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Why a falling loonie is good for farmers

BY ED WHITE
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The sudden slump of the loonie is helping turn what once looked like a break-even year into something that could push farmers back into the black.

The outlook for most farmers is much better than many expected last summer, even with livestock prices falling hard following recent records and crop prices well beneath levels of pre-2014 years.

"It could be a really decent year," said a pleasantly surprised J.P. Gervais, chief economist for Farm Credit Canada, who in the fall had expected a near-break-even 2015 for western Canadian farmers.

"Overall, I think it's really positive."

Many farmers agreed that the loonie's fall to about the 80 cent level compared to the U.S. dollar bodes well for inciting demand and bucking up prices.

"It's helping out because it's making it cheaper for people in the U.S.," said Art Enns, a Morris, Man., farmer and president of the Prairie Oat Growers Association.

The dollar's slide, according to virtually all currency experts, is all about the collapse of oil prices.

Since August, West Texas Intermediate crude oil futures have slumped from more than \$105 per barrel to \$45.

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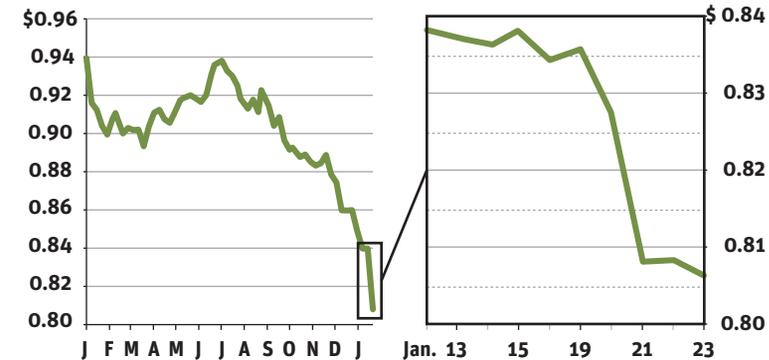
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LOONIE FALLS ON OIL PRICE COLLAPSE

The slump in the value of the Canadian dollar has been almost as dramatic as the collapse in oil prices, highlighting the connection between that commodity and the currency. Fortunately for farmers, a weaker dollar tends to mean higher crop and livestock prices.

Canadian dollar (\$US) 2014 - present **Canadian dollar (\$US) Jan. 12-23, 2015**



Source: Farm Credit Canada, Bank of Canada | MICHELLE HOULDEN GRAPHIC

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Falling loonie good for farmers

Fortunately for farmers, a weaker dollar tends to mean higher prices for crops and livestock because they are priced in U.S. dollars and Americans are some of the biggest buyers of western Canadian agricultural goods.

However, the impact is not simple, as can be seen in cattle.

It's almost all good for cow-calf producers, who are at the start of the meat chain.

"Outside our country, they can now buy our products for less money," said Saskatchewan Stock Growers president Doug Gillespie of Neville.

"A declining loonie helps us. It helps put up the cattle prices."

However, it's a mixed bag for Canadian cattle feeders.

Larry Schweitzer, who operates a feedlot near Hamiota, Man., said Canadian feeders will probably have to bid higher for local calves to keep them out of American hands, but will probably be able to sell finished cattle for higher, U.S.-based prices.

Changes in the loonie's value are quickly reflected in futures prices for many grains.

P.I. Financial broker Ken Ball described canola futures now as a "currency story" rather than a reflection of changes or strength in canola's value on world markets, with steady canola prices masking a decline in soybean oil prices.

The present relative strength is the good side of the story for canola

growers, Ball said, but "it could get ugly" if the loonie bounces off of the 80-cent mark.

If the loonie stays low, better prices and stronger demand for most crops might take some time for farmers to notice. Often futures market changes are only gradually incorporated into elevator bids, with cash prices moving far less aggressively. Basis levels often move to mitigate changes in crop or currency futures markets.

Lower energy prices, even with a lower dollar, tend to mean lower fertilizer prices, something that would make most farmers happy. However, any farm machinery manufactured in the U.S. is likely to come with a higher price tag, which could further dampen farmer zeal for new iron.

Gervais said the cut in the Bank of Canada's overnight interest rate provoked the sudden slide in the loonie, but farmers might not see any interest difference with their variable rate borrowings unless the bank keeps cutting. The big bank haven't cut their prime rates yet, and they might not because the present world economic environment is getting more dangerous.

"There's more risk right now," said Gervais.

However, he said three-to-five-year mortgage rates should improve because the likelihood of interest rate increases now seems more than a year away.

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Fruit potential: Opportunities abound on the Prairies, fruit growers were told earlier this month. See page 19. | KAREN MORRISON PHOTO

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Correction

The correct owners of the grand champion Red Angus bull at the National Western Stock Show held Jan. 12 in Denver, Colorado, are Triple L Angus of Viscount, Sask., Wright's Livestock of Melfort, Sask., Breed Creek Angus of Mankota, Sask., and Six Mile Red Angus of Fir Mountain, Sask.

Randy Tetzlaff, of Triple L Angus, bought the bull as a calf from Six Mile Red Angus in 2013. Six Mile retained a 50 percent semen interest. Wright's and Breed Creek later bought a share in the walking rights. Incorrect information appeared on page 80 of the Jan. 22 issue.

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LUCKY BUCK | A mule deer buck and five does stand on a ridge east of Longview, Alta. Unseasonably warm weather is making it easier for deer to graze in many areas of the province this winter. | MIKE STURK PHOTO

WEATHER

Drier weather ahead for Prairies: meteorologist

BY MICHAEL RAINE
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

BRANDON — Drier, with a hint of warmth.

It sounds like a description of a fine wine, but it might also be a summary of a fine forecast for many prairie farmers this season.

Drew Lerner told farmers in Brandon last week that they could expect a warmer, drier growing season than those of recent years.

The World Weather meteorologist admitted that this was also his January forecast for last summer, but this time even more of the indicators for drier conditions are in place.

Many parts of the West did see higher than average moisture last year, but it was dry from August until the end of September for most of the region. The Peace River region of northeastern British Columbia and northwestern Alberta was very dry, and southern Manitoba has seen little moisture since September.

“In weather, you only have to miss by a little bit to strike out,” said the Kansas City forecaster.

“We are moving into a drier, warmer trend. This coming year it is much stronger than last.”

Most of the Prairies feel the effects of weather flowing from the northwest, but what happens locally depends on what’s occurring on the ground.

“There is a lot of moisture in the ground, for the most part. That will keep temperatures from rising too much this summer,” he said.

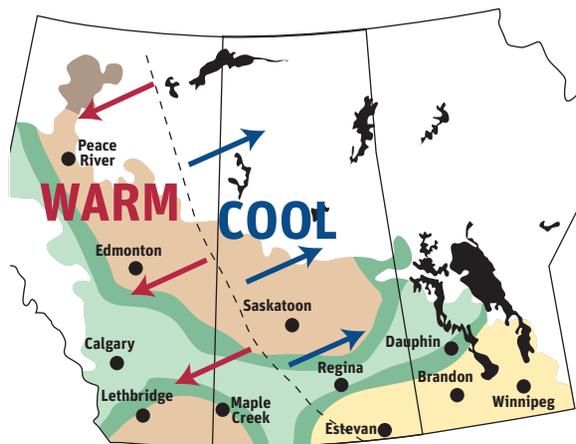
Existing soil moisture will come in handy to get the crop off to a good start. The “crop’s roots will be able to chase the water in the soil” as warmer and drier conditions arrive later in May and early June.

“I am not saying it isn’t going to rain. There will be regular rainfall, but not the way we have been getting it. We are entering a warmer, drier trend for now.”

PRAIRIE WEATHER OUTLOOK

Last week, Drew Lerner at World Weather gave a spring and summer weather outlook for the Prairies. He says dryness will be a concern in west-central and northwestern Saskatchewan and east-central and northeastern Alberta. High pressure systems will keep temperatures warm and humidity low with precipitation lighter than usual in most areas. Lerner expects southern regions will see good spring moisture after a dry winter. The moisture boost will slow field work during planting, but worries over another wet year should lessen as conditions dry out in the summer. Western Alberta and possibly northeastern Saskatchewan will see slightly drier conditions through the planting period. Producers should take advantage of good soil moisture conditions to get the crop started early. However, there is an indication of a spring frost in mid-May.

Spring planting conditions April-May 2015



Source: Drew Lerner, World Weather | MICHELLE HOULDEN GRAPHIC

Lerner said there are definite wet and dry periods on the Prairies, and some are very long.

“We have seen some 40-year wet periods, but inside that cycle there were some droughty years. This might be one,” he said. “It is the eighth year in a row that Alberta has ended the season with a drier bias, and they have dodged that bullet each spring. Most of Alberta has. But now it has been very warm and the snow is going fast. It could be an early spring for some of you.”

Lerner suggests that the 18-year weather cycle has some merits when it comes to projecting weather behaviour onto a coming year. For

example, the region is in a pattern that includes 1961, 1979 and 1997, which were among the driest on record: first, fourth and 17th, respectively.

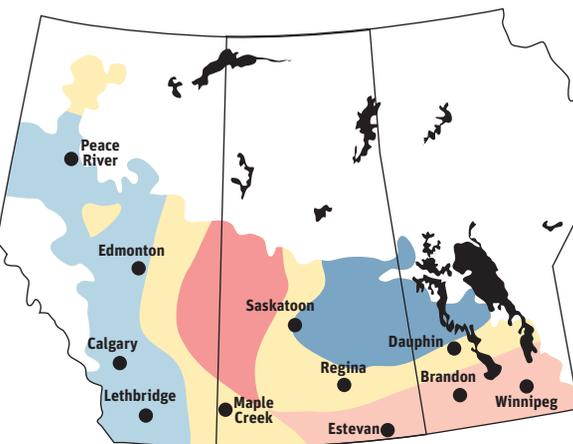
“But these tell you where the weather will come from (upper atmosphere), not what will happen on the ground,” he said. “We have that soil moisture to (modify) things down here.”

For example, 1979 had a wet spring, despite ending up very droughty, “So that one is out, as it won’t happen this year,” he said.

“And this is no 1961 drought. But overall, the indicators line up to show a warmer, drier year ahead.”

The Agriculture Canada Palmer Drought Index also points to drier

Summer weather conditions June - August 2015



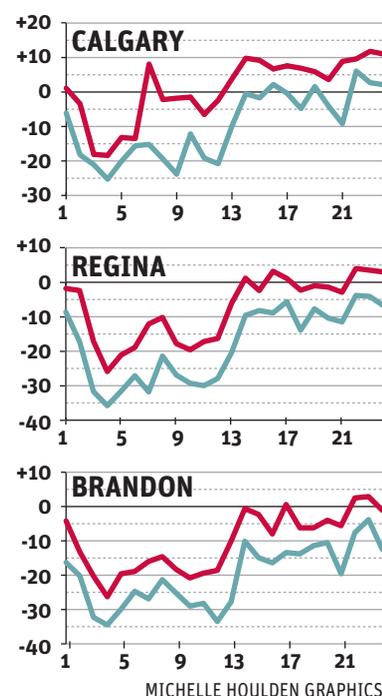
HOW HOT WAS IT?

Recorded daytime high temperatures on Jan. 26, 2015 (Celsius):

Location	Jan. 26 high	Avg. high	record high
Saskatoon	+4.6	-9	+5.5 (1982)
Yorkton	+4.0	-11	-0.3 (2012)
Kindersley	+5.2	-9	+4.1 (2006)
Regina	+4.0	-10	+3.3 (1903)
Lethbridge	+15.9	-1	+6.2 (2006)
Calgary	+17.2	-2	+13.7 (1986)
Peace River	+7.8	-10	+6.1 (1989)
Edmonton	+9.6	-7	+6.6 (2011)
Fort St. John	+7.2	-9	+8.9 (1989)
Brandon	+1.0	-11	+1.8 (1990)
Dauphin	+2.2	-11	+0.8 (2012)
Winnipeg	-1.8	-12	+3.1 (1990)

Source: Environment Canada

JANUARY TEMPERATURES



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AGRONOMY

Clubroot widespread in Manitoba

Rotation and crop sanitation critical to control disease

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BRANDON — If Manitoba farmers required any proof that they need to reduce the risk of clubroot and verticillium wilt through rotation and sanitation, they're getting it now from cross-province soil testing.

Manitoba Canola Growers' soil testing laboratory is finding clubroot spores almost everywhere it looks.

However, rather than being a terrifying finding, it's simply evidence that rotations have to be respected, said Chuck Fossay, a MCGA executive member and Starbuck farmer.

"While there's clubroot in most of these soil samples, they're at such very, very low levels that it's not really a production risk at this point as long as you're observing a proper rotation," Fossay said.

The soil-testing laboratory, set up a year ago, is hoping to test at least one sample from each of Manitoba's 300 townships and ranges, with about 100 now completed.

Recently, anxieties about clubroot have combined with worries about verticillium wilt, a new disease to North American canola that was found last year in one field in Manitoba.

Fossay said he expects farmers to become more interested in testing their soil because of the growing concern.

However, he hopes they now decide that adequate rotations are essential to stop these diseases from becoming problems.

If clubroot is already present in the soil, it shows that it can be managed because it hasn't been a problem to this point.

However, it also shows that farmers shouldn't push canola rotations, as some have done, to once-in-two-years or even canola-on-canola. Kept to one-in-four years, most clubroot and probably verticillium wilt risk is minimized.

Fossay also said he hopes farmers will take the chance now to reassess everything they're doing to stop more clubroot and other disease particles coming onto their farms.

"I think farmers are going to start looking much more towards their biosecurity protocols, or if they don't have them, developing one so they can reduce their exposure," said Fossay.

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INSECTS

It's a slow year for crop pests ... unless you live in Foremost

Alberta's annual insect forecasts show few worrisome areas, with one notable exception

BY BARB GLEN
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SCOTT MEERS
ALBERTA ENTOMOLOGIST

Alberta farmers may have fewer issues with cabbage seedpod weevil this year, except for those near Foremost.

Grasshopper forecasts also indicate limited threat, except for those near Foremost.

And as for wheat stem sawfly? Yes, Foremost could see greater numbers.

The County of Forty Mile in southeastern Alberta has potential to be the insect hot spot this summer, according to forecasts from provincial entomologist Scott Meers.

He gave a summary of 2014 insect problems and predictions for the coming crop year during the Jan. 20-21 agronomy update in Lethbridge.

Alberta Agriculture specialists monitor seven insects, assisted by agricultural fieldmen, agronomists and researchers. Surveys are designed to enable early warning of potential problems.

Cabbage seedpod weevil, a perennial pest in southern Alberta that has steadily spread northward, is likely to be a problem south and east of Calgary and in the deep south-central region. A hot spot north of Medicine Hat is also possible.

"They're not hard to deal with. It's pretty straightforward," said Meers. However, a warning on the insect forecast page makes this point:

"Any producers that grow canola in southern Alberta and into the south portion of central Alberta will

have to check their canola crops as they come into flower. The earliest flowering canola crops tend to have the highest risk from cabbage seedpod weevil and should be monitored very closely."

The weevils are not particularly cold hardy, but they can overwinter in headlands and field trash. Meers said last year's longer winter likely reduced numbers, but this year has been relatively mild.

"We're going to deal with it as long as we grow canola in southern Alberta."

As for grasshoppers, Meers said weather and moisture conditions play a major role in grasshopper numbers. Risk has been increasing in recent years in the south but has decreased in central Alberta and the Peace region.

"If we have the perfect conditions for them in the spring, we will need to spray for grasshoppers in southern Alberta," said Meers.

Wheat stem sawfly is not expected to be an issue this year for most farmers.

"Unless you're in Forty Mile, you're probably not going to be worrying about it."

Pea leaf weevil is another story.

Forecasts indicate this insect could force farmers to spray across a wide portion of the province.

Meers said farmers in Kneehill County, which includes the Three Hills area, should use seed treatments to reduce risk in the northern range of the weevil.

Though the pea leaf weevil range hasn't expanded much, Meers said its intensity has, possibly because of an increase in fababeans acres.

"I really think that this is connected to fababeans," he said.

That crop is attractive to the insect.

Diamondback moths don't overwinter in Canada but can enter from the United States. Last year they caused crop damage in the Foremost area, with about 30,000 acres sprayed.

The pest monitoring network has 30 sentinel sites designed to trap incoming moths this spring and gauge the likelihood of threshold levels.

Meers said the 319 soil samples in 60 counties and municipal districts this fall showed interesting wheat midge results.

Based on overwintering cocoons, the Peace region is unlikely to have a problem, but areas around Two Hills, Smoky Lake and Vermilion have potential. The irrigated wheat region around Bow Island is another possible hot spot for wheat midge.

Meers noted the strong connection between high moisture and high midge numbers.

"We've seen in Newell County in the past, we've seen substantial yield losses for people that don't

pay attention to this," said Meers.

"Irrigated wheat is just like that high rainfall area. You're creating (conditions) perfect for midge."

There is some parasitism in wheat midge, which can help with control. Bertha armyworm might be a problem in Forty Mile County and west of Edmonton, said Meers.

"If you pushed me, I would say that this area to the west of Edmonton is probably poised for another year of bertha armyworm."

Meers said an increase in hemp acres could create new insect challenges because many insects like that crop, including bertha and lygus bugs.

A relatively new threat is the European skipper, a small orange butterfly that was seen in relatively high numbers last year in central Alberta.

It feeds on grasses and is especially fond of timothy. It has also been found in winter wheat near Mayerthorpe.

Meers said it is unlikely to be a huge economic problem, but if it does proliferate, timothy will be the first target.

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AGRONOMY

Alberta's 2015 crop forecast: watch for clubroot, barley scald

Weather variability plays a role in whether crop problems worsen, says crop pathologist

BY BARB GLEN

LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Preparation and good agronomic practices, including crop rotation, good genetics and diligent scouting, are better protections for farmers than crop disease forecasts, says Alberta Agriculture crop pathologist Michael Harding.

Speaking at the Jan. 21 Agronomy Update in Lethbridge, Harding reviewed last year's crop disease activity in Alberta, noting weather variability and its role in crop problems.

"Your memory of what 2014 was like might have been very different from someone who lived 20 miles away," he said.

A cool June affected disease development and a cool September affected crop quality and grade in most regions.

Central Alberta barley crops had a 70 percent incidence of barley scald and a 30 percent incidence of spot blotch. Net blotch, smut and stripe rust were also reported in that crop.

Harding said reports of white, empty barley heads at harvest were probably a combination of fusarium or pythium and environmental stress from high temperatures and hot wind.

In wheat, stagonospora, septoria and tan spot were issues. Stripe rust was extreme in many central Alberta winter wheat fields but not widespread in spring wheat.

"This year, stripe rust was interesting. It showed up in May in the Olds-Trochu area," said Harding.

"We were poised for a major stripe rust outbreak in Alberta" based on that early sighting, but it did not materialize in spring cereals.

Harding said fusarium head blight downgraded many winter wheat crops, and there were higher levels in barley and triticale than previously seen.



Alberta Agriculture crop pathologist Michael Harding says good agronomic practices are essential for controlling diseases in crops. | FILE PHOTO

However, the disease was less of a factor in 2014 than in previous years. Ergot reports were high, but no harvest survey results are available yet.

In canola, clubroot and verticillium wilt continue to be concerns, as does blackleg, but stem rot and

aster yellows were not of concern last year.

In pulses, mycosphaerella blight was present in most fields but was less of an issue in the past crop year, Harding said. White mould was present in dry beans, but the problem was less severe in 2014

than it has been.

Chocolate spot in fababeans was frequently reported last year. Stemphylium botryosum is a new problem with fababeans, causing russet blotches on leaves and pods.

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CROP NEWS

CLUBROOT

Soil fumigants effective but expensive

Soil fumigants show potential for controlling clubroot in canola but costs may be prohibitive, those at the Jan. 21 Agronomy Update in Lethbridge were told.

Sheau-fang Hwang, a plant pathologist with Alberta Agriculture, has conducted several years of tests on the efficacy of metam sodium in controlling clubroot, a soil-borne disease that has been slowly spreading in Alberta and into Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Hwang has tested the fumigant, with the brand name of Vapam, in greenhouse trials and smaller field tests.

She found the product effective against clubroot even at reduced rates in greenhouse trials.

She also found significant reductions in clubroot in 2012 and 2013 field trials, in which Vapam was incorporated into the soil and packed seven days before seeding.

Hwang said she was encouraged by the results, but the chemical is expensive. It may not be economically feasible to treat a field, but it might be possible to treat field entrances where clubroot infection is high or infection hot spots in fields.

Vapam is registered in Canada for use on tomatoes, potatoes, ginseng and other horticultural crops, but application requires specialized training.

Hwang found that it reduced clubroot severity and infection rates when applied at soil moisture levels in the 10 to 30 percent range.

A paper she published on its use concluded: "Vapam can effectively reduce clubroot severity and may be useful for the treatment of transplant propagation beds in brassica vegetable production and for the containment of small, localized clubroot infestations in commercial canola crops."

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GRAIN MOVEMENT

Railways still fall short of shipper needs

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Grain shippers have released their first weekly report on rail performance, and the picture it paints isn't pretty. "Railways, CN and CP combined, have fallen short of shipper demand by slightly more than 11,000 hopper cars and approximately 200 box cars," said Milt Poirier, a partner in QGI Consulting and author of the report. The exact accumulated shortfalls are 11,461 hopper cars and 199 boxcars through Week 21 of the 2014-15 crop year.

The data comes from the first report of the Ag Transport Coalition, a group of agricultural organizations representing shippers of cereals, oilseed and pulses.

"This group came together because of the tremendous lack of transparency in basic rail performance metrics on grain transportation in Canada," said Wade Sobkowich, executive director of the Western Grain Elevator Association.

"Up until this point, both government and the industry really only had railway data to rely on to benchmark performance metrics."

The association will produce a weekly performance measurement report that will be made available for free to anyone who registers on the association's website at www.agtransportcoalition.com.

The first report is based on responses from "more than 15" shippers representing 70 percent of western Canadian grain movement. The stragglers will be added in the coming weeks, bringing the total to 22 shippers representing more than 90 percent of grain rail shipments.

"We now have a robust and credible resource of quantitative data to ensure that a clear and complete picture of rail performance on grain transportation is available,"

said Sobkowich.

The association hired QGI Consulting to gather, process and distribute the data on a weekly basis.

Poirier said the shortfall in hopper cars supply amounts to 11 percent of the 106,647 cars that shippers requested from August to December of 2014.

There is also a mounting problem with the timeliness of rail car delivery. "What we've seen so far this year is that the railways are only supplying about 50 percent of the orders that shippers placed in the weeks that shippers are placing them," he said.

Nearly half of all the unfilled orders have been outstanding for four weeks or longer, which makes it difficult for shippers to co-ordinate grain buying in the countryside with vessel arrival at the ports.

The data shows the railways continue to focus on bulk corridors at the expense of grain movement to the United States and Mexico, traffic within Canada and pulse and special crops shipments through transloaders at ports in Montreal and Vancouver.

QGI is not tracking producer car shipments at this time or shipments of value-added products such as canola oil and meal.

Dwell times will be another major focus of the weekly reports.

Poirier said shippers have a 24-hour window to load cars that have been dropped off by the railways before they face demurrage fees. They would like to see similar performance from the railways, but that isn't happening.

Only 38 percent of the cars released by shippers to the railways for pickup depart within that 24-hour window. As well, 30 percent of bulk grain shipments wait 48 hours or more once loaded and released to the railways.

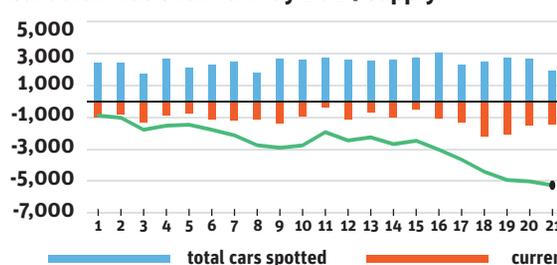
The situation isn't any better at the other end of the line. Destination dwell times, or the time between when a car arrives at a terminal and



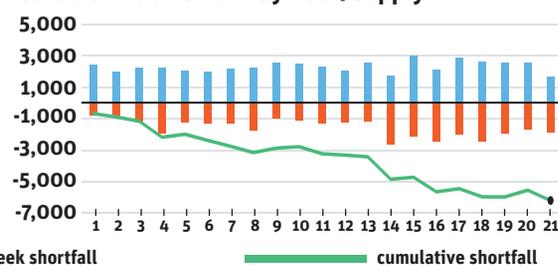
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Canadian National Railway 2014 supply



Canadian Pacific Railway 2014 supply



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when it is placed at a receiving facility for unloading, varies from 30 to 55 hours for bulk commodities in Vancouver and three to four times that long for pulses and special crops.

"There is a lot of volatility in that number week-to-week, and cars are dwelling for long periods of time," said Poirier.

Sobkowich said there were no sur-

prises in the report. It simply reaffirms what grain shippers have been complaining about for years.

However, each shipper is now able to compare their railway performance against an industry average. The data will also be used to lobby governments on railway reform.

Coalition members include the Canadian Canola Growers Associa-

tion, the Alberta Wheat Commission, the Manitoba Pulse Growers Association, the Western Grain Elevator Association, the Canadian Oilseed Processors Association, the Inland Terminal Association of Canada, Pulse Canada and the Canadian Special Crops Association.

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MARKET OUTLOOK

Strong sunflower prices should boost acreage

Good confectionary and birdseed demand is supporting market

BY ROBERT ARNASON
BRANDON BUREAU

Sunflowers should gain a few acres in Manitoba this year, barring another spring flood in the southwestern corner of the province.

Strong prices for black oil and confectionary sunflowers are prompting more Manitoba growers to consider the crop, says Mike Durand, a procurement specialist with Sun Country Farms, a bird food processor in Langham, Sask. "When the markets on all crops are not as good as what they were a year ago, we see a lot more tire kickers coming through our booth," said Durand during the annual trade show held in Brandon last week.

Jody Locke, general manager of Agri-Tel, a grain merchant and wild bird food distributor in Beausejour, Man., said bird food demand is pushing the market higher. New crop prices are up from last year.

"This time last year, we were somewhere around the 20 cent mark (per pound)," she said.

"This year we're a little higher. We're 22 or 23 (cents per lb.)."

Locke said growers are showing interest because sunflowers can be highly profitable.

"If you look at crop input price versus selling price, sunflowers in general

SUNFLOWER ACRES IN MANITOBA:

2010	135,000
2011	35,000
2012	88,000
2013	70,000
2014	75,000

Source: Statistics Canada | WP GRAPHIC

are probably your highest return."

New crop confectionary sunflowers are five to six cents higher than black oils. The Manitoba Agricultural Services Corp., the provincial crop insurer, has announced insurance values of 27 cents per lb. for confectionary sunflowers and 21 cents per lb. for black oils this year.

Ben Friesen, a sunflower and edible bean buyer with Legumex Walker, said global demand for confectionary sunflowers is steady.

"Confections have been running pretty stable. There's no huge demand (shifts) up or down."

Manitoba farmers traditionally grow more confectionary sunflowers than black oils. Last year's acreage split was 55 to 60 percent

confectionary and 40 to 45 percent black oils.

Friesen expects a similar acreage split this year.

Sunflower industry representatives were hoping acreage would jump in Manitoba last year, but intense spring rain drowned out potential acres in southwestern Manitoba.

"We were a little higher last year and we lost probably 20,000 acres out west ... because guys couldn't seed," he said.

Acres should be higher than last year if a number of those producers turn to sunflowers this spring.

"It won't be a huge swing, but it is positive," Friesen said.

However, Manitoba sunflower processors are also losing out in the baking ingredient market. Some North American baking firms are buying cheaper sunflower seed from places like Ukraine instead of buying domestic product.

"We are seeing a lot of imports from other countries," Durand said.

"Especially in Eastern Canada and the eastern U.S.A. The bakery market, they're importing from other countries rather than buying from North Dakota or Manitoba."

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Russia's government has interfered with the country's wheat exports five times in the past seven years. | FILE PHOTO

INTERNATIONAL

U.S. group criticizes Russia's intervention in wheat market

Kremlin's actions caused short-term rally

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

U.S. Wheat Associates is lambasting Russia for export restrictions set to begin Feb. 1.

That is when all Russian wheat will be slapped with an export tax of 15 percent plus \$10.52 per tonne. At today's export values, it will amount to a total tax of \$60 per tonne.

The December announcement of the new tax temporarily pushed Kansas wheat futures up by 30 percent, but they have since fallen back to pre-announcement levels.

Vince Peterson, USW vice-president of overseas operations, said in a recent edition of the association's Wheat Letter report that the unnecessary government intervention undermines Russia's role in world trade.

"Five times in just the past seven years, the Russian government has restricted or threatened to limit access to exportable wheat supplies, sometimes even cutting across existing contracts," he wrote. "Each time, the markets responded with a correspondingly sharp price rally."

Peterson said the government interventions have magnified temporary supply shortages into "full-blown price and supply crises."

"Someday, Russia may benefit from embracing open markets and free trade rather than continually rushing in and out of the marketplace on a political whim."

So why are U.S. growers so fired up about a major competitor bowing out of the export arena?

Rich Nelson, chief strategist with Allendale Inc., thinks it might be because the U.S. won't be filling the void left by Russia due to its wheat being too expensive.

"The problem here is our competitors are cheaper. We're still a little over-priced. Especially with our rising U.S. dollar, we're not going to get these extra sales," he said.

U.S. exports are stalling, but shippers should still be able to meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2014-15 export estimate of 25 million tonnes, said Nelson.

Bruce Burnett, CWB's weather and crop specialist, thinks the USW rant was more about politics than market share.

"On the surface, it doesn't make much sense to criticize (Russia's export restrictions) if it's benefiting you, but I guess they're taking a principled stand," he said.

"They're generally against government influence in export policy, whether it be subsidies for export or restricting exports or whatever."

Burnett said Russia's announcement brought the bulls to the wheat market, but they misjudged the amount of available wheat supplies in the world.

Customers who used to buy low protein milling wheat from Russia simply switched to the ample supplies available from Europe, Argentina and Australia. That is what pulled prices back down in a hurry.

Another thing to note is that Russia had already shipped most of its crop. Burnett said the country has exported close to 18 million tonnes and will likely meet the USDA's January estimate of 20 million tonnes for 2014-15, which is down two million tonnes from its December estimate.

He said Russia's announcement was akin to Canada saying in June that it will restrict exports until the end of July.

Burnett expects Russia to continue with its restrictions until new crop supplies are available.

Peterson said the only way to legally block U.S. wheat exports is through a presidential declaration of national emergency.

"Our doors are open for business 365 days per year," he wrote.

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SPECIALTY CROP

Interest high in hemp, but acres stable

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Demand for hemp cereal, hemp milk and hemp protein bars is booming in North America, but western Canadian hemp acreage is unlikely to expand in 2015.

Near bumper yields in 2013 and 2014 will cause a significant carry-over into 2015-16.

As a result, hemp processors aren't contracting additional acres in 2015 because they need to consume the existing supply, said Clarence Shwaluk, director of farm operations for Manitoba Harvest, a hemp foods manufacturer in Winnipeg.

"We want this to be a bit of a correction year so we can match our supply to demand," said Shwaluk during Ag Days in Brandon.

He said Manitoba Harvest will contract 40,000 acres of hemp this year.

"It's down a little bit from last year," he said.

"We had a very large 2013 crop, and 2014 is shaping up to be a very good crop as well, from what growers are reporting to us."

Prairie farmers planted 90,000 acres of hemp last year, but record June rain drowned out 5,000 to 15,000 acres in eastern Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Many in the industry assumed that Canadian acreage would easily top 100,000 this year, considering stout demand for hemp food in the United States and Canada.

Barry Tomiski, chief operating officer of Hemp Oil Canada, said those predictions may be high.

"I don't think the acres are going to increase substantially this year."

Hemp Oil Canada, a Ste. Agathe, Man., company that sells hempseed, hemp protein and oil to food manufacturers, will likely contract a similar number of acres to last year, Tomiski said.

"There's a bumper crop out there from this past year," he said.

"The Alberta crop (was) extremely good. We've had reports of one acreage that was irrigated that hit 3,000 pounds to the acre. That is an exceptional level of production. Normal on irrigation would be 1,800 to 2,200."

Dryland hemp yields were also respectable last year. Shwaluk said many farmers topped 1,000 lb. per acre, above the historical average of 800 to 1,000 lb. per acre.

"One of the (highest) I had in conventional production was 1,800 lb. per acre," he said.

Chris Dzisiak, who farms near Dauphin, Man., and chairs Parkland Industrial Hemp Growers, said yields in the region were poor last year because the wet spring drenched many fields.

Still, hemp acres in the area will likely remain stable this year. The cooperative is offering contracts to its members at 90 cents a lb., Dzisiak said.

"We're just talking to our buyers, trying to confirm acres and absolute volume."

