim Command, foam marker, boom lights	\$169,000 (LL)
2007 Rogator 1074, 120ft, stainless steel 1000 us gal tank, E Pro, 3-way nozzle, crop dividers	\$165,000 (SA)
2007 Apache 1010, 90ft, 1000 gal tank, 5 section shut off, S3 outback, 380 & 520 rear tires	\$135,900 (LL)
2005 Apache AS850, 90ft, 380 front tires, 320 rear tires, chem inductor, Outback S3 automate	\$119,000 (LL)
2012 Hagie DTS10, 90ft, 1000 gal stainless steel tank, 380 tires, Raven AutoGuidance, 812 hours	\$115,900 (SC)
2006 Apache AS710, 90ft, 750 gal tank, rear 380 rubber, Envizio pro height & section control	\$114,900 (LL)
2001 Wilmar 8500, 90ft, Trimble 500 Ezee Steer, Ezee boom, auto height, 825 gal, 320 & 650 tires	\$74,000 (SA)
2012 Case IH FL4520 floater, HID lighting, rear fenders, mud flaps, 810 tank, 1660 hours	\$285,000 (SC)
1996 RoGator 544, 80ft, crop dividers, 500 gal poly tank, outback E-drive	\$54,000 (SA)

PULL TYPE SPRAYERS

2007 New Holland SF216 pull type sprayer, 100ft, 1600 gal tank, chem eductor	\$17,500 (LL)
2005 Brandt 4000 pull type sprayer, 100ft, 1600 gallon, 9000 monitor, cones	\$19,500 (SA)
2005 Flexi-Coil 65 pull type sprayer, 100ft, foam markers, tips	\$4,800 (LL)

2WD TRACTORS

2013 Case IH MX340, luxury cab, PTO, 3 point hitch, single beacon light, MFD	\$269,800 (ES)
2014 Case IH Mag 290, 480 front duals, 710 rear duals, weights, 4 remotes, full AutoGuidance	\$254,500 (SC)
2014 Case IH Mag 180, deluxe cab, PTO, HID lights, 4 remotes, L785 loader w/grapple	\$199,500 (SC)
2013 Case IH MX235, luxury cab, PTO, 4 remotes, high cap pump, Nav II 372 receiver	\$196,000 (SA)
2012 Case IH Puma 215, PTO, high cap pump, deluxe cab, electronic joystick, 2381 hours	\$149,900 (SA)
2012 Case IH Puma 215, PTO, 4 electric remote, high cap pump, cab suspension, 2282 hours	\$149,900 (SA)
2013 Case IH Puma 145, 540/1000 PTO, w/L765 loader, deluxe cab, 4 remotes, 706 hours	\$139,000 (SA)
2009 Case IH Puma 140, MFD, loader & grapple, 4 remotes, front fenders, 98" bar axle, 4000 hours	\$85,500 (SC)
1998 Kubota M9580, MFWD, front end loader w/grapple, 2 rear remotes, 5800 engine hours	\$45,000 (ES)

4WD TRACTORS

2013 Case IH Steiger 500 Quad, 36" tracks, luxury cab, 6 elec remotes, hi-cap drawbar, 372 receiver	\$399,000 (SA)
2012 Case IH 500 Quad, 30" tracks, 6 remotes, PTO, guidance, Pro700, leather interior	\$390,000 (ES)
2014 Case IH Steiger 450, 800 duals, AutoGuidance w/pro 700, OmniSTAR receiver, full weights, 200 hrs	\$359,500 (SC)
2012 New Holland T9 560, PTO, AutoGuidance, weight pkg, twin pump, 800 metrics, 950 hours	\$334,500 (SC)
2012 John Deere 9510R, 800 duals, premium cab, auto guide, GS3, starfire receiver, weight pkg, 995 hrs	\$325,000 (SA)
2011 Case IH STX550, 36" tracks, deluxe cab, no PTO, 6 hyds, Pro 700, AutoGuidance, HID lights	\$320,000 (SC)
2013 Case IH Steiger 400, powershift, 520 triples, PTO, diff lock, 4 hyds, OmniSTAR receiver, Pro 700	\$309,000 (SC)
2012 Case IH Steiger 400, 710 duals, PTO, Pro 700, luxury cab, 262 receiver WAAS, 5 elec remotes	\$309,000 (LL)
2010 Case IH STX535, luxury cab, triples, HID lights, pro 600, no PTO, front & rear weights, 1973 hrs	\$289,000 (SC)
2011 New Holland T9 505, 710 duals, cloth interior, AutoGuidance, 4 remotes, high cap pump, Pro 300	\$279,500 (SC)
2008 Case IH 485HD, deluxe cab, 4 remotes, ballast 100lb per hp, HID lights, no PTO, Factory GPS	\$259,500 (SC)
2011 Case IH 485, deluxe cab, NO PTO, 262 receiver WAAS, 800 tires	\$255,000 (SA)
2011 New Holland T9050, 800 rubber, full AutoSteer, powershift, weights	\$250,000 (SA)
2010 New Holland T9060, 800 duals, HID lighting, suitcase weights, wheel weights, GPS, luxury cab	\$250,000 (LL)
2008 Case IH Steiger 535, 710 duals, gold signature edition, complete auto-guidance, 2505 hours	\$235,000 (SC)
1998 John Deere 9300, 710 duals, 4 remotes, 16ft 6 way Degelman blade, 7052 hours	\$105,000 (LL)

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 2014 FORESTER XT TURBO LIMITED MARINE BLUE
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 TURBO, LTD, NAV, LTHR, SR, FULLY LOADED
 WAS \$42,005
NOW \$40,005 EJ2XTE JUST ADD TAX
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 LTD VERSION, NAV, LTHR, SR, FULLY LOADED
 WAS \$31,564
NOW \$29,064 EF2LP JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$2,500

NEW 1 ONLY
 2014 IMPREZA LIMITED, HATCH DEEP SEA BLUE PEARL
 LTD VERSION, NAV, LTHR, SR, FULLY LOADED
 WAS \$32,464
NOW \$29,964 EG2LP JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$2,500

NEW 2 GREY / 1 BLUE / 1 BLACK
 2014 IMPREZA SPORT, HATCH
 SPORT VERSION, HATCHBACK, HEATED SEATS, SUN ROOF
 WAS \$29,464
NOW \$26,964 EG2SP JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$2,500

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 WAS \$29,464
NOW \$24,464 DG2SP JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$5,000

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 2014 LEGACY LIMITED WITH EYESIGHT, SEDAN, 4 CYL CARBIDE GRAY MET.
 LIMITED VERSION WITH EYESIGHT, NAV, LTHR, SR, FULLY LOADED
 WAS \$37,419
NOW \$33,919 EA2LE JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$3,500

NEW 1 ONLY
 2014 LEGACY LIMITED, 4 CYL, SEDAN SATIN WHITE
 LTD VERSION, NAV, LTHR, SR, FULLY LOADED
 WAS \$35,919
NOW \$32,419 EA2LN JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$3,500

NEW 1 ONLY
 2014 OUTBACK 3.6 LIMITED WITH EYESIGHT CARBIDE GRAY MET.
 LIMITED VERSION WITH EYESIGHT, NAV, LTHR, SR, FULLY LOADED, V6 ENGINE
 WAS \$43,419
NOW \$39,419 ED2L6 JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$4,000

NEW 1 GREY / 1 GREEN / 1 SILVER
 2014 OUTBACK 3.6 LIMITED WITH EYESIGHT
 LTD VERSION, NAV, LTHR, SR, FULLY LOADED V6 ENGINE
 WAS \$41,200
NOW \$37,200 ED2LN6 JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$4,000

NEW 2 ONLY
 2013 OUTBACK DETAIL WHITE
 LTD VERSION, NAV, LTHR, SR, FULLY LOADED V6 ENGINE
 WAS \$43,419
NOW \$36,419 DD2AE6 JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$7,000

NEW 1 ONLY
 2014 XV CROSSTREK HYBRID SATIN WHITE
 HYBRID VERSION, LOADED-ONLY ONE LEFT
 WAS \$33,861
NOW \$31,361 EX2HV JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$2,500

NEW GREY / DEMO 1 ONLY
 2014 XV CROSSTREK LIMITED DARK GREY
 LTD VERSION, NAV, LTHR, SR, FULLY LOADED
 WAS \$33,719
NOW \$31,219 EX2LP JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$2,500

2 NEW GREY / 1 DEMO WHITE TWO ONLY
 2014 XV CROSSTREK LIMITED
 LTD VERSION, NAV, LTHR, SR, FULLY LOADED
 WAS \$33,719
NOW \$31,219 EX2LP JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$2,500

NEW 1 ONLY
 2014 XV CROSSTREK SPORT ICE SILVER METALLIC
 SPORT VERSION, HATCHBACK, HEATED SEATS, SUN ROOF
 WAS \$31,219
NOW \$28,719 EX2SP JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$2,500

ONE NEW / ONE DEMO TWO ONLY
 2014 XV CROSSTREK SPORT DESERT KHAKI
 SPORT VERSION, HATCHBACK, HEATED SEATS, SUN ROOF
 WAS \$31,219
NOW \$28,719 EX2SP JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$2,500

NEW 1 ONLY
 2014 XV CROSSTREK SPORT SATIN WHITE
 SPORT VERSION, HATCHBACK, HEATED SEATS, SUN ROOF
 WAS \$31,219
NOW \$28,719 EX2SP JUST ADD TAX
 NO HAGGLE SAVINGS OF \$2,500

DEMO 1 ONLY
 2014 XV CROSSTREK DETAIL TANGERINE
 SPORT VERSION, HATCHBACK, HEATED SEATS, SUN ROOF
 WAS \$31,219
NOW CHECK EX2SP JUST ADD TAX
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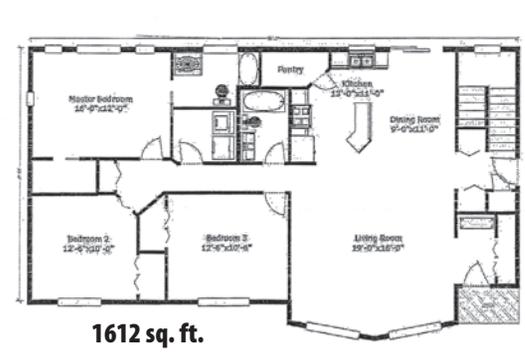
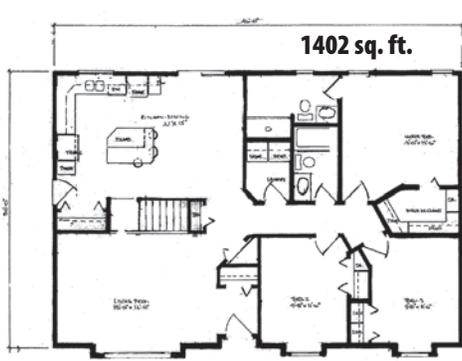
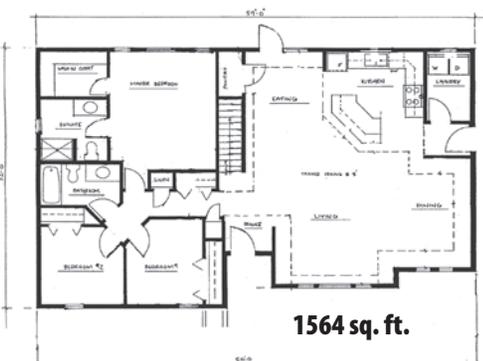
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LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER: Take notice that the following lands are hereby offered for sale by tender: 1. SW-31-49-11 W4, (approx 151 acres); 2. NW-32-49-11 W4 (approx 143 acres); 3. SW-32-49-11 W4 (160 acres); 4. NW-33-49-11 W4, (160 acres); 5. SW-33-49-11 W4 (160 acres). **General description of the property:** These five quarter sections of land are located in the County of Minburn, AB. The primary use of the land historically has been for agricultural purposes. Each of the parcels is subject to one or more Surface Leases. The Owner makes no representations or warranties of any kind in respect to any Surface Lease or Utility Right of Way. Interested Bidders are expected to conduct their own investigations concerning the suitability of the land for the use intended by any prospective Bidders. The parcels may be sold individually or in some combination. **Rules for bidders:** 1) Intended Bidders shall submit their sealed bids to: Engelking Wood #403, 9426 - 51 Avenue, Edmonton, AB, T6E 5A6. Attention: Murray L. Engelking. 2) Bids must be received at the offices of Engelking Wood no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, March 13, 2015. Bids received after that time on that date will not be considered. 3) Bids may be made for any individual parcel, any combination of parcels or all five parcels as a collective whole. 4) Bids must be unconditional stating the aggregate cash purchase for all of the parcels which are the subject of the Bid. 5) Bids must be accompanied by a deposit consisting of a bank draft or certified funds equivalent to ten (10%) percent of the Bid amount. In the event such Bid is accepted the deposit will be applied against the purchase price. In the event the Bid is not accepted the deposit will be returned to the unsuccessful Bidder. Deposits shall be payable to: Engelking Wood in Trust. 6) Bids must be accompanied by the Goods and Services Tax Registration Number of the Bidder. 7) Bids must be accompanied by an e-mail address to which notice can be provided to the Bidders. 8) The successful Bidder will be required to purchase the land subject of the successful Bidder's Bid for the amount stipulated in the successful Bid. Closing will take place within 30 days of acceptance. If the successful Bidder fails to close within 30 days of the notice of acceptance of the Bid, the deposit paid shall be forfeited. All usual adjustments will be made on Closing. 9) Any bids which are not compliant with these rules will be rejected as ineligible. 10) The highest or any Bid will not necessarily be accepted and the Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid. 11) Notice of Acceptance of any Bid will be communicated by e-mail to the successful Bidder by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. 12) Once submitted a Bid which otherwise complies with these rules may not be withdrawn. Inquiries may be directed to: Engelking Wood, #403, 9426 - 51 Avenue, Edmonton, AB. T6E 5A6, Attention: Murray L. Engelking. Phone: 780-434-7377, Fax: 780-434-7424, E-mail: mengelking@engwd.ca