Tomiski said most contracts for conventional hempseed were 70 to 75 cents per lb. in 2014.

Prices will likely be similar this year. "They (prices) are steady," Tomiski said.

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GRAIN MARKETING

Canadian wheat bids lack transparency

MARKET WATCH



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Grain companies are doing little for price transparency, or their own reputations, in the way they display bids for wheat on their websites.

The textbook explanation of a cash price is the futures minus the basis.

In canola, this is displayed simply and clearly on grain company websites.

They display the ICE Futures Canada canola futures contract price and the company's basis. Through simple arithmetic — futures minus basis — a cash price is determined.

Basis is supposed to account for the cost of transportation, storage, interest, cleaning, weighing and inspection, terminal charges and the grain company profit margin.

It also has a component that reflects the buyer's demand. If the buyer has an urgent need for grain to fill an order, the basis narrows and sometimes even becomes positive.

If the buyer has no orders to fill and does not want to clutter up its elevator with grain it does not need, then the basis widens.

But where is currency exchange fluctuation reflected?

That is the problem in the Canadian wheat market.

Take hard red spring wheat. Canadian grain companies use the Minneapolis Grain Exchange hard red spring contract as their starting point.

It trades in U.S. currency.

Many grain companies operating in Canada display the U.S. MGEX price in U.S. dollars, subtract a basis in Canadian dollars and display a cash price in Canadian dollars.

So for an elevator in Moose Jaw, this is the bid for January delivery of No. 2 Canadian Western Red Spring wheat, 13 percent protein in bushels: MGEX March US\$5.69. Basis -30 cents Canadian. Cash price C\$5.39.

The math looks correct at first blush, but then you remember that



Canadian grain buyers' basis bids for wheat are confusing because they don't first convert U.S. futures prices into Canadian currency. | FILE PHOTO

the MGEX is in U.S. dollars.

That US\$5.69 is worth about C\$7.06.

So if the cash price is C\$5.39, then the difference is more like \$1.66, not 30 cents.

At the website of another grain company, the bid for No. 1 CWRS 13.5 percent protein at an elevator in central Saskatchewan leaves out the MGEX price and simply states its basis is -C\$13 a tonne, or -35 cents a bushel for a net price of \$196.07, or \$5.34 a bu.

Again, the basis bears no resemblance to the actual difference between the futures and cash, adjusted for currency.

Just south of the border at Berthold Farmers Elevator in Berthold, North Dakota, the website paints a much clearer picture, relying on simple arithmetic. It posts a basis of -US\$50 cents from the futures of \$5.69 to arrive at a cash price of \$5.19.

Converted to Canadian dollars, that's a basis of -62 cents and a cash price of \$6.43 per bu., or more than \$1 more than the Canadian elevators.

A suspicious mind would say the Canadian grain companies are trying to hide something, such as an outrageous profit margin and failure of the arbitrage that was supposed to balance Canadian and American grain prices following the end of the CWB monopoly.

It is a similar situation in Canadian Prairie Spring wheat, which uses the Chicago wheat contract as its starting point, and winter wheat, which uses the Kansas City contract.

There must be more clarity on how Canadian wheat buyers factor foreign exchange into their pricing so that their real basis becomes clear.

This would not be an issue if the ICE Futures Canada milling wheat contract, which is priced in Canadian dollars per tonne, had gained trac-

tion. The contract exists, but there is no trade.

Making a new contract work isn't easy. Those pioneering it would face a lot of risk as long as volume is small and liquidity is inadequate.

However, grain companies didn't even try to make it work.

They stayed with the relative safe bet. MGEX spring wheat is established and has volume, but even it sometimes lacks adequate liquidity.

For now, MGEX remains the de facto North American hard spring wheat price setter.

And so grain companies operating in Canada must come up with a way to present honestly and transparently how their cash bids in Canadian currency relate to the MGEX futures.

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CROP CHOICE

Futures improve canola profitability over wheat

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BRANDON — Farmers might take a friendlier look at seeding canola this spring after recent price action made the crop look relatively more profitable than wheat, says Informa Economics' Chris Ferris.

Canola priced for 2015 had a significant per acre advantage over spring wheat last summer.

That was not unusual because canola often is more profitable than wheat.

Canola's advantage disappeared after August, raising ideas that wheat acres would increase.

But since Jan. 1, canola has held

firm while spring wheat futures have fallen.

"We've been getting a bit of a bounce here," Ferris told the Manitoba Canola Growers meeting during Manitoba Ag Days Jan. 20.

"Canola has been strengthening against spring wheat."

Farmers keenly watch crop-versus-crop revenue comparisons as seeding approaches, with many throwing undedicated acreage into crops that appear to offer the best profit potential.

That looked bad for canola acreage recently.

Some profitability projections, including one from Manitoba Agriculture, showed canola as one of the worst crops to grow this year.

The department projected at the beginning of January that farmers would lose almost \$20 per acre growing canola (including all costs), while they would make almost \$11 on spring wheat.

However, wheat has now given up all the gains it had made in the October to December rally, while new crop canola futures are the strongest they have been since August.

Now canola again appears to offer farmers better returns.

"That's because wheat has been falling," said Ferris.

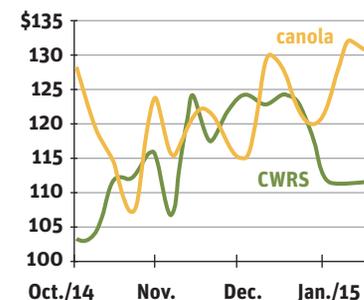
"That may encourage a bit more acres here for canola."

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CANOLA TRIUMPHS

In recent months canola had lost much of its revenue advantage compared to spring wheat, but since the beginning of January canola has handily regained the lead.

Comparative revenues after expenses, 2015 crop (\$/acre)



Source: John DePape | WP GRAPHIC

CANFAX REPORT

FED CATTLE NEAR TOP

Few market-ready cattle were available for sale last week, but packers decided not to chase them with higher bids.

Packers have rebuilt their cut-out values and don't want to weaken them.

A few dressed sales midweek were \$5-\$8 per hundredweight lower than the previous week.

Canfax was unable to establish a weekly price trend because of the light trade.

Cattle futures surged mid-week and provided feedlots an opportunity to book a few more fed contracts.

However, futures crashed at the end of the week on weaker beef cut-outs, the strong U.S. dollar and fund liquidation.

Prices were US\$160 in light U.S. cash trade in the south, down \$4-\$5, while dressed sales in the north were \$6-\$8 lower with most trading at \$256 delivered.

The Canadian fed cash-to-futures basis strengthened two weeks ago as packers pushed to procure inventory. Last week it weakened, although it was still stronger than normal for this time of year.

Western Canadian fed slaughter to Jan. 17 fell 10 percent to 26,422 head.

Weekly fed exports to Jan. 10 totalled 3,375 head. Exports are off to a sluggish start this year.

Packers have adequate captive supplies, so will remain disciplined buyers.

COWS STRONG

D1, D2 cows ranged C\$124-\$142 to average \$132.10 per cwt. D3 cows ranged \$110-\$125 to average \$118.63.

Rail grade prices ranged \$256-\$261. Cow prices tend to increase by February by about 10 percent.

D1, D2 prices this month are on track to average around \$132 per cwt.

A 10 percent increase in February would put prices in the mid-\$140s, but that seems unlikely, considering prices are already at record



highs.

There also appears to be more cows on feed intended for slaughter this year than last year, and they have yet to come to market.

Also, larger fed cattle supplies into February and fed prices that appear to have reached a top will also limit price gains in the non-fed complex.

SPREADS WIDEN

Alberta auction volumes have started to pick up, but volumes are manageable.

Most of the cattle that were marketed are one-owner calves and feeders.

Stocker calves are trading steady and heavier feeders are being pressured. As a result, the price spread between 550 and 850 pound animals is record large at more than \$60 per cwt.

U.S. buyers are competing aggressively against local buyers who want to put cattle on grass. U.S. buyers are showing particular interest in light stockers, which is contributing to the wide spreads.

The weaker Canadian dollar should encourage feeder exports, but a lot will depend on fed basis levels and the aggressiveness of local packers.

U.S. feedlots have a cost of gain advantage over western Canadian feedlots, so there is a good chance first quarter feeder exports could be larger this year.

Basis levels are anticipated to strengthen because the March feeder cattle contract traded at a \$9 discount to the spot contract.

The five-year average basis is -\$14.24.

U.S. BEEF FALLS

The U.S. beef cutout traded lower with Choice down US\$7.23 at \$255.65 per cwt. and Select down

\$5.18 at \$248.89.

Canadian cut-out values are still unavailable.

The Montreal wholesale price for delivery this week was steady at C\$316-\$318 per cwt.

Statistics Canada's December Consumer Price Index showed a .7 percent decline in the overall CPI from November.

However, the food index increased .4 percent, and the index for beef set a new record high.

The price index for beef is up 23 percent from a year ago, while pork is up 16 percent and poultry is up two percent.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's cattle on feed report showed that feedlot supply rose one percent to 10.69 million head. Analysts expected a 1.6 percent increase.

Placements were 1.544 million, down eight percent from last year as ranchers held back heifers to rebuild herds.

Analysts had expected a 4.1 percent decline.

Marketing were down five percent at 1.655 million, in line with expectations.

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SPECIALTY CROP

Tight supplies may lift canaryseed prices

Analyst expects 20 percent more acres in 2015

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Growers need to focus on only one factor when assessing the canaryseed market, says FarmLink Marketing Solutions.

"The key question we think in the canaryseed market today is how much are supplies understated and is there enough supplies to service demand going forward this year," said FarmLink analyst Alyssa Mistelbacher.

Statistics Canada estimates supplies at 125,000 tonnes and is forecasting a paltry 5,000 tonnes of carryout.

Prices would be a lot higher than 25 cents per pound if that were the case, said Mistelbacher.

"We believe the market is about 60,000 to 80,000 tonnes underestimated."

She said Statistics Canada has been low-balling supply for years.

"We've actually exported this past year more than supplies on paper, and that's likely the same thing that will happen in 2014-15," Mistelbacher told growers recently at Crop Production Week in Saskatoon.

Regardless, it is clear that supplies and ending stocks will still be histori-

cally tight, which should lead to a firming of prices by spring and summer. They could climb to 29 cents or even higher if FarmLink is wrong about supplies.

"If there is less canaryseed than presumed, there is potential for a big spike in values as hoped for in many years," she said.

It's why FarmLink is forecasting a 20 percent increase in plantings in 2015 to 325,000 acres.

That may seem like a big jump, but it pales in comparison to the 859,313 acres seeded in 2004.

Mistelbacher said there should be enough production in 2015-16 to meet demand, but it won't be enough to overwhelm the market. She is forecasting another year of tight ending stocks.

"Really, the market is one production issue away from being pretty significantly undersupplied."

Exports have been brisk so far this year, with 70,000 tonnes shipped through the end of November, up 10,000 tonnes from the previous year.

It bodes well for prices, as does the weakening Canadian dollar, which has added about one cent to prices since fall.

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WP LIVESTOCK REPORT



U.S. HOGS EDGE LOWER

Supply was ample for packer needs. Feed supplies are good, and mild temperatures helped keep hogs well fattened.

Weakness in the cattle market also weighed on hogs.

Nearby hog futures are trading at a two-year low.

Labour disputes at American west coast ports are holding up exports and threatening the quality of meat in containers.

Iowa-southern Minnesota hogs delivered were US\$52 per hundredweight Jan. 23, down from \$54-\$54.50 Jan. 16.

U.S. hogs averaged \$67.65 on a carcass basis Jan. 23, down from \$71.03 Jan. 16.

The U.S. pork cutout rose to \$84.38 per cwt. Jan. 23, up from \$84.37 Jan. 16.

The estimated U.S. weekly slaughter for the week to Jan. 24 was 2.316 million, the largest slaughter in more than a year.

It was up 2.6 percent from the 2.257 million processed the previous week and up 4.6 percent from the 2.214 million last year at the same time.

BISON STEADY

The Canadian Bison Association said 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.

LAMBS STEADY

Ontario Stockyards Inc. reported that 1,274 sheep and lambs and 124 goats traded Jan. 19. All classes of lambs traded steady with sheep selling barely steady to lower. Goats sold strong.

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OILSEED

Component pricing interesting, but many questions remain

If a better mousetrap comes along, we shouldn't hold onto old methods simply because it's the way it has always been done.

So changing how farmers are paid for canola to a component pricing system — one based on the different saleable parts of the seed — is a good idea in theory.

Farmers, like any business, should always be ready to adapt. However, there are pitfalls to change, and that's where risk analysis becomes critical. In component pricing, that analysis is lacking.

The attraction to the system is that farmers would be paid based on the level of oil in the seed they deliver. The Alberta Canola Producers Commission has spoken in favour of component pricing, while Manitoba Canola Growers has said that its acceptance or rejection depends on the oil content level at which premiums or penalties would be applied.

SaskCanola is non-committal and has called for more study.

That may be the best route. Only after the pros and cons have been weighed, debated and analyzed should a decision be made.

Proponents of change say farmers are missing out on millions of dollars in premiums they could earn for higher oil content. They point to countries like Australia and the United Kingdom, which already use a type of component pricing.

However, there are major differences that make comparisons difficult. In 2012-13, Australia produced 3.3 million tonnes of canola, the United Kingdom produced 2.2 million tonnes and Canadian farmers produced 13.9 million tonnes, more than 2.5 times that of the other two combined.

In Australia, the pricing system was set up to encourage producers to improve the quality of their product. It was initially set at 40 percent oil content and is now 42 percent. Producers receive a 1.5 percent bonus or penalty

for each one percent above or below that level.

Canada is already considered the top supplier of quality canola worldwide, with a western Canadian mean oil content of 44.5 percent in 2014. As a result, there is little need to encourage growers to do better.

As well, most of that canola is sold as commodity seed into price-sensitive markets. Would buyers pay more for high oil content or would suppliers have to find new buyers? Would Canadian suppliers offer less for oil content to meet the prices that international buyers offer?

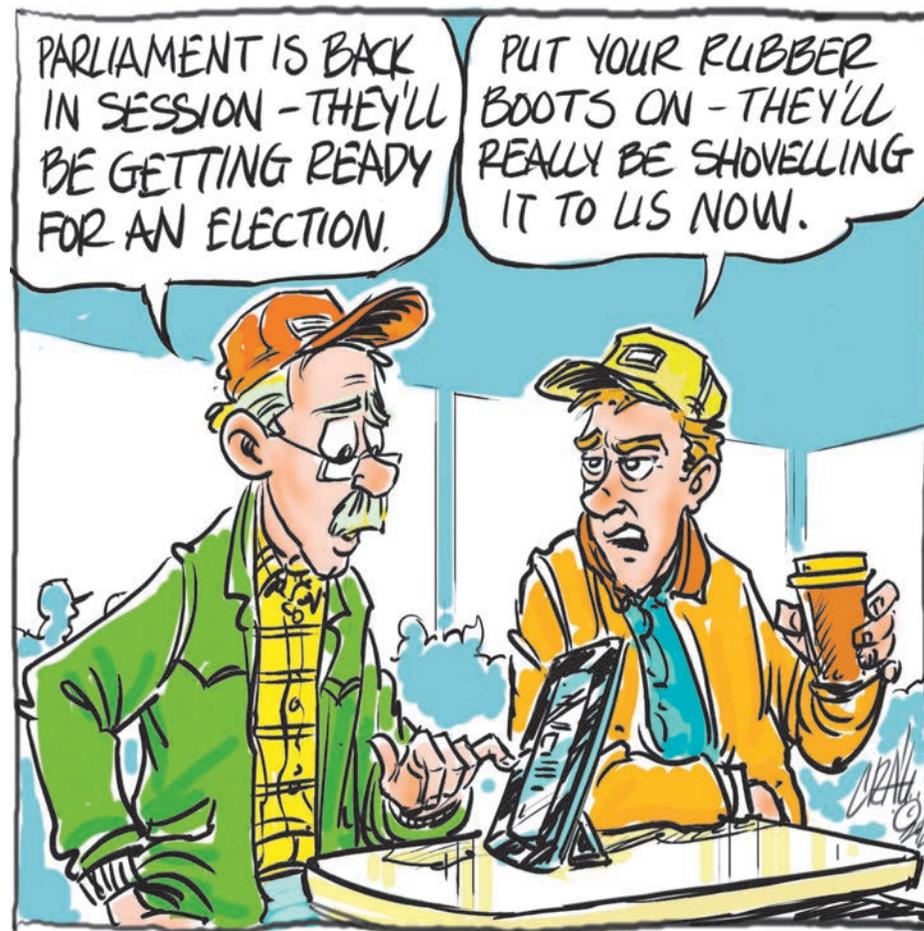
Oil is the main driver of canola seed quality and price, but there are also other attributes, such as free fatty acid, protein and moisture content. In the push to boost oil, these could suffer and face discounts. Although only a byproduct to oil production, meal remains an important component of canola seed value. Would meal quality and pricing suffer from an over focus on oil?

It is a general truth that oil content has been trending upward in Canada, but it remains variable, depending on region. Beyond buying quality seed, there is little producers can do to improve the oil content at the farm. There are some helpful agronomic practices, such as seeding early and harvesting late and following through on soil tests to ensure optimal fertility, but largely farmers are at the whims of the weather when it comes to oil content. A bad year could see them facing heavy price penalties.

For now at least, it appears to be a case of a bird in the hand being worth two in the bush. It may prove otherwise in the future, but appropriate study and analysis must be the guiding forces. Getting that information is the job at hand.

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CRAIG'S VIEW



CANOLA DISEASE

I thought we would be looking at three to four years before we would see something come to market. This is a welcome surprise.

CLINT JURKE, CANOLA COUNCIL OF CANADA

ON AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT A CANOLA VARIETY RESISTANT TO A NEW STRAIN OF CLUBROOT PATHOGEN WILL BE READY FOR THIS SPRING, PAGE 14

ELECTION YEAR

Bill C-18 tops agriculture agenda as Parliament kicks off 2015

CAPITAL LETTERS



KELSEY JOHNSON

The countdown to the next federal election begins as MPs headed back to Ottawa this week, bringing with it a political agenda designed to divide parties and wrap up lingering files.

Most anticipate that security and the economy will dominate much of Ottawa's mainstream discussions in the coming months, thanks to tumbling oil prices and ongoing international concern about terrorism.

After all, the Conservatives have already said they will table their latest security bill Jan. 30, while the NDP plans to use its opposition day Jan. 27 to talk about the state of the middle class.

Still, that doesn't mean agriculture won't weasel its way onto the political agenda, too.

The Senate agriculture committee returned Jan. 26 and immediately began tackling Bill C-18. The controversial Agricultural Growth Act, which passed in the House of Commons last fall, minus the support of the NDP, would see Canada sign onto UPOV 91. It is expected to gain royal assent in time for the coming crop year.

As well, after nearly two years of detailed study, the Senate agriculture committee is expected to release its report on bee health. The highly anticipated report was supposed to be made public in December, but its release was delayed to accommodate a committee trip to Washington, D.C.

Meanwhile, the federal Pest Management Regulatory Agency is not expected to release its interim report until later this year, but bee health will remain on the provincial political roster as Ontario moves forward with its plan to reduce exposure by 80 percent by 2017.

That pledge has angered Ontario grain farmers, some of whom reportedly walked out of a meeting on the proposed bee health plan with the provincial agriculture minister Jeff Leal in December. Grain Farmers of Ontario has said it will develop its own bee health plan, while consultations between the province and other stakeholders continue.

Bee health is expected to be raised at the upcoming Council of the Federation meeting of the country's premiers Jan. 30 in Ottawa. In a recent letter, Ontario and Quebec beekeepers demanded that Ontario premier Kathleen Wynne and Quebec premier Philippe Couillard meet on the issue and continue to put pressure on the federal government to act.

Interprovincial trade is also expected to make its way onto the premiers' agenda this week. The longstanding issue has garnered increased attention recently, with the federal government pledging to move forward on the issue in the lead up to the next election.

Added attention will be given to the

Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations.

U.S. president Barack Obama promised in his Jan. 20 state of the union address to secure the much needed fast-track promotion authority, and *Inside Trade* is now reporting that the U.S. Senate will table a bill seeking the critical authority by the end of February. The United States has said it hopes to finalize negotiations in the next two months.

Back at home, rail transportation will continue to haunt politicians and industry alike.

The Canadian Transportation Agency review is set to wrap up in 2015. The review, which has been touted as the solution to age-old frustrations, must finish before federal emergency legislation expires in 2016. All eyes will also be on whether Ottawa decides to extend movement of minimum grain volumes for a third time.

Dialogue between parties continues, with several panels on grain and rail transportation scheduled at various agriculture and railway conferences in Ottawa in the coming months.

Also on the political agenda this winter are federal efforts to meet consumer demands. Consultations on new food labels, put forward last summer, wrapped up in the fall. Health Canada has not said when it expects to release the final version of the food labels, which would see more emphasis placed on portion sizes and sugar content.

As for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, its modernization continues under the Safe Food for Canadians Act. Food safety is set to become an election issue as consumer demands continue to mount for more information about where their food comes from.

As well, the federal government is expected to release new animal transportation rules after years of drafting and consultation. Sources could only say that the new rules are coming "soon," but several folks close to the file have indicated the changes will be met with controversy.

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& OPEN FORUM

FARM GROUP LEADERSHIP

Risk management will remain a priority

Doug Chorney's term as Keystone Agricultural Producers president comes to an end this week. Chorney, who farms near East Selkirk, Man., has led the Manitoba farm lobby group since 2011. Over the last four years, Chorney has frequently appeared in the national media and at meetings in Ottawa, representing the views of prairie farmers on grain transportation, flooding, labour shortages and support programs for the industry.

Chorney recently spoke to Western Producer reporter Robert Arnason about his time as KAP president.

Q: What surprised you about the job?

A: It did surprise me the amount of time the role requires.... And a lot of that is with the media.... It seems like we've had a plethora of very challenging issues the last four years and it's been my role to be a voice for our membership.... At the busiest periods, I was going to Ottawa every month with the exception of the (harvest season).

Q: What issue or event stood out during your term as KAP president?

A: I would point to the Canadian Wheat Board as being a real challenging issue and one that consumed a tremendous amount of time.... A lot of our membership was really polarized. There were few people with no opinion on this subject, and it was very difficult for us to represent all those interests at the same time.

After it became a reality (following



Doug Chorney, who has led Keystone Agricultural Producers since 2011, is preparing to step down from his role as president. | FILE PHOTO

the May 2011 federal election when the federal government said this was happening ... a lot of dominoes started to fall and we're still dealing with things like the Canadian Grain Commission, CIGI (Canadian International Grains Institute) ... and rail transportation. There just seemed to be so many links to the CWB that had

to be dealt with. Compounding that, we also had a record crop in 2013.

Q: What is the biggest challenge facing Canadian agriculture during the next five years?

A: No doubt about it, BRM (business risk management) tools

to deal with extreme weather events. We heard (Manitoba agriculture) minister (Ron Kostyshyn) talk about it ... There has been unprecedented weather challenges for Manitoba farmers and prairie farmers these last few years. They're getting to be more frequent than they've ever been. I'm hearing from our members ... they cannot survive this on their own without any support. Crop insurance is not meeting their needs when they go through multi-year events. They need to have tools to manage this kind of risk.

Q: The outgoing KAP president traditionally backs away from the organization. How will you stay involved in agricultural policy?

A: I'm still very engaged in the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council. I'm on the advisory council for workplace health and safety for the minister of labour.... Labour issues are a huge challenge for farmers. We just don't have the capacity we used to in rural communities, of retired people or neighbours' kids to help you.

Q: What was the most satisfying aspect of the job?

A: Being involved in a farm group that's really grassroots-driven and the amount of commitment we have from our membership, volunteers and right up to our management team. People ... are really busy and don't necessarily have the time to do the things we ask them to do, but they make the time to do it.... Without that behind you, it would be very difficult to keep your focus.

SPECIAL REPORT

Going deep on the biggest issues

EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK



BRIAN MACLEOD
EDITOR

This week's Special Report by *The Western Producer's* Robert Arnason on pages 26-28 is worth a good read.

Arnason details the odd situation in which, despite a growing demand for organic food at the grocery stores, there are actually fewer organic farmers in the Prairies than there were a few years ago, even though there are opportunities and potential profitability in organic farming. It's hard to see that trend turning around any time soon.

Arnason methodically details the depth of the organic farming dearth, then outlines the barriers farmers must overcome to transition to organic farming and asks the question: "Will conventional growers convert to organics?"

Without a significant move in that direction, he notes, "a country that is one of the largest exporters of grains and oilseeds in the world could become a net importer of organic grains and oilseeds."

It is one of the things we try to do well at *The Western Producer*—that is, capitalizing on our experienced staff to go in-depth on issues that are important to farmers.

Given the *Producer's* long history covering the industry and our efforts to attract and keep talented agricultural journalists, our readers expect us to produce this kind of material.

We see the information published in our pages as helping farmers make key business decisions. We are planning more, about one a month, aside from what we call "Issue 52," our last edition of the year, which is entirely devoted to a particular subject.

In future Special Reports, we'll look at the virtues of protecting Saskatchewan's farmland from foreign ownership, and we'll stress the need for farming safely, especially for younger generations.

As readers, you can have your say on these issues by writing letters, or online through comments and poll questions accompanying our stories. We like to spur debate on issues, so it's important that we encourage input from our readers to get the whole picture.

We'll also look to our readers for suggestions. What would you like to see us look at in-depth? Would you like to see more on organics? On genetically modified crops? On pesticides? Or would you like us to focus more on the business of farming?

The Western Producer is here to help farmers do what only they can do: feed the nation and the world. Let us know what we can do best to help you do that.

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MARKETING

Small improvements can multiply net return

HURSH ON AG



KEVIN HURSH

It's called the five percent rule, and it can make farmers a lot of money.

Can you achieve five percent better yields?

Most of us can identify agronomic shortfalls that could easily raise yields from 40 to 42 bushels per acre. It might be slightly higher macronutrients, a more timely fungicide application or just setting the combine better to avoid losses.

Using seed treatments, higher quality seed and thousand kernel weight when setting seeding rates can also provide a yield edge.

Could you achieve five percent better prices?

Rather than getting 20 cents for your lentils, might 21 cents have been possible with better timing and calls to more buyers? Rather than averaging \$9.40 for your canola, was \$9.87 within reach? We all strive for the best prices possible, but with hindsight we can usually identify errors.

Effective marketing starts with a firm knowledge of the cost of production. From there, you need to access good information and advice. Educating yourself on how to use various marketing tools can also pay dividends.

Can you cut your costs by five percent?

On the surface, that may seem counterintuitive. Cutting inputs is certainly not the way to higher returns. However, sectional control to reduce overlap, straight cutting canola and not being over-equipped can go a long way to shaving your total cost per acre.

Fixed costs vary dramatically from one producer to the next. Coffee shop discussions often revolve around the latest price of fertilizer, diesel and crop protection products, but it

would actually be more useful to talk about total equipment costs per acre.

So, let's say we achieve five percent better yields, five percent higher prices and five percent lower costs. That would logically seem like a 15 percent improvement in overall returns, but instead it's a 117 percent increase in net income.

Kristjan Hebert demonstrated the five percent rule at a presentation during Ag Days in Brandon using typical canola yields, prices and costs. Running through the math, Hebert used the three marginal improvements to change the net income from \$50 an acre to \$108.50.

Imagine what this improved return can do when compounded over time. It isn't just a fancy theory. Accountants and farm management specialists all say that some farm operations consistently achieve better returns than their neighbours because they do so many little things right.

The five percent rule originated with farm management icon Danny Klinefelter of Texas A & M University,

but Hebert does a great job of explaining how baby steps lead to bigger profits. He is involved with a grain farm operation at Fairlight, Sask., and has extensive experience in farm business management.

Hebert is a big proponent of accrued financial statements. The cash basis system on which farmers can file income tax returns tells us little about a farm's true financial situation. Hebert says a mass conversion to accrual would be akin to the benefits of the direct seeding revolution.

Hebert recommends on-farm trials to sort out which have value for your farm operation. Current technology makes it easier than ever for farmers to do their own evaluations.

Finding those five percent improvements is a big deal. In major league baseball, a .300 hitter is a star while a .250 hitter will barely keep his job. This is only a five percent difference: one more hit every 20 times at bat.

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OPEN FORUM

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PRO-DEMOCRACY

To the Editor:

When Alberta Milk was formed, all licensed producers were members of this organization on a mandatory basis. It was said that this membership gave every licensed producer the right to run for office as a delegate and director.

However, the Alberta Milk board made a unilateral change.

Now, before a producer's name may stand for election, the individual must sign a document wherein the producer confirms loyalty to the board and agrees to not speak publicly against the board and to sup-

port all decisions made by the board. This suggests that an elected individual will represent the board solely, and not the producers they were elected by. The Alberta Milk board has given itself the authority to remove licensed producers from the hierarchy if they don't uphold this code. This "code of ethics" is a misnomer, as it does not include any standards of morality. If members dare to speak out against this centralized democracy, they will be responded to with bullying, coercion and profanity.

So why did Alberta Milk decide to take this route? I had to dig into some available documents from Alberta Milk, in which all directions point to

the board developed firm STRIVE. This organization promotes the avoidance of conflict by any means necessary.

To accomplish this, they encourage leaders to actively recruit candidates for positions of authority to ensure only "like minded" individuals are elected. As outlined by STRIVE, an invaluable tool to achieve this is a "code of ethics" policy. This policy is a measure used in the screening process of possible candidates.

This concept of avoiding conflict is quite common as documented in a North American study discussed in a Ted Talks episode, "Dare to Disagree." Eighty-five percent of organi-

zations admitted to not knowing how to effectively handle conflict. Therefore, they instinctively cuddle up with echo chambers.

Conflict avoidance and selective blindness leads managers and organizations astray. Some organizations have adopted the belief that constructive disagreements are invaluable to progress. These groups are unafraid of differing ideas and encourage critical thinking to achieve a goal. This is a more democratic approach to management. I encourage everyone to watch Margaret Heffernan's Ted Talks titled "Dare to Disagree" to better understand this philosophy.

I strongly believe that it is time to stand up for true democracy and return to its roots, the original ideas that shaped this form of management. Elected individuals should represent the vision of the people not the vision of one's own mind.

Rients Palsma,
Independent Milk Producers
of Alberta



DO OR DON'T

To the Editor:

For the second time, McDonald's Restaurants rejects the GMO potato.

Patrick Moore says it's another in the "myriad examples of the success of the anti-science brigade in black-mailing big corporations. There is now an anti-intellectual element that doesn't care a hoot about people. There is no logic or science involved — only ideology and ignorance."

Executives are the "weak link" here. If these executives ran the computer industry we'd all still be using key-strokes and DOS commands instead of a mouse. You either support agricultural technology, or you don't. And the executives at McDonald's have spoken: they don't.

Mischa Popoff,
Greenville, Texas

MAKING CHOICES

To the Editor:

U.S. researchers have identified a new strain of a hog disease that has wiped out millions of baby pigs, a sign the virus will keep mutating as producers work to contain it.

As long as producers continue to raise animals in the confines of being factory assembled, as so many hogs are in our modern society today, there will continue to be new diseases and viruses to challenge them.

Perceived expectations of hope will not suffice or bring relief to such a situation.

The responsibility and compassion of how animals will be raised rests entirely with those who are in charge for them, as all of us, have been given the option of making choices. Good, bad or indifferent, the consequences of those choices are theirs alone to bear.

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remain healthy and be free from suffering.

Breathing fumes from the sewage pits below them in their state of captivity lowers their resistance, and elevates a short term and unhealthy existence.

John Fefchak,
Virden, Man.

NEW BUDGET

To the Editor:

The Saskatchewan Green Party is eager for the Brad Wall government to trim spending. The Wall government has increased spending by 71 percent since it came to power in 2007 and now faces the possibility of posting a budget deficit with the fall of oil prices.

Saskatchewan Green Party leader Victor Lau says if premier Wall is going to deal with the accumulated \$19 billion debt, he should consider the following moves:

- Chop the Ministry of the Economy. Government involvement in the economy should be kept to a minimum. In fact, the Saskatchewan Party is supposed to be opposed to government interference in the economy, so why have a Ministry of the Economy?

- Go back to 58 seats in the Saskatchewan legislature — the idea of adding seats to the assembly is wasteful and does little to improve our democracy.

- Cut the budget for Executive Council by half — the government can make do with half the people than it has now.

- Stop funding false ideas like clean coal technology and carbon capture. In opposition, the Sask Party MLAs

used to hound the NDP on failed projects like Spudco and Channel Lake. The government should learn from this.

- Cut off third party entities like the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations and the Quality Health Council — let these agencies generate their own funding.

- Return Tourism Saskatchewan into an arm's-length agency with a voluntary board. The Sask Party should never have used this agency for patronage appointments.

What is really disturbing is that the Wall government ever increased spending by 71 percent in the first place. But now there is an opportunity for this government to redeem itself. Employment involvement will ensure that real change takes place.

Victor Lau
Leader of the Saskatchewan Greens
Regina, Sask.

GRAIN MARKETING

To the Editor:

The Canadian Wheat Board was a profitable grain marketing entity managed by duly elected farmers. Purchase of wheat and barley was based on quality and quantity. Delivery was orderly, driven by the need to attain satisfaction for the customers and maximum profitability for the producers.

Every bushel, every tonne sold to the CWB was considered a share in the company. After deductions for operating and marketing expenses, every share returned a complete profit to the producers — a profit that did not have to be shared with other stakeholders.

Near the end of its existence, the CWB was paying farmers for some on-farm storage. It is very unlikely that this option will ever be present-

ed by the grain companies.

The federal government, while it wraps itself in Canadian flags and espouses the virtues of democracy, could not accord farmers the same privilege regarding the existence of the CWB. It felt that its political standing would be enhanced if it abolished the CWB. To do this, it took the word freedom, a friendly, positive word, and stuck the word marketing in front of it.

Many farmers were taken in by this concept. If they had been presented with the late Tommy Douglas phrase, "Everybody for himself said the elephant as he danced amongst the chickens" they would have envisioned themselves becoming marketing elephants. Reality is demonstrating that they have become something else.

Merle Harth,
Regina, Sask.

ADVERSITY

Count your blessings

SPIRITUAL VIGNETTES



JOYCE SASSE

Only fools think we should never have to face times of hardship, but life can become heavy at any time.

Paulo Coelho writes: "The fear of suffering is worse than the suffering itself."

That fear exists when we've not forearmed ourselves with sound spiritual understandings.

I recall Saskatchewan farmers facing repeated years of drought. Some were so extreme that seeded fields never turned green because unsprouted grain moulded in the furrow.

Those were years when pensioners and people on more-fixed incomes hired cash-strapped farmers to do whatever maintenance and building jobs they could find. Community members found strength in pulling together. They understood there would be a tomorrow and helped each other work through the tough times.

An Alberta fire in December 1997 consumed 70,000 acres of grassland in the Granum-Porcupine Hills area. Miles of fence line were destroyed, the landscape was blackened and the smell of the tragedy hung heavy in the air.

One young mother insisted her family make it a weekly event to go somewhere so they could see something of beauty or attend a spirit-lifting cultural event. They needed to feed their soul. Our ears are assailed these days with dire predictions about how low oil prices can threaten our economy, our security and our lives.

Quaker research scientist Ursula Franklin defines "peace" as "the absence of fear." Turn the news volume down and look instead to the spiritual truths we learn from nature, from communities that care for each other from those who remind us of God's love. Make yourself aware of these gifts and recognize the blessings that unfold us.



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VARIETY DEVELOPMENT

New variety offers protection against evolving clubroot

Canterra Seeds says CS2000 performs better than existing varieties, which are susceptible to new clubroot strain in Alberta

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Canterra Seeds is launching the first hybrid canola that is resistant to the latest strain of the clubroot pathogen.

CS2000 has intermediate resistance to the 5X pathotype that was discovered in pockets of one field in the Edmonton area in 2013.

Canterra president David Hansen said growers will be able to buy seed in time for this planting season.

"We had an aggressive seed production strategy and we will have seed available in somewhat limited volumes, but we will certainly have it available for this spring," he said.

Hansen anticipates enough demand to seed 200,000 acres of the variety this year, with the vast majority of that coming from the clubroot infected areas of Alberta.

"CS2000 is a huge step forward for growers battling clubroot," he said.

Stephen Strelkov, plant pathologist with the University of Alberta, had a more muted assessment.

"It's an incremental step," he said.

Strelkov uses an index of disease severity to rank the resistance of new varieties.

A variety with a disease severity that is less than 30 percent of a highly susceptible check is considered resistant, one in the 30 to 69 percent range has intermediate resistance and

higher than 70 percent is susceptible.

"(CS2000) wasn't resistant in the sense that it still had a significant amount of disease, but the disease that it had was significantly lower than for a completely susceptible check," he said.

"It's certainly a step in the right direction, but it's not a silver bullet."

Strelkov said 27 fields in the Edmonton area had unexpectedly high levels of clubroot infection last year, considering growers had planted resistant varieties.

Samples from those fields are being tested under greenhouse conditions to see if they contain the 5X pathotype or other new strains of the disease.

"Some of the preliminary results from what I've seen seem to suggest that there's at least a couple more fields," he said.

He hopes to have complete results of the greenhouse trials by early March.

Clint Jurke, agronomy director with the Canola Council of Canada, was pleased to hear about Canterra's new offering.

"This is a very welcome tool for us to utilize because up until now it was not looking so good," he said.

Other clubroot resistant varieties are on the market, but they are resistant to the existing 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8 collection of pathotypes.

The discovery of 5X in 2013 was a red flag to the industry that the clubroot pathogen can change and over-



A new strain of clubroot discovered in 2013 is a threat to canola production in Alberta. | FILE PHOTO

come the existing resistance.

Jurke suspected 5X was always lurking in the soil, but at undetectable levels until it flourished with the introduction of varieties resistant to the more prevalent pathotypes.

"It had the opportunity to increase in the field because it was the only one that could survive on resistant varieties," he said.

"If we're not careful, we could see this new pathotype become established in a number of fields across Alberta, and the resistance we are currently using right now will become ineffective very quickly."

Jurke is stunned that a resistant variety is already hitting the market

less than a year after the council announced the discovery of the 5X strain last April.

"I thought we would be looking at three to four years before we would see something come to market. This is a welcome surprise," he said.

Hansen said it was also a surprise to Canterra's canola breeding partner, DL Seeds. The company was attempting to create another variety resistant to existing pathotypes, but lo and behold it turned out it was also resistant to the new strain.

"In some cases in plant breeding there is some luck that does play into it," he said.

Canterra says CS2000 is well suited

to medium to longer season growing zones, resistant to blackleg, medium to tall in height, has great standability and yielded 105 percent of the check variety, Pioneer's 45H29 canola, in registration trials.

"It's a very well rounded variety," said Hansen.

Jurke said growers in the clubroot epicentre surrounding Edmonton who have been growing resistant varieties for a couple of cycles should consider planting CS2000 to switch things up.

However, he stressed that growers planting resistant varieties still need to employ best management practices.

If the disease is established on their land, they need to move to a four-year rotation.

High risk fields should be the last ones producers work on, and farm equipment should be thoroughly sanitized when leaving those fields.

Jurke advised growers in infected areas to control canola volunteers and other weeds in the canola family.

"They will act as disease bridges to carry the pathogen over from one year to another and building up inoculum," he said.

Growers should employ minimum tillage on infected fields because conventional tillage churns the soil and spreads the disease.

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MANURE MANAGEMENT

Manitoba may budge on hog manure rules

Producers talking with government about alternatives to anaerobic digesters

BY ROBERT ARNASON

BRANDON BUREAU

Manitoba's agriculture minister says the government is working with the hog industry to resolve a manure management impasse because the province needs new hog barns and more pigs.

"We definitely have some appetite to explore options and ideas. That's why we're talking to Manitoba Pork at this point in time," Ron Kostyshyn told reporters during Ag Days in Brandon.

"An alternative solution to the anaerobic (digester) is being discussed and continues to be discussed with other departments."

The Manitoba Pork Council and the government have been quarreling over manure rules since 2011, when the province passed the Save Lake Winnipeg Act. The legislation required new hog barns to have an anaerobic digester, or equivalent technology, to treat the phosphorus in hog manure.

Manitoba hog producers have said the regulations are too costly because an anaerobic digester for a small pig barn may cost \$1 million.

Manitoba Pork proposed a cheaper

alternative: building additional earthen storage structures, commonly known as lagoons, to separate the liquid and solid manure.

The province rejected the proposal last summer and rebuffed an idea to inject all pig manure into the soil.

Hog producers and many manure management experts are baffled by the government's insistence on anaerobic digesters.

A number of scientists have said anaerobic digesters can be used to generate electricity and heat, but the process doesn't remove phosphorus from pig manure.

Don Flaten, a University of Manitoba soil scientist and nutrient management expert, said he's not involved in the ongoing discussions between the hog industry and the provincial government. Flaten has criticized the government for its obsession with the hog industry, considering that a range of sources and activities contribute nutrients to Lake Winnipeg.

He did provide input last year, when the province was considering alternatives to anaerobic digesters.

"We were able to share our technical information and opinions with the government and the industry at



Manure management has become a major stumbling block to developing the hog industry in Manitoba. | DON FLATEN PHOTO

FLATEN PHOTO

that time," he said.

"There was a proposal that circulated last year ... for allowing expansion of hog barns in the province with a very comprehensive approach to nutrient management. (It) wasn't focused only on anaerobic digesters, which do nothing for the phosphorus issue."

Manitoba Pork's proposal may remain a possible solution, but Kostyshyn didn't reveal what options are on the table.

"We see the importance of hog operations to keep expanding....

We've got some aging barns," he said.

"Ongoing discussions are continuing. We've had some recent meetings with Manitoba Pork ... to find the mechanism that will make it attractive (to build new barns)."

Manitoba's hog industry is counting on amendments to the act's regulations because the province isn't producing enough pigs to fully supply the Maple Leaf Foods processing plant in Brandon and the Hylife Foods plant in Neepawa. Last summer, the Brandon

plant was slaughtering 65,000 to 70,000 pigs per week, 20,000 less than its maximum capacity.

Kostyshyn said changes might be coming soon.

"I would be awaiting some news in the near future ... on our ongoing discussion with Manitoba Pork."

The Western Producer contacted the pork council for this story, but didn't receive a reply by press time Jan. 26.

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LAND OWNERSHIP

Farmland board rules against investment group

Saskatchewan's Farm Land Security Board issues a second decision that Skyline Agriculture Financial Corp. is violating rules for foreign ownership

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Saskatchewan's Farm Land Security Board has issued its second decision on a case that could transform the way land is bought and sold in the province.

The decision reaffirms an earlier ruling that ordered Skyline Agriculture Financial Corp. to reduce its land holdings to the allowable 10 acre limit for foreign investors.

Skyline is attempting to use a complicated ownership structure involving mortgage agreements, swap agreements and derivative agreements to avoid being viewed as owner of the farmland.

The British Columbia company headed by Mark Reineking believes it can use the unique business structure to raise funds from outside Canada to buy Saskatchewan farmland because it wouldn't actually own the land.

It has told the security board that it intends to raise foreign capital to finance the operation, which isn't allowed under traditional land ownership structures.

Dan Patterson, former general manager of the board, said the company is attempting to raise money on stock markets around the world to buy Saskatchewan farmland.

"If they are successful, there's rumours that they would want to spend \$100 million or so to begin with," he said.

The security board ruled Aug. 29 that it considered Skyline to be the owner of the land, despite its compli-

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DAN PATTERSON
FORMER FARM LAND SECURITY BOARD GENERAL MANAGER

cated structure, and that the company was therefore in violation of the province's land ownership laws.

It ordered Skyline to reduce its 15 acre landholding to the allowable 10 acres.

Skyline, which purposely exceeded the allowable acreage limit to trigger a ruling, took the province to court, contending it was complying with the rules.

On Oct. 23, judge Donald Layh ruled that the security board did not provide "transparent and justifiable" reasons to support its decision to order Skyline to divest. He referred the case back to the board for further consideration.

The board met Nov. 27 and Dec. 9 and reaffirmed its earlier ruling that the proposed structure provides Skyline with rights normally accruing to the owner of farmland.

In its decision published Dec. 11, the board provided examples of why it believes Skyline should be viewed as owner of the land despite how the business is structured to obscure that fact.

It said the farmer-mortgager under the Skyline model must operate the land according to plans approved by Skyline and is not allowed to sell crops without the consent of Skyline.

As well, Skyline will earn the major portion of any capital appreciation on the land.

"This is an attempt to get around the provisions of the Saskatchewan Farm Security Act and allow non-Canadian entities the opportunity to control the farm operation and to profit from the increasing value of Saskatchewan farmland," said the board in the decision published on the security board website.

Mark Folk, general manager of the security board, said the case heads back to the Court of Queen's Bench Jan. 27, which was before *The Western Producer's* publication deadline.

"It's a legal question that the judge will have to decide," he said.

Saskatchewan agriculture minister Lyle Stewart said the province is reviewing the act to ensure that loopholes enabling individuals or companies to circumvent the intent of the law are closed.

He said the earliest a revised act could be passed is the spring of 2016.

Rick Swenson, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan, said that isn't good enough. He is calling for immediate changes to the act in light of the farmland security board's recent



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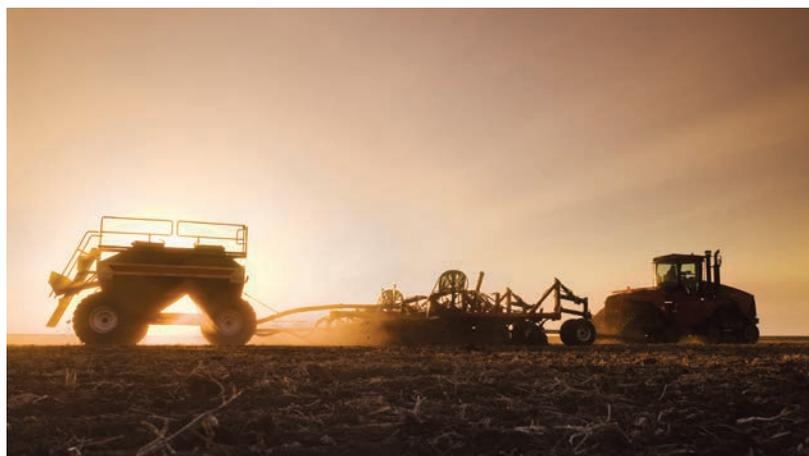
decision allowing the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board to buy thousands of acres of prime farmland.

"Obviously the (Saskatchewan premier Brad) Wall government and rural Sask Party MLAs are feeling

some heat on this issue," he said.

"If they are serious, they will introduce legislation this spring to close the existing loopholes if they currently exist at all."

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GRAIN TRANSPORTATION

CWB plans to continue business at competing facilities

Company hopes expanding elevator network will ease deliveries

BY BRIAN CROSS
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Managers at CWB say they will continue to take grain deliveries at facilities owned by competing elevator companies.

However, they acknowledged that delivery opportunities at non-CWB elevators have been hit and miss and delivery challenges might not disappear overnight.

Delivery issues, combined with inconsistent car spotting at some producer car loading sites, has placed added emphasis on the need for CWB to increase its network capacity as quickly as possible.

Speaking to farmers Jan. 16 during Crop Production Week in Saskatoon, CWB pool manager Dave Simonot conceded that delivery opportunities and regional basis levels have been variable.

"For those of you who have been delivering to the handling companies, I would say it's been hit and miss," Simonot said.

"Some companies are taking (CWB) grain at some locations and not at others. Some companies are taking it for a while and then they stop. And some are just not taking it at all."

Producer car deliveries have also been problematic.

Car spotting has been unpredictable and placements in some areas have been weeks or months behind schedule.

"Some of you are using producer cars, and that's been a very difficult and painful experience in the past year and a half," Simonot said.

"For most of you, producer cars have not moved well."

Gord Flaten, vice-president of grain procurement with CWB, told growers the company is working to expand its network capacity.

It has already acquired facilities in Saskatchewan, including Prairie West Terminal at Plenty, Sask., and Great Sandhills Terminal near Leader.

It also owns Mission Terminal at Thunder Bay, Ont., and is building high-throughput concrete facilities near Colonsay, Sask., Moose Jaw, Sask., Bloom, Man., and Ste Adolphe, Man.

The facility at Colonsay is already signing delivery contracts for this year and is expected to take its first grain deliveries of in July.

It will have a loop track capable of handling 134-car grain trains and will boast one of the fastest load-out rates in the industry.

Flaten said Colonsay will be capable of loading a 134-car train in 10 to 12 hours, which is the equivalent of four or five minutes per car.

Construction of CWB's four new facilities will exceed \$100 million, he added.

The projects will be financed through a combination of retained earnings and commercial debt.

"We are under construction at our first four elevators ... and we have more to come," Flaten said.

"We do also have some plans to have a west coast facility as well, so

the vision is to have a full network of elevators across Western Canada with east coast and west coast terminal capacity."

Flaten said some CWB customers have had a tough time delivering against their pool contracts.

CWB expects to re-negotiate commercial grain handling agreements with some competing elevator companies, but not all of them.

CWB's other assets include short-line railways assets in Saskatchewan, more than 3,000 hopper cars, two newly acquired locomotives and a pair of laker-sized vessels, the second of which is still under construction at a shipyard in China.

The company's first ship, CWB Marquis, is in Halifax.

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MOVING HAY



Red Pearson loads round hay bales from the edge of a field onto a truck west of High River, Alta. He will load and transport about 350 bales to a cattle ranch nearby. | MIKE STURK PHOTO



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SCIENCE

Researchers make milestone GMO discovery

New man-made bacteria may lead to improved containment of genetically modified plants

NEWYORK (Reuters)—Two teams of scientists have achieved another “synthetic biology” milestone, a year after creating organisms that use a genetic code different from every other living thing.

They have now created bacteria that cannot survive without a specific man-made chemical, which potentially overcomes a major obstacle to wider use of genetically modified organisms.

The advance, which was reported in *Nature*, offers what one scientist calls a “genetic fire wall” to achieve bio-containment, which is a way to

insure that GMOs cannot live outside a lab or other confined environment.

The two labs accomplished this in bacteria, but “there is no fundamental barrier” to applying the technique to plants and animals, said Harvard Medical School biologist George Church, who led one of the studies.

“I think we are moving in (that) direction.”

If the technique succeeds, it could be used in microbes engineered for uses from the mundane to the exotic, such as producing yogurt and cheese, synthesizing industrial

chemicals and biofuel, cleaning up toxic waste and manufacturing drugs.

Microbes are already used for those applications, and in some cases they contain genes from an unrelated organism, which make them genetically modified.

However, widespread use of such GMOs has been constrained by concerns they could escape into the wild and do damage.

Church’s team announced in 2013 that it had leaped beyond genetic modification to create “genomically recoded” organisms.

Recoding means that one bit of an organism’s DNA codes for an amino acid differently than what the identical DNA codes for in every other living thing.

The biologists had rewritten the genetic spelling book.

In the new studies, teams led by Church and a former colleague, Farren Isaacs, created strains of *E. coli* bacteria that both contain DNA for a man-made amino acid and require synthetic amino acids to survive.

Isaacs, who now works at Yale University, said the amino acids do not

exist in nature, which means any GMOs that escaped a lab, manufacturing facility or agricultural field would die.

Church’s team made 49 genetic changes to *E. coli* to make them dependent on the synthetic amino acid. The odds of a microbe undoing all the changes are astronomically high, he said.

Church said biologists could use genomic recoding and the new fire wall to create escape-proof microbes, which, by incorporating novel amino acids, could produce entirely new types of drugs and polymers.

AGRIBUSINESS

Monsanto plans first Russian seed plant

PARIS, France (Reuters) — Monsanto plans to open its first plant in Russia in coming years as the world’s fourth largest grain producer attempts to counter the effects of a plunging ruble.

The ruble has almost halved in value against the U.S. dollar in the past year, hit by falling oil prices, a crumbling economy and political tensions.

“We have plans to increase local produced seeds in Russia and to have a facility there,” said Leticia Goncalves, who heads Monsanto’s operations in Europe and the Middle East.

The company currently operates in Russia through a network of local partners and distributors.

It said last year that it would launch a corn seed plant in neighboring Ukraine, whose currency has also dived, with initial investments of US\$140 million and possibly rising to \$300 million over several years.

Ukraine is the world’s sixth largest grain grower this season, and Goncalves said the region remained a priority for Monsanto.

“We still believe that Ukraine and Russia both are long-term opportunities for our business and we want to make sure we are in a position to accelerate our business growth despite the short-term geopolitical and macro-economic challenges,” she said.

Genetically modified crops are not grown in Ukraine and Russia, as is generally the case in the European Union, which has been historically hostile to GM crops.

Despite a recent EU policy shift that some anti-GMO activists said might usher in GM crops, Goncalves said Monsanto did not plan to try to reintroduce GM varieties in the bloc.

Monsanto, whose MON 810 corn is the sole GM crop allowed for cultivation in the EU, withdrew all pending approval requests to grow other GM crops in the EU in 2013 because of a lack of commercial prospects there.

The EU recently reached a compromise, which gave member states the possibility to ban cultivation of a GM crop while opening the way for EU authorities to review pending approvals.

However, Goncalves said it would be difficult to operate in a non-unified market.

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STRADDLING TWO COUNTRIES

Circle Y Ranch in Saskatchewan's Big Muddy Valley near the international border has a rich and storied history that it shares with visitors. | Page 22



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PhD student Bayartulga Lkhagvasuren is studying the ecology of wild haskap at the University of Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association delegates toured the university greenhouses during their annual conference Jan. 16. | KAREN MORRISON PHOTOS

CONSUMER TRENDS

Growers benefit by getting fresh

Changing tastes create opportunities for fruit growers; fresh product demand on rise

BY KAREN MORRISON
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Prairie fruit growers have the home court advantage when it comes to selling produce because Canadians spend twice as much on fresh fruit as their U.S. neighbours.

Melissa Strom calls that an opportunity for Saskatchewan.

"The trend is to be more healthy, and fruit sales are expected to go up," she told the Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association conference in Saskatoon Jan. 16.

"Understand the environment you're operating in."

She said growers and processors need to find their place in the marketplace and develop a brand.

They also need to set prices that are in line with potential buyers' demographics and income levels. Strom said Saskatchewan has less than one percent of Canada's fruit growers and processors, so higher prices are possible because of lower quantities.

Saskatoon berries make up half the province's fruit crop.

Strom said tackling niche markets makes sense.

"Go for a larger piece of a smaller pie." She also advised growers to keep abreast of consumer preferences.

She said the current decrease in toast consumption translates into decreased jam sales, while fresh fruit sales are rising because of a trend



Betty Forbes, right, of Nvigorate shares her business lessons and sea buckthorn products with Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association delegates.

toward healthier lifestyles. Blueberry sales are set to match those for apples.

Global trends include pre-packaged food and food with links to ethical and environmental messages.

Strom said more than 80 percent of shoppers go online to compare prices and seek information. Some may pay 15 percent more for goods with perceived health benefits, while two-thirds are drawn to locally made or made in Canada items.

"They will shop around for the best value."

It's important to find the market that is the best fit for the product, she added.

Strom said an online and social media presence combined with interactivity is key.

An example is the popularity of campaigns to create new potato chip flavours.

She said Facebook users tend to be older than 45, while Pinterest is predominantly female and Reddit is mostly male.

Student projects through the University of Saskatchewan and the

Canadian Agri-Marketing Association provide free services to help producers get started with primary market research and marketing plans.

Peter Rhodes, who grows black currants and raspberries near Saskatoon, said involving marketing students is an opportunity for all involved.

"It helps me, it helps the younger generation and it puts us together," he said.

"It gets the message out."

Rhodes produced six tonnes of black currants last year, mainly for wineries and U-pick markets, and is considering freeze-drying his product.

"When I started, I couldn't give them away," he said of his currants.

Merv Zerevinsky of 5 Skies Orchard and Everyday Farms at Clavet, Sask., advised growers and processors to work with the food development centre, government fruit experts, grower groups and trade organizations such as the Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership.

"Know where you are going, what you are doing and how to get there," he said.

"When you start with a budget, make sure it's well funded. You don't want to skip on money to get started."

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MARKETING

Know your customer, says grower

BY KAREN MORRISON
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The business strategy is simple for one Saskatchewan fruit grower and processor: give the people what they want.

Betty Forbes, president of Nvigorate Northern Vigor Berries, detailed her bumpy road in harvesting, processing and selling the leaves, berries and oil from sea buckthorn at the Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association conference in Saskatoon Jan. 16.

"You need to narrow things down for larger markets, but in small markets, listen to what people want to buy," said Forbes, who has a booth at the Saskatoon Farmers' Market.

She has transformed the tropical, tangy berries into purees, dry powders, juices, syrup, jam, vinegar, smoothie pops, soap and freeze dried product.

"There's great value in connecting with people," said Forbes, who also sells frozen berries to health food stores and restaurants.

She markets berries from other growers, but said it's a tall order to get enough product to fill the semi trailer needed for sales into the United States.

Forbes, whose orchard is near Veregin, Sask., said a dried product makes more economic sense for export markets.

She said the little known berry comes with many challenges, starting with the bush, which makes harvesting a prickly chore. It also suckers, so an orchard can become a forest in short order.

The fruit is harvested by cutting off a branch, freezing it and then shaking off the berries.

Disease concerns are few for the hardy berry, which is grown without chemicals.

Forbes said sales were slow at first, but food sampling and word of mouth have gradually increased exposure for the berry. Social media has also helped increase demand and interest in products.

"The lineups are there before (the products) get to the stall," she said.

Forbes stressed the importance of collaborating with experts, citing her work with the Food Development Centre in Portage La Prairie, Man. She also worked with a Saskatoon ice cream maker to make her Ostentatious Orange gelato.

"The possibilities are endless," she said.

She encouraged fledgling operations to celebrate their successes, hire good workers, do continuing education and contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency for advice about food labels.

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MENTAL HEALTH

Dealing with SAD

SPEAKING OF LIFE



JACKLIN ANDREWS, BA, MSW

Q: I am not sure what to do about my mom. Once again she is slipping into the closet and being absolutely miserable to cap off the holiday season. This happens at about the same time every year. She gets depressed. This goes on for two or three months, then when we are finally able to convince Mom to see a physician she perks up, gets into spring planting and sheds those depressing and discouraging thoughts. I am sure that all of us could handle these mood swings if that is all that they were but always at the bottom of her most depressing moments are some relentless suicidal thoughts. She hints at suicide enough to scare us and apparently she has some kind of a plan should she ever decide to follow through. That scares me. What can we do?

A: It seems that every year I am asked to write about seasonal affective disorder. That certainly is a possibility for your mom.

Suicidal thoughts and plans are frightening for all of us. You and other family members need to make a significant effort to get your mother to the doctor as soon as possible. This is not a time to be overly sensitive or gentle.

Only he and the mental health services team can determine whether or not your mother has SAD and then outline a treatment program for her.

It is built on four support systems. The first is pharmaceutical. Medications can help people inhibit some of their more depressing thoughts.

Your mom needs to commit to taking her medication regularly and not drink alcoholic beverages while being medicated.

The second pillar for your mom is talk therapy. She will be assigned a counsellor to help her work through the more depressing thoughts.

The third support may be light therapy.

Used only on the recommendation of her mental health team, light therapy uses light to help modify some of your mom's depressing thoughts.

Finally your mom probably needs to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air. She is getting neither when she is withdrawing to her bedroom.

Women living in northern climates are eight times more likely to get SAD than men.

Women are also more inclined to withdraw to their homes when it's cold outside and are less likely to get outdoors.

Please remember that your mom has an illness. I have no doubt that helping her when she is as depressed as she gets can be frustrating for all of you but she still needs more love and encouragement than she does impatience.

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Cory Chalk, Farm Credit Canada director of marketing programs, shares her thoughts at a farm leadership meeting in Headingley, Man. Manitoba's 4-H Council held a workshop in January to discover how to develop the next generation of farm leaders in Manitoba. | ROBERT ARNASON PHOTO

YOUTH RECRUITMENT

Groups challenged to find new leaders

Farm organizations look for modern ways to attract new blood in smaller, busier communities

BY ROBERT ARNASON
BRANDON BUREAU

It's a common problem at agricultural meetings in Canada.

The same people are seemingly everywhere: a small group of dedicated volunteers sitting on multiple committees, boards and sub-groups for one or two farm organizations in their province.

While their dedication and service are appreciated, many of those volunteers are either grey or are dyeing their hair at least once a month.

The current leaders of farm and rural organizations know they have to recruit the next generation of leaders, but the question is how.

Clayton Robins, executive director of the Manitoba 4-H Council, recently brought together representatives of commodity groups, agricultural societies and rural organizations to search for potential answers at a

workshop in Headingley, Man.

Marlene Baskerville, executive director of the Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies, said the lack of leaders isn't just an agricultural issue. It's a challenge for institutions in most rural areas and small towns.

Long-time volunteers would like to move on but can't because no one is taking their place.

Theresa Bergsma, general manager of Manitoba Corn Growers, said the current generation has to step back so the next group can take over.

As an example, her hometown of Carman, Man., holds a curling for cancer fundraiser. Last winter, the veteran organizers pulled back and handed the reins to the younger crowd. The older leaders provided guidance, but didn't interfere.

Bergsma said the event was a huge success, raising the most money ever. "They can do it ... but we can't let them off the hook."

She also said young people need to understand that successful organizations and communities are built; they don't happen by chance.

Robert Galbraith, member services director for the Manitoba Canola Growers Association (MCGA), said many young farmers want to get involved but a shortage of farm labour is a hindrance.

"What we tend to forget is that these guys are running farm operations. They have challenges finding people to run their operations while they're away."

Galbraith said organizations should consider more modern ways to connect with volunteers. Driving three hours to meet in a church basement or a community hall doesn't make a lot of sense when online meetings could be just as effective.

"I think we need to re-jig how we engage with them," Galbraith said.

Cory Chalk, director of marketing

programs with Farm Credit Canada, said it's unnecessary to re-invent the wheel when it comes to leadership development.

She recommended an audit of existing programs and approaches to assess what works and then building upon successful models.

The MCGA organizes canola leadership conferences and invites prospective farm leaders to the event.

MCGA executive manager Bill Ross said there's no guarantee participants will become volunteers, but it offers a nucleus of people to draw from for future roles within the association.

Bergsma said the agricultural industry and rural communities can't just rely on young leaders. The focus should be on attracting new leaders, regardless if they are 25, 45 or 55.

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EDUCATION

Pilot project will further refine Alberta farm safety program

BY KAREN MORRISON
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Alberta's FarmSafe program has launched a second pilot project to help further refine and improve its safety management resource for farmers.

Laurel Aitken, FarmSafe's plan coordinator, said the first pilot program took place in 2013-14 with nine participants. Feedback from this group helped

revise the plan, which was developed in conjunction with the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association.

Feedback from the current larger pilot project, which includes 30 farmers, will allow for more revision for the voluntary program.

Farmers who attend the free two-day workshops in January and February will study eight topics that they can apply to their individualized farm safety plan: management, lead-

ership and organization, hazard identification and assessment, hazard control, ongoing inspections, training and qualifications.

Emergency response, incident investigation and recording and tracking incidents on the farm are also key elements.

"If it's not written down, it didn't happen," she said.

The plan has been developed to comply with the Alberta Govern-

ment Certificate of Recognition, which shows that a business has an effective health and safety management system in place with the added benefit of discounts on Workers Compensation Board premiums.

Another pilot project is planned during the next year, with funding from the federal government's Growing Forward 2 program.

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HEALTHY EATING

Don't miss your chance for a fresh start

TEAM RESOURCES



JODIE MIROSOVSKY, BSHEC

“Watch your pennies and your dollars will look after themselves.”

Making New Year's resolutions was the easy part, and by now many of us have let our good intentions slip away. Perhaps we set goals that were out of reach and not realistic. Big changes are hard to make, but small simple steps to improving our lives are a great way to get back on track. There are so many easy ways to make positive changes to your life.

Learn to schedule some down time for yourself each day to recharge. That could mean a peaceful morning walk or a soak in the tub. You have to look after yourself first to help those around you be their best.

Beat the budget blues

- Small changes to the way you spend can yield impressive results. For example, if you regularly eat out for lunch, brown bag it occasionally and save \$520 a year.
- Buying magazines off the newsstand is costly compared to buying an annual subscription.
- Make your morning coffee at home and save at least \$400 dollars a year.
- Use a list when grocery shopping and review flyers and online coupons.
- Take time to review your telephone, internet and television providers. Bundling could help you save.
- Put 10 percent of your income into a savings plan. Make this saving plan difficult to get at so you cannot easily take money out.

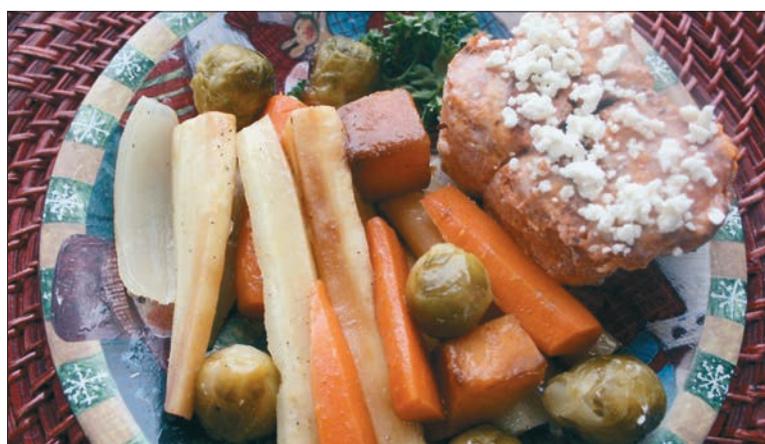
Renew your surroundings

Trends for 2015 include decorating with wood pieces such as a wooden tray or bowl and geometric patterns on decor items such as rugs or throw cushions. Remember to surround yourself with things that you love, pieces that spark memories of travel or special people. Your home should be your haven. Remember that matching materials, time periods and styles are not important. Just use pieces that you love and your environment will be customized to you and reflect your personality.