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ID#1100355 PINCHER CREEK: Subdivision in place on 400 acres next to the Old Man River. There are 28 lots ready to put on title. Natural gas up to subdivision, and 11 lots have gas to property line. Lot sizes are 3 to 4.5 acres. **ID#1100356 CRANFORD:** Prime location with executive home and buildings with offices to run any business. Home is 3590 sq. ft., 3300 sq. ft. state of the art warehouse with 6 offices, 2 heated shops, 2 hay sheds, quonset, horse barn, pump house, steel bins, 3 pivots. 446 total acres, 416 acres water rights. **ID#1100282 ROLLING HILLS:** Crop Farm, 5 quarters deeded and 3 quarters grazing lease! Great opportunity to own a nice block of land including 634 acres of EID water rights, home, garage, shop, quonset, and irrigation equipment. Approx 1220 acres. **ID#1100354 LETHBRIDGE:** 150.13 acres of prime land with 147 acres of SMIRD water rights, Reinke Pivot, 460 pumping unit, underground mainline and genset. Land currently rented out for the next 2 growing seasons/years. **ID#1100329 VEGREVILLE:** Nice farm with older bungalow, garage, heated workshop, and storage facility. Mobile home has its own well, gas and power. Gas surface lease revenue of \$2800/year and power lines lease of \$1300/year. 155 total acres, 145 acres cultivated. **Soil #2. MLS® Real Estate Centre, 1-866-345-3414, www.farmrealestate.com**

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RM OF MOOSE RANGE #486. Four quarters, approx. 640 cultivated acres. NE-12-50-09-W2, SW-35-49-09-W2, NE-34-49-09-W2, SE-34-49-09-W2. Also have land to be rented. Closing Date: March 20, 2015. For more info. call 306-768-3442. Please submit offer to email: jascal.janet@gmail.com Highest or any offer not necessarily accepted.

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LAND FOR CASH RENT by Tender: NW-13-10-21 W2, SK., RM of Caldeonia No. 099. Please submit tenders in writing to: Dellenne Church Law Office Inc., Box 742, 200 Garfield Street, Davidson, SK. S0G 1A0. Tenders will be accepted until 4:00 PM January 30th, 2015. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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LAND FOR CASH RENT by Tender: NE-04-14-13-W3, SE-04-14-13-W3, NE-09-14-13-W3, SE-09-14-13-W3, RM of Swift Current #137. Submit tenders to: B. Roach, 306 Hochelaga St W, Moose Jaw, SK, S6H 2G7. Tenders accepted until Feb. 5, 2015. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. 306-693-6075.

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RM OF MANITOU LAKE HILLSDALE: One block of 8 quarters with over 900 cult. acres. Tender closes Feb. 5, 2015. Details at www.hindertender.ca Vern McClelland, Associate Broker Re/Max, Lloydminster, 306-821-0611.

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RM LAKE LENORE 399, SE-10-40-20-W2, high assess. Written tenders accepted to February 22, 2015. Lesa Altroge, RR 7 Site 707 Comp 64, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 1N2. 306-242-3462. Highest or any offers not necessarily accepted.

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IRRIGATION FARM FOR Sale. Irrigation farm with 5 centre pivots all in one block! Part of the Riverhurst Irrigation District which supplies water to over 10,000 acres in the area from a centralized pump station on Lake Diefenbaker, SK. MLS# 517472. Laura Sawatzky Realtor® \$2,750,000. 306-631-2529, Riverhurst, SK. laura@globaldirectrealty.com www.globaldirectrealty.com

RM OF SHELLBROOK No. 493. Just listed one quarter 17 miles NE of Shellbrook on No. 240. Approx. 155 acres cultivated, 2 acres of partially sheltered yard with a 1-1/2 storey older home built in 1925 with a closed-in veranda. Power, sewer, water, phone, internet and bored well. 2 hopper bins and 1 steel flat bottom bin (approx. 5200 bu). A 53x8x9' sea can storage container, wired 220. What an investment and a quiet retreat. MLS#520347. Call Lloyd Ledinski, Re/Max of the Battlefords, North Battleford 306-446-8800 or 306-441-0512.

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FARMLAND FOR SALE BY TENDER: RM of Miry Creek #229: All section 22-21-21-W3. Heavy clay soil. Total assessment 410,700, includes gas well surface lease, wood quonset, 3 hopper bins, 1 fertilizer bin. One mile East of Lancer, SK. on #32 Highway. Tenders to be submitted on or before 2:00 PM, February 19, 2015. Tender details may be viewed on www.royallepageswiftcurrent.ca or contact Len Rempel at 306-741-6358 or lenrempe@sasktel.net. Royal LePage Southland, 2065 N Service Road W, Swift Current, SK. S9H 5K8. www.royallepageswiftcurrent.ca

LAND FOR CASH RENT by tender: RM of In-singer #275, NE-10-29-9 W2; NW-10-29-9 W2; SW-10-29-9 W2. Submit offers, for 3 year term to: bettilyn2000@hotmail.com

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RM OF PONASS LAKE, 319 acres, NW-18-39-13-W2, NE-24-39-14-W2, assess. 166,800. Approx. 205 cult. acres. Old yard site. Land located 2 miles West of Nora, asking \$240,000. 306-873-2678, Tisdale, SK. www.century21.ca/tisdaleagencies

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RM OF #308. For sale SE-7-32-18-W2, 152 acres, fenced, dugout, corrals, along major Hwy. #6. Submit tenders to: Box 939, Wynyard, SK. S0A 4T0. Tenders close Feb. 27, 2015. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Ph. 306-328-4462.

FSBO RM CRAIK 222, SE/SW-35-23-29-W2, grainland, 300 seeded acres, no lease. SAMA assess 156,500. 5860 bu. steel bins. Offers by Jan 31, no agents. More info. call Greg at 403-921-1604, Calgary, AB.

RM FOAM LAKE: SW-6-29-10-W2, 155 cult. acres, power, water, phone, 40x60' wood arch rib shop, 4- Westeel 3300 bu. bins, 2-Butler 4200 bu. bins; SW-7-29-10-W2, 157 cult. acres. Eric 306-272-7038, Foam Lake.

RM CALEDONIA #99- 480 acres. Assess. 256,400. Asking \$1275/acre. Call Keith Bartlett, 306-535-5707 at Sutton Group Results Realty, Regina, SK.

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FARMLAND FOR SALE by tender, 265 acres, RM of Mountain View #318. NW-10-33-16-W3, Assess. 66,100; SW-10-33-16-W3, Assess. 65,600. For tender details email: czechradis@hotmail.com 306-920-0409, Melfort, SK.

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LAND FOR SALE OR RENT BY TENDER, RM of Snipe Lake 259, Section 3-26-21, SW-10-26-21, Sec. 33-25-21, E1/2-35-25-21, NE-36-25-21, SW-36-25-21, Sec. 6-26-20, S1/2-30-26-20. Written tenders accepted to February 20, 2015. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Send tenders to: 28 Sundance Rd SW, Medicine Hat, T1B 4V5. For more info 403-529-7134

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FARM/RANCH 8016

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ABOVE: Naga boys climb a tree to collect cherry blossoms Dec. 24 in the Naga Self-Administered Zone in northwest Myanmar. In Myanmar, about 120,000 people live in the Naga Self-Administered Zone in Sagaing Division where they survive mainly by subsistence farming and hunting. | REUTERS/SOE ZEYA TUN PHOTO



LEFT: A man races a pair of buffalo as he participates in Kambala, an annual buffalo race conducted to mark the end of the harvest season on the outskirts of the southern Indian city of Mangalore Jan. 3. | REUTERS/ABHISHEK CHINNAPPA PHOTO

RIGHT: A Zimbabwean girl prepares food beside burnt and demolished makeshift shelters at Manzou Farm in Mazowe Jan. 8. About 200 families are facing eviction from a farm near Harare after the government stated that the land was earmarked for a game park and was declared a national heritage. Critics say the villagers are being forced out to make more space for the president's wife, Grace, who owns the adjacent land. | REUTERS/PHILIMON BULAWAYO PHOTO



BELOW, LEFT: Palestinian farmer Sameer Abu Safi inspects the damage to his tomato field following a snowstorm in the West Bank village of Tammon Jan. 11. | REUTERS/ABED OMAR QUSINI PHOTO

BELOW, RIGHT: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un visits a newly built Pyongyang City mushroom farm in this undated photo released Jan. 10 by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency.

MANURE

E.coli vaccine effective but underused, says researcher

Farmers, consumers all have role to play when it comes to food safety

BY TARYN RIEMER
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

In 2012, Canada experienced its largest beef recall of the year, all because of E. coli.

XL Foods Inc. in Brooks, Alta., was shut down and its license temporarily suspended for several months that fall.

The plant was not to be reopened until the Canadian Food Inspection Agency was certain it could produce safe food for Canadians.

Consumers called for higher food safety in all plants after this incident, which started with E. coli.

E. coli can live in animals such as cattle and not harm them.

However, certain strains, such as E. coli O157, can be found in cattle's manure and can make people sick if they ingest it.

The process starts with cattle on the farm, which take E. coli with them when they are transported to packing plants.

Tim McAllister, a principal research scientist with Agriculture Canada, said a vaccine is available that can stop the bacteria from mak-

ing the trip.

However, it is not widely used.

"Its efficacy across all these various production systems is also questionable," McAllister said.

"It may work under some circumstances, but it doesn't work under all circumstances."

Feedlot operators may try to reduce the amount of E. coli that travels to packing plants by keeping tag off their animals, but this isn't necessarily supported by science.

Dr. Joyce Van Donkersgoed, a veterinarian specializing in advanced bovine medicine and epidemiology, said there is no research that shows a hide that is cleaned reduces the risk of spreading E. coli.

"We find actually with dry hides, when the hide is removed ... the bacteria can be in the dust and you can actually have higher contamination on a carcass with dry, clean, apparently clean looking, hide than you do with dirty hides," said Donkersgoed.

Reynold Bergen, science director with the Beef Cattle Research Council, said studies have found increased E. coli shedding during transporta-

tion, but he doesn't know if that is just because cattle have more bowel movements in the trailer.

Bergen said the main way to protect consumers from E. coli is to adequately clean carcasses at the slaughter plant.

Safety measures are in place to make sure this happens, but the 2012 XL outbreak showed they are not fool proof.

Bergen said everybody has a role to play from farm to plate when it comes to food safety.

Donkersgoed said packing plants need to do their part in keeping food safe, but consumers also have to cook their food properly.

"The consumer has a role to play, you know, to make sure they cook their meat properly. It's no different with chicken," she said.

"We know it has salmonella so you never ... eat raw chicken. You cook your chicken properly."

Consumers now have instructions on mechanically tenderized meat that informs them how long they need to cook a steak for it to be safe.

This packaging came into effect following the XL recall.

MANURE

Company develops filtration system to turn manure into water

BY RON LYSENG
WINNIPEG BUREAU

The reverse osmosis system used for processing liquid manure is considerably bigger than the drinking water filter many people install under their kitchen sinks.

The two common products exiting all manure separation systems are solids and liquids. In most cases, both can be used as fertilizer without further processing. However, both can also be refined further to concentrate the nutrients or make them more environmentally friendly.

At a cost of \$2 million, the Verkooyen manure brokerage company in Holland developed a large scale reverse osmosis plant capable of processing 22 million gallons per year. The facility includes two 440,000 gallon tanks and costs about \$200,000 annually to operate, most of which goes to filters and a polymer additive.

Liquid is pumped from a separation plant to the reverse osmosis plant, where it runs through a paper filtration and a conventional reverse osmosis system. The reverse osmosis system is basically the same as that used by custom spray applicators to clean water in their sprayers.

The concentrate that doesn't make it through the filters contains all the nutrients that aren't in the pile of solids, mainly inorganic nitrogen and potassium.

The product contains 80 pounds of inorganic nitrogen (ammonia) per 1,000 gallons of liquid, which is valued at the going rate for a pound of nitrogen. It's typically applied to potatoes at a rate of 2,000 gallons per acre, which equates to 160 pounds total nitrogen per acre.

The concentrate also contains 90 pounds of potassium (K₂O) per 1,000 gallons of liquid. One important characteristic, however, is that it contains no phosphorus pentoxide (P₂O₅) at all.

The significance is that university research in Holland is convincing the government that the concentrate should no longer be classified as a manure product. Because of the reverse osmosis processing, it is far enough removed from manure that it should be classified simply as a fertilizer. If the change comes about, it will expand the possible uses of the concentrate and open up a lot of farm acres. This in turn will open up a lot of processing opportunities for livestock manure.

The other product coming out of the reverse osmosis facility is the one we normally think of as the main product of reverse osmosis, that being clean drinkable water. Water coming out of the Verkooyen plant runs through an ion exchange to remove any final bit of ammonia. It's then released back into nature as pure, clean H₂O.

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MANURE

Manure stains? Use a little elbow grease

BY MARY MACARTHUR
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Manure doesn't always land in a nice pile on the ground. Sometimes it ends up on jeans, jackets, shirts and hats.

The author of several books on stain removal says most manure stains can be removed from clothing with the correct cleaner and a little elbow grease.

Reena Nerbas of Blumenort, Man., who has written a series of *Household Solutions* stain removal books, said a few simple rules can help when dealing with manure stains.

Soak the garment in cold water and

then wash it in warm water using a heavy-duty detergent.