Refresh your menu choices

Food trends include following simple, easy and detoxifying menu planning, using products that are as close to fresh as possible and with product labels with ingredients that we recognize. Make food fun by combining nutrient rich choices with fun and easy presentation. Preparing food should be like creating art, except these creations can physically enhance your health given the right choices. Here are some ideas:

- Upon waking, reach for the bowl of fresh antioxidant rich lemons. Starting with a cup of hot water infused



TOP: Greek yogurt paired with fruit can be served for dessert.

LEFT: Lemons contain beneficial antioxidants.

RIGHT: Roasted vegetables add colour to this main course featuring baked salmon marinated in a maple syrup mixture. | JODIE MIROSOVSKY PHOTOS

with the juice of half a lemon helps to cleanse the system before you start the day.

- Water throughout the day will keep your body functioning well.
- For those who like a breakfast on a plate, be sure to add protein. Options include eggs done to your liking, whole grain toast with nut butter and jam, or steel cut oatmeal with a side of turkey bacon or sausage. For the remaining meals, fill your plate with vegetables and protein, and commit to incorporating some fish to boost your healthy omega 3 fatty acids.

Fuel up between meals

If you are hungry, have something to eat. Deprivation and strict diet plans are sure ways to fail. Choosing nutritious food will lead to a healthy satisfying way of life that will energize you and help prevent health problems in the future.

Offer whole grain, high fibre crackers and chips with cheese and or salsa, vegetables and hummus or tzatziki dips, raw nuts and seeds, dark chocolate for those sweet cravings and fruit such as berries or sliced apples. Moderation is the key when it

comes to snacking, so watch your serving size.

MORNING SMOOTHIE

Try this almond berry smoothie for the first meal of the day.

1 c. unsweetened almond milk	250 mL
1/2 frozen sliced banana	
1/2 c. frozen berries	125 mL
2 tbsp. vanilla whey or hemp protein powder	30 mL
a handful of fresh kale/spinach	
1 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil/flax oil	15 mL

Add a splash of water if the mixture is too thick. (Plain Coconut water is an option if you want to add some additional electrolytes to the mix.)

Place the ingredients in a blender. Cover, blend until smooth. Adapted from www.doctoroz.com.

FETA CHICKEN BAKE

6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts	900 g
1/2 c. Greek salad dressing	125 mL

2 tbsp. lemon juice	30 mL
1/4 tsp. black pepper	1 mL
1/2 c. feta cheese	125 mL
1/4 c. finely chopped red peppers	60 mL
1/4 c. finely chopped fresh parsley	60 mL

Marinate chicken pieces in dressing for at least 30 minutes in the refrigerator and then drain the marinade.

Heat oven to 350 F (180 C). Place chicken in a 13 x nine inch baking dish that is prepared with some olive oil. Drizzle with one tablespoon lemon juice, season with black pepper.

Top with cheese, red peppers and parsley, drizzle with remaining lemon juice. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until chicken is done (170 F internal temperature).

Serve with a fresh topping of feta if desired. Serves four.

Source: www.kraftcanada.com.

GREEK MARINADE AND DRESSING

If you have the time and desire, mix your own dressing.

1/4 c. extra virgin olive oil	60 mL
2 tbsp. red wine vinegar	30 mL

1 lemon, juiced	
2 cloves of garlic, peeled and crushed	
1 tsp. dried oregano	5 mL
1/4 tsp black pepper	1 mL
salt to taste	

Store in the refrigerator. Shake well before using.

Source: www.foodnetwork.com.

MAPLE GLAZED SALMON

1/4 c. maple syrup	60 mL
2 tbsp. soy sauce	30 mL
1 clove garlic, minced	
1/4 tsp. salt	1 mL
1/8 tsp. black pepper	0.5 mL
2 lb. salmon	900g

In a small bowl, mix the maple syrup, soy sauce, garlic, garlic salt, and pepper.

Place salmon in a shallow glass baking dish and coat with the maple syrup mixture. Cover the dish and marinate salmon in the refrigerator 30 minutes, turning once.

Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C).

Place the baking dish in the preheated oven, and bake salmon uncovered 20 minutes, or until easily flaked with a fork. Serves four.

Source: www.allrecipes.com.

WINTER ROASTED VEGETABLES

Add these colourful vegetables to your menu as a side to your protein choice. It's a great time to fill your home with the aroma of roasting vegetables and the warmth of the oven as we meander through the cool winter months. We have dedicated a nine x 13 pan as our vegetable pan and each night we throw in a concoction of available vegetables to roast. We use either fresh or frozen, and this new combo is a hit.

6 peeled parsnips, cut into fingers	
4 peeled carrots, cut into fingers	
1 medium onion, quartered	
1 c. whole brussels sprouts, fresh or frozen	250 mL
1 c. cubed squash	250 mL
4 tbsp. olive/vegetable oil	60 mL
salt, pepper and seasoning salt, to taste	

Place the carrots, parsnips, onion, brussels sprouts and squash in the baking pan. Drizzle the oil over the vegetables, mix thoroughly and cover. Roast in the oven for one hour at 350 F (180 C) or until just tender.

Serves four.

YOGURT PARFAITS

Try these delicious parfait combos for a dessert or snack.

- Vanilla Greek yogurt topped with strawberries or raspberries and shaved chocolate.

- Lemon Greek yogurt topped with blueberries.

- Banana Greek yogurt topped with fresh banana slices and a sprinkle of crumbled granola or chocolate curls.

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The Old Porch Gallery on the Circle Y Ranch was built from the porch of the original 1916 ranch house. | KAREN BRIERE PHOTOS

ON THE FARM

Ranch embraces history

Circle Y Ranch owners tell tales of famous outlaws

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

BIG BEAVER, Sask. — At the eastern edge of Saskatchewan's Big Muddy Valley, cattle graze where outlaws once hid.

The United States is practically within spitting distance of the Circle Y Ranch, and the Big Muddy itself is at the northern end of the Outlaw Trail that ran all the way to Mexico.

Tamela Burgess knows more about those outlaws than most, and if you take one of the summer tours to the ranch and her Old Porch Gallery, you can hear the tales of Dutch Henry, Sam Kelley, the Sundance Kid and others who used the area as a hideout and a place to change the brands on stolen horses.

The Circle Y was home to Jasper Huntley, who helped both outlaws and the law, and the Big Muddy post of the North West Mounted Police. Before that, Sitting Bull rode through the yard on his way to surrender to the U.S. Army.

Tammy has embraced the history with passion.

"I lived all my life within this valley," she said. "All within four miles and in two different countries."

She was raised in Montana and came to the Circle Y when she married Michael Burgess. They share the



I couldn't imagine living anywhere else.

TAMELA BURGESS
CIRCLE Y RANCH

love of the ranch, its rich history and the Wild West it conjures for visitors to this rugged landscape.

They are both artistic: Tammy draws, paints and can build almost anything and Michael writes and recites cowboy poetry.

But they make their living raising cattle, and environmental stewardship tops the priority list.

The Big Muddy is a fragile landscape of native grass and badlands, ideal for outlaws, but not so ideal for sustainability without proper care and attention.

The Circle Y is currently about 20,000 acres and the grass is carefully managed. The land base has changed over the years with the addition and subtraction of both private and provincial government lease land.

Dormant-season grazing, extended rest periods, stockpiled forages and remote solar watering are all used to keep both the grass and stock in top condition.

"It's about sustainability," said Michael.

Three breeding pastures are used just once every three years, giving them time to recover after being heavily used.

The peaks and valleys of the ranch present their own challenges. The grass in the low areas is lush but the land tends to be alkaline. It hardens like concrete and if the cattle get in it during the wet spring it can be left in poor condition.

In fact, some of the wagon trail ruts from Sitting Bull's journey can still be felt.

But in the winter, the badlands provide good shelter for the herd.

Michael puts mineral tubs in the brush to encourage the cattle to trample it and allow more native grass to grow in its place.

Calving of about 400 predominantly Black Angus cows takes place in late April.

Light heifers are sold the following

spring and steers spend the summer on grass before being shipped in the fall as feeders.

The Burgesses aren't afraid to try different things. They've used Longhorn, Watusi and Santa Gertrudis genetics. They found the hair of the latter breed was too short for the climate but the cows stayed in the herd a long time and did well.

"Our next experiment is a Welsh Black bull that we're trying on a small package of cows," Michael said. "I was just looking for a shade more ruggedness, extra hair and foraging ability."

They also have registered quarter horses, a nod to the original history of the place.

R.A. Wright established the ranch in 1916 after the outlaw era was over and three years later was selling horses to Russia.

R.F. Burgess purchased it in 1937 and 10 years later his son, Edward, came west from Ontario to help run it after hired managers didn't do so well.

He ended up taking over, followed by Michael, and now two of Michael and Tammy's children, Lane and Britt, are involved daily. Their oldest daughter, Tiffany, is an economic development officer. She and her husband, Kent, are also the parents of Colt, another generation to enjoy the ranch.

And Edward is still involved at age 92.

"He still goes out and fences and checks the solar water systems," said Michael.

Water is pumped from dugouts and the cattle use springs that are also used by numerous wildlife species. Several species at risk, including burrowing owls, piping plovers and loggerhead shrikes, also call the Circle Y home.

Television watchers may have seen parts of the ranch, as well as Michael and Lane, during two episodes of *Mantracker* filmed in the spring of 2007.

Lane has recently bought his own place nearby and they hope the fourth generation will be taking over the grass they've cared for so well.

Michael has also put his beliefs into action, chairing the Prairie Conservation Action Plan and founding the Rancher's Stewardship Alliance Inc.

"I could come up here every day," Michael said from the ranch's high point overlooking Big Muddy Lake. "I just never get tired of it."

"I couldn't imagine living anywhere else," added Tammy.

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Michael Burgess fixes the neighbour's fence after discovering some cattle out during a tour of the Circle Y Ranch.



MORNING MOOSE | A bull moose runs along a fence line near Highway 22 at sunrise south of Longview, Alta. | MIKE STURK PHOTO

FARM LIVING NOTES

GROWING PROJECT

Cumberland House First Nations will launch a growing project this spring.

Produce will be sold daily at a market stand in the central Saskatchewan community at reduced prices.

About 10 acres have been prepared for the garden operation, which will include high tunnels to extend the growing season.

Murray Gray, project manager, said it will include one tunnel of grape, roma and slicing tomatoes, peppers and strawberries and two tunnels of cantaloupe.

Two acres of potatoes, one-half acre of carrots, one-half acre of corn, lettuce, beets, turnips, onions, and peas will also be planted, with the peas and corn seeded into plastic mulch for frost protection and early harvest.

In addition, 10,000 strawberry plants will be planted outside for the community U-pick.

"We want to be able to become self-sufficient in vegetables for the community," said Gray.

The group plans to buy a corn planter, transplanter, harvester and mulch spreader. Currently, five full-time employees and two technical instructors are involved in the project.

OYF

Abbotsford chicken producers Kerry and Anita Froese were named the B.C. and Yukon Outstanding Young Farmers this month.

Kerry is a second generation broiler chicken farmer in Abbotsford who helped found B.C. Young Farmers and is the president of the Canadian Young Farmers Forum. He has also served on the B.C. Chicken Growers Association and B.C. Chicken Marketing board. His parents began with a broiler breeder and raspberry farm and later added a broiler farm. He began managing the farm in his teens.

The family consolidated the quotas into Triple F (Froese Family Farm) Enterprises and built two double-decker barns on a 20 acre property. The farm produces 1.9 million kilograms of chicken per year.

The Froeses have added cameras, weigh scales and lighting to improve production and an air compressor and thermal jet fogger to make the operation more efficient.

OYF candidates between 19 and 39 years old are judged on conservation practices, production history, financial and management practices and community service. A national winner will be chosen from regional winners at the group's conference in November in Edmonton.

SEEDY SATURDAY

Seed saving is the theme of the 15th annual Winnipeg Seedy Saturday celebration of local seeds, native plants, regional food and the beginning of a new growing season.

It will take place Feb. 14 at Canadian Mennonite University and include seed vendors and local organizations involved in food, farming and seed issues.

For more information, visit www.winnipegseedsaturday.wordpress.com.

DONATION

A \$2,500 donation to the Herschel Quilting and Recycling Group by Enbridge is helping the Saskatchewan group buy sewing machines.

The group keeps cloth material out of the landfill by recycling it into quilts each year from January to April.

Women from Herschel and surrounding communities meet twice a week to create quilts, which are in turn donated and sold at an annual quilt sale in April or in a raffle.

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Janina was raised on a farm near Foam Lake. She has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree from the U of S majoring in agronomy and agribusiness. Prior to her current role, she worked as an agronomist with Cargill in Canwood and Balcarres.



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"Being registered as a professional agrologist (PAg) gives me credibility with farmers who are quickly assured that they will be receiving professional science-based information and advice".

Art was raised on a family farm near Griswold, MB. He has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree from the U of M Faculty of Agriculture & Food majoring in Plant Science. Art's previous work experience includes Crop Production Services, Brett Young Seeds, and UGG.

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GRAIN PRODUCTION

Climate gives Canada protein advantage

Competitors in more moderate climates can see better yields, but can't match Canadian growers' quality

BY JEFFREY CARTER
FOR THE WESTERN PRODUCER

RIDGETOWN, Ont. — Canadian wheat growers can learn from their English and Irish counterparts, but it won't undo fundamental drawbacks related to climate.

Jim Orson, special adviser to the National Institute of Agricultural Botany in England, said moderate winter and summer temperatures, plenty of sunshine, a lengthy growing season and adequate rainfall, especially during grain fill, are the necessary ingredients for record yields.

The island nations of Ireland, England and New Zealand lead the way in that department.

In Canada, winters are too long and cold and the summers too warm. Two consecutive days of 30 C temperature reduce yield potential because the time to grain fill is shortened.

However, it's not all bad news. Orson said the United Kingdom imports high protein wheat from places like Western Canada to make its bread.

"Typically, U.K wheat constitutes



JIM ORSON
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL BOTANY

85 percent of the flour mix, whilst very high quality wheat with high protein levels, such as your prairie hard red wheats, make up the remainder," he told the Southwest Agricultural Conference in Ridgeway in January.

"The fierce summers mean that grain fill after flowering is restricted, and this explains the high protein because the protein is not diluted by high levels of carbohydrate during grain fill."

In contrast, Ireland, England and New Zealand — "little islands in a big warm sea" — have moderate summers and winters.

The wheat makes slow progress rather than merely surviving, even over the cold months.

"We've had farmers average more

than (4.5 tons per acre) this past year in England, which is phenomenal," he said.

"In Ontario, so I've heard, a good yield is about (three tons per acre)."

Ireland actually holds the world record for yield.

Orson said a good field of English or Irish wheat has 450 ears per sq. metre with 50 plump grains per ear for a 4.5 ton per acre harvest. In Ontario, the numbers work out to 650 ears but only 35 grains per ear for a three-ton per acre harvest.

Agronomic potential is another way to look at the situation.

Wheat growers in England and Ireland regularly achieve 70 percent of their agronomic potential compared to 44 per cent in Ontario and even less in Western Canada.

Orson suggested Ontario growers plant their winter wheat as early as possible and apply nitrogen early to get the crop green and growing.

Peter Johnson, outgoing wheat specialist with the Ontario agriculture ministry, said the best way to maximize Ontario wheat yields is to combine higher nitrogen rates with the use of fungicides. The fungicides

allow the wheat to stay green longer, which improves yield and uses the added nitrogen.

Without fungicides, Johnson recommended applying 90 pounds of nitrogen at the end of April. If fungicides are to be used, he suggested increasing the application to 120 to 150 lb. in a split application: 50 to 80 lb. in early spring on frosted ground and the remainder applied around May 10 at the one or two node stage.

Orson said a similar regimen is used in England and Ireland, but the nitrogen rate is even higher — around 180 lb. — divided among two or even three applications.

Orson said little is gained by varying the application rate in England, but there's certainly merit for variable rate phosphorus and potassium applications.

He said English farmers are becoming increasingly interested in cover crops, such as a spring cereal following the wheat harvest, controlled traffic to reduce compaction, increased organic matter levels and no-till and strip-tillage.

FREIGHT

New trucks may not suit all farmers

Industry group wants to see more efficient trucks on the road

BY JEFFREY CARTER
FOR THE WESTERN PRODUCER

RIDGETOWN, Ont. — The shift to better fuel economy in the trucking industry may be bad news for farmers looking for a used tractor trailer.

Many units on the roads today were designed for high-speed highway travel and may not be a good fit for short-haul duty, said Mike Roeth, executive director of the North American Council for Freight Efficiency (NACFE).

"It used to be we had trucks doing a lot of things," he told the Southwest Agricultural Conference in January.

"Some of the newer models may not be practical for farmers."

The council has set an objective of improving the average mileage of tractor trailers to 19.6 litres per 100 kilometres. Many on the road today achieve little more than half of that.

Perhaps the most obvious concern to farmers is the number of drive axles on the tractor. Six-by-two configurations have become more popular, Roeth said. Weight is reduced and fuel mileage is approved by up to 4.6 percent.

On the down side, a single-drive axle provides less traction compared to having a six-by-four with two-drive axles.

Lower-powered engines are another consideration, along with electronic controls that optimize operation at high speed. Roeth said electronic controls may eventually be adjustable for low-speed operation.

Companies typically sell freight trucks when they've clocked around

1.2 million kilometres, Roeth said.

Farmers could consider buying a used glider truck put together using an older rebuilt engine. Roeth doesn't promote this option because of lower standards for pollution control.

Seventy technologies are now said to improve truck fuel mileage, and the council is sorting through them in an effort to identify those with the most potential.

Some, such as skirts, are straightforward. Roeth said today's skirts are lighter, more durable and about one-third the cost of early versions.

Other technology includes systems that maintain the correct tire pressure, idling-time reduction systems, automatic manual transmissions that optimize shift timing, optimized engine performance and speed limiters.

"When you see that tractor trailer flying, yes, he's getting home faster, but it's costing a lot in fuel," Roeth said.

The Peloton Platooning radar system is another interesting innovation. According to the Peloton company website, it allows trucks, even from different companies, to safely "link up" with co-operative braking and speed adjustment.

Council tests have found that lead trucks can save 10 percent in fuel costs and trailing trucks can save 4.5 percent when keeping 36 feet separation between units at 103 km-h.

Progress is being made to reaching the council's fuel economy goal.

The SuperTruck developed by Peterbilt Motors and Cummins achieved 22 litres per 100 km last year, and some fleets are averaging as little as 25.



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Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway have moved 20 percent more western grain to port this year combined than in any past crop year. | FILE PHOTO

GRAIN TRANSPORTATION

Grain woes linger despite greater service

Record volumes of grain are being shipped, but short lines are struggling

BY BRIAN CROSS
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Canada's grain monitor says railway performance in Canada has returned to normal and is setting new records for volumes of grain moved to port.

Mark Hemmes, president of Quorum Corp., said Canada's major railways moved record amounts of grain to port position in the 2013-14 crop year and are on pace to set another record this year.

"The volumes have gone to incredible levels," said Hemmes, who spoke to grain growers and industry stakeholders at Crop-Sphere in Saskatoon last week.

"I will tell you right now that in this crop year, the amount of tonnes that have been loaded onto vessels in the four western ports is 27 percent higher than the five-year average, so whatever happened, whatever was done, it worked."

Despite a horrendous winter shipping season last year,

Hemmes said Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway set all-time records for grain movement in 2013-14.

Together, the two railways moved nearly 20 percent more western Canadian grain to port last year than in any other crop year.

As well, the railways' record setting pace has continued into the 2014-15 crop year, which he attributed to the weekly grain targets imposed by Ottawa on the country's railway industry.

"It worked. We've moved a lot of grain," Hemmes said, whose company is charged with monitoring Canada's grain handling and transportation systems.

"But I can tell you also that it (the federal order) wasn't without its unintended consequences. Anybody who's a small-block shipper, anyone who's on a short line, those people are not benefitting from this."

Record amounts of grain are flowing to export terminals, but small block shippers, producer car loaders and short-line railway operators are having a tough time moving smaller volumes of grain, particularly to domestic and U.S. buyers.

In Saskatchewan, shippers of oats, malting barley and other smaller volume crops have been struggling to fill contracts and meet sales commitments.

Jason Skotheim, a director with the Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission, said the lack of reliable rail service, particularly the lack of producer car placements, has had a huge impact on province's malting barley industry.

"It was a major concern for us last year," Skotheim said.

"A lot of malt barley goes into the U.S. on producer cars, and producer car deliveries were falling well behind the other movements of grain."

Skotheim said the commission has raised its concerns over poor producer car service with a panel that is

currently reviewing the Canada Transportation Act.

Skotheim said the CTA review process must consider the needs of grain shippers who don't sell into large-volume overseas markets.

"Under the federal order in council, the railways were required to meet targets for rail car movement, so obviously they went after the low-hanging fruit ... moving wheat and canola directly out to Vancouver," he said.

"The biggest issue that we saw was that producer cars were left essentially unserved.... We wanted to reiterate (to the CTA panel) ... the importance that producer cars play for barley growers and the fact that they do give us another option... as far as serving that U.S. market is concerned."

Hemmes said increased productivity on Western Canada's grain farms will continue to put additional stress on Canada's railway infrastructure.

Average crop production in Western Canada was estimated at roughly 46 million tonnes per year 30 years ago.

The current five-year average, not including the bin-busting harvest of 2013, is 58 million tonnes.

Hemmes said total supplies of western Canadian grain in the 2014-15 crop year, including carryout from last year and new crop supplies harvested last fall, will be second largest in history.

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Consumers want organic, so v

PAYING \$8 for a small box of breakfast cereal might seem outrageous. But an increasing number of Canadians are willing to pay 10, 20 or 40 percent more for certain grocery store items, if the food is produced organically.

The Canadian Organic Value Chain Roundtable, a coalition of government and industry representatives from the organic sector, published a document last fall on organic grains and oilseeds. It said 58 percent of Canadians buy organic products every week, and sales of organic food and beverages grew from \$2 billion in 2008 to nearly \$3 billion in 2012.

Consumers cite many reasons for buying organics, most of them involving the perception that organic food is more nutritious, better for the environment, or is in some other way healthier than conventionally raised food.

Value Chain Roundtable leaders say organic food and beverage sales could increase to five percent of the Canadian market by 2018 from 1.7 percent in 2013.

The prediction may be accurate because organic food had a 4.3 percent share of the U.S. market in 2012, according to the 2014 *World of Organic Agriculture* report, an annual publication featuring organic trends and statistics.

Tripling sales in Canada over five years, albeit from a low level, doesn't seem like it could trigger a crisis.

However, there is an underlying weakness in Canada's organic sector. Canada's organic industry may not be able to keep up with consumer demand because only a fraction of conventional producers are converting to organic, despite record prices for organic grains and oilseeds.

Canada could be in an absurd situation if demand for organic food grows as expected and if industry leaders can't persuade conventional growers to give up pesticides, fertil-

izer and biotechnology.

A country that is one of the largest exporters of grains and oilseeds in the world could become a net importer of organic grains and oilseeds.

How bad is it?

It's hard to pin down the exact number of farmers who produce organic grains and oilseeds, but there is little doubt the number has declined in parts of Canada over the last five to seven years.

For example, the Prairies lost hundreds of organic field crop producers from 2009-12.

"We don't keep good statistics but we think it's between 20 and 40 percent of organic producers left in the three years of the recession," said Laura Telford, business development specialist for organic marketing with Manitoba Agriculture.

Telford said the exodus was the most dramatic in Saskatchewan, which at one time had more than 1,200 organic farms.

"These days I'd be surprised if it was much over 950," said Telford, a member of the organic roundtable.

Doug Pchajek, manager of the Saskatchewan agriculture ministry's crops and irrigation branch, said the province had 55 percent of Canada's certified organic land in 2009.

"The organic sector estimates that there was a 15 to 20 percent reduction in certified organic acres between 2008 and 2013," he said in an email.

Farmers quit the sector when organic grain prices crashed during the global economic collapse of 2008-11. Conventional grains and oilseeds hit unheard of highs during the same period. Wheat briefly topped \$20 per bushel in 2008 and soybeans traded at higher than \$17.50 per bu. in 2012.

Biofuel production, minimal stocks and increased demand from emerging markets kept prices high for sev-



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eral years. Prices have dropped in the last 24 months, but organic grain spiked in North America when production couldn't satisfy demand:

- Organic milling wheat sold for \$20 per bu. in January 2014, and organic feed wheat hit \$16 per bu. in Alberta, while regular feed wheat sold for \$4 per bu. last January.
- Organic flax topped \$35 per bu. in 2014, while ordinary flax traded for \$13 to \$14 per bu.

ORGANIC PRICES IN THE U.S.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture publishes a bi-weekly report on organic grain prices. Average prices as of Jan. 7, 2015 (\$/bu.):

Feed grade corn	\$11.62
Feed grade soybeans	23.47
Feed grade oats	5.89
Feed grade barley	7.46
Food grade wheat	21.00

Source: USDA

It's difficult to sympathize with farmers who receive \$21 a bu. for organic wheat, but price spikes have consequences. It creates a chaotic market for buyers, and milling grain and organic livestock feed becomes unaffordable. This, in turn, threatens organic sales.

"As we came out of a recession, nobody was prepared for this huge rebound in organic (demand)," Telford said.

"So we get stuck in the bind that we are currently in."

To get out of this quagmire of negligible acreage expansion and rabid demand for organic grains, Telford and others have developed a sales pitch to attract conventional producers.

The pitch can be summed up in a word: profitability.

"There's a group of us who have always thought that we needed to have the business case for organic in our back pocket," Telford said.

The roundtable laid out the economics of organic grain and oilseed production last fall in a document titled the Organic Advantage: Transition to Higher Profits:

- Organic input costs are half of conventional inputs.
 - An organic grower keeps \$58 of every \$100 generated, compared to \$31 for a conventional farmer.
 - Using 2014 prices and assuming a farmer is growing wheat, durum, oats, barley and flax in Saskatchewan's brown soil zone, a conventional farmer would earn returns of \$60.05 per acre and an organic farmer would earn \$189.49 per acre.
- Tom Manley, owner of Homestead Organics, which sells organic grain and provides agronomic services to organic producers in eastern Ontario, said a profitability pitch is the obvious answer.

He said recruiting producers to join the cause based on philosophical, environmental and social arguments

won't work because the industry has most of the farmers who agree with those principles.

"Those who are sensitive to that discussion have already converted. The rest of them, (we) need to do a business case."

Roundtable co-chair Gunta Vitins said the business case for organics extends beyond the price of grain and the cost of inputs.

Vitins, who runs a consulting company in Vancouver, said an increasing number of consumers want to buy sustainably produced food. Agriculture has to meet that expectation because ignoring the trend is a business risk.

Telford and other organic leaders will roll out the economic arguments this spring. She is developing a new organization that will try to boost organic production in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The details aren't finalized, but Telford and others will appear at conventional grower meetings and lay out the business case for organic conversion.

Paul Gregory, who runs Interlake Forage Seeds in Fisher Branch, Man., isn't sold on the strategy. He fears the economic pitch could attract conventional growers who know nothing about organic production methods. The priority should be quality organic farmers rather than quantity, he said.

"I think a huge problem in the industry ... is that it's not for the aver-

SPECIAL REPORT

Canada's organic industry has a popularity problem. Each year, Canadians buy more organic beef, more organic breakfast cereal and more organic soymilk than the previous year. The public's hunger for organic food seems insatiable and consumer demand is expected to expand exponentially, but can supply meet the demand? | BY ROBERT ARNASON, BRANDON BUREAU



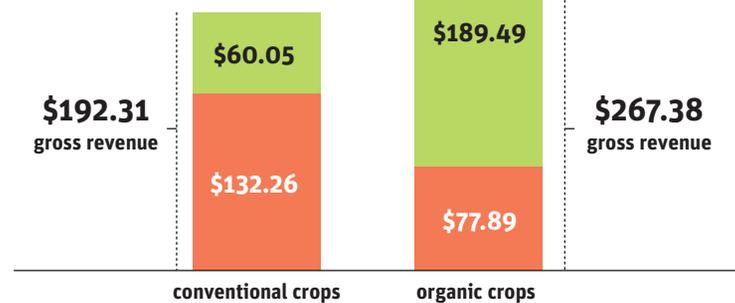
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Why are farmers wary?

ORGANIC CROPS PROFITABLE

Comparison of average revenues, expenses and gross margins for five crops* grown in Saskatchewan brown soil (\$/acre):

* hard spring wheat, durum, oats, barley and flax



Source: Saskatchewan Agriculture | WP GRAPHIC

age Joe," said Gregory, who buys organic forage seed from certified growers.

"There's opportunity in the industry, but you better have perfect drainage and you better do your homework.... (Some of) these organic guys, and conventional guys, they don't know their weeds, they don't know their insects and they don't know their diseases."

There are a number of barriers to transition, but three stand out:

BARRIER NO. 1: Farming organically is hard.

Convincing farmers to switch to a complex production system won't be simple in an age of big acreages, in which producers favour hardy crops that require inoculants and glyphosate and little else.

Conventional farming primarily follows a prescription model. Farmers who have an issue with soil fertility, disease or weeds call an

input dealer for the appropriate product and the problem usually disappears.

"In organic production, if you have a problem it's a long, drawn out process," Manley said.

"While it takes about three years to transition the land to organic, it takes about five to 10 years to transition the farmer to organic because there is a whole new set of management skills and practices and a mindset that has to shift."

BARRIER NO. 2: Transition, transition, transition.

Farmers who decide to switch to organic grain production this spring won't be organic growers until 2018.

Organic wheat may be \$20 per bu. right now, but there's no certainty that prices will stay high for 36 months.

"What's stopping people from thinking about organic is that three

years of risk," Telford said.

"They don't know anything about organic production and they won't get the organic premium."

Vitins said the transition period is a risk, but demand for organic food is robust. Supply and demand fundamentals suggest organic grain prices will remain high.

BARRIER NO. 3: Do conventional producers want to be associated with organic?

Many Canadian farmers maintain a "live and let live" attitude when it comes to agricultural practices. If a neighbour chooses to farm without pesticides, for instance, that is his choice.

Still, the furious debate over genetic modification is not going away, and pesticides remain controversial. Organic advocates frequently make provocative and derogatory comments about conventional agriculture.

Defenders of conventional farming respond with equally hostile language. The nastiness has hardened positions and led to a philosophical chasm between the two systems.

Telford said organic agriculture is often presented as a new paradigm, or a new and better way of thinking. That sort of argument likely offends conventional farmers because it suggests that established practices are a colossal failure.

She said organic advocates should turn down the volume.

"I'm not telling people to stop talking about GMOs and all that stuff, but if the organic sector is going to have any inroads with the producers they hope to attract, it's not going to be through that rhetoric, it's going to be through the business case for organic."

Manley said the enmity between organic and conventional is overstated. The battle may have bred a few hard-liners, but it's incorrect to say most Canadian producers are hostile to organic.

"Yes. There was a lot of antagonistic argumentation for years. I believe now we're beyond that."

Will conventional growers convert?

Manley said the price of grains and oilseeds will ultimately answer that question.

Conventional growers have had little reason to switch to organic since 2008 because most crops have been profitable.

However, some farmers have started kicking the organic tires over the last year as grain prices dropped.

"We're starting to get more people calling us," Manley said.

"People are paying attention again."

Vitins said farmers have to recognize that consumer dynamics have evolved. North Americans expect more transparency, and there is increasing pressure on farmers to adopt sustainable methods of growing food.

She said it makes business sense to get ahead of the curve and deliver what the public wants.

"For those that are forward looking, organic represents opportunity."

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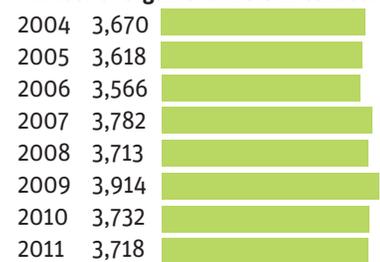
WHICH STATISTICS?

Verifying the number of organic farms in Canada is not an easy task. News releases and promotional materials from organic groups often report that the number of certified organic farms grew by 66.5 percent in Canada from 2001-2011.

That number is from federal census data, but organic industry estimates tell a different story. The number of Canadian organic farms stopped growing in 2004, and there was a "significant drop" in the number of prairie producers from 2010-2012.

Organic associations representing countries around the globe publish an annual report called the *World of Organic Agriculture: Statistics and Emerging Trends*. The 2013 edition of the document, which provides organic statistics from 2011, shows almost zero growth in Canada between 2004 and 2011.

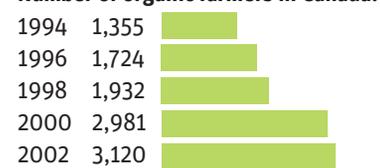
Number of organic farmers in Canada:



Source: 2013 World of Organic Agriculture

The World of Organic Agriculture data shows the number of organic producers in Canada hit a plateau in the mid 2000s. The industry was expanding rapidly before 2004:

Number of organic farmers in Canada:



Source: 2013 World of Organic Agriculture



MATTHEW HOLMES
CANADIAN ORGANIC TRADE ASSOCIATION

Matthew Holmes, executive director of the Canadian Organic Trade Association and one of the report authors, said organic industry statistics are more "rigorous" and "current" than census data.

"The census is accurate and the numbers are based on fact, but the next census will not be until 2016, and so I recommend that the annual data from certifiers is a better reflection of more recent trends since 2011," he said in an email.

"The census is a point in time, separated by five year intervals. It's interesting for describing historic or macro-level trends, such as the sudden and significant growth in organic farming since it was first tracked in 2001."

Organic statistics are based on data provided by certifiers. COTA and Canadian Organic Growers used to co-ordinate data collection, but COTA assumed full responsibility in 2014.

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The 2015 *World of Organic Agriculture* report provides statistics from 2013. Some of the details include:

- Canada had 3,513 organic producers in 2013, down 2.3 percent from 2012.
- The number of organic producers in Saskatchewan dropped 24 percent from 2012 to 2013. The producer decline has not caused a corresponding drop in acreage. The number of producers in other provinces has been stable.

Prairie statistics, 2013:

	organic producers	organic handlers /processors
Alta.	279	73
Sask.	764	64
Man.	124	44

Provincial organic estimates for 2013 (seeded acres):

	field crops	pasture/forage
Alta.	111,868	248,032
Sask.	598,705	423,790
Man.	36,492	15,907

* Manitoba data may be underestimated because of missing data

- The number of producers declined following the global recession, but more organic processors and handlers entered the sector.
- In 2013, 1,447 businesses were manufacturing, distributing or handling organic products, which was up 14 percent from 2012.
- B.C. added 57 processors-handlers in 2013 and Ontario gained 65.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND

U.S. a ready-made market for prairie organics

Canadian companies are forced to import organic grain to satisfy domestic demand

AMERICA IS THE LARGEST market in the world for organic food.

Consumers in that country bought nearly \$30 billion worth of organic food and beverages in 2012, up 10 percent from the previous year, according to the *World of Organic Agriculture* report, an annual publication featuring organic trends and statistics.

However, North American farmers can't keep up with the demand.

The Canadian Organic Value Chain Roundtable says Canadian and American farmers produce 25 percent of the world's organic grains and oilseeds, but Canada and the U.S. constitutes 48 percent of the world's market for organic food.

"The supply in North America isn't big enough for demand," said Terry Tyson, a buyer with Grain Millers in Yorkton, Sask.

"In the last four years ... there's been one (organic) grain or another that's been significantly short"

Consequently, U.S. organic processors and food manufacturers are desperate for prairie grain and oilseeds, and they're willing to pay almost any price.

"They're trying to get it out of Alberta and Saskatchewan, (and) they have a bigger pull because they want a bigger volume," said



Keri Sharpe, Alberta Agriculture's organic business development specialist.

Tyson said Americans buy most of the organic grain produced in Western Canada.

The power of the American market can cause shortages in Canada, which has forced Canadian companies to import organic grain to satisfy domestic demand.

"In the area of the grains where

I'm most knowledgeable, yes, I and most of my competitors on the buying side are importing grains from various parts of the world for both human and animal consumption," said Tom Manley, owner of Homestead Organics in Berwick, Ont.

The imports come from a variety of countries, including Ukraine, Romania, Kazakhstan, Turkey and India.

"Those countries are supplying Canada (with) a significant number of organic grains right now: wheat, corn, peas."

In Ontario, the shortage is most acute for organic feed grains. As an example, Manley supplies organic feed to an egg producer near Montreal.

When his client asked for another shipment of corn, Manley didn't have any Canadian corn available.

"I said, 'well, I can offer you Romanian corn because I have nothing else.'"

The buyer had questions about Romanian certification standards and the quality of the corn, but tests showed it was fine.

"They (the Romanian exporter) are certified by the same international certifier that I'm certified with," Manley said.

He said it's not surprising that Eastern Canada imports organic grain from other parts of the world because importing corn from Eastern Europe costs about the same as shipping wheat from Saskatchewan to eastern Ontario.

"Shipping containers are very efficient," he said.

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AG NOTES

GROWER GROUP

Flax commission elects directors

New directors have joined the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission.

Dave Sefton of Broadview and Jordan Hillier of Southey will sit on the board for three-year terms, while Nancy Johns of Zelma fills the remaining year of a vacant three-year term.

They join Erwin Hanley of Regina, Shane Stokke of Watrous and Greg Sundquist of Watrous.

Seven percent of eligible voters returned ballots.

SaskFlax represents 6,000 flax growers in the province.

AGRICULTURE AWARD

Lafond receives pulse legacy award

Saskatchewan Pulse Growers has honoured the late Guy Lafond with its second Pulse Legacy Award.

The Agriculture Canada researcher's career significantly affected soil conservation and improvements to prairie agricultural practices.

His agronomy research altered the way pulses are grown in Saskatchewan.

Lafond was well known and respected in the direct seeding soil conservation movements.

He graduated from the University of Manitoba with a master's degree before earning his PhD from the University of Saskatchewan.

He was instrumental in establishing the Indian Head Agricultural Research Foundation in the early 1990s.

BEEF

Holstein Canada has new directors

Holstein Canada has elected new directors by acclamation:

- Angus MacKinnon of Coaticook, Que., will serve as director for Quebec at large. He has a 1,200 acre operation with his brother, Peter, and milks 150 cows under the Buckland prefix.
- Nancy Beerwort of Martintown, Ont., is the national director for eastern Ontario. She milks 80 cows under the Cherry Crest prefix and

maintains a 520 acre operation in Glengarry County, of which 405 acres are owned and 115 rented.

- Ben Cuthbert of Ladysmith, B.C., will serve as national director for British Columbia. He milks 120 cows under the Silvermaple prefix and has a 335 acre operation on Vancouver Island.

DAIRY

New research centre receives funding

A new dairy research centre at the University of Guelph is receiving \$3 million in federal funding.

The money is in addition to \$20 million from the Ontario government, \$1 million from Dairy Farmers of Ontario and \$1 million from other industry contributors.

The facility, which will be located in Elora, will conduct research in health, reproduction, nutrition, animal well-being and value-added milk components.

RESEARCH

Innovation funded in Western Canada

The Association of University Research Parks Canada has received \$125,000 in federal funding to link foreign investors with western Canadian innovation companies and develop a best practices guide.

The project will focus on finding investment in the information and communications technology, biotechnology, clean and environ-

AG NOTES

EDUCATION

Youth in action grants available

Youth in Action grants are available to anyone in southwestern Alberta younger than 22.

The program, which is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta, funds projects initiated and organized by young people. Projects should benefit the local community and residents while being fun and innovative.

Examples of past funded projects

include a youth talent show, a portable sound system to use when performing at seniors facilities, creating new banners and a mural in a school library, redesigning a section of a community with public art, creating birthday party bags that help children from low-income families and helping seniors garden and scrapbook their stories.

The deadline is Feb. 16.

For more information, call Caitlin at 403-328-5297 or email office@cflsa.ca

Application forms can be submitted at cflsa.fluidreview.com/.

EDUCATION

Excellence award for ag students

Agricultural students have the opportunity to win a \$1,500 excellence award sponsored by Farm Management Canada and the Canadian Association of Diploma in Agriculture Programs.

The award is designed to encourage students to improve and develop their communication and leadership skills by asking them to voice their opinion on a subject related to farm management.

Students need to submit a multimedia presentation, video, Twitter chat, blog or Wiki that responds to the question:

"How can the agricultural industry best support young farmers looking to succeed in an ever-competitive and complex global marketplace?"

Students can apply at www.fmc-gac.com no later than May 8.

EQUINE AWARD

Horse industry recognizes veterinarian

The Horse Industry Association of Alberta has presented Dr. Wayne Burwash with a distinguished service award.

Burwash grew up on a mixed dairy farm near Balzac, Alta., and graduated with distinction in 1969 as part of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine's first graduating class.

He was among the first to carry out commercial embryo transfer in Canada with Bob Church from the University of Calgary.

In 1977, Burwash opened Burwash Equine Services, which specialized in equine care.

Since 1980, he has been president of the Veterinary Commission for international competitions at Spruce Meadows near Calgary.

He was named Veterinarian of the Year by the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association in 2000 and won the Communicators Award in 2004.

Burwash was also a founding member of the Alberta Quarter Horse Breeders Group, helping to establish quality horse sales locally as well as internationally by marketing Alberta-bred horses to Europe.

He has been a producer of American Quarter Horses for more than four decades and a leading breeder for the Alberta Horse Improvement Program.

HEALTH

Suicide prevention app launched

A new mobile app created by Clinic Community Health Centre and the Winnipeg Suicide Prevention Committee is available for free to Manitoba residents.

It is designed to help people cope with the stresses of life and prevent suicide.

The Manitoba government, the Winnipeg Foundation and the Western Financial Group Communities Foundation provided support for the Calm in the Storm app.

A key feature provides tips that could help individuals with suicidal thoughts.

The app can be downloaded at www.calminthestormapp.com.

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AGRIBUSINESS

DuPont appoints business director

Collin Phillip is DuPont Pioneer's new business director for Eastern Canada. He will work out of the company's Chatham, Ont., office.

Phillip received a bachelor of commerce-entrepreneurial management degree from Royal Roads University, a master of marketing degree from the University of Melbourne and a master of business administration from Simon Fraser University.

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SOIL MANAGEMENT

Reduced axle load lowers tractor impact

Soil compaction research finds no advantage to tracked tractors over conventional machines

BY BARB GLEN

LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Tracked tractors don't reduce soil compaction, says an Alberta government official.

Lawrence Papworth of Alberta Agriculture's livestock production and energy section said many producers think tracks will limit the problem, but research shows otherwise.

"In general, there is no difference between soil compaction with track tractors and wheel tractors," he told a Jan. 20 Manure Management Update in Lethbridge.

Papworth said pressure spike is the key to compaction.

Each axle on a conventional wheel tractor causes a pressure spike. When a tracked tractor travels, each axle and each roller on that track causes a pressure spike because the track is flexible.

Papworth said reduced soil compaction was a selling point when tracked units first came out.

"Research has shown that that's not true."

Tracked tractors have advantages in flotation and pulling power, while those with wheels have the advantage in steering and cost.

However, he said compaction levels are comparable.

Axle load is the first consideration to limit compaction because pressure goes deeper into the soil layers as the load increases.

"It's very important to keep axle loads down so that you can avoid subsoil compaction because subsoil compaction is very hard to rectify," said Papworth.

"The research has shown that you should limit axle loads to 10 tons (9.1 tonnes), and I read in some cases even six tons (5.4 tonnes)."

One way to do that is to increase the number of axles.

Contact pressure is another facet of compaction. The pressure is typically one or two pounds per sq. inch higher than the tire pressure.

Flotation tires, which can be operated at a lower pressure, could reduce compaction.

"You're getting more surface compaction with a narrower tire because it's at a higher pressure, and you also could get some compaction in the subsoil too, depending on the weight and the pressure that that tire is operating at."



Research in Alberta has shown that tracked tractors have advantages in flotation and pulling power but are not better at soil compaction than wheeled tractors. | FILE PHOTO

Papworth said 10 pounds per sq. inch is the pressure at which compaction can be kept to a manageable level.

Contact pressure can be reduced by:

- Using the lowest allowable tire pressure based on the load.
- Using flotation tires to spread out the weight.
- Using radial instead of bias-ply tires.
- Using larger diameter tires for bigger footprint front to back.
- Using tractors with four wheel drive, front-wheel assist, tracks or duals instead of conventional single axle.

Papworth also reminded producers to check tire ballast.

"Many tractors that are used for multi purposes, they are ballasted to

pull heavy tillage equipment, but when you're using them to pull a manure spreader, it doesn't take a lot of force to pull it so you could probably remove some of that ballast," he said.

"It might be worth doing it. You'll save a lot of fuel and soil compaction, but if it's liquid ballast in the tires, it's pretty hard to do."

Travelling over a smaller percentage of the field can reduce compaction.

A vertical beater spreader that covers a wider area is preferable when spreading manure.

It may require a slower speed to get desired coverage, but equipment tramples less of the field.

Papworth also said a hose drag system is better than large, heavy manure tanks when it comes to

SOIL ISSUES

Soil compaction causes many problems:

- Compacted soil has fewer pore spaces with air in them, which causes the soil to stay cooler and wetter for a longer time.
- Harmful bacteria and fungi like wet compacted soil.
- Plants in compacted soil are usually smaller with a smaller root system and prone to nutrient deficiencies.
- Roots that hit the hardpan often go sideways.

- Nitrogen moves with water, but it can't flow to plant roots if the soil's pore spaces are so compacted that nothing can slide through them.
- Erosion is a problem in compacted soil because it's harder for the water to get through if the soil is crusted on top. Instead, it will pond on top and then run, taking soil with it.
- Wind erosion is also easier in compacted soil because the organic material structures that bind soil together are compromised. Soil particles will blow away when they aren't bound together.

compaction.

An automatic air inflation-deflation system for tires is another

option to consider.

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SOIL MANAGEMENT

Minimize tillage to fight compaction

Careful tillage can prevent issues with soil compaction, says researcher

BY ROBIN BOOKER
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Tillage destroys soil structure, which is the No. 1 defence against soil compaction for farmers, says an American researcher.

Jodi Dejong-Hughes, who studies soil compaction at the University of Minnesota, told the recent Crop-Sphere conference in Saskatoon that soil with good structure can carry greater loads. That's because small pieces of soil bound together with organic material act like mini-columns that help support weight.

She said farmers who are going to break up compaction mechanically need to know where the compaction begins and ends, which they can do by digging pits in the soil.

"Look and see if the roots are having trouble because that's what you're trying to help," she said.

"If they seem to be taking an L there, or get thin after that area, you have a compaction problem."

Farmers can then set the depth on their tillage implement to just below the compaction zone, but they shouldn't go deeper than necessary.

"If you go in there too deep, you're just setting yourself up for more compaction because the No. 1 defence against compaction is soil structure," Dejong-Hughes said.

Wider tires and lower tire pressure can also help reduce compaction, but it's important to reduce compaction enough so that normal management can deal with it.

Sometimes compaction continues to occur deeper than the till zone, even with wide tires and low tire pressure.

Dejong-Hughes then suggests producers consider a controlled traffic system where they limit compaction to tracks and small areas.

"A misconception about soil compaction is that you should spread out the compaction because 80 percent of the compaction happens in the first pass," Dejong-Hughes said.

"(It's important to) get it down to workable compaction or go to controlled compaction: keep tires thin and high and make roads."

She said it's a myth that the freeze-thaw cycle will break up compaction.

It may have been true in the past when agricultural equipment had much lower axle weights, but implements such as grain carts now have more than 40 tonnes an axle load, which means compaction is going much deeper.

The freeze-thaw cycle does not have a significant effect on that, she added.

Wetting and drying cycles play a significant role in managing soil compaction. Cracks that appear in the soil when land dries in the summer can be more than a metre deep, which will break up compacted layers.

Dejong-Hughes said developing soil that can carry greater loads is a

better long-term management technique to deal with soil compaction than ripping it out after it occurs.

As well, a diverse crop rotation helps build soil organic matter and soil structure because of different root systems and the residue patterns of different crops.

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RESIGNATION

Former agriculture minister leaving Alberta politics

BY MARY MACARTHUR
CAMROSE BUREAU

Former Alberta agriculture minister Doug Horner has announced his resignation from Alberta politics after 14 years.

Horner said it was with "mixed emotions" that he will resign Jan. 31 as Progressive Conservative MLA for Spruce Grove-St. Albert.

He was first elected in 2001 and served as deputy premier, minister of agriculture, minister of advanced education and technology, president of the treasury board and minister of finance. Horner was agriculture minister from 2004-06 under premier Ralph Klein.

"I have seen our great province



DOUG HORNER
FORMER ALBERTA AGRICULTURE MINISTER

make tremendous strides, overcome unparalleled challenges and benefit from unprecedented growth," he said.

"I am proud to have a place in our provincial history books and to have carried on my family's legacy of public service to Alberta," he wrote on a Facebook page.

Horner's grandfather was a senator

from Saskatchewan, his father, Hugh Horner, was an MP under prime minister John Diefenbaker and a provincial minister of agriculture and deputy premier during the 1970s. His three uncles, Jack, Albert and Norval, were also federal MPs.

Horner was a candidate for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative party in 2011 and placed third behind Alison Redford.

Alberta premier Jim Prentice said he was sorry to lose Horner, but acknowledged his 14 years of public service.

"Politics is not easy, public service is not easy," said Prentice, adding he will be sorry to see Horner retire.

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WEED MANAGEMENT

Australian machine will be tested on prairie soil

Harrington Seed Destructor, which destroys weed seeds at harvest, will be studied under Canadian conditions

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Researchers continue to explore how destroying weed seeds at harvest could tackle the growing problem of herbicide resistant weeds in Canada.

Agriculture Canada has bought a Harrington Seed Destructor, a pull-behind unit from Australia that pulverizes weed seeds when combining.

Though the department has yet to take delivery, University of Alberta grad student Breanne Tidemann is exploring how effective a seed destructor might be in Canadian conditions.

“(At \$205,000), it is not a cheap machine, but they are still developing it,” Tidemann told the Agronomy Update in Lethbridge Jan. 21.

Developers are working on a combine-mounted seed destructor that could be cheaper and require less horsepower and fuel when in use.

The real question is whether such a unit will be effective in Canadian conditions. Early research shows it might be useful against cleavers and volunteer canola but less so for wild oats.

For starters, weeds must produce seeds at a level accessible to swathers and combines, which is 15 centimetres off the ground.



The Harrington Seed Destructor costs more than \$200,000, but future models could be less expensive to operate. | FILE PHOTO

“If they’re produced lower than that, you can’t collect them without putting the equipment at major risk of damage,” said Tidemann.

Weeds must also retain their seeds at harvest if the seed destructor is to

be effective.

The researchers tested wild oats, cleavers and volunteer canola in wheat and fababeen plots at Lacombe, Alta., St. Albert, Alta., and Scott, Sask. Three farmer fields in the Lethbridge region

were also examined.

Tidemann said those weeds are No. 2, 3 and 6, respectively, in terms of abundance in Western Canada. Wild oats and cleaver are also resistant to several herbicide groups.

The research found that the seed destructor would effectively destroy most cleaver and volunteer canola seeds at harvest but wild oats generally escape.

“The retention does not look good for something like harvest weed seed control.”

Wild oat retention was worse in

farmer fields than on test plots, “which means an even worse story for wild oats in terms of seed retention.”

However, field observations showed the seed destructor might be useful against Persian darnel and lamb’s quarters.

Tidemann said there was some variability at test sites, which he attributed to differences in heat, precipitation, environmental factors and weed-crop competition.

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ROAD SAFETY

Fewer farm vehicles violating road rules, says enforcement officer

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

A ripple of recognition rolled through the crowd when commercial vehicle enforcement officer Arthur Anderson showed photos of farm equipment transport violations.

They depicted overloaded manure trucks, frayed bungee cords, broken shocks and corroded brake pots.

It’s possible nobody at the Manure Management Update conference in Lethbridge had ever violated provincial road regulations, but it was likely that many had at least witnessed some.

“Nothing surprises me,” Anderson said in an interview after his presentation when asked about egregious incidents of dangerous transport.

However, he said he now sees fewer examples of improperly maintained equipment on Alberta roadways.

“Mainly brakes out of adjustment or sometimes lighting — signal lights not working at the back or brake lights not lighting up when brakes are applied. Minor little things that should be caught during a trip inspection.”

Drivers are responsible to ensure nothing leaks, spills, blows off or shifts to make the load unstable.

Anderson said the definition of

cargo is broad, referring not only to the payload but also to shovels, tools and anything else being carried.

And by the way, bungee straps are not legal for securing loads. Farmers and truckers should use tarp straps and other materials designed for the purpose.

Self-propelled farm equipment with flotation tires cannot legally travel paved highways in Alberta if they are carrying a load, Anderson reminded the group.

He also elaborated on the regulations for slow moving vehicles and legal weights.

Unlike commercial highway haulers, farmers are exempt from the need for air brake endorsement for driving farm vehicles with air brakes.

They also do not need written trip inspection reports, a log book or annual mechanical inspections. Anderson said many farmers are nevertheless opting to get vehicle inspections because the accompanying sticker results in fewer delays at inspection stations and checkpoints.

Common sense will protect farmers from most problems with regulatory compliance, said Anderson.

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OBITUARY

Former farm leader revered for trade knowledge

American born Donald Knoerr settled in British Columbia before leading the Canadian Federation of Agriculture

BY LYNN SHERVILL
FREELANCE WRITER

SMITHERS, B.C. — Donald Knoerr was a 20-year-old American peace activist when he received a letter from the U.S. government drafting him into the Korean War in 1950.

Instead, the University of Wisconsin student moved to Canada, where he eventually became one of the country's top farm leaders.

Knoerr, who was president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture from 1985-91, died Nov. 30 in Smithers at the age of 84, not far from the remote ranch on which he and his wife, Marian, lived for more than 60 years.

Born May 6, 1930, and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Knoerr might have stayed in that city had it not been for his interest in the World Federalist Movement, an international peace initiative started in 1947 to prevent another global war. He even started a chapter of the movement with a couple of friends at his high school.

His draft notice left him in an untenable position.

"My dad believed in world peace," said his daughter, Susan Knoerr.

"He did not agree with the Korean War and refused to fight. At that time the only safe option was to go to Canada."

Knoerr married Marian, his high school sweetheart, on Feb. 20, 1951, and moved to Canada. They settled first in Vancouver, where he got a job making picture frames.

Later, and with financial help from his parents, the young couple moved to the Kitsegukla Valley, 800 kilometres north of Vancouver and a few kilometres west of Smithers, in northwestern British Columbia.

It was here that the Knoerrs raised three daughters and a son and developed a 500 acre ranch.

"What they did and learned to do on the farm is nothing but amazing," said daughter Jill O'Neill.

"There was always work to be done, but Dad never let it become the controlling factor in our lives.... You worked hard and you did a job well, but there was always time for coffee, a game of cards or a family picnic."

Knoerr's interest in politics led him to consider leaving farm life in the late 1960s to attend Simon Fraser University in Vancouver.

However, as the ranch grew from one milk cow to a herd of 80 beef cattle, he became increasingly involved in local farm and ranch organizations such as 4-H and the Farmers' Institute.

He also served as a regional district director and a member of the B.C. Land Commission, which expanded his understanding of farmers' needs and honed his negotiating skills in meetings with government agencies.

Knoerr was elected chair of the B.C.

Federation of Agriculture's cattlemen's committee in the mid-1970s, where he presided over the introduction of the B.C. Farm Income Assurance Program.

He was president of the BCFA from 1979-81 before moving to the national stage, becoming a trade policy adviser to the CFA. Four years later, he was elected president of the national organization.

During his time as president and until the early 2000s, Knoerr spent up to six months a year travelling to cities in Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia advocating on



DONALD KNOERR
FORMER CANADIAN
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behalf of Canadian farmers in discussions on the North American Free Trade Agreement, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the European Free Trade Agreement, the World Trade Organization and the Organization for Economic Co-

operation and Development.

"Don was a keen technician when it came to agricultural policy," said Phil Boyd, executive director of Turkey Farmers of Canada.

"His understanding of trade rules, policy and all related matters were second to none, including most bureaucrats."

However, Boyd said it was Knoerr's quiet, confident leadership style that endeared him to the Canadian agricultural sector.

Mike Dugate of Chicken Farmers of Canada said Knoerr was passionate about international trade and

would engage anyone he could in the discussion.

"He was not doing it to prove how much he knew," Dugate said.

"He wanted to learn and he wanted to share what he knew for the benefit of Canadian farmers."

CFA executive director Brigid Riviere called him "a lovely man and a hell of a policy guy on trade. He really was the guru on NAFTA. Even Steve (Verhuel, chief Canadian trade negotiator) would defer to him."

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ENVIRONMENT

Flood risk computer model requires backing

The project would show the effect various moisture levels would have on farms and communities

BY MARY MACARTHUR
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RED DEER — Risk management specialists hope a project that would predict the risk of flooding in southern Alberta will receive financial approval.

The \$2 million risk analysis model will use existing water, soil and drought data to build a computer model that will predict flooding, said Rick McConnell, a director with Dymac Risk Management Solutions. The model will simulate water

movement and show how too much or not enough moisture will affect farms, buildings and cities, McConnell told the Alberta Federation of Agriculture meeting.

Project organizers are hoping to access money from the federal government's Growing Forward 2 Agricultural Risk fund.

The first year of the project would be spent entering hydrological data into the computer to build the database, which can then be shown to insurance companies to help calculate flood risk.

McConnell said the flood maps can show how many times a field has been too wet to seed during seeding, which allows insurance companies to offer flood risk insurance.

"We're proving the model in Alberta now," he said.

"Once we prove it works, it can go anywhere in the world. There are multiple uses for this project, but we need GF2 funding to get this project up and going."

Federation president Lynn Jacobson said the benefits of predicting flood risk in rural areas will have

huge benefits to farmers, but building the computer model and proving that it can accurately predict water and drought events is crucial.

"Providing the model is foremost," McConnell said the project has caught the eye of insurance companies, which will be able to forecast flood damage and offer policies based on the computer model.

"Flooding is such a big interest," he said.

"This is not just a research project. The project is a way to develop practical solutions."

The computer model would be able to assess flood and drought risk and allow insurance companies to offer contracts based on the risk.

The first project would input water data from a variety of sources in the South Saskatchewan River Basin and begin drought and flood modelling.

Aquanty, the Ontario based hydrology company that would operate the project, uses its forecasting model in Ontario to monitor water events and has done hydrology research work in Alberta's Athabasca River basin for oil company Suncor.

Aquanty analyst Steven Fry said a berm could be built in the simulation model to see if it would eliminate the risk of flooding, or a dam could be built to see how it would mitigate flooding.

"It builds a model for insurance purposes," he said.

"Insurance folks are fixated on accuracy. They're heavily model dependent."

Fry said the model could design synthetic landscapes and simulate mitigation strategies. You can keep going through the designs, and you haven't had to lift a shovel or move earth with a bulldozer."

Dan Mazier with Keystone Agricultural Producers said Manitoba needs access to the program once it is built to help farmers hit hard by flooding.

"We need this data badly," said Mazier.

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FERTILIZER

Mosaic forecasts bigger profit

(Reuters) — Mosaic Co. estimates it will post a larger fourth-quarter profit than expected and surpassed its targets for phosphate sales.

The company, which is the world's largest producer of finished phosphate products and North America's second-biggest potash producer, said it expects to earn 93 to 98 cents per share in the quarter, including one-time items. Analysts expected, on average, earnings of 58 cents per share, according to Thomson Reuters.

Excluding items, earnings for the quarter are expected at 83 to 88 cents per share, Mosaic said.

Demand for potash and phosphates exceeded the company's expectations in the period, chief executive officer Jim Prokopanko said.

Retail fertilizer buyers came to the market in force to place inventory in position for what they expect to be a strong spring fertilizer application season for farmers, he added. Prokopanko said he expects strong demand for both crop nutrients to extend into this year.

The company sold 3.3 million tonnes of phosphate products during the quarter, exceeding its previous guidance of 2.5 to 2.8 million tonnes but just shy of the year-ago quarter's 3.4 million tonnes.

Mosaic said potash volumes looked to be in the high end of its guidance range of two to 2.3 million tonnes during the fourth quarter.

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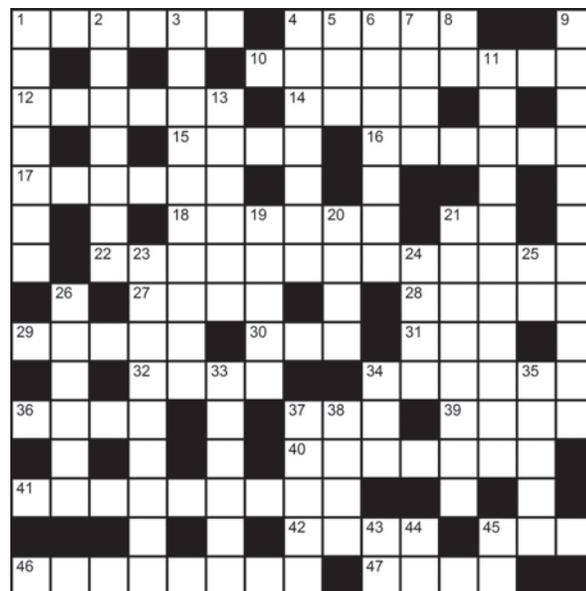
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1. She played Noah's wife, who divorced him in Season 2 on *Suburgatory*
4. Oater sidekick Hayes
10. Clint Eastwood oater
12. She has frequently been cast in Woody Allen films
14. Simmons who plays Rebecca on *Banshee*
15. She plays Alicia Florrick's daughter Grace on *The Good Wife*
16. *Law & Order* detective Briscoe
17. He played Bud on *Flipper*
18. *Wilder* _____
21. *Two If _____ Sea*
22. _____ *Fever* (2 words)
27. The rich man in *Rich Man, Poor Man*
28. Co-creator of *The New Normal*
29. Harold's stoner friend
30. _____ *Freedom*
31. "The One" played by Keanu Reeves
32. He starred in *American Hustle*
34. She played Morticia on *The New Addams Family*
36. Actress Heche
37. *The _____ Harvest*
39. *I _____ with You*
40. Golden Globe nominee for *Midnight Cowboy*
41. 1956 film sometimes known as "An RKO Radioactive Picture" (with *The*)
42. She played Dr. Kate Murphy on *Body of Proof*
45. *Failure to Launch* director
46. _____ *Persuasion*
47. *Lonesome _____* (1989 TV mini-series)

DOWN

1. One of the five films in which husband-and-wife Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh starred in together during their 11 year marriage (with *The*)
2. He plays Felix on *Orphan Black*
3. Pet detective (2 words)
4. *Kid _____*
5. Actress MacGraw
6. His film career began with *The Secret 6*
7. She plays Annie on *Community*
8. Cera's co-star in *Paper Heart*
9. Actor who was in *The Maltese Falcon* and *Casablanca*
11. He has been in three films that were nominated for an Oscar for Best Picture, as of 2014 (2 words)
13. *Despicable Me* and *Despicable Me 2* co-director
19. He starred in *Brazil*
20. Christmas's girlfriend in *The Expendables 2*
21. *Southland* creator
23. 1966 Peck/Loren spy thriller
24. Visitor who played Kira on *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*
25. _____ *Got Game*
26. He played Spock in *Star Trek* (2009)
33. *I Am _____*
34. _____ *Ramsey* (Richard Boone series)
35. _____ *You Phillip Morris* (2 words)
37. *The Remains of the Day* director
38. Actor Elwes
43. 1985 TV mini-series starring Colleen Dewhurst and Ava Gardner
44. _____ *Country for Old Men*
45. Portia _____ Rossi

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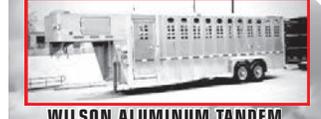
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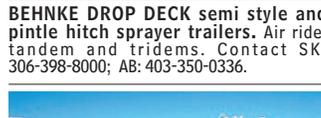
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2012 NH SP 365F, N22365A, 591 hrs., 10 section control kit, 120' boom, 1600 gal. stainless tank, \$346,000. 306-922-2525, Prince Albert, SK. or www.farmworld.ca

2003 ROGATOR 1264, 100' boom, 1200 gal. SS tank liquid system, 30 gal. foam tank, 4 fenders, Raven ViperPro Control System with AutoBoom, AccuBoom, SmartTrax AutoSteer, external light bar, 5 sectional controls, 3753 Op hrs., set of 4 narrow tires and 4 floatation tires, 3 sets of nozzles in triple nozzle bodies, fence row nozzles, no fert. use, unit is in top service cond., field ready (eng. oil analysis reports avail.), (optional LED lighting package, \$3000). \$105,000 OBO. 403-540-7007, High River, AB. Email rogator1264@gmail.com

2008 CASE/IH 3320, 100' boom, Viper Pro, AutoHeight, AutoSteer, AIM, 380 tires, crop dividers, 15 hrs, shedded. 306-488-4517, 306-529-0887, Dilke, SK.