If the stain is still there, Nerbas recommends applying 1/4 teaspoon of dish soap and 1/4 cup of warm water to the area.

Then pour 1/4 cup of three percent hydrogen peroxide and one tablespoon of household ammonia onto the stain. Place the clothing in a plastic bag overnight and wash it as usual.

"Sometime you can get the stain out just by soaking it with dish soap and water," she said.

"Even if it doesn't work on the first try, try it again."

Nerbas said clothes should never be put in the dryer until the stain is gone. The heat of the dryer will set the stain and make it much more difficult to remove.

"If it's a \$5 t-shirt, you're not going to spend a whole lot of time or money getting the stain out, but if it's something that means a whole lot, you have a great chance of getting that stain out," she said.

"Almost any stain can come out, but it may take a little bit of time, and just don't put it in the dryer."

Nerbas said her cleaning tips come from her degree in home economics and letters from the readers of a

newspaper column she has written for 13 years. Many of her readers pass on tips used by their grandparents.

"It is what our grandparents used to use and it sometimes works better than what we use now," she said.

"Often times we use what we see on the commercials. If we think about how our grandmothers didn't have washing machines, in a lot of cases, they had to use products that were easily accessible and elbow grease and their clothes lasted a lot longer, in many cases."

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MANURE

Filter belt makes manure separation a simple task

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One of the simplest systems for treating hog and dairy manure is a filter belt, consisting mainly of a perforated conveyor belt.

It is simple and effective. It separates manure into 20 percent solid material, 30 percent mineral content and 50 percent clean water.

Raw manure is mixed in the collection tank to create a homogenous product. At this point, a polymer is added to help remove phosphorus. To ensure the mixture remains consistent, the collection tank is never allowed to drop below half full.

The manure then transfers to the filter belt press. The solids are sent by conveyor to be piled in a different room. The liquid drains and transfers to a flotation tank where additional sludge bubbles to the top and is skimmed off. This sludge goes back to the filter belt press for more solids removal.

The solids can be applied to the land without further processing. Depending on soil tests, the application rate varies from 1.8 tonnes per acre to 9.1 tonnes per acre.

The solid manure tests at 24 pounds total nitrogen per tonne. It has 40 pounds per tonne of P2O5 and dry matter content of 30 percent. Heating is not a problem because there is not much straw or other carbon elements in the mix.

The centrally located facility was developed by a company called Kumac and is operated by the manure broker called Verkooyen. Although the filter belt is constructed to handle 22 million gallons annually, it is operating at 5.5 million gallons.

Plans are to construct an adjacent facility to heat the solids to 75 C for one hour so the manure can be exported to Germany.

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MANURE

Is hog industry expansion limited by legislation?

BY ED WHITE
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Manitoba's hog industry is living in the dimming twilight of an era of expansion that made it one of North America's engines of productivity and efficiency.

Regulations that have prevented new barns from being built for more than five years have caused the industry to contract.

"We're still in the limbo situation we've been in since 2008," said Manitoba Pork Council manager Andrew Dickson.

The provincial government brought in a Red River Valley hog barn moratorium in 2008 and then extended it to the entire province in 2011's infamous Save Lake Winnipeg Act.

The government claimed hog manure was a significant cause of Lake Winnipeg's nutrification problems when it explained why hog producers, but not other livestock industries, were singled out by the legislation and regulations.

Most scientific analyses of Lake Manitoba's problems do not identify hog manure as a particularly significant source of phosphorus loading.

Tougher manure-spreading regulations are adding to farmers' woes. They switched the control focus from nitrogen to phosphorus, forcing producers to find thousands more acres on which to spread manure.

That was possible in some areas, but producers in the hog-heavy Red River Valley found they couldn't find enough land on which to spread the lower amounts of manure they were allowed.

However, they were stymied by the moratorium if they considered moving their barns farther west, where there are few hog barns, active interest from crop farmers for the manure and areas that are phosphorus-deficient.

Dickson said the industry is frustrated and unsure what to do. The only way a new barn can be built is if it incorporates an anaerobic manure biodigester, but those don't work well for hog manure and are too expensive to justify.

In the meantime, farmers have become cautious as thousands of barns age toward the end of their natural lives.

"Producers are looking to the future. Decisions have to be made very soon as to whether they're going to replace their existing barns or just fix them up as best they can and operate them until they collapse," said Dickson.

"Right now the attitude is, 'we're not doing anything, and we'll fix up what we've got, and try to make it last longer.'"

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MANURE

High-capacity screw press helps dairy farm deal with waste

BY RON LYSENG
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Scott Dick and Cliff Loewen of Agra-Gold Consulting travelled to Europe in 2013 to investigate manure treatment technologies for the Manitoba Livestock Manure Management Initiative.

In Holland, they visited a dairy farm with a 75 cow herd that is one of the few livestock operations in that country with enough land to accommodate all the manure the animals produce.

Dick and Loewen found that although the dairy farm had enough acres of clay soil to legally apply all

the manure, there wasn't enough winter storage capacity to handle all the raw material. Managers of the farm had determined that they could extract 120 tonnes of solids by running 500 tonnes of raw dairy manure through a high capacity screw press plant.

Regulations dictated that these solids could be applied to the land straight out of the separator, as long as they were plowed in immediately. This isn't a problem because the ground seldom freezes solid.

A local fruit grower will take the excess solids as long as the dairy farmer delivers for free.

Liquid from the screw presses has a

low percentage of organic nitrogen and is applied to forage crops the next summer.

The farm's owners decided to contract out the manure management rather than investing heavily in their own on-farm system.

They made a deal with Verkooyen, a long-established custom manure brokerage firm, to build and own a mobile separator that the farm would pay \$211 per hour to use.

Verkooyen started with six Doda screw presses mounted on the flat deck of a semi truck and eventually added four more screw presses. The unit cost \$462,000 without the truck.

Manure is pumped to the mobile

unit and fed through the 10 screw presses, which have a total capacity of 33,000 gallons per hour. Solids come off the tail end of the rig and dump into a field spreader. The spreader is also a rental unit, which helped lower the dairy's capital investment.

Verkooyen said the unit doesn't work as well with pig manure because it has a lower solid percentage and less fibre.

Performance is also reduced if corn is not part of the diet. Fibre is required for the screw press to operate efficiently.

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TRADE

U.S. rules open Cuba to agricultural exports

New regulations loosen restrictions on American travel and trade into Cuba

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Reuters) — The United States has announced details of measures designed to ease sanctions on Cuba, opening up the communist-ruled island to more agricultural trade from the U.S., as well as travel, trade and financial activities.

Defying hardline critics in Congress, U.S. president Barack Obama made good on his commitment last month to loosen restrictions on dealings with Cuba as part of a historic effort to end decades of hostility.

The 54-year-old U.S. embargo on Cuba will remain in place — only Congress can lift it.

But the package of regulations issued by the treasury and commerce departments, announced Jan. 15 to take effect Jan. 16, will allow U.S. exports of telecommunications, agricultural and construction equipment, permit expanded travel by Americans to the island and open banking relations.

It was the first tangible U.S. step to implement economic changes Obama pledged on Dec. 17 when he and Cuban president Raul Castro announced plans to restore diplomatic relations between the old Cold War foes.

"Today's announcement takes us one step closer to replacing out-of-date policies that were not working and puts in place a policy that helps promote political and economic freedom for the Cuban people," said U.S. treasury secretary Jacob Lew.

The new regulations will allow Americans to travel to Cuba for any of a dozen specific reasons, without



Vendors arrange produce at a farmers market in Havana Jan. 15. The United States has rolled out a sweeping set of measures to significantly ease sanctions on Cuba. | REUTERS/STRINGER PHOTO

first obtaining a special licence from the U.S. government.

But general tourism will still be banned.

John McAuliff, executive director of the fund for reconciliation and development, which has organized trips to Cuba, said that apart from

Cuban-Americans visiting relatives, most other Americans would still be corralled into escorted group tours.

In addition, a changed definition of "cash in advance" payments required by Cuban buyers could help businesses, most notably U.S. agriculture,

gain greater access to Cuban markets. The largest U.S. meat processor, Tyson Foods Inc, which already does some business with Cuba, hailed the changes.

Reaction from the U.S. business community, which had pressed the administration to open up Cuban

markets, was positive but tempered with caution.

"The regulations were welcome and they went even farther than was articulated in the president's announcement," said Jake Colvin, vice-president at the National Foreign Trade Council. "But now it will depend on the reality on the ground in Cuba."

There was no immediate official reaction from Havana, but some ordinary Cubans welcomed the changes.

"If more Americans can come here, that means more customers, and this will be good for the economy," said Orlando Veliz, a cook for a private restaurant in Havana.

The announcement came after the Obama administration said Cuba had fulfilled its promise to free 53 political prisoners and a week before high-level U.S.-Cuba talks in Havana aimed at normalizing ties, including discussions on when to reopen embassies.

Under other changes, U.S. travelers will be allowed to bring home small numbers of the Cuban cigars that are highly rated by aficionados.

It will also be easier for U.S. companies to export mobile phone devices and software, as well as to provide internet services in Cuba.

In an expansion of remittances allowed, Americans will now be able to send up to \$8,000 to Cuba a year, up from \$2,000 previously, and bring \$10,000 with them when they travel to the country. They will also be able to use credit and debit cards.

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AGRONOMY

Monsanto's new herbicide tolerant crops approved in U.S.

(Reuters) — Monsanto has received final U.S. approval for herbicide tolerant crops that will be used with a new herbicide the company says will fight problematic weed resistance.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said the genetically modified cotton and soybean plants are granted "non-regulated" status. Monsanto is still waiting for final approval from the Environmental Protection Agency for the herbicide it designed to be used with the crops.

As well, the company is still awaiting approval from Chinese regulators to allow imports of the new soybeans. China is a key buyer of U.S. soybeans, but the country has shown reluctance to approve imports of new GM crops.

Monsanto developed the new soybeans and cotton to resist a new herbicide that combines dicamba and glyphosate and which Monsanto is branding as components of the "Roundup Ready Xtend crop system."

The new products are aimed at combatting the millions of acres of weeds that have grown resistant to Monsanto's glyphosate-based Roundup, which has been used

extensively on the company's GM corn, soybeans and cotton varieties.

Monsanto's Xtend system has drawn intense opposition from many consumer, environmental and farmer groups, who say using more herbicides on weeds will only increase weed resistance over the long term. Increased herbicide use also brings increased risks of health problems and environmental pollution, they say.

"The pesticide treadmill spins on, and that's great news for Monsanto," said Gary Ruskin, executive director of U.S. Right to Know, a food issue research group.

Projections made by the USDA and Monsanto indicate that the new Xtend system will increase dicamba use in cotton by 14 times current levels. As well, use in soybeans is expected to surge by up to 500 times current levels.

The Pesticide Action Network said this will increase pesticide exposure risk to farm families.

As well, fruit, nut and vegetable growers who argued against approval say dicamba drifts easily and will damage their farm fields.

Monsanto has said it is teaching growers about proper herbicide use to reduce drift.

CATTLE PRODUCTION

Veterinarian dismisses apple cider vinegar claim

Health benefits from feeding product to livestock abound on the internet, but animal health experts say nothing is proven

BY ROBERT ARNASON

BRANDON BUREAU

Treating cattle with apple cider vinegar is the equivalent of wearing a magnetic bracelet, says a University of Saskatchewan veterinarian.

It does no harm, but it won't do any good.

Dozens of websites claim apple cider vinegar is a wonder product, which offers a long list of nutritional and therapeutic benefits. For example, www.vinegarguys.com says adding apple cider vinegar to livestock's water supply will:

- Increase rate of gain.
- Prevent scours.
- Prevent and eliminate all forms of internal and external parasites.
- Boost immunity and disease resistance.
- Is a rich source of potassium, which helps cattle build strength and fight off bacteria.
- May improve the texture and flavour of meat.

Chris Clark, a large animal internal medicine specialist at the University of Saskatchewan's Western College of Veterinary Medicine, said the claims are interesting, but lack scientific evidence.

"I did a fairly extensive search, looking for stuff, and I can't find anything in the published literature."

Clark said apple cider vinegar has supporters in New Zealand and Australia, but he hasn't heard much about its use in Western Canada.

"The organic kind of guys are the drivers of this," Clark said.

"The organic people have a specific issue... They're trying to avoid using these products so they're always looking for an alternative."

Proponents say apple cider vinegar works by increasing the amount of acetic acid in the rumen, which enhances nutritional uptake and bolsters the immune system for sheep and cattle.

Tim McAllister, a ruminant nutrition specialist with Agriculture Canada in Lethbridge, said the theory is flawed because ruminants don't need additional acid.

"I would question that (concept) because there's already a lot of acetic acid produced in the rumen."

Clark agreed, explaining that acetic acid is produced through fermentation in the rumen.

"You're adding something that's already there."

John Vanleeuwen, a veterinarian and ruminant health management expert at the University of Prince Edward Island, said there is anecdotal evidence around apple cider vinegar but veterinarians rely on science rather than stories.



Veterinarians say alternative products may not do any harm, but they are dangerous if producers use them instead of regular treatments. | FILE PHOTO

"I don't know much about organic treatments for cattle because there is usually very little scientific evidence that they work," he said.

"At vet school we try to impress upon the students the importance of evidence-based medicine, as much as possible."

Clark said the nutritional claims regarding potassium are puzzling. Apple cider vinegar may contain

potassium but ruminants eat plants.

"The first line in anybody's discussion of feeding apple cider vinegar is that it's high in potassium," he said.

"Cattle rations are high in potassium. Any plant material is incredibly high in potassium."

While he remains skeptical, Clark said there is one potential nutritional benefit from apple cider vinegar. Adding it to a tank of water might reduce the amount of algae in the water and improve the taste, which could increase water consumption.

Websites promoting apple cider vinegar also say it can prevent or cure nearly every livestock malady, including scours, pink eye, parasites, mastitis and retained placenta.

Clark said broad spectrum health claims, both in human and animal medicine, are usually a massive, red flag.

"When you look at those websites, it would appear that apple cider vinegar can cure every disease that cattle get, which always makes me slightly dubious."

Clark said it's difficult to comprehend how apple cider vinegar could control internal parasites. Some websites recommend dosages of three to six ounces per day per animal. Clark said that's nothing for a 1,300 lb. animal.

"The dilution effect when it hits the rumen, for it to have that kind of effect on internal parasites, I find it questionable."

He said entrepreneurs who tout and sell apple cider vinegar could do a simple, two-step experiment to test parasite control:

- Collect fecal samples and determine how many parasite eggs are in the feces.
- Treat with apple cider vinegar, wait 10 days and check the feces again for parasite eggs.

"When we're talking about ... the commercially available de-wormers, that should drop the number of eggs in the feces by greater than 90 percent," Clark said.

"That's what we consider to be effective treatment."

Farmers often defend using alternative treatments by pointing out that it won't do any harm.

Clark agreed that apple cider vinegar would not harm sheep or cattle, but choosing to use it instead of a scientifically proven product can have deadly consequences.

"Parasites are a significant metabolic drain on animals," he said.

"With the small ruminants ... the consequences of extreme intestinal parasites can be fatal."

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FAR LEFT: At 50 feet wide, the new Honey Bee Airflex, also available in smaller dimensions, is one of the largest headers on the market. **ABOVE:** The cutter bar flexes separately from the draper units and knives are set very low, so it can cut very short crops or those podded well down on the plants without a high angle of attack. **LEFT:** Air bags fed from an electrically powered compressor manage the flex system, allowing for easy control in changing conditions. | HONEY BEE PHOTOS

MACHINERY

Honey Bee goes big, cuts weight

Saskatchewan company builds a 50 foot wide combine header while keeping it lightweight

BY MICHAEL RAINE
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Getting some air is generally not something producers are looking for with their combines' flex headers.

Growers don't want gaps with the ground when they are down low harvesting the last of the lentils, peas, chickpeas or soybeans.

A new combine header from Honey Bee of Frontier, Sask., is causing some buzz with farmers. The Airflex uses airbags to keep it floating along the contours of the field.

However, producers attending last week's Crop Production Show in Saskatoon were largely stopping to check out the header because of its size.

At 50 feet wide, the giant flex header is still fairly light, which Glenn Honey says makes it appealing to farmers.

"We engineered the weight out of

the Airflex drapers," he said.

"Flex headers have a tendency to be heavy in the first place, and we wanted to improve on that. In the end we improved on every part of it."

The Airflex's onboard systems were reduced, losing a lot hydraulic lines and other drive components.

Moving all the heavy drive components to the centre of the machine helped the Honeys avoid having to support that extra weight on the outboard ends.

Knife and reel drives are in the middle of the unit, which allows the company to narrow up the crop dividers and shorten the units overall. The mechanical, reversible drive also saves weight.

An electric compressor runs the air bags that provide control and suspension of the header design. The Airflex has a nine inch total travel on the knife.

The systems are all independent

when it comes to drapers, knife and reel speed.

A shaped shield at the top of the table's back guides crop into the feeder and keeps it from rising over the top. The shield replaces a pea auger, which is found on many draper headers.

"There is a lot of research and development in the shape and location of (that shield)," Honey said.

"It alone cut the weight and maintenance of a header."

The units are also available in 30, 36, 40 and 45 foot widths, which range in price from \$109,000 to \$129,000. However, the price of the 50 foot width wasn't available at press time.

Weight of the units varies from 6,400 to 8,400 pounds.

"Engineering the weight out also engineered some of the price out, too," he said.

The company also lightened up the centre-drive reel.

"It is the lightest design we have seen, and you can have any finger spacing you want. Doubling up (the fingers) to clear the cutter bar is easily done. You can go to 2.5 inches on every other bat, you name it," said Honey.

Honey Bee's Automatix controller manages the header.

A push button unit allows the operator to take the machine from rigid to flex from the cab, while sensors keep the header height optimized in either cutting mode.

"We have a little weather channel on there that monitors conditions for you," he said.

"It can remind you in the evening when it's likely time to shut down."

A built-in cart system helps transport the headers. A pair of wheels is rolled into place in the centre of the unit, and a hitch and wheel set attaches to the operator's left side of the header.

"We wanted it fast and easy to use. It has the built in lights and electric brakes," said Honey.

LED stubble lights are standard.

Testing in soybeans last fall showed that growers running the 50 foot units were able to move faster than they could with smaller headers.

"Some folks might want to slow down and get wider, but we found they could keep the crop feeding and pick up the speed," he said.

"The draper is able to move a lot of material."

Honey said the flex headers are "tough enough to do the job" despite the light weight.

"We didn't cut where it would compromise the life of the machines."

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MACHINERY

Kit converts beet, corn planter to canola

Prairie-built disc kit helps canola growers manage seed spacing and singulation

BY RON LYSENG
WINNIPEG BUREAU

Despite the recent flurry of interest in turning old corn planters into dedicated canola planters, most farmers are limited by cost and availability of the necessary parts.

But the efforts of two farmers from Lettler, Man., may soon change that. Their Red River Valley (RRV) Canola Disc is a relatively low-cost kit that converts old JD vacuum planters into a dedicated canola planters.

The RRV Canola Disc company consists of just two young farmers, Jeff Calder and Kerry Cadieux, working in their shop and experimenting with ways to improve performance in of their old JD beet planters.

To date, they've only compared plots on their own farms and at nearby neighbours. They've focused their efforts on reducing seeding rates without harming yields.

In side-by-side trials since 2004, they have used seeding rates of five pounds per acre through the air seeder and 2.5 pounds per acre through their home grown RRV Canola Disc planter. In test after test, the yield has come out about the

same, meaning there is a net saving of 2.7 pounds of canola seed per acre.

Although a larger crop wasn't their goal, the vacuum planter plots have sometimes experienced a slight yield advantage over the air seeder plots. The best advantage so far has been a seven bushel benefit in favour of the modified JD beet planter.

In the tests the company conducted, the RRV Canola Disc conversion kit saved seed, provided better in-row spacing and better seed depth control than an air drill.

As well, a growing body of research from all canola-growing regions shows that singulation, which means metering out one seed at a time into the seed tube, is critical in growing a good crop.

And the price is less than buying a new planter just for canola or buying one of the established higher cost conversion kits on the market.

The RRV list price for the new disc only, is \$70. Each complete row unit with the disc and knockout wheel is \$100. That's about one-third the price of the leading supplier for these kinds of specialty parts.

The developers of the RRV Canola Disc said their proximity to the Red



The Red River Valley Canola Disc was built by Jeff Calder and Kerry Cadieux of Lettler, Man. | RRV PHOTO

River and 49th parallel means their family farms had once been in the hotbed of sugar beet production. When Manitoba's sugar beet plant shut down 20 years ago, some of those beet planters went on to plant corn, and a small handful went into canola duty with the original 45 hole beet metering discs.

Calder said he and Cadieux tried putting canola seed through metering disks intended for sugar beets on their old JD vacuum planters. But with only 45 tiny holes per disc, seed-

ing canola with beet metering discs was frustrating because of the slow speed at only three m.p.h.

Their first major development step in a new canola seed disc was to double the number of holes from 45 to 90, allowing speed to nearly double. The other significant problem with the old metering disc was the teardrop shape, which worked well with sugar beet seeds, but messed up the perfect singulation, which they knew was required for a top performing canola crop.

"For now, we're only making kits for John Deere vacuum planters, like the 7200 MaxEmerge II and newer," said Calder.

He said the discs will be significantly different for the latest MaxEmerge planters, for which he and Cadieux plan to design new canola disc kits.

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MACHINERY

CaseIH focuses on customization

Precision Planting parts can be added to older Case machines

BY RON LYSENG
WINNIPEG BUREAU

Farmers who plant soybeans and corn are frustrated when buying a planter that isn't designed to accept the exact components they know work on their farm.

CaseIH and Precision Planting looked at this situation and saw an opportunity, according to CaseIH crop production marketing manager Dan Klein.

"We looked as far as possible into the future to try figure out what new technologies might become available some day," said Klein, who also farms in southeastern Wisconsin.

"A farmers says to himself, 'I have a portfolio of planter options I know work well on my farm. I don't want to get rid of them. I want to do a better job of precision planting, but I don't want to start all over again re-inventing the wheel from scratch. I want a modern up-to-date planter, but I want it to be equipped with some of the technology I know already works here on my farm....'

"Our engineers designed the Precision Planting Early Riser to accommodate a whole variety of new technology that may someday become viable as well as the technology guys have been using for years.... We went out of our way to design something that won't become obsolete."

CaseIH engineers designed the Precision Planting Early Riser 1255 to be highly modular. It starts as a basic Early Riser planter and is equipped with the customer's list of Precision Planting features at the factory.

"If your wish list includes components that have a different colour paint, we'll install those new parts at our dealership with no price penalty to you," he said.

"The whole premise is we want you to have what you consider to be the best planter for your farm. For example, maybe you're ready to try the

vDrive electric metering system this year, but you're not yet convinced that you really need Field View Plus. If that's the situation, then that's the way we'll build it for you. There is no particular order in which you add options."

Klein said the planter is the most customized piece of equipment on the farm. Virtually every working tool from competing manufacturers will bolt to the Early Riser when it comes to ground engagement components, he added.

"Seed delivery, residue managers and down pressure systems are examples of components that are very independent of other systems on the planter," he said.

"That means it's easy to install these systems from other manufacturers. In fact, we make brackets so you can run your favorite trash managers. You can run Yetter or anything. We have a lot of flexibility so you and your dealer can come up with a price point that's right for you."

However, the transfer isn't just for iron in the ground. The customer can also transfer over his favorite electronics from his old planter, be it AgLeader, Raven or Outback.

Case said producers can add Precision Planting components anytime. Farmers who already own older CaseIH planters can get the Precision Planting parts they want at their Case dealership.

Klein said all Case dealers who are selling Precision Planting products must adhere to a higher level of technical support and certification. They must have two Precision Planting certified representatives on staff and a MeterMax test stand for row unit meter calibrations. As well, they must maintain CaseIH Advanced Farming Systems certified status.

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An important feature of the Early Riser for many producers is its ability to accept a variety of trash managers, metering systems, performance monitors, controllers, packers and other options. Case designed Early Riser to accept systems from all other manufacturers to prevent early obsolescence. | CASEIH PHOTO



This planter has Precision Planting options and trash clearance equipment installed, but dealers can put a variety of different aftermarket and other OEM pieces onto the units. | CASEIH PHOTO

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Variable rate fertilization makes big farms more efficient

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THOM WEIR

One reality of modern agriculture and the trend toward larger farms is that efficiency often trumps agronomy.

This is especially true during seeding, when many managers, armed with data showing yield losses of more than one percent for every day that seeding is delayed, try to compress planting into fewer and fewer days.

Farmers who crop more than 5,000 acres have indicated in surveys that they plan to seed in 14 to 16 days the same amount of crop that they would have been planned to seed in 21 days 10 years ago.

At the same time, most of these large farming operations have adopted a one-pass system for their seeding and fertilizer operations.

They have also moved to systems requiring no pre-planting operations in the spring, other than a herbicide application, and have streamlined their seeding and fertilizing operations, sometimes to the detriment of their agronomy.

The need for efficiency has resulted in farmers seeding fewer crops and simplifying their fertilizer practices.

Large farms often end up with one or two fertilizer blends, which were bought in fall or winter. They are often applied at a per crop rate rather than a per field rate.

For example, a producer may apply a 16-26-0-12 blend at 135 pounds per acre across all canola acres. This might be a good blend for the entire farm, but it will not reflect nutrient differences across fields or within a field.



Variable rate application is becoming standard equipment on some machines. This Seed Hawk's metering system is built for the technology.

| MICHAEL RAINE PHOTO

The same practice is seen with nitrogen when growers don't change the rates from field to field. It results

in them losing the option of a tailored fertilizer blend or nutrient rate for a specific field.

Or has it?

Variable rate fertilization can maintain the nutrient needs of individual fields and even individual areas of a field without losing efficiencies enjoyed by using single blends. It also enables managers to not only vary the rate per field but also by zones within the field.

Modern monitors and memory cards allow managers to install prescriptions for entire farms into each seeding unit. Managers are then guaranteed that the correct rate will be applied to the correct field, regardless of the operator.

Total amounts are calculated for

each field so that it becomes easy to deliver correct amount of products to each field. The entire farm's requirements are also calculated.

Such a system prevents rookies from seeding neighbours' fields because the technology won't allow seeding when the equipment is not within the borders of assigned fields.

Managers also receive an as-applied report.

Most managers using variable rate fertilization see an increase in productivity and profitability. Sometimes they also notice an overall reduction in the amount of fertilizer that is applied.

Variable rate fertilization is also an environmentally friendly farming practice because it uses one of the 4Rs of nutrient stewardship: the right rate.

As well, it is recognized as a best management practice under Alberta's nitrous oxide reduction protocol. Used as prescribed, it allows farmers to sell carbon credits under Alberta's Carbon Offset Program.

Variable rate fertilization allows managers of large farms to use their knowledge and experience on their farmland and incorporate it into inputs similar to what managers of smaller farms have done in the past. However, rather than increasing or decreasing the fertilizer rate from the tractor seat, the work is now done at the manager's desk during the winter.

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MICHAEL RAINE

Early reports last fall suggested that straight cutting canola is a viable strategy for most growers.

And with the right tools, the process can provide significant economic advantages.