1998 JD 4700 90', 750 poly tank, c/w 5 sets nozzles, fence row nozzles, 2 sets tires, hyd. tread adjust. Outbacksteer, AutoBoom control, Norac AutoHeight, recent CMI, \$84,000. 306-567-7867, Bladworth, SK.

2013 NH GUARDIAN SP 240F XP inc. PDI, freight and 5 yr. 2500 PPP first pmt down, no trade, \$19,456, S/A PMT. Humboldt, 306-682-9920, www.farmworld.ca

2010 MILLER G-40, N22046A, 736 hrs., 240 HP Cummins, 100' truss boom, 3-way nozzles, 1000 gal, \$168,000. Prince Albert, SK. 306-922-2525 or www.farmworld.ca

1999 JD 4700, owned by JD mechanic, 90', 750 gallon integrated AutoSteer, Michelin 620/70R26 floaters with new spare tire, 230/95R44 narrow-used for one season, \$84,000 OBO. 306-247-2099, 306-843-7337, 306-843-8455, Scott, SK.

2005 ROGATOR 1274C PN3072B, 3286 hrs, 120' boom, 7 sect., 10" spacing, dbl. nozzle bodies w/tips, \$161,000. Humboldt SK. 306-682-9920, www.farmworld.ca

2001 MORRIS MAXIM 35', 240 TBH, 10" spacing, single shoot, 3.5" Morris twin row carbon tip seed boots, w/liquid kit, 4" steel packers, excellent cond., low acres. 306-435-7893, Moosomin, SK.

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2004 BOURGAULT 5710 54', near new MRB's and points, recapped packers, 9.8" spacing. Call 306-567-7533, Davidson, SK.

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2004 BOURGAULT 5710 60', 2002 5440 cart, 12" sp., 3" Atom Jet openers, MRB's, rubber packers, dual fans, variable seed rate. Offers. 306-421-3955, Estevan, SK.

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1998 SPRA-COUCPE 3640, 2000 hrs, newer 400 gal. tank, 75' booms w/3 sets of nozzles, brand new clutch last season, \$35,000 w/o AutoSteer, \$38,000 w/AutoSteer. For info, 306-246-4442, Hafford, SK.

SPRAYING VARIOUS 4244

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TILLAGE/SEEDING

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2012 BOURGAULT 6700, seed bag lift, rear hitch, 4 tank metering, 650/34 duals, stock #55925, \$152,290. Call Moosomin, SK. 306-435-3301 or www.maplefarm.com

FLEXI-COIL 6000, 30', 2012 pillar openers, new discs and seed boots, 1720 TBH tank, \$75,000. 780-349-9522, Westlock, AB

2006 SEEDMASTER 50', 10" spacing, DS, anhydrous kit, Alpine kit, setup for Flexi-Coil, \$55,000. 306-921-7411, Melfort, SK.

2012 BOURGAULT 3320 PHD, QDA, 65', 550 TBH, 10" auger, approx. 15,000 acres, 4 metering rollers, 10" space, \$315,000 OBO. Call Neil or Grant, 306-741-1634, 306-672-6605, Hazlet, SK. neil_anderson@transcanada.com

2006 JD 1820, 45', 5 fold, 10" spacing, DS, 3.5" steel V style packers, 2.5" DS opener, Dutch seed brakes. 2006 1910 TBT tank, 250 bu., 3 compartment, conveyor, variable rate, always shedded, \$65,000 OBO. Call 780-679-5723, Daysland, AB

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2008 44' SEED HAWK air drill, w/400 TBH Seed Hawk seed cart, 12" spacing, paired row openers, seed and fert. kit, \$125,000. A.E. Chicoine Farm Equipment Ltd. 306-449-2255, Storthoaks, SK.

2010 65' BOURGAULT 3310 paralink, 12" spacing, mid row shank banding, DS, rear hitch, \$157,000. A.E. Chicoine Farm Equipment Ltd. 306-449-2255, Storthoaks, SK.

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2000 FLEXI-COIL 2340 air cart, 230 bu., double shoot, variable rate, vg, \$16,800. 1-800-667-4515, www.combineworld.com

AIR DRILLS 4250

1997 FLEXI-COIL 5000, 57' w/mid-row NH3, 3.5" rubber packers, blockage monitor, good cond., tanks available, \$15,800. 1-800-667-4515, www.combineworld.com

1997 BOURGAULT 5710, 40', 2002 Bourgault 5350 cart, 3.5" steel packers, speed lock adaptors, 3/4" carbide openers, Series 1 MRB's. Hoses/openers in good shape, \$63,000. 780-214-3432 Paradise Valley AB

2000 FLEXI-COIL 5000 #PB2983B 45', 9" spacing, 3-1/2" steel packers, Pattison liquid S/S air, \$22,250. 306-922-2525, Prince Albert, SK. or www.farmworld.ca



2004 HORSCH ANDERSON, Terra Tender, 3 compartments, 3 augers with plastic coated flighting, new tracks in 2014, \$79,000. 403-312-0776, Blackie, AB.



2013 HORSCH ANDERSON Panther 460, equipped with "Razor" openers, double shoot, disc levelers, dual blockage monitors, ISO electronics, 500 bu. tank with dual fans. Approximately 6000 acres, \$260,000. 403-312-0776, Blackie, AB.

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2011 9530 1300 hrs, 800 metrics, no PTO, AutoSteer, powershift, lease, \$230,000. 306-436-7727, 306-436-4438, Milestone, SK. matthewrwinkler@hotmail.com

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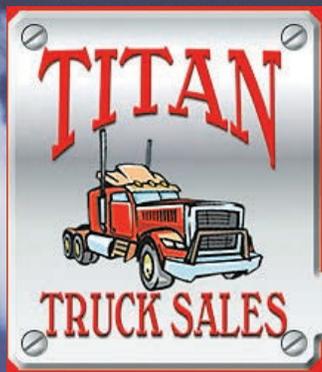
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515 HP Detroit, 18 sp, 12000 front super 40 rear, 4x4 diff. locks, 209" WB, 48" bunk, 979,831 km.

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N22365A. 591 HRS., 10 SEC. CONTROL KIT, 120' BOOM, 1600 GAL STAINLESS TANK, ACCUBOOM CONT., AUX. LIGHTING, BOOM TILT ACCUMULATOR, ENVIZIO PRO SMART TRAX AUTOSTEER, FENCE LINE SPRAY KIT, FENDERS POLY, PRESSURE WASHER, ULTRAGLIDE BOOM LEVELLER, 650/75R38 169 A8 FLOAT TIRES.
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<p>VW10FC - 4 1/4" full carbide</p> <p>Front and sides - single shoot - up to 3 1/2" spread - shown on VW14FB opener. Also fits Bourgault and Flexi Stealth.</p>	<p>VW10FC - full carbide</p> <p>Shown on Bourgault opener.</p>	<p>VW11FC - 3 1/4" full carbide</p> <p>Shown on Bourgault opener. Also fits VW14FB opener and Flexi Stealth opener. Very popular single shoot drill point - up to 2 1/2" spread.</p>	<p>VW11FC - 3 1/4" drill point</p> <p>Shown on VW14FB opener. Also fits Flexi Stealth and Bourgault openers.</p>	<p>VW12FC - 2 1/4" full carbide</p> <p>Up to 1.5" spread. Shown on Bourgault opener. Also fits on VW14FB and Flexi Stealth.</p>	<p>VW12FC drill point</p> <p>Shown on VW14FB. Also fits Bourgault and Flexi Stealth - single shoot drill point.</p>	<p>VW13CC - chrome - carbide</p> <p>Weld on drill point - use to replace almost all weld-on drill points. Cut worn out off and weld new one on for big savings. Shown on Bourgault weld-on point opener.</p>	
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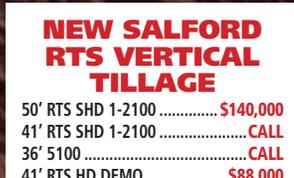
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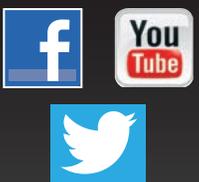
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BLACK ANGUS 5010

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NORDAL LIMOUSIN AND ANGUS 2015 Bull Sale February 15th, Saskatoon Livestock Sales, Saskatoon, SK. Selling 30 rising 2 year old Black Angus and 40 Red Angus and Limousin Bulls. Catalogue on-line at www.nordallimousin.com Contact Rob Garner, Simpson, SK. 306-946-7946. Visit: nordallimousin@sasktel.net

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20th ANNUAL Cattleman's Connection Bull Sale, March 6, 2015, 1:00 PM at Heartland Livestock, Brandon, MB. Selling 100 yearling Black Angus bulls. For catalogue or more info call Brookmore Angus, Jack Hart, 204-476-6696 or email at brookmoreangus@gmail.com or HBH Farms, Barb Airey 204-566-2134, email rbairer@hotmail.com Sales Management Doug Henderson 403-350-8541 or 403-782-3888.

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HEREFORD 5090

BANNERLANE HORNED HEREFORDS Annual Sale, Tues., Feb. 10, 2015, 2:00 PM CST (1 PM MST) at the farm, Livelong, SK. On offer: 60 head: 24 coming 2 yr. old bulls, semen tested; 32 bred commercial heifers; 3 bred reg. heifers, preg checked; 1 reg. heifer calf. Dinner at noon. Central point free delivery. Rob Bannerlan, 306-845-2764, bannerlane@litttleloon.ca View at: www.hereford.ca



RANCH READY BULL SALE on March 19, 1:00 PM, Heartland, Swift Current, SK. 35 horned Hereford bulls from Braun Ranch and 30 Elite 2 yr. old Angus bulls from Bar CR Angus. Catalogue and sale videos at www.braunranch.com Contact Craig Braun at 306-297-2132.

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RM 431	SW 02-44-25 W2	159
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- Offers subject to financing will NOT be considered.
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- Successful bidder must provide a certified cheque to Vendor's solicitor, for 10% deposit, within 7 days of being notified of successful bid.
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BARONS AB. MLS LD002880, 2080 acres, 13 quarters of irrigated land. \$13,000,000 OBO. 403-308-1612, Barons, AB.

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SALE OR LEASE: RM of Prairie Rose #309, NW 19-33-20 W2. Buildings included. A written tender must be received by February 20th, 2015. Attention Larry Antonenko, Box 231, Biggar, SK., SOK OMO.

FOR RENT: 10 to 15 quarters farmland in RM 346 and RM 376. For more info. call 306-237-4582 after 9:00 PM, Perdue, SK.

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.

HAMMOND REALTY: Shire Farm, RM 92 Walpole, near Moosomin, SK. 1280 acres, featuring 610 cult. acres and 625 hay/pasture acre (300 acres could be cropped), \$61,863 avg 2013 assessment. Grass carries 100 pair. Yard includes: 1180 sq. ft. bungalow (1983), 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 12,850 bu. steel bin storage, exc. water and cattle facilities. MLS #501213. Reduced to \$1,240,000. Alex Morrow 306-434-8780 http://Shire.HammondRealty.ca

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: czechraised@hotmail.com 306-920-0409, Melfort, SK.

RM 250, LAST MOUNTAIN VALLEY: \$749,000. 158 acres with 1700 sq. ft. bungalow; 80'x50' pole shed, built in 2005; Heated shop, built in 2007; Numerous outbuildings. More land available upon request. MLS #514504. Call Carmen Bechard, Porchlight Realty, 306-596-2342.

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LAND FOR RENT: Half section of good quality grainland to rent in the RM of Torch River, E-1/2-36-51-21-W2. Contact Ted Cawkwell for details at 306-327-7661.

FARMLAND FOR CASH rent by tender, 6.25 quarters in RM of Ponass Lake #367: NW-23-39-15-2, 1/2 of NE-22-39-15, SE-22-39-15, NE-26-39-15, NW-26-39-15, NE-27-39-15, 1/2 of NW-27-39-15, 1/4 of SW-34-39-15. Please submit proposals by Feb. 20th to email: pstein73@gmail.com 778-994-9255, Rose Valley, SK.

FOR RENT: 3 quarters farmland, 432 total cult. acres. Close to Highway #5. Looking for a long term renter. NE-17-37-02-W3, SE-17-37-02-W3, SW-09-37-3-W3. Call 306-881-7688.

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South West.....65 1/2's
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ID#1100341 MANKOTA: 960 acres with 945 acres cultivated. 1664 sq. ft. home, quonset, shop, 2 dugouts, barn, grain storage, 2 cattle waterers and hydrants. MLS#. ID#1100311 DINSMORE: For Lease! 150 acres at \$75/acre on the outskirts of Dinsmore. Owner is licensed to sell Real Estate in Alberta. MLS#. ID#1100283 CARMICHAEL: 70.5 acres pasture of which much would be arable. Water not far below the surface, accessible by sand point well. ID#1100257 OSLER: Modern Dairy Farm with 145 acres. 90 cow free stall barn w/state of the art auto identifying double 10 milk parlor and attached calf-heifer barn. 154.79 kg daily milk quota. 1614 sq. ft. home and workshop. ID#1100312 DINSMORE: 14 acres with old yard site and mature trees. This parcel is subject to subdivision approval from the RM of Mildren #286 and subdivision completion. Seller is licensed to sell Real Estate in Alberta. www.farmrealestate.com Real Estate Centre, 1-866-345-3414.

RM NIPAWIN 487, North of Aylsham, 9 quarters grainland, plus 2 quarters pasture in adjoining RM 486, yard with buildings included. Call Neil Wheeler 306-862-5681.

RM OF MILDEN #286: 320 acres of mixed grain and grass land. Mildren Lake runs through the land. John Cave, Edge Realty Ltd. 306-773-7379. www.farmsask.com

RM CANA #214. 560 acres ideally located on #15 Hwy. and Agri Park Road just on the outskirts of Melville, SK. Land currently seeded for alfalfa and is completely fenced. Gravel potential. Asking \$899,000. Call Paul Kutarna, 306-596-7081, Sutton Group Results Realty. MLS #517931.

HAMMOND REALTY: Broom Farm. Great starter ranch, RM 256. 619 total acres w/306 acres of hayland and 237 acres of pasture w/additional 160 acres grazing lease subject to approval by Sask Ag. Land is fenced and crossfenced. Nice unit with all land touching. Excellent water supply. Includes: 1536 sq. ft. 3 bdm, 2 bth house. Vendors are open to offers. Asking \$535,000. For details call: Grant Anderson 306-831-9214. MLS #492732 http://BroomFarm.HammondRealty.ca

PICTURESQUE ORGANIC HOMESTEAD, 160 acres, house, buildings, off grid, \$162,900. 306-547-3123, Preeceville, SK.

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.

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RM OF LEASK #464. 4341 acres, mainly all adjoining with 3071 acres seeded to tame grass, balance bush and natural pasture. Mainly 3 and 4 wire fences. 4 sets of corals, pasture water and very few stones. The headquarters have a 36x51 straight wall metal clad shop with 2 overhead doors and 2 walk-in doors, plus 36x20 Ranch hand living quarters with sewer, water and natural gas heat. With today's cattle prices this 550 cow/calf operation will draw a lot of interest, MLS #520590. For further information call Lloyd Ledinski, Re/Max of the Battlefords, 306-446-8800 or 306-441-0512, North Battleford, SK.

RM OF EDENWOLD: Near Pilot Butte, 80 acres; RM of Edenwold- 960 acre farm near Regina, home quarter can be purchased separately. RM of Edenwold- two quarters on highway corridor near Balgonie/acreage quarter farming, 160 acres on Highway #1, 4 kms east of Balgonie, 90+ acres, Highway #11, 7 miles north of Saskatoon. Contact Brian Tiefenbach, 306-789-8300, 306-536-3269. Colliers International, 2505-11th Ave., Suite 200, Regina, SK, S4P 0K6 www.collierscanada.com



LAND FOR SALE: 9 quarters in the RM of Bayne #371, with yard. 75,000 bu. grain storage. Fall anhydrous. Fairly level w/few stones. Also available a full line of newer machinery. Send offer to: Edwin Wollmann, Box 402, Bruno, SK. SOK OSO. Call 306-369-2861. Highest or any offer not necessarily accepted. Closing date February 7, 2015.

LAND FOR CASH rent by tender: RM of In-inger #275, NE-10-29-9-W2; NW-10-29-9-W2; SW-10-29-9-W2. Submit offers, for 3 year term to: bettylin2000@hotmail.com

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FARMLAND FOR RENT: RM of Torch River #488, 2 quarters: NE-18-53-15W2, NW-18-53-15W2; 232 acres under cultivation. 2013 assessment, 115,900; type H. \$8000/year. Will consider share-cropping. Direct inquiries to: robert.lucas@usask.ca or call 306-230-0037, or 306-343-1091.

RM 51: 480 acres of farm land. Farmed half and half. John Cave, Edge Realty Ltd. 306-773-7379. www.farmsask.com

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- Rm of Moose Range (Seed plant) 1337 Acres MLS#513446 **\$2,750,000**
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- Rm of Spiritwood 2644 Acres MLS#520338..... **\$2,350,000**
- Rm of Porcupine (Feed Lot) 640 Acres MLS#503793. **\$1,750,000**
- Rm of Torch River 792 Acres MLS#515435..... **\$790,000**
- Rm of Kinistino 468 Acres MLS#499416..... **\$600,000**
- Rm of Fish Creek 317 Acres MLS#513672..... **\$260,000**
- Rm of Torch River 319 Acres MLS#519273..... **\$310,000**
- Rm of Barrier Valley 319 Acres MLS#487855..... **\$299,000**
- Rm of Ponass Lake 160 Acres MLS#516740..... **\$189,000**
- Rm of Buckland/Garden River 320 Acres MLS#514131..... **\$170,000**
- Rm of Willow Creek 153 Acres MLS#518339..... **\$155,000**
- Rm of Paddockwood 161 Acres MLS#519597..... **\$110,000**
- Rm of Barrier Valley 146 Acres MLS#487853..... **\$89,000**
- Rm of Wrexford 136 Acres MLS#486980..... **\$83,000**

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RM OF GARDEN RIVER 490, 2 quarters of high producing cultivated land, SE-09-51-24-W2, NW-03-51-24-W2. Call Linda 306-929-4624, Albertville, SK.

RM of ELDON, 159 acres quality farmland. Details at www.campbelltender.ca Tender closes Feb. 24, 2015. Call: Vern McClelland, Associate Broker, ReMax of Lloydminster, 306-821-0611.

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TENDER: FARM LAND for sale located in the RM of Hazel Dell #335. SE-31-34-8-W2; NW-4-35-8-W2. Tenders to close Feb. 27th 2015, 12:00 midnight. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Please submit tenders in writing or by email to the vendor. Kyle Last, Box 143, Lintlaw, SK. S0A 2H0, or email kyle.last@hotmail.com For more info. contact Kyle by email or ph 306-327-7467.

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 OF HUMBOLDT No. 370, 160 acres, fenced for Bison, corral, dugouts, outbuildings. Bungalow, gas, well. Next to Lake. Call 306-682-3517, Humboldt, SK. megriif1@hotmail.ca

QUARTER SECTION FOR SALE: SW-34-35-10 W3, in the RM of Perdue No. 346. Call 306-237-4582 after 9PM.

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RM CALEDONIA #99- 480 acres. Assess. 256,400. Asking \$1250/acre. Call Keith Bartlett, 306-535-5707 at Sutton Group Results Realty, Regina, SK.

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RM OF MANITOBA LAKE HILLSDALE: One block of 8 quarters with over 900 cult. acres. Tender closes Feb. 5, 2015. Details at www.hindentender.ca Vern McClelland, Associate Broker Re/Max, Lloydminster, 306-821-0611.

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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

DWEIN TRASK REALTY INC. SE-12-45-25-W2 RM of St. Louis. SAMA-VIEW reports 115 acres arable. FMV assessment 68,000. Priced to sell at \$119,900. Please call Dwein 306-221-1035

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RM OF MOUNT HOPE No. 279, SE-32-29-18-W2, assessment 74,900, NE-29-29-18-W2, assessment 62,000. Soil Class G. Grant 306-746-7336, Semans, SK.

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 Battledowns, North Battleford 306-446-8800 or 306-441-0512.

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RM	#Closest Town	# of Acres
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42	Willow Bunch	2132
43	Assiniboia	160
43	Assiniboia	933
44	Glentworth	2237
70	Ogema	604
71	Crane Valley	632
71	Avonlea	5905
76	Ponteix	1760
94	Kipling	785
95	Corning	640
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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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# of QTRS	RM
2	69
18	69
34	42
10	224
3	254
7	284
13	284

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FARMLAND FOR SALE By Tender in RM of Kelvington #366: SE-09-38-10-W2, Part NE-09-38-10-W2, NW-10-38-10-W2, E-1/2 and SW-15-38-10-W2, Parcel A plan 102036440 (including 6 grain bins but not contents, 2 aeration fans, electricity, open foundation from site of previous house and dugout). GST in addition to price bid. Possession date to be April 1, 2015 or sooner. Successful bidders shall be responsible for all legal and registration costs to transfer title(s). Will consider selling individual land or as any combination of parcels. Tenders close February 26, 2015. Submit tenders with certified cheque for 5% of price to Amber Biemans at: Behiel, Will and Biemans, 602 9th Street, Box 878, Humbolt, Sask. S0K 2A0, 306-682-2642. Highest or any offer not necessarily accepted.

RM #74: APPROX. 470 acres farmland located near Woodrow, Sask. John Cave, Edge Realty Ltd., Phone: 306-773-7379. www.farmsask.com

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E 1/2-16-21-27-W1 - Russell, MB. 316.92 total acres, approx. 230 cult. acres. Class B soil. Eaton's home, established Bed & Breakfast, great revenue property. 2nd house is 3 bdrm bungalow. Various outbuildings, treed, landscaped. Includes equipment. Karen Goraluk, Salesperson, 204-773-6797, NorthStar Ins. & Real Estate. MLS #1417127.

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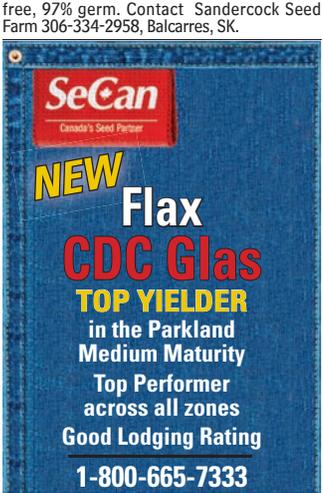
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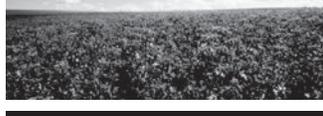
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WANTED: FARM LABOURER for mixed farm operation in SW Sask. Experience running machinery and working with cattle preferred. Must have Class 5 driver's licence. Class 1 preferred. Housing available. Wages negotiable depending on experience. Kincaid, SK. 306-264-3834.

3 SEASONAL FULL-TIME Farm Labourers, near Carnduff, SK. SW-S1-T1-R32-W1. Anticipated start date: April 2015, for Spring/Fall. Duties include: Plant, fertilize, cultivate, spray, harvest crops; Operate and maintain farm machinery and equipment; Class 1A license required; Other miscellaneous work as assigned. Wage is \$18/hr. Would prefer experience in the operation of planting and harvesting equipment. If interested, please contact Paul at: 701-263-7013. Mail resume to: PO Box 42 Carievale, SK, SOC 0P0.

SEEKING QUALIFIED FARM HELP for the 2015 growing season. Wages will reflect experience. Accommodations nearby. Holiday time available in July. Requirements: 1A license, experience with large equipment. 306-461-9322, 306-450-4907. Send resume to progressacres@gmail.com Woodrow, SK.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY! FULL-TIME ranch help needed for 1000 cow ranch in Fort St. John, BC. Experience w/ cattle, equipment and horses preferred. Rotational grazing in summer. Class 1 licence an asset. Accommodation provided. Close to school and paved road. Contact 403-512-0518.

YOUCK ACRES LTD. is looking for 3 full-time grain farm workers for 4700 acres grainland located in Strasbourg, SK. PO Box 657, SOG 4V0. Applicant must have drivers license and general knowledge in operating farm machinery. Main duties of job are planting, fertilizing, detecting disease in crops, cultivating, spraying, and harvesting crops. Winter duties are hauling grain, snow removal for bin yards, and maintenance on machines. Employer will train if needed. Wage \$18/hr. plus benefits, Blue Cross, WCB. Email resume to: Colin at youckacresltd@yahoo.ca

GRAIN FARM HELP WANTED: Some mechanical abilities necessary, driver's license required, previous farm experience helpful but not essential. Will train. \$17/hr negotiable. Apr 15th-Nov 30th, 2015. Applicant will hopefully repeat for several seasons. Fax resume to: 306-545-0923 or call 306-335-2777 for more info, Abernethy SK

FULL-TIME GRAIN FARM and Seed Plant worker needed near Meyronne, SK for a self-motivated person interested in grain farming and seed plant operating. Class 1A an asset. Housing available. Wages depend on experience. 306-264-7600, 306-264-5146.

CATTLE HERDSMAN/ FARM LABOURER: 10 min from Camrose, AB. Full-time yr. round position requires: Cattle knowledge; Feeding; Pen checking; Medicating and Calving. Ability to operate and maintain equipment an asset. Opportunity for advancement. Salary position, based \$25-30/hr depending on qualifications. Please send resume and references to: info@cornranches.ca or call Rodger at: 780-679-7203.

PERMANENT FULL-TIME WORKER required for farm/small livestock operation. Must have valid drivers license, 1A preferred; Be mechanically inclined; And work well with others. Experience operating modern JD equipment with ability to program/operate JD's AMF technology. Excellent wages paid for successful applicant. Housing avail. Call Aaron 306-331-0097 or fax resume to: 306-336-2371.

FARM MACHINE OPERATOR. We are looking for a Farm Machine Operator at our farm. The job duties will be operating combine, sprayer and tractor with air-seeder. Knowledge of GPS and AutoSteer is necessary. Familiarization and comprehension of all service manuals and servicing operating farm equipment is a part of the job. Applicants should have finished high school and have previous experience of minimum 2 years. Class 1 driver's license is an asset. This is a full-time job, and we have a 2200 hour per year work schedule. Wages will be paid at the rate of \$18-25 per hour depending on skills and experience. Contract period is one year, and will normally be renewed for one year at a time. Employer: Key West Farms Ltd. Job Location: River, MB., R0K 1X0. Email: bjorkristianslund@gmail.com

AARTS ACRES 2500 sow barn near Solsgrith, MB. is seeking experienced Breeding and Farrowing Technicians. The successful applicant must possess necessary skills, an aptitude for the care and handling of animals, good communication skills and ability to work as part of a highly productive team. Fax resume to: 204-842-3273 or call 204-842-3231 for application form.

HERDSPERSON WANTED for dairy farm, Delisle, SK. Full-time. Experience with cattle preferred. Call 306-493-8201.

EXCEPTIONAL ABOVE AVERAGE FARM HELP WANTED for a grain, cow/calf operation located in South Central AB. Wage negotiable. Housing supplied. Requirements: resume with references, NS, honest, reliable, punctual, self-starter. Assets: cattle experience, Class 1, experience with large modern equipment, mechanically inclined. Email: angusranching@gmail.com

RELIABLE FARM LABOURER required for seasonal work on grain farm near Plenty, SK. Valid driver's license and demonstrated experience with large scale farm equipment required. Email to: olsonlaw@sasktel.net 306-955-7112.

LOOKING FOR WORKERS on your farm in Canada? Why not contact us. Visas approved. We have a number of Irish people on our books with experience in farming willing to work in Canada, including stockmen, large machinery operators and hoe drivers. Irish people are renowned for their work ethic and passion for farming. 403-681-7022.

FARM MACHINERY OPERATOR. Experienced machinery operator with a Class 1 drivers license. Class 1 is not a necessity but will include an increase in wage. Needed for April to Nov. Wage between \$20-25. Housing available. Possibility that the position may be offered permanently after one year if desired. 587-988-1423.

PERMANENT FULL-TIME POSITION on cattle and hay ranch, near Merritt, BC. Involves: Calving; Range riding; Hay and silage crops; Feeding and machinery operation. Experience necessary. Great career opportunity for a young motivated person interested in all aspects of ranching. Opportunity for advancement. Housing and benefits included. Please send resume to: info@ranchland.ca or fax to 250-378-4956

HELPER WANTED ON mixed farm. Steady job for right person. Room and board avail. 403-631-2373, 403-994-0581, Olds, AB.

GENERAL FARM LABOURER for our 4000 acre contemporary grain farm w/current equipment. We are looking for a self-motivated experienced Farm Labourer. Experience in all farm activities including driving trucks, tractors and using farm equipment an asset. Other duties would be: machinery and building maintenance, yard and farm work. Must be able to work with limited supervision. Would be willing to train. Valid drivers license is required. Position can be full-time or seasonal, negotiable. 8 hours a day unless dictated by the season or weather. Some weekend work. Contact Wade Feland at 701-263-1300, Antler, North Dakota.

LOOKING FOR RANCH Hand for bison farm in Taylor, BC. Full-time/year-round work. Wage \$15.00/hr. (starting) and housing included - negotiable. Email resume: d.grabher1@hotmail.com 250-261-8586.

RIDER POSITION AVAILABLE on southeast Alberta grazing reserve. Roping skills are required, must provide own horses (3-5). May through October. Send resume w/references to: Pinhorn Grazing Reserve, RR 1, Etzikom, AB. TOK 0W0. Contact Jon at 403-868-2626.

LOOKING FOR RANCH Hand for bison farm in Taylor, BC. Full-time/year-round work. Wage \$15.00/hr. (starting) and housing included - negotiable. Email resume: d.grabher1@hotmail.com 250-261-8586.

FULL-TIME FARM LABOURER HELP. Applicants should have previous farm experience and mechanical ability. Duties incl. operation of machinery, including tractors, truck driving and other farm equipment, as well as general farm laborer duties. \$12-\$18/hr. depending on experience. Contact Wade Feland at 701-263-1300, Antler, North Dakota.

LOOKING FOR FULL and part-time farm help. Large mixed grain farm minutes south of Regina. Previous experience and 1A drivers licence required. Health and dental plan available. Send resume to: skfarmhelp@gmail.com 306-584-3004.

FARM MANAGER/ LABOURER for our 4000 acre contemporary grain farm with current equipment. We are looking for a self-motivated experienced person to run our farm. Experienced in all farm activities including seeding, spraying, harvesting, etc., as required. Mechanical aptitude and welding skills considered assets. Applicant should have good communication skills and be able to manage one or more employees. Valid driver's license is required. Nine hour days, except variations dictated by season, and weather, or job timeliness. Weekends off except when the farm work dictates otherwise. Position can be full-time or seasonal, negotiable. Wages \$20-\$30/hr. We would consider, for the right employee, help in getting started farming or a co-farming arrangement. Contact Stan or Donna Yaskiw, Birtle, MB., 204-796-1400 or 204-842-5252.

FULL-TIME RANCH HAND REQUIRED on large, progressive cow/calf operation near Williams Lake, BC. Previous farming and cattle experience preferred, but willing to train the right individual. Valid driver's license required. Newer fleet JD equipment. Single or family housing provided. Position available immediately. Please fax resume to 250-989-4244 or email to: springfieldranchltd@gmail.com 250-989-4281.

2 FULL-TIME PERMANENT FOREMAN positions, on 12,000 acre grain farm in Lampman, SK. Must be willing to work long hours during seeding, spraying and harvest seasons. Successful applicant should have: Driver's license with clean abstract; Farm management education, including basic Agronomy and Farm Apprenticeship training; Experience operating modern JD equipment with ability to program and operate JD's AMF technology. Other duties include: Hiring, training and managing farm employees; Maintenance of all farm equipment; All crops spraying operations; And Coordinating swathing and harvest operations. \$3600/month. Phone Mark Walter 306-487-2702.

FULL-TIME HERDSPERSON REQUIRED for dairy farm near Crossfield, AB. Must have 2 years experience in herd health, milking, vaccinations and calf care. Must be able to operate tractors and skidsteer, follow directions and think on your own. Info call 403-946-4960. kijtsma@yahoo.ca

RANCH SUPERVISOR - Coronation, Alberta TK Ranch is a family owned vertically integrated pasture to plate ranching enterprise focusing on animal welfare, environmental stewardship and farm direct marketing. Our Ranch Supervisor will be committed to low stress livestock handling with extensive hands-on experience in cow/calf, feeder to finish operations. Have advanced horsemanship and roping skills. Will work closely with management to establish and implement livestock and biological plans. Have knowledge of holistic management, time controlled grazing and riparian habitat management. As a team leader will supervise ranch employees to ensure tasks are being completed and livestock records properly maintained. Be mechanically inclined with experience operating tractors, skid steers, 4 wheel drive vehicles, bale processors and haying/farming equipment. Salary: \$40K to \$54K (based on experience). Includes housing, Worker's Compensation and a group benefits package. Submit resume and references to employment@tkranch.com. http://tkranch.com/

BURNT OUT CREEK Ranch is looking for farm labourers. Ranch is located 25 miles east of Tisdale, SK. Employment terms April 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015 and April 1, 2016 to November 30, 2016. Duties include: assisting in planting, cultivating and harvesting crops; servicing and cleaning machinery and farmyard. Must be reliable and able to work long hours in busy season. 1-2 years experience preferred, but will train. Wage \$16/hour, depending on experience. 306-873-5016.

HELP WANTED ON farm and ranch. Experience preferred. Wages based on experience. Room and board possible. No texts. Please call 403-350-4089, Red Deer, AB.

NOW HIRING

WANTED: SEASONAL WORKER for general farm duties. Require clean driving record in Class 5. Anyone with a 1A is given preference. 1 to 2 years experience required. Duties to include but not limited to: seeding, spraying and harvesting crops, service machinery (including in-field repairs). Must be reliable and work long hours during busy season. April 1 to Dec. 31, 2015. Non-smoker please. Send resume to: Box 5002, c/o The Western Producer, Saskatoon, SK S7K 2C4.

FARM MANAGER. KRT VENTURES INC. a modern grain farm in Northern SK is looking for 1 full-time, permanent Farm Manager. Must be a leader, team-player, self-motivated with minimal supervision. Extensive farm experience with modern farm equipment is required. Mechanical skills, Class 1A and college diploma are assets. Salary, depending on experience, starting at \$3689.40/month, average 40 hours/week. Mail resume to: 5-510 Circle Drive East, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 7C7, fax: 306-649-2553 or email: kerry@onestopltd.ca

DO YOU THRIVE IN A FAST-PACED challenging environment? Grace Hill Farms Ltd. is currently looking for a permanent FT Mechanic/Maintenance Technician to join our team. We are a 10,000 acre family-owned cert. organic grain farm and seed cleaning operation, located in Southwest Saskatchewan. Grace Hill comes with a well-equipped shop and service truck. If you are interested, we are looking for the following qualifications: Responsible for conducting and ensuring all preventative maintenance is complete; Repair and fix all equipment; Create and maintain parts inventory and communicate inventory needs with supervisor; Maintain all maintenance logs; Obey safety guidelines; Participate in field operations as required; Work well with other team members building and maintaining positive working relationships; Journey-person status an asset, equivalent experience will be considered. 1A license preferred, but not required. We offer: Excellent compensation package including a competitive wage of \$65,000 to \$85,000 annually based on exp., Sundays off year-round. Bonus program and subsidized modern housing! Please forward resume to wefarm@gracehill.ca or fax: 306-264-3726. Call 306-264-3721 for more information.

FULL-TIME CATTLE CHECKING Positions. Buffalo Plains Cattle Co. has pen checking positions available for our expanding feedlot w/new facilities. Job also includes pasture work in the summer. Owned horses and tack preferred. No green horses allowed. Competitive salary and group benefits. Fax resume to 306-638-3150, or for more info. ph Kristen at 306-631-8769, Bethune, SK.

FARM LABOUR REQUIRED for livestock operation. Grade 12, driver's license, exp. in driving and servicing machinery. Smoke free environment. \$15/hr. Housing avail. Lyle Lumax 204-525-2263, Swan River, MB

DAIRY AND GRAIN FARM requires full-time employee. Duties include milking cows, feeding calves, general maintenance. Highly competitive wages. Please call 306-259-2171, Young, SK.

RANCH HAND/COWBOY WANTED! 850 cow/calf operation in the northern interior of BC looking for experienced hand. The candidate must have experience feeding, calving, doctoring, pasture riding, roping etc, be a team player, and mechanical skills are a great asset. This is not a position for an inexperienced hand. Competitive wages. Phone 250-709-8625.

HELP NEEDED TO calve 120 cows, starting March 1st. Room and board available. 403-652-7253, High River, AB.

GRAIN FARM OPERATOR NEEDED. Looking for a farm equipment operator. Experience with operating large farm equipment. Needed for driving tractor with seeder, and driving combine at harvest with various jobs in between. Mechanical skills and Class 1 licence is an asset but not required. Good wages and benefits. Call 780-934-6384, Fort Saskatchewan, AB.

PERMANENT FULL-TIME WORKER for farm/feedlot, in Moose Jaw/Regina, SK area. Must have valid driver's license, be mechanically inclined, physically fit, and work well with others. Duties will include: penchecking, cattle processing, maintenance of farm machinery and assisting in other areas of the farm. Competitive wages and house in separate yard available. References required. Ph: 306-345-2523 or fax resume to Larry Hagerty 306-345-2085

PALIN FARMS IS a medium sized grain farm in southern Alberta looking for a couple of dedicated individuals. Duties to include general farm work in all areas of grain farming and the applicant must be able to operate and maintain equipment. Must also be mechanically minded. A Class 1 driver's license would be an asset. 403-312-0776.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY near Mossbank, SK. for reliable self-motivated person interested in large grain farm operation. Applicant should be experienced in mechanics, operating large farm machinery and able to take on farm tasks independently. Class 1A an asset. Great wages available. Phone Mike 306-354-7822 or email: nagelm44@hotmail.com

FULL-TIME FARM/RANCH WORKER needed on operation located 30 miles SE of Saskatoon, SK. Wage dependant upon experience. Call Curt 306-221-0285.

DAIRY HERDSPERSON: WHITE Gold Dairy Farm Ltd. is seeking 2 full-time, perm. team players. Milking, heifer and herd management, skidsteer work. 2 yrs dairy exp., \$20/hr. No housing. Millet, AB. Email: whitegolddairy@gmail.com 780-387-8333.

COWBOY REQUIRED FOR LARGE cow/calf operation near Williams Lake, BC. Experience with calving, range riding and doctoring cattle required. Must have own tack and be able to rope. Ranch horses supplied, plus you can bring your own. Valid driver's license required. Single or family housing provided. Position to start March 1st. Fax resume to 250-989-4244 or email: springfieldranchltd@gmail.com 250-989-4281

HELP WANTED 8024

HUNTING GUIDES AND Waterfowl Spotters Needed. Wage negotiable. Will train. April - May and Sept. - Nov. Driver's license and own vehicle required. Age, sex and physical abilities not important. Spotters locate hunt-able populations of ducks and geese and get landowner permission. Call 605-578-1222, Sask, South of Regina.

LILY AND ROSE Seed Processors located at Lemberg, SK. is looking for hard working, reliable person to assist in operating our seed cleaning plant. Full-time, mail train, starting \$15/hr. Call Chuck/Marion 306-335-2280, fax resume 306-335-2281.

BEEKEEPERS WANTED for 2015 season. 2 positions available, experience necessary, \$11.60/hr. Fax 306-937-2095 or email Stuart, Stuhoney@yahoo.com Battleford.

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FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE NEEDED for grain farm at Mildred, SK. Experience operating large equipment and Class 1A an asset. Must be able to work well with others. Email resume to: jensen@yourlink.ca or call Graham 306-935-4523, 306-831-7514.

FARM MECHANIC: Small feedlot and grain operation looking for a mechanic for repair and maintenance on farm equipment and trucks. Ticket not required, but experience is. Applicant could run equip. in busy time of year, but not a requirement. New shop, competitive wages, WMC, benefit package, housing available. Farm located near Stony Plain, AB., 45 minutes West of Edmonton. Fax resume to: 780-968-0681, dercamfarms@gmail.com

ASSISTANT HUNTING GUIDE: Seeking dedicated Hunting Guide that's in it for the long haul, for our upcoming 2015 season in Northern British Columbia. Starting May-Mid October. Call 406-868-0624.

DITCHING FOREMAN REQUIRED for family grain farm in Spirit River, AB. We are looking for a reliable, creative, safety conscious individual who will be able to develop and implement an extensive drainage program. The applicant should have exp. with Trimble Water Management and Case IH GPS technology. Experience reading 3D topographical maps, and importing water management prescriptions. Must be able to train others, and communicate effectively within a team environment. Successful applicant should have Farm Management training, as well as basic welding and mechanical experience. Compensation is \$35/hr., there is housing available. Please send resume with refs. to: cissellfarms@xplornet.com Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

FULL-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE one hour north of Brooks, AB. Must have: Class 5 driver's license. Looking for reliable, enthusiastic individual for our expanding feedlot, grazing and silage operation. Wage based on qualifications. Housing and group benefits available. Fax resumes to: 403-779-2013, or phone 780-753-0819.

REQUIRED : LICENSED PROFESSIONAL Agricultural Pilot for May 1 to Oct. 1, 2015. 1000 hours turbine agriculture work, insurable, proficient in SATLOC, proficient in spraying herbicides, insecticide and fungicide. Commercial Pilot's License and Sask. Aerial Pesticide License required. Location: Leask, Sask. Duties/Responsibilities: Operate turbine Air tractor 402, 502. Proficient in English (read, write, speak). Perform elementary maintenance tasks and servicing and misc. duties related to the business. Create work orders as requested by our agricultural customers. Starting wages: \$70/hour, 40 hrs/week, some overtime required. 306-497-7401.

ONE STOP SERVICES LTD. seeking 4 Medical Lab Assistants. Full-time, permanent, \$24.61/hr., 40 hrs/wk. Completed secondary school. On the job training for collecting oral fluids/urine for screening. English mandatory. Work in mobile setting and extend time. Fax resume to: 306-649-2553 or mail to: 5-510 Circle Drive East, S7K 7C7, Saskatoon, SK. Call 306-649-2552, E-mail: annie@onestopltd.ca or visit us on-line at: www.onestopltd.ca

SEASONAL APPIARY WORKERS, 4 positions available, located 10 miles east of Saskatoon on Hwy. 5, must have transportation to work site and driver's license. Five maintenance, harvesting, and extraction of honey. Queen rearing experience a great asset, general apriary maintenance, equipment and repair. Must be physically fit and be able to lift heavy boxes. Be available to work long hours, evenings, holidays, and weekends. \$13/hr., minimum 40 hours a week. Email: a.j.robertson@sasktel.net

The Rural Municipality of Mayfield No. 406, located in Maymont, is accepting applications for the position of

SEASONAL GRADER OPERATOR

Duties will include roadside mowing, culvert installations, signage, repairs and other duties assigned by council. Work to commence in April, 2015.

Please forward resumes, references and salary expected to the
R.M. of Mayfield No. 406, Box 100, Maymont, SK. S0M 1T0 or fax 306-389-2162 by February 15th, 2015.

For further particulars please contact the R.M. office at 306-389-2112.

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MANAGEMENT 8025

3 FARM MANAGERS required immediately for a family owned grain operation in Alberta. We currently have opportunities in Carstairs, Beiseker and Spirit River. We are looking for reliable, creative, safety conscious individuals that will be able to manage the daily operations of these farms. The successful applicants must be experienced w/modern farm equipment and practices, have agronomy training and management experience. Other duties shall include hiring and training of seasonal employees and performing on-field operations. Farm Management training and experience required. These are full-time permanent positions. Compensation is \$25/hr. and housing is avail. Please send resume with references to: cissellfarms@xplornet.com. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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HD TRUCK MECHANIC required for small trucking co. in Lloydminster, AB area. License an asset, but not necessary. John 780-846-0002 or fax 780-846-0005, actiontowinglloyd@hotmail.com

4 CONCRETE FINISHERS Foremen needed. Full-time year-round work in Saskatoon, \$29 - \$32. per hour to start, depending on experience. Minimum 3 years experience forming and placing concrete sidewalks and curbs. Foreman experience is an asset. Will supervise crews, coordinate and schedule activities, ensure productivity, quality and safety. Apply to: Sautner Concrete Services, Suite 214-220-20th St. West, Saskatoon, SK. S7M 0W9 or email to: info@scsconcrete.com or fax to: 306-242-3548.

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SALES/MARKETING 8040

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TRADES/TECHNICAL 8044

FULL-TIME HD OR AG Journeyman and Apprentice mechanic needed. JD Ag Equipment experience is an asset. Will pay up to \$35/hr. depending on experience, year end bonus, overtime available. Call Jamie at 306-259-1212, 306-946-9864, Young, SK. or jamie640@hotmail.com

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8 CONCRETE FINISHERS needed Full-time seasonal starting April 1 until Nov. 30, 2015 in Saskatoon. \$23 - \$28. per hour to start, depending on experience. Minimum 3 years experience with setting forms, placing concrete, and finishing concrete sidewalks and curbs. Apply to: Sautner Concrete Services, Suite 214-220-20th St. West, Saskatoon, SK. S7M 0W9 or email to: info@scsconcrete.com or fax to: 306-242-3548.

7 FLAT ROOFERS Needed. Full-time, year round employment in greater Edmonton area. \$24.00-28.00/hour to start, depending on experience, plus benefits: Extended Health coverage and Life and Long Term Disability Insurance, after 3 months probation period. Minimum 3 years experience as a flat roofer on commercial buildings. Apply hot asphalt, 4 ply BUR roofs, 2 ply modified bitumen roofs and fix leaks. Apply with resume to: West Point Roofing Inc. at 9810 - 62 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB, T6E 0E3, fax to: 780-435-0436, or email: careers@westpointroofing.com

TRUCK DRIVERS 8046

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FISH FARMS

Research points to need for aquaculture reforms

Chinese fish farms depleting ocean stock

ROME, Italy (Thomson Reuters Foundation) — Fish farmers in China have been increasingly harvesting wild stocks to feed their caged varieties, which is putting new strains on the world's oceans, said new research from scientists at Stanford University.

China is the world's largest producer and consumer of fish, contributing about one-third of the global supply.

Its production has tripled in the last 20 years, with about 75 percent coming from fish farms, according to a study published in the journal *Science*.

It said aquaculture could become more sustainable if the industry fed farmed fish with more waste from caught fish, along with plant proteins such as algae and ethanol yeast.

"If the country makes proactive reforms to its aquaculture sector, like using fish processing wastes instead of wild fish, and generally reducing the amount of fishmeal in aquafeeds, it can greatly improve the sustainability of the industry," said Ling Cao of Stanford's Center on Food Security and the Environment.

"If not, the consequences for the entire global seafood supply chain are going to be really serious."

Global fish farming has been growing by five to eight percent a year for the last two decades, said Jogeir Toppe of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization.

He expects the rapid growth to continue as catches of wild fish plateau and demand increases.

"China has been the main driver of this growth," Toppe said.

"This is expected to continue."

Toppe said the fast growth comes with concerns over environmental sustainability and human health because farmed fish are often fed large amounts of antibiotics and other chemicals.

Aquaculture companies in China have made progress in reducing the amount of wild fish fed to captured stock by using waste from other processing plants or algae, the study said.

However, farms often use "trash fish," which are less valuable, small breeds caught in the wild, to feed bigger, more expensive varieties such as carp or tilapia.

Waste byproducts from seafood processing plants are often discarded or dumped into nearby waterways.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Globe grew warmer in 2014

Separate studies report that last year was the warmest on record

(Reuters) — Last year was Earth's warmest on record, bolstering the argument that humans are altering the planet's climate by burning greenhouse gas-emitting fuels, according to a pair of analyses by two major U.S. agencies.

Separate studies by NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration showed that 10 of the warmest years on record have occurred since 2000 with the exception of 1998.

The reports come at the start of a year when representatives of 200 governments will meet in Paris to try to agree on a deal to limit global warming to avoid floods, droughts, heat waves and rising sea levels blamed on increasing emissions of greenhouse gases, which result from burning of fossil fuels such as coal and oil.

"Taken together, the warm temperatures of the recent decades demonstrate the impact of greenhouse gases on our climate, and invalidate the sound bite that global warming has somehow 'stopped,'" said Joe Casola, a staff scientist at the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions.

Earth's average surface temperature has warmed by .8 C since 1880, when record-keeping began, NASA said.

The trend is largely driven by the increase in carbon dioxide and other human emissions into the planet's atmosphere, NASA said.

"While the ranking of individual



Second Chance, a four-year-old boxer, wears sunglasses due to sensitive eyes as it takes a walk with its owner along the beach in Oceanside, California, Jan. 13. Two separate analyses released recently show last year was the hottest ever recorded on Earth. | REUTERS/MIKE BLAKE PHOTO

years can be affected by chaotic weather patterns, the long-term trends are attributable to drivers of

climate change that right now are dominated by human emissions of greenhouse gases," said Gavin

Schmidt, director of NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Studies in New York.

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Obama wants trans-pacific trade deal to be completed this year

Japan remains country's focus as U.S. president makes trade promotion a priority

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — U.S. president Barack Obama's top Asia adviser has said the president's request for trade promotion authority shows the administration's goal is to complete a major trade pact with Asia this year.

"We are confident we can and we will get it done," Evan Medeiros, senior director for Asia at the U.S. National Security Council, said recently when asked about the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

"The president made very clear last night that TPA (Trade Promotion Authority) and TPP is now a top presidential priority and now is the time to get it done," he said, referring to Obama's Jan. 20 state of the union address.

"The U.S. is, I think, in the end game of its negotiations with its TPP partners about what needs to be completed, both the market access component and the rules making component. The fact that the president has now requested TPA from Congress is a political statement that the goal is to get it completed in 2015."

The major trade pact with Pacific Rim trading partners would link 12 countries and cover nearly 40 percent of the world economy.

Disagreement between the United States and Japan, the pact's two biggest economies, over how widely Japan will open its doors to farm exports, has hindered progress on the agreement.

Medeiros said the pact is the No. 1

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EVAN MEDEIROS
U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

priority in the U.S. relationship with Japan.

"We have got to get TPP done, the last big market access negotiation with Japan," he said.

"It's hard because anything important between two large economies is hard to do, but we are in the end game and now is the time to get it done."

Medeiros reiterated that Asia's ris-

ing economic powerhouse, China, was welcome to join the TPP in the future, along with other countries, "if they are willing to meet the high standards."

"I think the Chinese view of TPP has shifted over time," he said.

"Originally in 2011, it was seen as anti-China. I think many Chinese have come round to recognizing that TPP could be a very useful external force in encouraging additional structural changes in the Chinese economy, similar to the role the WTO (World Trade Organization) played."

China has said it is open to joining TPP, but it has also rejected a separate Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific framework.

FOOD SAFETY

Dozens arrested as Chinese authorities crack down on contaminated pork sales

SHANGHAI, China (Reuters) — China has arrested more than 110 people suspected of selling pork from pigs that died from disease in its latest crackdown on food safety violations.

Officials also confiscated more than 1,000 tonnes of contaminated pork.

The Ministry of Public Security said

the suspects were part of a network made up of 11 groups who, since 2008, had been buying pigs that had died of illnesses from livestock farms at low prices.

The meat was sold to markets in 11 provinces, including Henan and Guangxi, or processed into bacon or cooking oil for sale. The accused also

bribed food supervisory authorities to obtain quarantine certificates, the ministry said.

Seventy-five of the suspects have been prosecuted. Several food quarantine staff have also been sent to prosecutors, said the ministry, which had been investigating the network since the end of 2013.

Food safety remains a major concern in China after a series of high-profile scandals that has involved tainted milk powder and donkey meat. The scandals have embroiled foreign corporations such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and McDonald's.

More than 10,000 dead pigs were found floating in Shanghai's Huang-

pu River in 2013 after the regional government cracked down on criminal gangs that had been selling abandoned carcasses as meat on the black market, fuelling overcrowding on farms.

China's top food watchdog said food and drug safety was "grim" and pledged stronger oversight.

GRAIN TRANSPORTATION

Producer car shippers seek more guarantees

Alberta farmers want the federal government to allocate 20 percent of grain cars to producer car shippers and short-line railways

BY MARY MACARTHUR
CAMROSE BUREAU

RED DEER — Alberta farmers want the federal government to order the major railways to allocate 20 percent of its cars to producer car shippers and short-line railway operators.

A resolution that passed unanimously at a recent Alberta Federation of Agriculture meeting said such a move would allow small grain industry players to compete.

Reg Enright, vice-president of the Battle River Railway short line that runs from Alliance to Camrose, said short-line railways are having a tough time getting enough grain cars.

"This issue is affecting us in an enormous way. Short lines and producer cars have to be a way of holding the system to account," said Enright.

"I have been loading producer cars for 30 years. There was a time when the first 10 percent of allocation went to producer car users. That situation has reversed now. Producer cars and short line railways are on the bottom of allocation. CP Rail has gone to a system (that gives) cars to those with 112 car spots along the line. After they get looked after, (they) don't have any cars for (other) players in the game, hardly."

Enright said he hopes the resolution will encourage the federal government to develop a guaranteed car allocation system for small players in the industry.

"We do have a monopolistic situation. The only answer is regulation. There is no way we're going to get cars on our short line without somebody forcing them to. If something isn't done, producer cars and short-line rails are really going to be in a bad way."

Battle River Railway moved 2,100 cars of grain last year and could have moved 3,000 if more cars were available.

"Farmers are getting enough confidence of moving grain on the Battle River Railway that I think within two years we could be moving 6,000 cars of grain," said Ken Eshpeter, chair of Battle River.

"Where are these 6,000 cars going to come from in the confines of this system that has just about all allocation tied to big grain and big rail... How is the Battle River Railway going to grow its legitimate business to 6,000 cars if the total allocation of producer cars is only 10,000 cars?"

Todd Lewis, vice-president of the



REG ENRIGHT
BATTLE RIVER RAILWAY

Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan, said a lack of short line and producer car allocation is a growing problem in southern Saskatchewan, where 13 short-line rail companies operate.

"APAS believes producer cars are (a) great way to level the playing field when basis gets too wide. It keeps everybody honest. The small shippers are part of this business, too," said Lewis.

"It's a big issue and certainly in Saskatchewan it is probably a bigger issue than it is here in Alberta."

Eshpeter said guaranteeing short lines and producer cars a certain number of grain cars is one more way farmers are assured of receiving the best price for their grain.

"We have to understand, in a system that has given complete control of grain ... to big grain, (we've) got to have a referee once in a while, and short lines and smaller grain companies act as those referees, but life is getting harder and harder for them to accomplish that."

Mark Hemmes, president of Quorum Corp., a grain handling and monitoring company, said he doesn't believe mandatory car allocations are the way to deal with grain car shortfalls and doubts the government would be interested in setting aside a set number of grain cars for producer cars and short lines.

"The way it is set up right now, if you give more to one side, you have to take away from somebody else," Hemmes said.

"You don't want to end up pushing the railways back where they aren't making money any more. You want to have them financially healthy."

Hemmes said he believes a solution will likely come from the Canadian Transportation Agency through regulation or legislative change.

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Battle River Railway conductor Peter Wetmore checks cars waiting for pickup at Rosalind, Alta., in this file photo. Short-line railways like Battle River continue to face difficulties getting the cars they need. | FILE PHOTO

GRAIN TRANSPORTATION

Alta. farm group debates suing railways for poor performance

BY MARY MACARTHUR
CAMROSE BUREAU

RED DEER — A resolution to allow railways to be sued for poor performance was defeated in a tie vote during the Alberta Federation of Agriculture meeting.

Round Hill farmer Bernie von Tetternborn said grain companies and farmers need a way to hold railways accountable if they don't meet their contracts to haul grain.

"Grain companies, some small, some big, make a contract with the

railroads and are supposed to bring cars in, and they give half or have to wait another two weeks," he said.

"That's a real penalty that the grain company has to absorb."

Ken Eshpeter, chair of the Battle River Railway short line from Camrose to Alliance, said grain companies already have the ability to sue the railways for poor performance, but rarely do.

"I think the problem is, we as farmers think big grain is our friend and they're acting on our behalf," he said. "In many instances they don't care.

They are able to download everything back to the producer. As long as you have a captive audience, they're not particularly interested to sue anybody because they know the grain is out there."

Mark Hemmes, president of Quorum Corp., said the grain industry must make its case through the existing regulatory process before it can sue railways for non-performance.

CWB pursued a level of service complaint against Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway in 1997. It first went through the regu-

latory process, which eventually resulted in a ruling that the shippers' rights were violated. That gave it the right to pursue civil litigation.

"Before you can sue for damages, you have to have the regulatory path cleared for you," Hemmes said.

"That process in the mid-'90s went pretty quickly. In recent years, railways would put every ounce of effort and dollars they can in protecting their position."

Instead of pursuing the railways through the courts, Hemmes said a better way might be to lobby the fed-

eral government to alter legislation to force the railways to be accountable in their service agreements.

Herman Schwenk of Coronation opposed the resolution.

"I don't think suing is the route to go," he said.

"It would take years and make the lawyers rich. I think lobbying for a regulatory change and legislation will probably be more productive than actually trying to sue to accomplish the objective of the resolution."

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TECHNOLOGY

Farming apps open possibilities for new farm tool

Smartphones can help farmers record field data, but steer clear of free apps, says agrologist

BY WILLIAM DEKAY
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Most smartphone owners don't come close to using the device to its full potential, says the manager of the Conservation Learning Centre near Prince Albert, Sask.

"You have a brain and only use 10 percent of it. Get a smartphone and we probably only use two percent of what it's capable of," George Lewko told an Agriculture-Applied Research Management (Agri-ARM) update forum during the Crop Production Show in Saskatoon Jan. 15.

An explosion is happening in the field of smartphone application software development as farming technologies continue expanding.

"There's thousands of apps available now," said Lewko, who is also a forensic agrologist.

The self-described social media fan

talked about the many uses and opportunities people in agriculture have available on their smartphones and tablets.

"Last year was sort of the beginning of it, and this year there are apps for just about everything," he said.

"They've (app developers) realized, 'OK that's a good thing, farmer's have a smartphone in their pocket ... they want to keep apps simple and small.'"

He said app prices range from a few dollars to more than \$50, but Lewko warned farmers to avoid the free apps.

"The free version usually exposes you to a whole pile of Malware (malicious software). They'll get all your email contacts, your contact lists and you give them permission to do that to get a free app," he said.

"I'd rather pay for stuff because it's much more private."



George Lewko, right, from the Conservation Learning Centre in Prince Albert, Sask., begins his talk about the many uses of smartphones with a photo of himself and a friend at the Crop Production Show Jan. 15. | WILLIAM DEKAY PHOTO

Lewko's most used tools, after talking and texting, are the still and video cameras, which he said farmers need to use more.

"One of the biggest things is remind people to record things," he said.

"You have an issue in a field and you don't take a picture of it and you've got a camera on your hip.... Later on it can come back and help you so much. There's no excuse for not having pictures nowadays."

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GEORGE LEWKO'S FAVOURITE APPS

ViewRanger GPS Area: It can be used for scouting or to determine the extent of damage caused by cattle or spray drift.

"I just walk an area and it tells me how many acres it is," he said. "If someone else walks through the field, they can walk it the exact same way and see what I had seen and probably come to the same conclusions. Walk it or drive it with a quad and you can be taking pictures along the way."

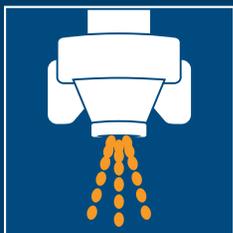
Agtron and IntelligentAg have apps that work with those companies' hardware, which are designed to determine if product is flowing in the seed drill, discover blockages and measure rates. A tablet mounted in the tractor cab can send an alarm to notify operators of obstruction locations.

Geotag: Records exact locations and locations of where photos were shot. It will record a rural municipality and give specific GPS co-ordinates.

"Sometimes you come across something where you don't know where you're at because you've driven all over the place. Take a picture and now you know exactly where you were so you can come back."

Facebook remains his favourite way to send and retrieve information.

"The exposure you can get on there and how cheap it is makes it very, very appealing. I spent \$3,000 on radio advertising for my corn maze this fall and got 100 people out. I spent \$50 on Facebook and got 1,400 people out," he said.



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Merck funds tests to explore lower dose Zilmax use in U.S.

CHICAGO, Ill. (Reuters)—Merck & Co. is funding the testing of lower dosages of its controversial cattle growth drug Zilmax.

Livestock experts say the initiative is crucial if the company is to resume sales of the product to the U.S. beef industry.

It's been nearly 18 months since Merck pulled the drug from the U.S. and Canadian markets after videos and photographs surfaced showing Zilmax-fed cattle turning up in a distressed state, either lame or with hooves missing at slaughterhouses.

Scientists at Texas Tech University are now testing beef carcasses taken from cattle fed different concentrations of Zilmax.

The Merck-funded field study and lab work are designed to test Zilmax at its currently approved dosage of 6.8 grams per ton of feed for a 20-day period before to slaughter, as well as dosages at 60 and 80 percent of that level, according to the title of the study.

Merck awarded \$1.85 million to the Texas Tech team in October to conduct the research, which was mentioned at the time in a university newsletter that received little attention outside of the school.

The research is ongoing and the specific time frame of the study is not clear.

"This study is an example of the company's ongoing research efforts to provide additional data on the use of Zilmax," the company said in a statement.

Merck, which says it still sells Zilmax in Mexico and South Africa, declined to comment on why it was testing these particular levels or whether it was collecting data to submit to the Food and Drug Administration.

The company also declined to say how many cattle are being fed Zilmax as part of the tests, or where the animals are being raised or slaughtered.

An FDA spokesperson declined to comment on the study, citing confidentiality regarding drug applications.

Texas Tech did not respond to requests for comment.

In November, federal regulators approved changes proposed by the company in the way the drug is administered. The company has also been working with cattle feedlot operators on how best to administer the drug.

"It looks to me like they're doing studies to determine if the lower dosages are efficacious in improving feed efficiency, growth rate and carcass leanness," said David Anderson, former head of hog research at Elanco Animal Health.

RURAL MUNICIPALITIES

Alberta working on updated rules for RMs

New legislation to address taxation, infrastructure

BY MARY MACARTHUR
CAMROSE BUREAU

The Alberta government has signed a memorandum of understanding with the province's municipalities to have new governance rules in place by next year.

The Municipal Government Act is the framework that allows municipalities to operate.

"It's the document we live and breath under as municipalities," Al Kemmere, president of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, said during a news conference announcing the framework discussions.

"Rural municipalities in Alberta are faced with unique challenges and we need a strong piece of legislation to provide the tools we need to grow and shape our communities."

The act has not been changed in more than 20 years, municipal affairs minister Diana McQueen said during the announcement.

We are in a challenging fiscal environment in this province...

JIM PRENTICE
ALBERTA PREMIER

Alberta's population has increased to four million from 2.5 million in the early 1990s, which she said has increased pressure on rural municipalities, towns and cities.

"It only makes sense the municipal government act should change as we do," she said.

The MOU doesn't make changes, but formalizes the process to make change. Municipalities are particularly concerned about a lack of sustainable funding to allow them to better plan.

Alberta premier Jim Prentice said money and taxation will be part of the discussion, but everything in the upcoming provincial budget will be looked at to deal with the tough economic times the province fears is coming with the downturn in oil prices.

"We are in a challenging fiscal environment in this province, but we are all in this together," Prentice said.

"We need a stronger partnership between government and municipalities. We can't expect, as a provincial government, to download those responsibilities onto municipalities without equipping them and working with them as a partner."

Kemmere said rural municipalities must look after an extensive network of roads and bridges with low populations. The act must be changed to allow municipalities to deal with rural issues without having to go repeatedly to the provincial government for funding, he added.

He hopes the new act will set out clear guidelines about funding, but it is also important to allow municipalities to make more decisions at a local level.

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RAILWAYS

CP launches land development plan

Thousands of unused acres could be developed under partnership with real estate company

BY BRIAN CROSS
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Canadian Pacific Railway has a plan to convert surplus North American real estate into revenue.

The Calgary-based railway company announced Jan. 20 that it has formed a joint venture with Toronto-based Dream Unlimited Corp., a publicly traded real estate company that specializes in office, industrial and retail space.

The arrangement is aimed at developing CP's surplus landholdings.

CP's portfolio of surplus properties

includes South Edmonton Yard, a 92-acre site close to downtown Edmonton, Obico, a 74-acre property near Toronto, Schiller Park, a 75-acre site in Chicago, and Lucien L'Allier, a three-acre site in downtown Montreal.

The joint venture, known as Dream Van Horne Properties, or Dream VHP, is named after William Cornelius Van Horne, who served as CP president beginning in 1888.

As many as 4,000 acres could be developed in Canada and the United States, both rural and urban properties.

CP will provide the land and Dream Unlimited will come up with plans to develop and commercialize the properties.

"Since mid-2012, CP has undergone a remarkable business transformation that has generated significant surplus real estate," said chief executive officer Hunter Harrison.

"The formation of Dream VHP is the result of a comprehensive selection process to find the right partner with the expertise and vision necessary to unlock the significant long-term shareholder value from those assets."

CP spokesperson Jeremy Berry said

in an email that the "initial portfolio contains more than 30 properties in Canada and the U.S."

New parcels may be added in the future as CP continues its assessment.

"Over the next six months, Dream VHP will do an assessment on the opportunities and then come up with next steps," Berry said.