As the data continues to come in and be evaluated, it appears producers should consider putting canola swaths behind them in a new way.

Last fall, Chris Holzapfel of the Indian Head Agricultural Foundation told producers attending a seminar in Regina that after looking at the data from projects at Indian Head and other prairie locations, it appears that the risks from straight cutting canola is about equal to the mechanical losses, smaller seed size and green seed found when the crop is swathed.

We wrote about it in our Dec. 4 edition of the paper and provided a fair bit of detail about the reasons why it makes financial sense to let it stand. At Crop Production Week in

Saskatoon the agronomist provided an update to the fall presentation.

The more the data is evaluated, the more sense it makes to start straight cutting oilseed.

It turns out the risk of shattering is greater for a farmer's nerves than the crop, even when more shatter-prone varieties or hybrids are grown.

Add shatter resistant genetics and losses fall to the point where straight cutting, without the \$15 per acre swathing cost and other negative attributes, performs as well or better than the windrow strategy.

Canola pods will fill more fully and produce larger seeds when given the chance to mature fully, which goes a long way toward covering the cost of shatter.

Straight cut headers and fast moving reels do cause additional losses, but it turns out they don't add up as much as one might think and are more or equal to swath losses.

Producers who are considering straight cutting all or part of their crop should have a look at Holzapfel's research results. His presentation at Crop Production Week can be downloaded at www.cropweek.com/2015-presentations.

The Western Producer article is available at <http://bit.ly/1wIXXD2>.

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Coyote hunt poses no threat

Hunting competition won't affect coyote numbers in Alberta, says biologist

BY MARY MACARTHUR
CAMROSE BUREAU

Alberta's coyote population is in no danger from a coyote hunting competition, says a wildlife biologist.

University of Alberta professor Lee Foote said less than 20 coyotes would have been shot in a recent coyote hunting competition, which raised the ire of animal activists.

There is no accurate coyote count, but Foote estimates more than 100,000 coyotes live in the province with numbers fluctuating significantly, depending on the year.

"Coyotes can have a 500 percent per year increase in population," he said.

"A lot of coyotes have to die and do die in a natural cycle, mostly from car strikes, disease and hunters and trappers. Of those three deaths, hunting and trapping is probably the most humane."

A one-day hunting competition north of Edmonton created a furor when Coyote Watch called it inhumane and encouraged people to protest the event.

Foote said the group opposed the hunt to raise its profile.

"We've got an underfunded health system, world wide poverty, child abuse and political corruption, and people pick the death of 12 coyotes to really stand up and howl about. It doesn't make a lot of sense until you think about the symbolic interaction of this," he said.

"It becomes a symbolic victim versus a powerful relationship, and people tend to side with the underdog, which is the coyote in this case. Social media forms these fireballs, that are like an avalanche.

"They take off and start going and it feeds on itself and before long the issue is blown so out of proportion

that it seems ridiculous when you stand back and look at it."

Foote said coyote health depends a lot on their food supply. Rabbits and dead cattle dragged into the bush are a windfall for coyotes.

"That is a major treasure."

Winter conditions can depress or enhance coyote populations.

A hard crust makes it easy for coyotes to run across snow that deer break through.

At the Devonian Gardens where Foote works, coyotes killed five deer last year by hunting deer on crusted snow.

Disease also affects the health of coyote populations.

"When numbers are high and you get six or eight on one road kill, moose, they all share mange," he said.

"Mange kills coyotes. Their hair falls out, they get black scabby, oozy sores all over them and they freeze to death. Those are the ones you find in your haystack or your barn or under your porch. They're in great pain. It takes about two months for them to lose their hair and die. It is an awful, awful death."

The recent coyote competition awarded prizes for the biggest and most coyotes.

The well-furred pelts were to be sold. A good pelt can fetch more than \$100.

"Very few people in the competition would be beginning hunters," Foote said.

"Hunting coyotes is a pretty high skill activity. They're smart, long-range shooting in tough, cold conditions. You wouldn't start someone out hunting coyotes. You would start hunting grouse with a shotgun."

Foote said the most common coyote hunting technique is to drive to an area, hike in to a good location in complete camouflage and call the coyote with a predator call.

If nothing happens in the first 15 minutes, the hunter would return to the vehicle, drive to another spot and repeat the process.

Foote said there are more than 100,000 big game hunters in Alberta. It is a healthy, thriving and slowly growing activity.

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CROP SHOW

Wet weather makes for worsening root rot issues

All pulse crops are susceptible to the disease, which makes crop and field choice an important consideration for farmers

BY WILLIAM DEKAY
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

A show of hands in the room indicated most growers and agronomists experienced root rot last year and are concerned about it this year.

"Root rot is the biggest issue right now facing farmers," Sherrilyn Phelps of Saskatchewan Pulse Growers said during CropSphere in Saskatoon Jan. 13.

"In order to plan going forward, we have to step into our time capsule, take a look a little bit back and see what we can learn.... Definitely environment was key, any time conditions were wet or you had a high water holding capacity in your soils, such as heavier land, compacted areas or wetter areas of the field."

Side hill seep, where water moves through the soil from the top of a hill down the side, was common last year affecting large and small patches of ground.

"You as a producer or agronomist may not notice the excess water, but the roots do," said Phelps, an agronomy and seed program manager.

"Peas don't like wet feet." She said continuous wet springs since 2010 have stressed plants and led to widespread root rot. The plants display symptoms of stunting, yellowing, poor root growth, little nodulation and browning of root area.

Phelps said the biggest thing learned from last year's widespread root rot was probably that rotation is a must.

"Rotation is the main factor that causes the increase in hosts in the field, along with the wet conditions," she said.

"What we found in 2014 is a lot of the poor fields was related to shorter rotations, where peas are grown every second year or third year. You could have had one in 2010, one in 2012 and 2014, so you could have had three peas (or lentils) crops that were grown in a two-year rotation under wet conditions that really helped to increase the amount of the pathogen in the soil."

The record bumper crop in 2013 may also have contributed to poorer yields last year.

"You took a lot of nutrients off (2013), and there was very little nitrogen mineralization that occurred," she said.

"A lot of the soil tests coming off of these fields were showing single digits going into 2014, and that's a concern."

This year is looking more promising because yields were not as high last year, there was fall moisture and soil test results are showing higher nutrient levels. However, environment is going to determine the growing season.

She said planning for 2015 is all about prevention because there are no quick fixes with root rot. Disease pathogens include fusarium, phythium and rhizoctonia, but the newly discovered aphanomyces is the worst and widespread across Saskatchewan.

Crop choice is one prevention option.

All pulse crops are susceptible to root rot organisms, but fababeans, chickpeas and soybeans have better

partial resistance to aphanomyces in wetter soils compared to field peas and lentils.

Field choice is another option: lighter land with good drainage and managed compaction.

Rotation is the most important way to minimize root rot pathogens and one of the most effective management strategies.

"If you have fields that are positive for aphanomyces, you should be looking at least a six year rotation," she said.

"Normal rotations with your other

root rot pathogens, you have other strategies for managing them, such as seed treatments that will help, so four year rotations are OK."

Plant health is another key prevention strategy, which includes looking at nutrition, seed viability and other stresses.

Knowing fertility levels might prompt producers to apply 10 pounds of starter nitrogen if soil tests are below 15 lb. of available nitrogen.

Starter phosphate should be applied if seeding early into cool soil.

Inoculations and formulations

can affect crop health, as can seed quality: germination, vigour, disease and thousand kernel weight numbers.

Slowing the auger, using a belt auger and watching wind speeds can minimize damage to seed during handling.

Also, rolling when conditions are too wet and cool will stress peas and lentils with over-compaction. Poor timing and water volume during herbicide applications can cause additional stresses.

"Having healthy plants coming

out of the ground and healthy vigorous seedlings is really, really foremost in trying to prevent disease," she said.

"Anything that you can do to ensure healthy plants, vigorous seedlings and growth is going to better enable the plant to fight some of these pathogens. Root rots are really a factor of additional stresses.... It's all the individual things that can add up, and we can manage each individual thing on its own as we move forward."

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Judge Shane Bedwell congratulates Tyson Hertz of Six Mile Angus at Fir Mountain, Sask., as he leads the grand champion Red Angus bull at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado, Jan. 12. | BARBARA DUCKWORTH PHOTO

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

Bull wins big for Sask. farm

Red Angus from Six Mile Red Angus of Fir Mountain named grand champion at Denver show

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

DENVER, Colo. — Shane Bedwell had no idea that his choice for grand champion Red Angus bull at the National Western Stock Show came from a longline of champions bred on a Saskatchewan ranch.

"I heard his daddy was grand champion here two years ago. That is neat," Bedwell said after the Jan. 12 show in Denver.

"That bull was a perfect example of how a bull should walk."

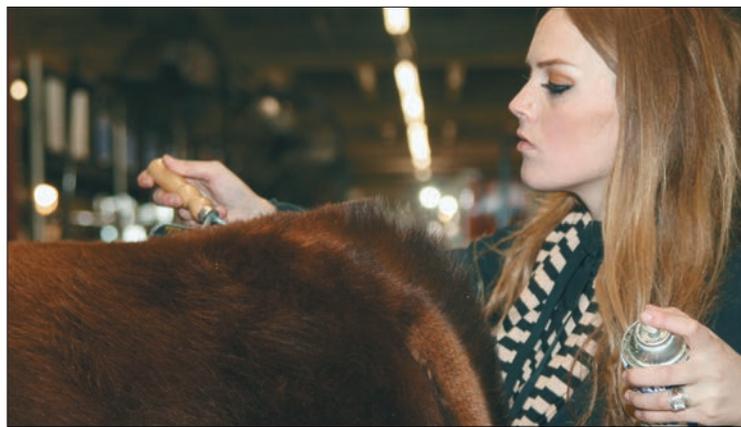
Bedwell was the show judge who selected Six Mile Kill Switch 135Z, an entry of Clayton and Corrine Gibson of Six Mile Red Angus at Fir Mountain, Sask.

He is the livestock judging coach at Colorado State University, where he teaches students to evaluate cattle, pigs, sheep and goats.

He comes from a large commercial cow-calf operation and judges cattle on the basis of their usefulness in the pasture as well as breed character.

"The purebred business is really big in the commercial beef market here," he said.

Commercial producers are looking for Red Angus and other purebreds to develop hybrid programs



Jade Kelley of Northline Angus at Ardrrosson, Alta., prepares a bull for the Red Angus show at the National Western Stock Show held Jan. 12.

that lead to composite breeds such as Lim-Flex and Balancers, a Gelbvieh cross.

Selling bulls is the main business at Six Mile Red Angus, where an annual sale is held every April. The show circuit is limited to a few events, but the family performs well wherever it enters.

For the third year in a row, the farm won the grand champion bull banner at the Denver show as well as the premier breeder award.

A half interest in this bull, born in 2012, was sold to Jim Wright of Mel-

fort, Sask., and Randy Tetzlaff of Kenaston, Sask., at the Six Mile bull sale.

Clayton Gibson said the bull's show career is over, but opportunities continue because this kind of exposure creates buzz and boosts semen sales.

It has already had an impressive show career, winning grand champion at Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, Northlands Farmfair in Edmonton and Lloydminster Roundup.

As well, its sons have also been

shown and placed well.

Other wins for the Gibsons included Six Mile Back Country 295B, champion spring bull calf; Six Mile & Co Jagger 780A, first place March yearling bull; and Six Mile Tuff Enuf 111Z, second place two-year-old bull.

The Gibsons weren't the only Canadians to perform well at the Denver show, which attracts breeders from Canada and the United States.

Blairs.Ag Cattle Co. of Lanigan, Sask., had the champion junior bull calf, Red Blair's Pure Power 2B, as well as the first place February heifer calf, Red Barel Kassie 129B, and the first place winter heifer calf, Red Blair's Bonita 179A.

Howard Schneider of Northline Angus of Ardrrosson, Alta., had the first place May bull calf, Red NLGAF Crush 16B, and the second place March yearling bull calf, CRSL Navaho.

Dave Bablitz of Rainbow Red Angus of Cherhill, Alta., took the first place January heifer calf with Red Rainbow Lark 2B.

The stock show runs from Jan. 10-25 and has been operating for 109 years.

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LIVESTOCK BRIEFS

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

Sask.-raised bull nearly breaks record

DENVER, Colo. — A Canadian bull came close to breaking a sales record at the National Western Stock Show Mile High Classic sale held here Jan. 11.

The Red Angus sale offered 41 lots for a total of \$408,650 to average \$9,967.

Blairs.Ag Cattle Company of Lanigan, Sask., had the high selling consignment when it sold a half interest in a yearling bull named Red Blairs Pure Power 2B for \$76,000 to Paul Larson and Schmidt Bros. of Iowa.

LIMOUSIN SHOW

Alta. Limousin breeders win division reserve championship at show

DENVER, Colo. — Stony Plain, Alta., is a long way from Denver, Colorado, but for first-time show entrant Britany Papenhuyzen, the trip was worth it.

Her family, which owns Cottage Lake Livestock, did well at the Jan. 14 Limousin show at the National Western Stock Show. They won a third place ribbon in a large heifer class and a division reserve championship with a bull calf they own with Marjon Farms of Earl, Indiana, and Weis Limousin Ranch of Wellsville, Missouri. The bull was sold to the new partners at Denver Jan. 13.

"We were very thrilled with how well we did," said Papenhuyzen, whose family has been in the Limousin business for more than 30 years.

The young bull has been collecting awards: reserve champion Limousin at the Olds Fall Fair and an immediate champion at the Lloydminster Fall Roundup.

Canadians also performed well in the Jan. 12 Gelbvieh and Balancer (cross-bred Gelbvieh) show with red ribbons and some division wins:

Scott Severson of Innisfail, Alta. won first and second place in the spring heifer class with SLC Lady 71B and SLC Misty 84B. In the purebred division he won first place in the first spring bull calf class with SLC Road Trip 103B and the first place junior bull with SLC Swagger 105A.

Rodney and Tanya Hollman, owners of Royal Western Gelbvieh of Innisfail, Alta., won senior champion bull with RWG War Admiral 2528 and reserve champion intermediate bull-RWG Alberta Gold 3541. They also won first place spring bull calf with RWG Bustin' Stones 4603, second place spring bull calf with RWG Scale Buster 4404 and third place spring bull calf with RWG X-Static Bounce 4416.

Darrell Hickman of Stone Gate Farm at Vermilion, Alta., won reserve senior champion bull with VVZake 114Z.

Davidson Gelbvieh of Ponteix, Sask., had the first place winter bull calf with DVE Davidson Thumbs Up 91B.I.

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

Future bright for young rancher

Prize winning third generation farmer is optimistic about the cattle market

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

DENVER, Colo. — There has never been a better time to be in the beef business, and 25-year-old Garrett Blanchard is glad to be there.

Blanchard is the show and sale cattle manager for Silveira Brothers Angus, a family operation at Firebaugh, California. He is the third generation of an operation that his step-grandfather and great-uncle started more than 45 years ago.

"The cattle market has been declining for a long, long time, so we are taking advantage of that," he said.

"The cattle market is good and we are happy to be in it."

This year was particularly generous for his family at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, where they sold a yearling bull for \$120,000 to a syndicate of eight buyers. There was considerable interest in the bull, Silveiras First Reaction 2510.

Blanchard and his parents, Rick and Allison, figured the youngster was worth six figures but weren't sure which direction the bids would go.

"The attention we got on him was incredible. We knew it was going to be close to that but not quite sure. It all came together at once," he said.

"It is always nice, but we have done things like that in the past with a few other bulls. People put a syndicate together and put up a certain amount of money and get a percentage of the bull."

Some are investors who see the cattle business as a good investment.

The family also sold two lots at the Jan. 15 Denim and Diamonds sale that offered elite genetics on two females for \$15,000 each.

The Silveira operation once numbered 800 mostly black cows, but it has downsized to 150 cows and now concentrates on raising high quality genetics for seedstock producers and the show circuit.

"Our numbers are smaller but the quality is much, much higher," he said.

The costs of keeping a smaller herd are lower, but the higher prices paid for them makes up for it. Their show heifers are averaging \$30,000 at recent sales.



Jon Fox of Lloydminster showed this young bull to a first place ribbon at the National Western Stock Show Angus bull show held Jan. 14. Named Justamere 406S Big Gunn 414A, it's owned in partnership with Duane and Carmen Hanson of Lloydminster and Shandar Angus of Payson, Utah. The bull will be leaving Justamere Farm and moving to the United States. | BARBARA DUCKWORTH PHOTO

The Blanchards' showstring is 20 to 25 head and calves are born year round so that they can fill the market year.

They are always looking for new bulls to refresh their program.

"We use a lot of our own genetics because we believe in our program, but we are always looking for the next new thing to get better," he said.

The family operation consists of 1,280 acres near Fresno. They live in

a drought stricken area where they flood irrigate their hay fields and provide drip lines to the almond groves. About half the farm acreage is dedicated to the nuts, which are contracted to Blue Diamond Almonds.

"We've been in the almond deal almost as long as the Angus," Blanchard said.

All the irrigation comes from ground water wells, and they are

forced to drill wells deeper at greater cost and more local controversy as the countryside becomes steadily drier.

"A lot of people don't understand," he said.

"When they think of California, they don't know how much farming we actually do and help provide for the rest of the country."

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NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

\$175,000 heifer donation highlights Denver bull sale

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
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DENVER, Colo. — The Angus Foundation has received a \$175,000 donation following the sale of a heifer at the National Western Stock Show in Denver Jan. 14.

The heifer was sold during a bull sale sponsored by the American Angus Association.

Herbster Angus Farms of Falls City, Nebraska, are long-time supporters of the U.S. not-for-profit organization, which was established in 1980 to support education, youth scholarships and research for the Angus business.

Charles and Judy Herbster also bought the donation heifer in 2013, for \$110,000, and last year bid \$120,000.

The family has lived and worked on the Nebraska homestead since the 1800s, where they farmed and expanded into agribusiness.

The heifer, 44 Ruby 3839, was contributed by 44 Farms, which is owned by Bob McClaren and family of Cameron, Texas.

The Angus Foundation, which is an arm of the American Angus Association, contributed more than \$200,000 in scholarships last year, as well as large funds for research into genomics and beef cow efficiency.

It has raised more than \$1.7 million since it was formed.

Forty-two lots were offered at the bull sale following the foundation event Jan. 14 for a total \$505,600 to average \$12,038.

The top seller went to a syndicate of

eight buyers for \$120,000 for a two-thirds semen interest and half possession. The bull, born in 2012, came from Silveira Bros. at Firebaugh, California. Named Silveiras First Reaction 2510, it has won numerous championships across the United States, including supreme bull awards for all breeds.

Another Angus sale, Denim and Diamonds, offered 36 lots to total \$572,000 and average \$15,888.

The top seller was for an open heifer. A half interest was initially offered, but a full interest was eventually offered when the bidding was done at \$72,000, which doubled the price to \$144,000. It was consigned by Pollard Farms of Waukomis, Oklahoma, and sold to Cox Angus Ranch of Texas.

At the Angus show, Express Ranches of Yukon, Okla., had the grand champion Angus bull.

The grand champion female went to Seldom Rest Farm of Niles, Missouri.

The reserve went to Hoffman Ranch of Thedford, Neb. That firm also had the reserve female.

Canadian entrants were not high in numbers but made a respectable showing with the reserve junior champion bull from Vos Vegas Farms of Plainfield, Ont., Eby Cattle Co. of Emporia, Kansas and Chance Greene of Powell Butte, Oregon.

A first place nod in the bull show went to Justamere Farms and Duane and Carmen Hanson of Lloydminster, Sask., and Shandar Angus Ranch of Utah.

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Professional appraisers consider age, health and performance records, among other things, when determining the value of a horse. | ROBYN WHEAT PHOTO

HORSE APPRAISING

Appraiser traded academics for equine economics

Horse appraisals help determine the value of an animal for insurance or other financial purposes

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

RED DEER — Tony Willing is a former philosopher who chose horse appraisal as a second career.

It is not a great stretch for the former professor from Huron University College because both fields involve critical thinking.

In fact, a Greek soldier and philosopher named Xenophon wrote a treatise on how to buy a horse without being cheated more than 2,500 years ago.

"Appraisers need to be able to think critically and clearly and should be aware of at least the basic principles of horsemanship," he said.

"A horse appraisal is an attempt to arrive at a monetary estimate of a horse's worth on the basis of various facts."

Willing, who is a horse owner and a certified member of the American Society of Equine Appraisers, offered advice on the business of trading and valuation at the annual Horse Breeders Conference held in Red Deer Jan. 9-11.

Professional appraisers must have substantial knowledge and experience with horses and should not be connected to the buyer or seller so that the value can be set fairly.

People generally over-estimate what their animals are worth, but many breeders are quite capable of putting a fair price on each animal.

"In the case of putting a price on your own horse without operating at arms length, in that case the asking price set by that seller might well be motivated by that seller's motivation for profit," he said.

"The value price may be perceived to be skewed. Documentation, because the appraisal comes with a detailed report, can be of advantage for someone wanting to sell a horse."

The value of the horse depends on why the appraisal is needed. It could be for insurance purposes, equity estimates for a loan, a divorce settlement, bankruptcy, tax receipts or private sales value.

BY THE NUMBERS

The last major study on horses in Canada was conducted by Equine Canada and published in 2011. Trends at that time included the following:

- The economic contribution from the horse industry exceeded \$19.6 billion a year, plus more than \$300 million a year in federal and provincial taxes and levies on horse racing wagering.
- Approximately 300,000 horses were available for sale in 2010.
- Expansion in horse ownership in the 10 years before 2010 was driv-

For example, an appraisal should be done on horses worth more than \$1,000 if they are donated to a charity and the donor wants a tax receipt.

The court may require the value of the horse as evidence in cases of litigation.

Appraisals consider age, health, pedigree, conformation, performance records and quality of offspring, as well as the investment in the horse and the work required of it.

They require an on-site inspection, photographs and a full report on the value of the horse.

Appraisers also attempt to track comparable sales, although this is often difficult because many transactions are kept confidential.

As well, two horses may look comparable, but the underlying health issues may not be seen and one animal is worth far more than the other.

Veterinarian and farrier records are also added to provide a history.

A horse is treated like personal property for appraisal purposes. The emotional or sentimental attachment is not included in the value.

Changing economic times can raise doubts about the value of a horse.

Horses are sometimes given away because people could not afford to keep them anymore.

"If you really want to sell the horse, get realistic about what the market is telling you, and that is where professional appraisers can help."

Certified appraisers have formal training in methods of valuation and are subject to a published code of ethics.

They are certified by the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice, which was developed following similar principles used in the real estate industry.

No specific Canadian organization is connected to horse appraisal, but appraisers can train with the American Society of Equine Appraisers, which was established in 1985. It is a division of the American Society of Agricultural Appraisers.

en by increased participation from the baby-boomer generation.

- The pool of horse owners is an aging demographic, with 24 percent of horse owners older than 60.
- The median age of horse owners nationally is 50 to 59.
- The national average annual cost to keep horses increased significantly from 2000-10: \$1,500 in 2003 and \$2,700 in 2010.

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Industry must increase BSE testing

ANIMAL HEALTH



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Diligent testing will see Canada's BSE risk status downgraded

Canada has had a mandated BSE testing target of 30,000 head a year ever since it began its surveillance program for the cattle disease.

It's important to keep meeting these targets because the country could potentially reduce its BSE risk status from "controlled" to "negligible" this year.

This may not seem important to producers, considering the current market situation, but changing the risk status has some long-term positive ramifications.

Canada is the only one of the top seven beef exporting countries that still has controlled risk status. The rest are at negligible risk.

This puts the country at risk when competing on the world stage, particularly when exporting parts of the carcass that North Americans may not use, such as intestines and tripe.

This is obviously advantageous because it allows more of the carcass to be used.

Negligible risk status would also greatly reduce the amount of specified risk materials that packing plants need to remove, which again means more of the carcass is used.

As well, the long-term implications are a reduction in the number of samples we need to submit, which is critical because a smaller and younger cow herd makes it harder to reach the expected testing targets.

Alberta still pays mileage for veterinarians who do testing of dead, dying, down or diseased animals and beefs up their post mortem fees. Ontario and Quebec get a lot of their submissions from rendering plants or dead stock facilities.

Provincial shares of the 30,000 head target are based on cattle populations.

Ontario and Quebec were almost

double their quota last year, while Alberta and especially Saskatchewan lagged way behind at 60 percent for Alberta and 40 percent for Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan could significantly increase its testing numbers if it would pay veterinarians a mileage fee. Without such a payment, it costs veterinarians money to do BSE testing unless they're going to the farm for another reason or happen to be driving by.

Testing has slowed down not only because of the smaller and younger herd but also because decreased funding and rule changes have made producers and veterinarians less diligent.

Neurological cases make producers uneasy, but these carry the most points in the World Organization for Animal Health's scoring system and are probably the most important for the producer to find out the cause.

It's highly unlikely that the cow would be positive for BSE, while an autopsy diagnosis such as grass tetany, brain abscess, polio, lead poisoning or rabies would be valuable information.

In Alberta, many producers complained when the provincial government eliminated the \$150 payment for tested animals.

However, the province has also removed the 30-day ownership restriction, which means many of the unexplained deaths that occur at gathering stations and auction markets or in recently purchased cattle older than 30 months now qualify.

Calving related deaths and prolapses also qualify.

Some producers have avoided BSE testing since the program began, which is a mindset that absolutely needs to change.

Testing helps the Canadian cattle industry and provides producers with a small payment, a free veterinarian visit and a free autopsy. I have often seen these autopsies identify areas where management could be improved.

Alberta producers can also take advantage of the veterinarian visit by getting other procedures performed at the same time.

The veterinarian would need to be paid for the extra procedures, but the mileage is already looked after.

Testing also helps establish a relationship with a veterinarian.

I know of producers who didn't use veterinarians and had a disproportionate

number of BSE cases.

We were able to help them correct management deficiencies, including disproportionate numbers of Johnne's cases, high levels of internal and external parasites, hardware cases, kidney cases and a severe case of mastitis that was killing beef cows.

Severe deficiencies of iodine, copper and magnesium were detected in some deaths, which prompted the producer to look at nutrition, including trace minerals.

These discoveries improved herd health, both individually and collectively.

In Alberta, this information can go into the Alberta Veterinary Surveillance Network, which can help if pockets of diseases start showing up in certain geographical areas.

Let's help increase the health status of the Canadian herd to the next level by achieving negligible risk status.

An excellent video featuring Canadian Cattlemen's Association chair Dave Solverson further explains the testing need in Canada. Please watch it, and encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same.

If you have cattle that fit the criteria, don't hesitate to call a veterinarian and get them tested.

Roy Lewis works as a technical services veterinarian part time with Merck Animal Health in Alberta.

MANAGEMENT

Online tool helps producers learn body condition scoring

BY BARB GLEN
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Skinny cow may be an attractive marketing tool for consumer products, but it is anything but attractive when it comes to actual cows.

Body condition, which is essentially the level of fat cover on a cow, affects pregnancy rates, calving interval, timing of estrus, colostrum antibody levels and calf weaning weights.

A website launched this week at bodyconditionscoring.ca includes a video on how to assess body condition, as well as a tool to illustrate what effect scores have on profitability.

Cattle producers are familiar with the system, but taking time to do it is another matter, said Saskatchewan Agriculture regional livestock specialist Naomi Paley, who is featured in the video.

"I don't think that they take the time to do it, to actually take the couple extra minutes at the chute side to get their hands on and feel. I think a lot of producers rely on just a visual assessment of their cows," said Paley.

"I don't know that there's a really great understanding out there of the specific places you need to be looking and feeling on a cow to assess body condition properly."

Body condition is a range from one to five, with one being extremely thin and five being obese. Ideally, cows

Many producers don't realize how much thin or over-fat cows hurt their bottom lines

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should be in the 2.5 to three range.

The score can be determined by feeling the animal's short ribs, spine, hooks and pins and either side of the tail head. An animal in ideal condition will have a thin layer of fat over each of these areas.

The video on the website demonstrates the proper areas to palpate.

"The importance of maintaining cows' fat cover at an optimal level is underrated," Karin Schmid of Alberta Beef Producers said in a news release about the new site.

"Many producers don't realize how much thin or over-fat cows hurt their bottom lines and how easy and effective body condition scoring is when figuring out how to adjust and keep cows in the right condition."

The site provides information on how to manage cattle that are underweight or overweight and a graph on nutrient requirements relative to body size.

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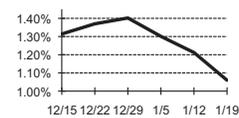
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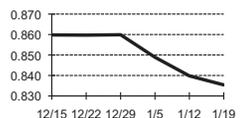
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Cargill vice-president John Buboltz says improved train loading will provide more benefits than would greater storage at elevators. | FILE PHOTO

TRANSPORTATION

Cargill ups loading capacity

Company says upgrades will bring more 100-car loader facilities in Western Canada

BY ED WHITE
WINNIPEG BUREAU

It's better to increase train-loading speed first and add storage later, Cargill Canada has decided.

So in the past couple of years, the company has poured most of its elevator investment capital into building large unit train loading facilities rather than big new bins.

"That's upgrading every possible facility (to have) a 100-car loader versus the 25s and 50s we had previously," Cargill vice-president John Buboltz told the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association annual convention Jan. 8.

"It's so dependent on the transportation. Our whole goal was that if you

don't have 100s, you might get passed by. So (we decided to) focus on that to get yourself up to speed."

The implications of the demise of the CWB marketing monopoly provoked much discussion at the WCWGA convention, as they have at most grain farming conferences since it became clear the monopoly was going three years ago.

The changes have altered the way protein spreads in wheat are priced, how companies collect grain from farmers and then move it to customers, and how Canadian crops are marketed overseas.

Buboltz said the end of the monopoly was a good development, and Cargill has seen markets and demand improve for Western Canadian crops.

The company expected this and poured money into improving elevators, but not by focusing on boosting storage capacity, even though Western Canada has far less on-site elevator storage than does the United States or Australia.

In those countries, farmers move much or most of their grain off-farm immediately at harvest, while in Canada most of the crop is kept on-farm and moved during the year.

Buboltz said Cargill wants to increase storage but saw quicker gains in improving train-loading.

"How do we make this supply chain as efficient as possible?" said Buboltz. "Our focus ... has been on efficiency."

Jim Pallister of Portage la Prairie,

Man., warned Buboltz that farmers would be less likely to deliver to Cargill if they can take their grain somewhere else at harvest time.

"If you aren't preparing to take delivery of the farmer's grain at harvest, you may not get it," he said.

"That's how it works in these other jurisdictions."

Buboltz didn't disagree, but said the question is one of emphasis and timing.

"It's a balance," he said. "Our whole mindset, since Day 1 of the wheat board (change), was trying to be as efficient as possible. That's the goal, I think, that helps everybody through the whole supply chain."

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AG STOCKS JAN. 12-16

Energy stocks showed signs of life at the end of the week, ending a period of losses. For the week, the TSX was down 0.5 percent, the Nasdaq fell 1.5 percent, the Dow declined 1.3 percent and the S&P 500 finished 1.2 percent lower.

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GRAIN TRADERS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
ADM	NY	47.68	48.82
AGT Food	TSX	27.21	26.64
Bunge Ltd.	NY	91.96	89.46
ConAgra Foods	NY	36.24	36.24

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NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Ceapro Inc.	TSXV	0.66	0.72
Cervus Equip.	TSX	19.70	19.11
Input Capital	TSX	2.22	2.40
Ridley Canada	TSX	28.22	28.26
Rocky Mtn D'ship	TSX	8.51	8.87

FOOD PROCESSORS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Hormel Foods	NY	51.49	51.28
Maple Leaf	TSX	19.37	19.40
Premium Brands	TSX	24.14	24.41
Tyson Foods	NY	40.36	40.35

FARM EQUIPMENT MFG.

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Ag Growth Int'l	TSX	53.73	55.07
AGCO Corp.	NY	43.33	43.17
Buhler Ind.	TSX	5.71	5.75
Caterpillar Inc.	NY	83.86	87.65
CNH Industrial N.V.	NY	7.60	7.48
Deere and Co.	NY	87.30	85.65
Vicwest Fund	TSX	12.44	12.55

FARM INPUT SUPPLIERS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Agrium	TSX	119.89	118.00
BASF	OTC	84.79	81.79
Bayer Ag	OTC	144.80	134.78
Dow Chemical	NY	44.79	44.41
Dupont	NY	74.25	73.50
BioSynt Inc.	TSXV	10.86	10.55
Monsanto	NY	117.59	119.04
Mosaic	NY	45.99	45.96
PotashCorp	TSX	42.01	42.68
Syngenta	ADR	66.51	65.30

TRANSPORTATION

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
CN Rail	TSX	79.79	79.38
CP Rail	TSX	213.72	212.60

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Federal court upholds competitive rail measure that increases access for P&H facility

COMMODITY NEWS SERVICE CANADA

WINNIPEG — Canada's Federal Court has upheld a ruling that allows Parrish & Heimbecker to gain competitive access to BNSF Railway on its grain shipments to the United States, according to a news release from the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association.

Western Canadian grain groups applaud the decision because it

helps improve competitiveness in the grain transportation industry.

"The Wheat Growers are very pleased to see the Federal Court uphold the (Canadian Transportation) Agency decision," said WCWGA president Levi Wood.

"The interswitching provision introduces a modest but important element of competition in the rail sector."

The initial ruling by the CTA, issued

May 1, 2013, ordered Canadian Pacific Railway to interchange traffic with BNSF at the interswitching rate prescribed by regulation under the Canada Transportation Act.

The act allows shippers to apply for goods to be shipped at an interswitching rate whenever their shipping point is located within a specified distance of an interchange with another railway. The distance was set at 30 kilometres at the time of the CTA

ruling but has since increased to 160 km for grain and other shippers in Western Canada, following passage last year of the Fair Rail for Grain Farmers Act.

The CTA decision and Federal Court ruling applies to shipments from the P & H elevator at Milk River, Alta., which is about 20 km from the CP interchange with BNSF at the border crossing at Coutts, Alta. Other shippers within 160 km of the inter-

change will also be able to take advantage of an interswitching rate, which varies depending on the distance to the interchange, the news release said.

The CTA ruling gave P & H the ability to ship grain on the CP track to the Coutts interchange at the rate of \$315 per car or about \$3.50 per tonne. It is far below the commercial rate that CP had wanted to charge \$1,373 per car, or \$15.25 per tonne.

FINANCE

RRSPs can make retirement easier

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Tax tool can also assist family farms as they change ownership

Planning for retirement can be the last thing on a farmer's mind.

The value of the farm and investments that have accumulated over the years quite often leaves little concern about the ability to fund one's retirement.

However, discussions about succession planning or not selling off farm assets can complicate the issue.

Using a Registered Retirement Savings Plan to help fund retirement can alleviate these concerns without compromising the farm's economic health.

RRSPs are a tax tool that allows farmers to build up a retirement fund while not having to pay tax on that money until it is used.

They make a contribution to their RRSP and receive a deduction from their taxable income for the same amount.

Farmers who eventually withdraw money from their RRSP accounts are then required to report it as income in the year it was withdrawn.

The tax deduction from making an RRSP contribution can be significant in Canada, where the personal tax system uses a marginal rate system. Under this system, RRSPs can become a useful tool for moving income from a high tax bracket to a lower one.

An example would be an Alberta farmer who pays the highest personal tax rate of 39 percent. If this farmer was to buy an RRSP and later use the funds during retirement when his income level is lower, he could reduce the taxes paid on that income up to 24 percent, depending on his income.

There are restrictions on how much a taxpayer can contribute to an RRSP. The limit is based on a percentage of the previous year's income levels and is cumulative until fully used.

However, only earned income will increase a taxpayer's contribution limit.

This means that most investment income, such as interest, dividends or capital gains, will not increase the limit.

Land rent and wages are examples of earned income that would increase a farmer's contribution limit, which in turn could affect

how he decides to be paid from the farm, especially if the farm is incorporated.

RRSPs can also allow farmers to withdraw a \$25,000 tax free loan to buy a house if they have not personally owned a home for the last five years.

This can be a useful tool for anyone considering moving off the farm if their home quarter and house are owned by the farming corporation. The loan is interest free, and the farmer has 15 years to pay it back.

It is not uncommon to see a farm start the transition to the next generation only to realize the farm is not capable of sustaining the retirement

of one generation and the operations of the next. RRSPs can help fund the retirement of one generation while still keeping the farm financially viable.

RRSPs are not ideal for every situation and care should be taken to ensure contributions are made appropriately.

Contact a professional to discuss the options and whether RRSPs are the right fit.

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BLENDING REQUIREMENTS

Refiners urge EU to rethink biodiesel policy after oil collapse

ANTWERP, Belgium (Reuters) — European oil refiners have urged the European Union to review laws calling for increased biodiesel content in road fuel because the cost of such renewables will counter the recent plunge in crude prices and weigh on the refining sector.

"Governments should not inflict extra burden on the public by increasing the component of biodiesel that is so expensive and is heading to be twice as expensive as diesel," said Alessandro Bordoni, Eni's vice-president for gasoline, middle and heavy distillate trading.

"They (governments) will have to add other measures to make sure that

the impact is not too negative."

Biodiesel prices have fallen from US\$1,000 a tonne in recent months to closer to \$800 a tonne. The price of benchmark European diesel barges has halved to \$480 a tonne since last June, tracking the collapse in crude oil prices.

The EU's Renewable Energy Directive calls for a 10 percent renewable energy content by 2020, up from a limit of seven percent in most European countries today. France recently increased its own limit on food-based biofuel in transport fuel to eight percent.

Biodiesel blending requirements have hurt profit margins.

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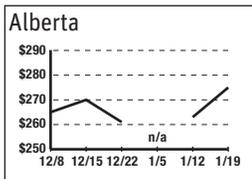
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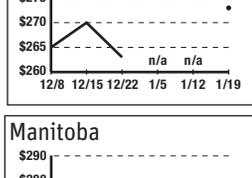
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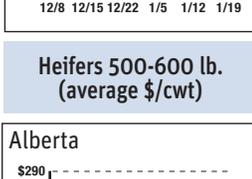
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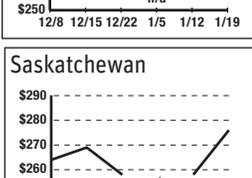
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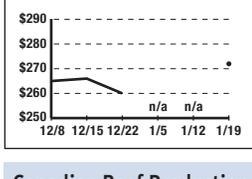
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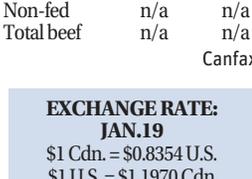
Heifers 500-600 lb. (average \$/cwt)



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Canadian Beef Production

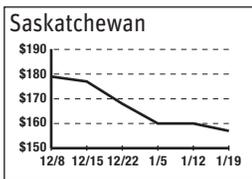
million lb.	YTD	% change
Fed	n/a	n/a
Non-fed	n/a	n/a
Total beef	n/a	n/a

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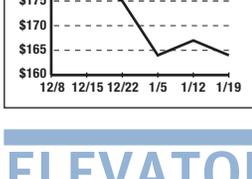
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ELEVATOR SHIPMENTS

Slaughter Cattle (\$/cwt)

Grade A	Live Jan. 9-15	Previous Jan. 2-8	Year ago	Rail Jan. 9-15	Previous Jan. 2-8
Steers					
Alta.	n/a	187.20-189.50	133.64	317.75-318.50	313.75-318.50
Ont.	172.74-198.18	168.20-189.46	137.53	314.00-316.00	302.00-310.00
Heifers					
Alta.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	313.75-316.75
Ont.	163.85-191.81	164.80-189.15	130.94	313.00-315.00	301.00-309.00

*Live f.o.b. feedlot, rail f.o.b. plant. Canfax

Feeder Cattle (\$/cwt)

	Sask.	Man.	Alta.	B.C.
Steers				
900-1000	218-232	no sales	228-240	Report
800-900	228-249	229-255	235-249	not available
700-800	243-271	239-272	245-266	-
600-700	263-284	256-291	263-285	-
500-600	291-315	282-323	289-316	-
400-500	312-345	315-355	315-342	-
Heifers				
800-900	206-226	no sales	215-230	Report
700-800	224-245	no sales	230-245	not available
600-700	240-272	230-260	244-262	-
500-600	260-294	260-299	265-285	-
400-500	282-305	274-315	283-310	-
300-400	284-313	no sales	290-311	-

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Average Carcass Weight

	Jan. 10/15	Jan. 11/14	YTD 15	YTD 14
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Steers	n/a	850	n/a	849
Heifers	n/a	794	n/a	788
Cows	n/a	665	n/a	672
Bulls	n/a	909	n/a	916

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U.S. Cash cattle (\$/cwt)

Slaughter cattle (35-65% choice)	Steers	Heifers
National	163.12	162.22
Kansas	163.62	163.17
Nebraska	161.99	160.98
Nebraska (dressed)	263.96	263.37

Feeders No. 1 (800-900 lb)

	Steers	Trend
South Dakota	n/a	n/a
Billings	190-218	steady/weak
Dodge City	208-210	-10/-15

USDA

Cattle / Beef Trade

	Exports	% from 2014
Sltr. cattle to U.S. (head)	5,096 (1)	-42.8
Feeder C&C to U.S. (head)	247 (1)	+64.7
Total beef to U.S. (tonnes)	204,214 (3)	+11.5
Total beef, all nations (tonnes)	292,796 (3)	+13.7
	Imports	% from 2014
Sltr. cattle from U.S. (head)	n/a (2)	n/a
Feeder C&C from U.S. (head)	42,007 (2)	-6.5
Total beef from U.S. (tonnes)	3,848 (4)	-18.9
Total beef, all nations (tonnes)	4,588 (4)	-20.6

(1) to Jan. 3/15 (2) to Nov. 30/14 (3) to Nov. 30/14 (4) to Jan. 10/15
Agriculture Canada

Cattle Slaughter

To Jan. 10	Fed. inspections only	Canada	U.S.
To date 2015	84,887	993,454	
To date 2014	86,557	1,097,655	
% Change 15/14	-1.9	-9.5	

Chicago Futures (\$/cwt)

	Close Jan. 16	Close Jan. 9	Trend	Year ago
Live Cattle				
Feb	154.45	160.60	-6.15	140.35
Apr	152.95	159.43	-6.48	139.30
Jun	146.48	150.65	-4.17	131.45
Aug	145.58	148.25	-2.67	129.55
Oct	147.70	149.58	-1.88	132.50
Feeder Cattle				
Jan	214.10	222.43	-8.33	170.00
Mar	204.85	212.55	-7.70	167.93
Apr	206.45	212.48	-6.03	168.65
May	207.33	212.78	-5.45	169.50
Aug	209.20	214.73	-5.53	171.10

Est. Beef Wholesale (\$/cwt)

	This wk	Last wk	Yr. ago
Montreal	n/a	316-318	n/a

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Sheep (\$/lb.) & Goats (\$/head)

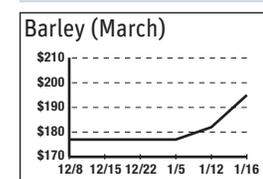
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	Jan. 12	Jan. 5
New lambs	2.70-3.05	2.85-3.10
65-80 lb	2.25-2.76	2.50-3.00
80-95 lb	2.20-2.35	2.20-2.65
> 95 lb	2.10-2.31	2.30-2.45
> 110 lb	2.00-2.15	1.98-2.35
Feeder lambs	n/a	n/a
Sheep	1.20-1.30	1.20-1.30
Rams	1.20-1.30	1.20-1.30
Kids	65-135	65-135

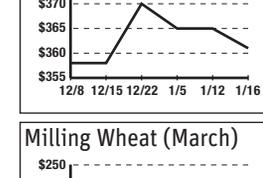
Ontario Stockyards Inc.
Jan. 15
Wool lambs >80 lb 1.80-2.00
Wool lambs <80 lb 2.05
Hair lambs 1.75-1.80
Fed sheep 0.40-0.55
Sask. Sheep Dev. Bd.

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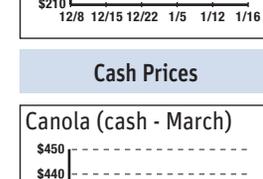
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Durum (March)

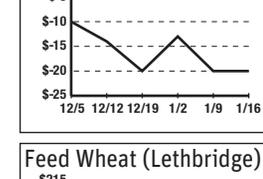


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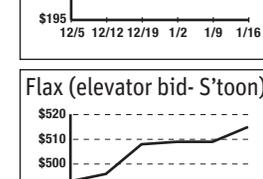


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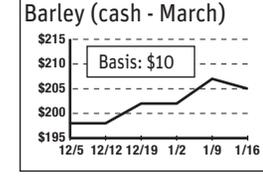
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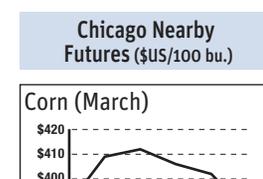
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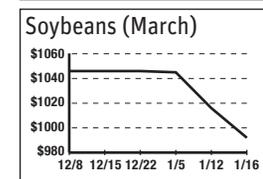
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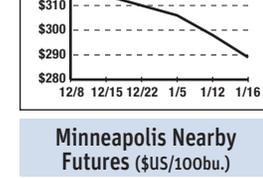
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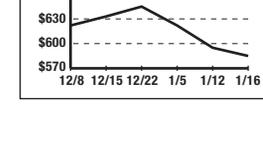
Barley (cash - March)



Chicago Nearby Futures (\$/100 bu.)



Soybeans (March)



Oats (March)

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.

	Jan. 19	Avg.	Jan. 12
Laird lentils, No. 1 (c/lb)	37.50-41.00	39.19	39.19
Laird lentils, Xtra 3 (c/lb)	19.50-25.00	22.92	22.92
Richlea lentils, No. 1 (c/lb)	35.00-36.00	35.58	35.58
Eston lentils, No. 1 (c/lb)	29.00-33.00	31.44	31.44
Eston lentils, Xtra 3 (c/lb)	20.00-23.00	21.40	21.40
Sm. Red lentils, No. 2 (c/lb)	28.00-33.00	29.61	29.61
Sm. Red lentils, Xtra 3 (c/lb)	27.00-28.00	27.17	27.17
Peas, green No. 1 (\$/bu)	8.30-9.50	8.66	8.66
Peas, green 10% bleach (\$/bu)	7.30-7.50	7.46	7.46
Peas, med. yellow No. 1 (\$/bu)	7.90-8.00	7.98	7.98
Peas, sm. yellow No. 2 (\$/bu)	7.90-8.00	7.97	7.97
Maple peas (\$/bu)	8.50-10.00	9.25	9.25
Feed peas (\$/bu)	4.35-4.45	4.38	4.38
Mustard, yellow, No. 1 (c/lb)	31.40-33.00	32.47	32.47
Mustard, brown, No. 1 (c/lb)	23.80-25.00	24.70	24.70
Mustard, Oriental, No. 1 (c/lb)	29.50-31.00	30.63	30.63
Canaryseed (c/lb)	23.00-24.50	24.14	24.14
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)	14.00-18.00	15.57	15.57
B-9 ckpeas, No. 1 (c/lb)	14.00-20.00	16.69	16.69

Cash Prices

	Jan. 14	Jan. 7	Year ago
No. 3 Oats Saskatoon (\$/tonne)	147.23	152.29	149.19
Snflwr NuSun Enderlin ND (c/lb)	19.30	19.40	19.30

U.S. Grain Cash Prices (\$/bu.)

	Jan. 16
USDA	
No. 1 DNS (14%) Montana elevator	6.11
No. 1 DNS (13%) Montana elevator	5.20
No. 1 Durum (13%) Montana elevator	10.45
No. 1 Malt Barley Montana elevator	5.76
No. 2 Feed Barley Montana elevator	no bid

Grain Futures

	Jan. 19	Jan. 12	Trend	Year ago
Wpg ICE Canola (\$/tonne)				
Mar	449.70	446.60	+3.10	435.50
May	443.90	444.00	-0.10	444.70
Jul	437.10	441.90	-4.80	453.40
Nov	425.40	430.40	-5.00	467.30
Wpg ICE Milling Wheat (\$/tonne)				
Mar	216.00	217.00	-1.00	182.00
May	219.00	220.00	-1.00	186.00
Jul	221.00	222.00	-1.00	188.00
Wpg ICE Durum Wheat (\$/tonne)				
Mar	361.00	365.00	-4.00	243.00
May	351.00	355.00	-4.00	247.00
Wpg ICE Barley (\$/tonne)				
Mar	195.00	182.00	+13.00	127.00
May	197.00	184.00	+13.00	129.00
Chicago Wheat (\$/bu.)				
Mar	5.3275	5.5550	-0.2275	5.6350
May	5.3475	5.6000	-0.2525	5.7050
Jul	5.3825	5.6475	-0.2650	5.7700
Dec	5.5775	5.8225	-0.2450	5.9850
Chicago Oats (\$/bu.)				
Mar	2.8875	2.9825	-0.0950	3.9950
May	2.9200	3.0025	-0.0825	3.5725
Dec	2.9600	3.0375		

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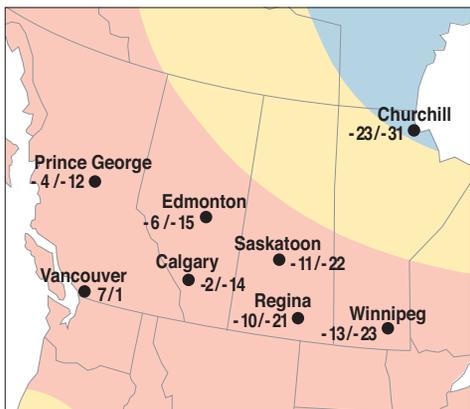
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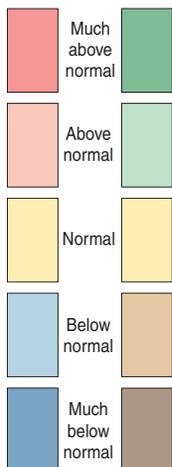
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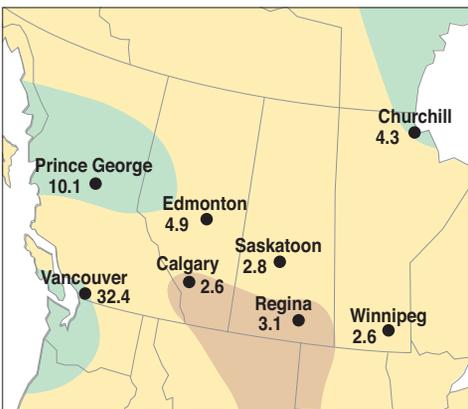
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 Jan. 22 - 28 (in °C)



TEMP. MAP



PRECIPITATION FORECAST
 Jan. 22 - 28 (in mm)



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SASKATCHEWAN

	Temperature		Precipitation		
	last week High	last week Low	last week mm	since Nov. 1 mm	since Nov. 1 %
Assiniboia	3.4	-22.2	0.3	16.4	44
Broadview	1.2	-34.3	2.3	39.2	73
Eastend	3.0	-19.6	0.6	21.4	43
Estevan	2.5	-29.3	1.9	40.1	80
Kindersley	2.1	-25.5	1.9	70.5	212
Maple Creek	8.5	-18.3	0.6	31.8	70
Meadow Lake	3.7	-30.8	1.1	46.2	97
Melfort	2.6	-28.2	1.4	32.4	74
Nipawin	2.6	-33.9	1.7	46.9	97
North Battleford	3.5	-26.7	0.4	70.6	168
Prince Albert	4.0	-35.8	4.2	87.4	188
Regina	3.2	-27.9	1.7	30.0	73
Rockglen	3.0	-23.6	1.3	28.9	74
Saskatoon	3.1	-25.8	0.4	38.9	99
Swift Current	5.0	-20.1	1.7	22.5	58
Val Marie	5.3	-30.2	1.2	21.0	58
Yorkton	2.7	-30.2	1.9	18.6	34
Wynyard	1.2	-30.9	3.0	44.3	94

ALBERTA

	Temperature		Precipitation		
	last week High	last week Low	last week mm	since Nov. 1 mm	since Nov. 1 %
Brooks	5.8	-21.2	0.6	64.3	195
Calgary	8.5	-20.6	1.3	63.1	196
Cold Lake	3.6	-28.3	3.9	81.2	174
Coronation	2.6	-25.0	0.2	53.8	152
Edmonton	4.7	-22.2	0.2	41.3	87
Grande Prairie	5.8	-25.3	0.4	130.2	202
High Level	3.1	-20.8	5.4	33.0	53
Lethbridge	6.7	-20.7	1.6	85.0	216
Lloydminster	3.1	-22.1	0.1	49.3	111
Medicine Hat	5.9	-24.8	0.7	51.1	134
Milk River	6.4	-17.5	1.6	48.2	103
Peace River	5.0	-24.1	0.3	67.6	115
Pincher Creek	5.8	-12.6	0.0	85.8	122
Red Deer	6.0	-23.2	0.5	87.6	204
Stavely	8.5	-7.3	0.0	49.7	109
Vegreville	5.0	-23.3	0.0	30.2	73

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MANITOBA

	Temperature		Precipitation		
	last week High	last week Low	last week mm	since Nov. 1 mm	since Nov. 1 %
Brandon	0.6	-33.5	3.6	39.1	72
Dauphin	2.4	-31.0	3.5	42.0	75
Gimli	0.7	-31.3	0.6	21.5	36
Melita	1.3	-31.4	1.2	24.7	45
Morden	2.3	-29.0	0.5	24.5	38
Portage La Prairie	2.1	-28.8	2.8	26.9	41
Swan River	2.5	-31.8	2.0	32.6	53
Winnipeg	0.3	-31.8	0.9	16.9	27

BRITISH COLUMBIA

	Temperature		Precipitation		
	last week High	last week Low	last week mm	since Nov. 1 mm	since Nov. 1 %
Cranbrook	4.8	-14.9	7.2	114.7	98
Fort St. John	4.8	-22.7	0.3	149.9	222
Kamloops	8.9	-4.3	9.2	101.5	134
Kelowna	4.5	-4.6	9.9	101.4	100
Prince George	2.2	-9.1	8.8	145.4	106

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