"As part of the assessment of the opportunities, Dream VHP will consider all options as it looks to maximize the potential of these properties."

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BRINGING THE BOOM

An aftermarket lightweight spray boom provides another option to getting a whole new sprayer. | **Page 68**



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MACHINERY TRACKS

Gramlow tacks rubber tracks and GPS

If the local dealer can't supply GPS steerable OEM factory rubber tracks, aftermarket companies like Gramlow probably can



Richard Gramlow worked with Integra Frame on this display project because of its reputation for building strong frames. | RON LYSENG PHOTOS

BY RON LYSENG
WINNIPEG BUREAU

When plans for a rubber-tracked GPS-guided steerable corn planter bog down because the dealer can't find the parts, help might be available from Gramlow Ltd.

"Centre sections on planters are too heavy much of the time. The original tires aren't up to carrying the full load," says Richard Gramlow, co-owner of Gramlow in Fullerton, North Dakota.

He said a centre section with inadequate tires will lead to soil compaction, poor depth control, pinching and getting stuck if conditions are wet. Rubber tracks are just beginning to show up on the largest prairie air drills, but the trend seems to have missed corn planters.

"We put rubber tracks under the centre section of your planter to give it a bigger footprint. It also eliminates the pinch row effect you get between tires. But we don't see any reason to put tracks on the wings," he said.

"We spent four years developing that steerable hitch system. It gives your planter full implement steering according to guidance instructions



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from your existing GPS system. We build our rubber track kits to be extremely heavy duty because we know they'll be used in strip till operations. Strip till requires a high degree of guidance accuracy, so we've made a steerable axle available for most planters. And it all has to be extra strong."

Gramlow said the track kit for CNH 1265 can be set up with either fixed or steered axles. Gramlow removes the tires and installs a pair of 25 inch wide tracks.

Available track spacing options are 100, 110 and 120 inches. Planters with steered axles do not lose that steering feature.

On the John Deere 1770NT, Gramlow replaces four frame mounted tires with a pair of 16.5 inch wide tracks, giving the centre four times the footprint of the tires.

The increased load capacity



LEFT: Gramlow is turning out GPS guided steering and rubber tracks designed to fit under the centre section of corn planters.
TOP, LEFT: Richard Gramlow says it took four years to develop the system and get the bugs worked out, but the units now steer between the rows with all the accuracy that RTK will provide.
TOP, RIGHT: When both 1,600 gallon cone bottom tanks are full, the twin 22 inch wide rear tracks exert 13 p.s.i. on the ground and the single 16.5 inch wide front track exerts 10 p.s.i.
ABOVE, LEFT: Although the swivel track sets received the most attention at the Big Iron display, producers with older corn planters spent time kicking the tires on the straight track systems.
ABOVE, RIGHT: Strip till row units are heavy and do a tremendous amount of work, which is why they need to be carried by a heavy duty chassis like the Integra Frame.

onto planter

allows the producer to install other attachments, such as fertilizer coulters. Gramlow figures it takes the average customer about two days to install the kit on a 24-row planter.

Kits are also available for steerable axles and fixed axles on the Deere/Bauer planters.

Five widths are available from 16.5 to 25 inches wide. Track spacing options are 100, 110 and 120 inches.

“Centre sections with tracks swivel into the normal transit position, same as with tires, because all we’ve done is bolt tracks on where the factory tires had been,” he said.

That feature of the centre section doesn’t change at all.”

Gramlow has also built carts for cone bottom tanks. A typical design carries two, 1,600 gallon tanks. The rear pair of 22-inch-wide tracks exert 13 pounds per sq. inch on the soil when both tanks are full. The single 16.5 inch wide track at the front exerts 10 p.s.i.

The tracks are all Camopast Flex-haul. Gramlow buys the rubber belts and then builds the carriages that support the tracks for each specific machine.

“The tracks you see with the rubber carved out of the middle are for very narrow row spacing,” he said.

“Camopast doesn’t make it that way. That’s something we do for the customer. The treads run between the rows and the carved out area runs over a row so the soil isn’t compacted or affected by the tracks. The row unit is located right behind the tracks, so wherever the tracks go, the row unit goes also. In this case, the row unit follows right behind the carved out groove, so seed or fertilizer applied in that area will not be affected by the track.”

Gramlow said his company wants to work with other companies interested in developing better guidance systems and rubber track systems for more implements.

One of his latest partnership projects is a Montag application unit that can be used just for applying fertilizer or switched over to a planter.

The 60-foot-wide Integra Frame toolbar comes from yet a different company.

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MACHINERY

Lighten up after big booms with aluminum

Booms bite the dust long before the sprayer, so why buy a whole new machine?

BY RON LYSENG

WINNIPEG BUREAU

The first Pommier aluminum spray booms that arrived in Manitoba from France a decade ago started an aluminum trend that's spread throughout North America.

Today's aftermarket 120-foot aluminum booms weigh about the same as the original equipment manufacturer 90-foot steel booms.

Dan Light, owner of Ultra-Light Aluminum Boom Products in Lisbon, Iowa, said aluminum booms are not only longer and lighter but also last longer.

His company specializes in extensions but also designs and fabricates complete booms, from the centre section to the tips.

"With aluminum, we're able to go to boom lengths the sprayer manufacturers have not been able to achieve with steel," Light said.

"There's some engineering involved in this and also a little bit of guesswork to get it right and make it strong enough that we're confident it won't break. We typically work with the outer halves of a boom and leave the steel structure at the centre alone," he said.

"Everything I add extending from the centre section out toward the tips is aluminum. That's the part of the boom subject to the most abuse, more bounce, more hits on fence posts, hits on the ground and things like that. That's where we need aluminum."

Light's quest for a more durable boom led him to develop a new three-way breakaway hinge that breaks forward, backward and up. The patent has just been granted for the hinge.

Using stainless steel feeder tubes instead of rubber hoses also lessens weight and adds to longevity.

Most of Ultra-Light's development work has been with John Deere sprayers

Light has aluminum extensions for the 4700 and 4800 that attach at the



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60 foot mark and bring total boom length to 90, 100 or 120 feet.

Extensions for the 4900 sprayer bring total boom length out to 132 or 140 feet.

On the 4600 sprayers, he has full aluminum boom kits including the centre section out to the tips in lengths of 80, 90 or 100 feet.

Ultra-Light does all the design and fabrication work on extension kits and full boom kits shorter than 100 feet. He works with Specialty Enterprises of Wisconsin on the 120 and 132 foot booms.



Light is now turning his attention to other major brands and has prototypes for Case, Spray Coup, Hagie and Wilmar.

Much of what he learns about these sprayers comes from custom rebuilding booms for producers who want a better boom but don't want to buy a new sprayer.

"There are a lot of people out there



who just want a better boom," he said.

"Think about it. The sprayer itself hardly ever wears out, but the boom either wears out or gets wrecked. I think we can offer people a valuable upgrade on their

ABOVE: A 120-foot aftermarket aluminum boom weighs about the same as an OEM 90-foot steel boom, according to Dan Light, owner of Ultra-Light.

FAR LEFT: The combination of four aircraft-style heim joints at the breakaway points allow forward-back, as well as vertical pivoting.

LEFT: Stainless steel feeder tubes are employed for their light weight and longevity. | RON LYSENG PHOTOS

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HERBICIDES

Old friends killing old foes again

Old school herbicides Avadex and Edge are teaching new lessons to resistant wild oats

BY BARB GLEN
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Two “old friends” might be enlisted in the chemical fight against herbicide resistant weeds.

One of them is Avadex, said Mike Grenier of Gowan Canada, which acquired Avadex from Monsanto in 2004.

Avadex, with the active ingredient of triallate, is a Group 8 herbicide that has been shown in trials to control wild oats that are resistant to Group 1 and 2 herbicides.

Grenier told those at the Jan. 21 Agronomy Update in Lethbridge that the rise of herbicide resistant weeds is driving renewed interest in the product, although there is some known resistance to Group 8 herbicides.

Avadex is approved for cereals, oilseeds and specialty crops such as peas, mustard, flax and sugar beets. Granules applied to the soil surface are activated once moistened. Wild oats are controlled when the plants grow through the treated layer of soil, so about one-half inch of incorporation is recommended.

Grenier said zero-till stubble is the perfect target for the herbicide granules because the advent of minimum and zero tillage has ended up distributing weed seeds near the surface. In thick stubble, residue would have to be managed before application.

The label allows fall as well as spring application.

A liquid option is suitable when there is less than 30 percent surface stubble. In that form, the herbicide must be incorporated within 24 hours of application.

Another old friend is Edge, a Group 3 pre-emergent herbicide. Once commonly used on oilseeds, it fell out of use with the advent of herbicide tolerant canola and integrated use of glyphosate in pre-seeding.

Brian Wintonyk of Dow AgroScience said Edge, with its active ingredients of ethalfluralin and trifluralin, used to be incorporated three to four inches deep in conventional tillage.

However, that doesn't work with minimum tillage systems. Weed seeds must be in contact with the treated soil layer to be affected, and Edge is not water mobile so it does not move to get in contact with weed seeds.

Wintonyk said it will not be active early in the season to control initial weed flushes, so some other form of weed control will be needed.

Fields must be direct seeding for at least two years with less than 30 percent disturbance for Edge to be effective. The product is safe for use on oilseeds and legumes against foxtail, pigweed and kochia, but it only suppresses wild oats.

Focus, a Group 15 herbicide, might be a new friend in the herbicide resistance battle, said Mitch Long of FMC Canada, which bought Cheminova

last year.

The herbicide's active ingredient is pyroxasulfone, and it is registered for corn and soybeans. FMC has applied for registration on spring wheat, winter wheat and lentils, and will potentially add field peas, chickpeas, potatoes, carrots, fababeans and sunflowers.

It controls a wide spectrum of grassy weeds.

Long said Focus shows 80 percent control of wild oats on the surface and 65 percent control at a two-inch depth.

The label is narrow for broadleaves, and the company has applied for wider listings including cleaver, stinkweed, lamb's quarters, kochia and wild buckwheat.

Focus forms a barrier on the surface, so it is applied before planting or just afterward. Rainfall incorporates and activates it, and it is then taken up by roots and shoots.

It is not recommended on soil with more than seven percent organic matter.



Familiar herbicides may control herbicide resistance. | FILE PHOTO

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ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

McDonald's working to define sustainability

Fast food giant is assessing Canadian beef production, but how that may affect producers remains unclear

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Most of the ranchers who supply McDonald's Canada with 67 million pounds of beef a year are already sustainable, says a senior manager for the restaurant chain.

The pilot project announced last year is designed to figure out how that can be demonstrated and verified so that the fast food chain can buy sustainable beef and assure customers that it does so.

Jeffrey Fitzpatrick-Stilwell, senior

manager of sustainability for McDonald's Canada, explained the company's project Jan. 22 to those at the annual Lethbridge College Tiffin lectures.

The company selected Canada as the site for its pilot project last year.

However, what is sustainability when it comes to beef?

"It's true, we also didn't know what that was when we made the announcement," said Fitzpatrick-Stilwell in an interview before his speech.

"That was part of us putting a stake in the ground to say we're going to try



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to help figure that out, working with the industry and everybody else."

Beef deemed to be sustainably produced would come from operations that meet certain standards of animal health and welfare and environ-

mental responsibility.

The Global Round Table on Sustainable Beef has identified natural resources, people and community, animal health and well-being, food, and efficiency and innovation as the areas in which sustainable practice will be defined.

The Canadian round table on sustainable beef has now been established, and the McDonald's pilot will provide input as that industry group establishes definitions and benchmarks, he said.

"The Canadian round table will

then take those and develop their own indicators, that may or may not be the ones that we use for the pilot, and they'll develop their own mechanisms for verification, that may or may not be what we used for the pilot."

Fitzpatrick-Stilwell said his company is not trying to dictate how those in the cattle industry manage their operations. However, as a major buyer of Canadian beef, it is hard to argue its clout.

Eighty percent of the company's 67 million lb. of beef comes from Alberta, and all its Canadian restaurants use 100 percent Canadian beef.

"We tried to be clear from the beginning that we're not creating a McDonald's standard," Fitzpatrick-Stilwell said.

"We're doing this hopefully to support the industry in what they're doing. We will source to the industry's standards, not our own once those standards are set."

McDonald's is one of many food companies that are working to develop sustainable criteria for their products.

That trend has raised concerns in the beef industry about companies driving the production agenda.

Cattle rancher Travis Hatch of Sunset House, Alta., said in a recent letter that he agreed with the need for sustainability, but the costs might be high.

"Why are urbanites in general so willing to set such high standards for others, farmers in particular, yet one needs only a few minutes observation of garbage, pollution, smog, etc. in a town or city to see what their own environmental standards have accomplished," said Hatch.

"I firmly believe that there are some very high costs to be paid by everyone, urban and rural alike, if we go down this path, yet there is no discussion or analysis of what those costs will be to let big corporations or government bureaucrats dictate or control the production, sale and distribution of our food."

Fitzpatrick-Stilwell said McDonald's made an effort to include all aspects of the beef industry in its discussions about where to proceed with its pilot project, and Canada proved amenable.

"The reaction was, 'yes, please,'" he said.

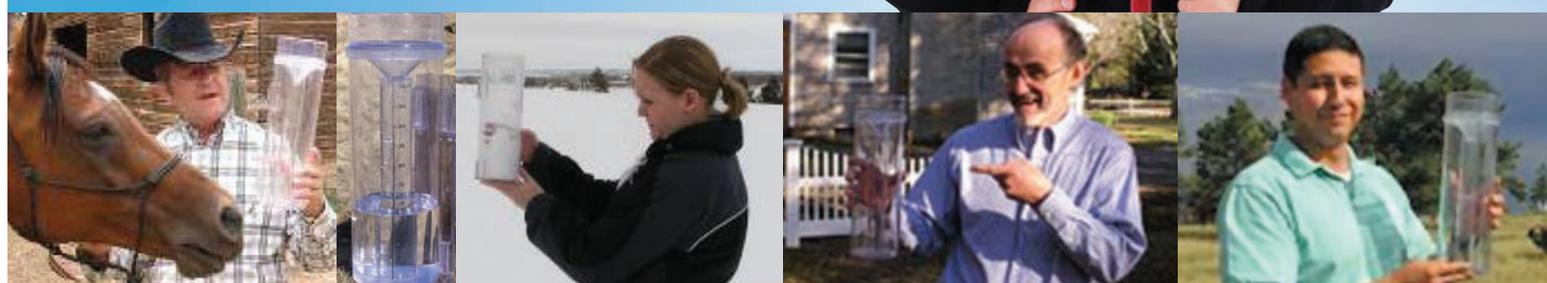
"The pilot is not to drive the industry to anything. If they select none of the indicators that we use, that's completely up to them, and our goal as McDonald's Canada is to source in compliance with what the Canadian round table decides. We're not developing a McDonald's standard in any way, shape or form."

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Small shippers want big changes

Small volume crops suffering from service shortage, says oat growers group

BY BRIAN CROSS
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Small volume grain shippers hope their concerns about inadequate rail service will receive a sympathetic reception among members of a federally appointed panel charged with reviewing the Canada Transportation Act.

Small block shippers, including shippers of milling oats, malting barley and other small volume crops, say poor or unpredictable rail service over the past year has had a significant negative impact on their ability to ship to buyers in domestic and foreign markets.

The Prairie Oat Growers Association outlined its concerns in a recent submission to the Canada Transportation Act review panel, suggesting that meaningful changes are required to ensure that the interests of small volume shippers are protected.

"Shippers of all shapes and sizes need (market) access if we are to protect Canada's reputation as an exporter and grow our markets," said the POGA submission.

"Heading into this year's CTA review, two things are clear... The system needs to adapt to the increasing growing capacity of Canadian farmers, and the system needs to be able to accommodate small volume crops."

Small block shippers, who normally ship a handful of rail cars rather than a full unit train, say rail service to their industries has suffered since Ottawa implemented a federal order requiring Canada's major rail companies to meet weekly hauling targets.

Jason Skotheim, vice-chair of the Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission (SBDC), said malting barley exports to the United States have been affected by the order in council.

Exports of Canadian malting barley to the United States approached 500,000 tonnes in 2013-14, which was the highest level in the past five years.

However, it was a challenge shipping barley to U.S. buyers, particularly on producer-loaded rail cars.

"We wanted to reiterate (to the CTA panel) ... the importance that producer cars play for barley growers and the fact that they do give us another option ... as far as serving that U.S. market is concerned," the commission said.

Robynne Anderson, an agricultural consultant with Emerging Ag Inc., said rail transportation issues are one of the most prominent challenges facing the western Canadian oat industry.

"Rail transportation has been a very significant issue and ... remains a potent and difficult echo in the system," said Anderson, who prepared POGA's CTA submission.

"So far, trucking has spiked significantly to try and accommodate some of that (lost capacity), but we certainly need to see rail service return to normal levels."

Anderson said Canadian oat production increased from 2.5 million tonnes in 2010-11 to almost four mil-

lion tonnes in 2013-14.

However, oat exports have been declining during the past three years, falling from 1.2 million tonnes in 2011-12 to slightly more than a million tonnes last year.

Anderson said systemic problems related to rail transportation continue this year.

Rail service on southern routes to the United States is an ongoing burr under the industry's saddle.

She said rail reporting requirements need to be scrutinized, and grain transportation data collected

on southern rail routes should be made public more quickly and more regularly.

"For those southern corridors, the problems are very systemic and significant," she said.

"We need some common carrier applications to ensure that all crops get looked after."

Anderson said Scandinavian oats that were shipped into the U.S. last winter have now secured a permanent share of the U.S. oat market.

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Industry groups have issued complaints to the Canada Transportation Act review panel about grain shipping challenges. | FILE PHOTO

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PROVIDING PAIN RELIEF

The new code of practice for pigs will require producers to provide pain relief to their animals when castrating. A veterinarian discusses the options. | **Page 73**



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HERD MANAGEMENT

Count the days to find reproductive success

Detailed management can see 65 percent of heifers calve in the first cycle

BY **KAREN BRIERE**
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Finding the best heifers to keep in a cow herd comes down to the magic numbers 65, 20 and 10.

Dr. Nathan Erickson of the University of Saskatchewan's Western College of Veterinary Medicine says the best heifers are the most fertile, stay in the herd and fit a producer's goals.

Reproductive success is critical to all of those factors, and calving distribution is easy to track.

Erickson said producers can calculate distribution by counting the number of calves born in the first 21 days of the calving season. Divide this number by the total number of cows exposed and multiply by 100 to determine the percentage calving in the first 21 days. The process can be repeated to determine how many are calving in each 21-day cycle that follows.

Ideally, 65 percent will calve in the first cycle, Erickson told the Saskatchewan Beef Industry Conference.

These are the cows that were cycling at the beginning of the breeding season and will be cycling in time for bull turnout the following year.

Twenty percent should calve in the second cycle and 10 percent in the third. The remainder would be open.

The earlier calves will be heavier at weaning, while having most of the calves born in one cycle leads to a more uniform calf crop for marketing.

"First cycle calves have an extra 40 days plus to grow," Erickson said, even though calves can average the same weight no matter when they are born.

That affects the bottom line.

"If we ended up getting a third (of the calves) in all the cycles, I can easily say on 100 cows you're selling three less calves."

Producers can actively select to get the heifers that will provide those first-cycle calves.

Erickson said producers should keep those



Ideally, 65 percent of the cow herd will calve in the first 21 days of the calving season to maximize rebreeding, says a veterinarian. | FILE PHOTO

earlier calvers and select carefully from the second- and third-cycle calvers. There could be individuals in those groups that produced calves with phenomenal average daily gains or fit a particular program and could be cycling at the appropriate time the next year.

"But if we heavily select for the first, we have a higher chance of reproductive success," Erickson said.

"You want 70 percent cycling at bull turnout."

Keeping the bulls with the females for about 45 days is another way to select, although Erickson said that doesn't work for all operations. Producers should pregnancy check no later than 100 days after bull turnout and then cull anything that's in the later

cycles, he added.

Erickson also said breeding heifers 30 days before the cows is important because producers have to think about the next breeding season.

The post-partum interval on heifers is 80 to 100 days compared to about 60 days for cows.

"If we want to keep them in our herd, you breed them 30 days before the cows and have a much higher chance of them rebreeding the next year and also a better chance of having them stay within our herd for the long term," he said.

Proper nutrition and body condition score also determine how heifers perform.

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TRACEABILITY

Livestock owners reminded of rules for premise ID

BY **BARBARA DUCKWORTH**
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RED DEER — All premises with livestock require an identification number, whether there are a few chickens or a large herd of horses on a farm or acreage.

The number links livestock and poultry properties to a land description or premise so that owners may be informed immediately in case of disease outbreaks and emergencies, such as a fire or flood.

"Some people may not realize it applies to them," said Lorraine Lynch of Alberta Agriculture.

The government also wants the information kept up to date with new phone numbers or changes in the number of animals on a site, particularly during an emergency when owners need to be informed and livestock moved.

"In an emergency response, if you only had 50 head of cattle registered and now you have 500, we have a problem," she said.

The number of animals is also helpful during a disease outbreak if the government must order vaccinations.

Adrienne Haerron of Alberta Agriculture told a horse breeders conference in Red Deer Jan. 10 that horses, mules and donkeys are considered livestock in Canada, so those premises need to be registered.

"Even if you only own one horse, you still need to have a PID," she said.

Premise identification has been a requirement in the province since 2009 under the Alberta Animal Health Act. Registration is free.

Haerron said government officials discovered during a recent equine herpes outbreak that many people did not have PIDs. As a result, contacting horse owners was challenging.

A number is not required if a horse lives permanently at a boarding facility, but the owner should have access to that information from the stable owner in case of emergency.

The number is also required when a horse is changing ownership, such as when it is taken to an abattoir or auction.

New regulations that came into effect last July don't allow medications to be sold at farm stores without the number. Other regulations apply if medications are bought from a veterinarian.

For more information, call the Alberta Ag-Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276) or visit www.agriculture.alberta.ca/premises.

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ANIMAL HEALTH

Pork producers have many options for pain control

Veterinarian says producers shouldn't have a problem meeting new regulatory requirements

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BANFF, Alta. — By next year, a new code of practice will force hog producers to use some form of pain relief when castrating, tail docking, ear notching and tooth clipping their animals.

Fortunately, drugs are already available, an Alberta swine veterinarian told the Jan. 20-22 Banff Pork Seminar.

"There are a lot of things we can do now that are accessible to help us meet the requirements of the code with respect to pain management and euthanasia," said Egan Brockhoff of Prairie Swine Health Services in Red Deer.

Veterinarians are working with producers to find reasonable ways to meet the new requirements on the farm.

The 78-page code of practice, which was released last year, contains significant updates on requirements and recommendations for using analgesics and anesthetic.

An anesthetic is a drug that causes a reversible loss of sensation. Analgesics relieve pain without eliminating sensation.

Surgical castration is the primary method of reducing boar taint and male aggression. It traditionally

involves cutting the skin and removing the testicles, which is a painful procedure regardless of age.

Castration performed at any age must be done with analgesics as of July 1, 2016, to help control pain after the procedure.

Meloxicam and banamine are allowed for pigs in Canada. They are not labelled specifically for pain following castration, but all could be used in an off label prescription, Brockhoff said.

A University of Calgary veterinary school study looked at injecting lidocaine with a multi-dose injection syringe. This is easy to do on the farm with minimal costs.

The technique was effective within two minutes of injection, and negates the need to significantly change processing practices.

It did not reduce post-operation pain, so analgesics are needed during recovery.

Rubbing lidocaine on the surface will create significant analgesia. However, there is no way to be sure it will penetrate the reproductive tract and provide pain relief.

Another study released last year looked at providing pain relief to piglets via sows' milk. Sows were given high doses of meloxicam, which moved through the milk and provided corresponding analgesic for the pigs.



The updated code of practice for pigs will require pork producers to offer some kind of pain control for several production practices, including castration. | FILE PHOTO

Each animal received 15 milligrams per kilogram per sow weight for three days in a row. The recommended dosage is .4 mg per kg per sow weight.

Brockhoff said using such high amounts could run the risk of kidney damage and causing ulcers in sows.

"At this stage, with the technology we have available, we have to look closer at (what) the long-term use of a really high dose like that would cost," he said.

"At this point it is not practical, but it is very useful research and hopefully it leads to the evolution of new stuff"

A vaccine on the market called

Improvac is an alternative to castration and controls boar taint and aggressive male behaviour while still allowing the pig to grow well. Developed in Australia, it is approved for use in 60 countries, including Canada.

Selecting lines of pigs that do not express boar taint is possible however processing plants do not want intact males at this time.

Tail docking to prevent biting is also mentioned in the code of practice. As of July 2016 tail docking at any age must be done with analgesics to control post procedure pain. Analgesics are available to control it.

The code says ear notching for identification may only be done when deemed necessary and when pigs are 14 days old or younger. Pain control is available.

Tusk trimming in boars presents special challenges.

The tusks are large and sharp and should be cut two centimetres above the gum line.

Many farms cut close to the gum line, which can cause a fracture in the tooth or expose the inner pulp.

"We need to change that behaviour," Brockhoff said.

The pulp cavity is filled with nerves, blood and connective tissues, so severing it is a painful procedure.

Veterinarians at his practice use azaperone to sedate boars and then cut the tusk with a wire saw. They also make sure they are at least two cm above the gum line.

Euthanasia requires a plan on when and how it is to be done so that animals are put down humanely.

"We also need a plan for training. Individuals need to be trained on proper techniques," he said.

Pigs that don't respond to treatment, hopeless cases and those with compromised conditions should be euthanized on the farm rather than transported.

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GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Sask. research money down, but forages see more dollars

BY KAREN BRIERE
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Government research funding for Saskatchewan forage and livestock projects will drop slightly this year.

However, more of the funds are directed at forage projects, and industry is kicking in money for some of them.

Saskatchewan agriculture minister Lyle Stewart announced last week that the federal and provincial governments would spend nearly \$3.8 million on 30 projects through the Agriculture Development Fund (ADF).

Last year they offered \$4.2 million for 27 projects.

Industry organizations such as Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF), SaskMilk and SaskPork are contributing \$1.2 million to push the total to \$5 million.

"Research helps us to be able to raise livestock more efficiently and more profitably and just better in terms of our treatment of the livestock," Stewart told reporters at the Saskatchewan Beef Industry Conference.

"Of course, forage plays a huge role in that. It's all very important to the industry, and our growth and advancement in the livestock industry in this province is very much based on research."

Forage projects will receive \$1.3 million of the government money, including funding to develop later maturing crested wheatgrass with better nutritional value. That project

will be funded by ADF, WGRF and the Saskatchewan Forage Network.

Another project will determine best management practices for establishing saline forages, particularly AC Saltlander.

On the beef side, \$925,000 will be spent on projects such as establishing carinata meal as a new protein supplement for cattle, continuing work on dealing with ergot poisoning and assessing bull potential through DNA genotyping.

Hog projects will look at redesigning ventilation systems in sow barns, controlling porcine epidemic diarrhea and monitoring influenza A viruses.

Other projects to be undertaken this year include developing an oral vaccine for chronic wasting disease, options for recycling agricultural plastic and mitigating emissions from livestock operations.

Most of the money is going to the University of Saskatchewan, at \$1.475 million, followed by the Western Beef Development Centre-Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute at slightly more than \$1 million. Other recipients are the U of S's Western College of Veterinary Medicine, the Vaccine Infectious Disease Organization, Agriculture Canada and the Prairie Swine Centre.

Industry leaders welcomed the announcement, saying research investments provide clear benefits for producers.

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NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

Officials watch for drug, welfare issues

Hogs, sheep, goats and cattle are subject to random tests at competition

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

DENVER, Colo. — Cheaters beware.

Staff at the National Western Stock Show are serious about keeping things honest at livestock events, especially the youth events.

Among the prohibited practices are giving animals drugs not approved for that species or deliberately enhancing their animals with steroids, other medication or treatments such as tubing with ginger ale to make them look full and stand square in the show ring.

"None of that stuff is allowed," said Erin Dorsey of the stock show, which was held Jan. 10-15 in Denver.

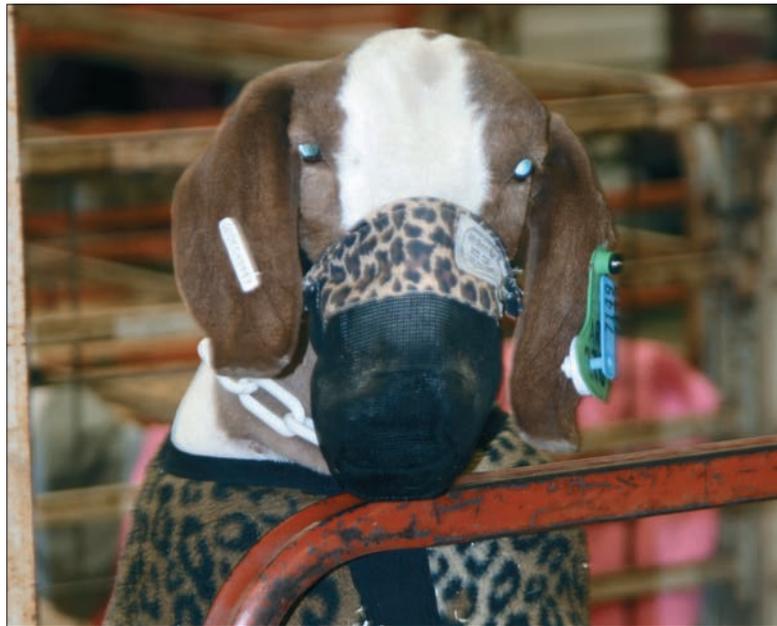
The penalties vary depending on the infraction. The well-being test unit conducts random checks throughout the barns for the open shows and pays special attention to the junior hog, sheep, goat and cattle shows.

Urine samples are collected from the first and second place winners and sent to a laboratory in Denver for testing. Junior entrants must turn in quality assurance forms to the exhibition veterinarian, which promise that they have not used drugs or other enhancements on their animals. Urine samples are signed off by an adult and the youth entrant.

Dorsey said the show veterinarian provides documentation for the exhibitor if an animal actually needs treatment.

Most larger shows are starting to monitor animal welfare and exhibitor behaviour.

"We are one of the first ones, as far as a national show, to do it to the extent



A goat at the National Western Stock Show wears a mask to keep it from eating pen shavings. | BARBARA DUCKWORTH PHOTO

we do it now. A lot of state shows have followed our lead," said Dorsey.

"Denver is one of the most prestigious shows in the country to win."

The temptation may be strong to enhance an animal to win first place or cash prizes, but many of the exhibitors come to the show through 4-H, Future Farmers of America or other youth programs, where they are taught ethics.

"They should know better in everything they do," Dorsey said.

The youth events at Denver are terminal shows, in which the animals are sent to a packing plant afterward. The plants do not do further testing unless an inspector notices something wrong.

The top six winners of each class move on for further competitions for scholarships, and a youth auction at the end of the show promises big money for champion animals.

Last year's grand champion steer at the stock show sold for \$132,000, and the grand champion hog bid was \$30,000.

Welfare is also considered.

Goats and sheep are allowed to wear a special mask for protection because they will nibble on wood shavings in the pens. A sheep once gorged on wood shavings during a state fair and suffocated.

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BEEF

'Dummy calf' may be suffering from acidosis

ANIMAL HEALTH



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Most people who have dealt with beef cows at calving time have occasionally had to deal with a weak, dopey calf.

These calves may be unable to stand or have difficulty standing without assistance. They have poor muscle tone and seem to have no idea where to put their feet or how to stand or move. Most of them seem dopey and are unable to suckle, even when given a bottle or having a teat placed in their mouths.

These "dummy calves," also called "weak calves," require a great deal of care and attention to get through the first few days of life and are often a major inconvenience at a busy time of year.

A variety of conditions can make a newborn calf appear weak, including selenium deficiency, hypothermia, infectious disease and trauma, such as being stepped or laid on.

Weak calf syndrome has also been associated with cows in poor body condition in late pregnancy that are being fed inadequate protein or energy.

However, a common cause for the weak "dummy calf" is a condition known as acidosis. It refers to a drop in the pH of the blood, which can be triggered by a lack of oxygen that might occur during a difficult calving.

Calves under normal calving conditions go through a transition in how their oxygen is supplied. The oxygen supply to the calf from the placenta stops during delivery, which results in a temporary increase in carbon dioxide in the bloodstream. This is a trigger for the calf to start breathing on its own. The act of breathing allows the calf to expel the carbon dioxide from the blood and begin to restore normal oxygen levels.

However, this process can be delayed when calving is prolonged or difficult. The carbon dioxide levels may rise in the blood without the calf being able to "blow off" the carbon dioxide by breathing. The drop in blood oxygen and high levels of carbon dioxide create a severe drop in the pH of the bloodstream, which is known as "respiratory acidosis."

The major clinical effect of acidosis is severe depression or weakness. These calves often cannot stand and many cannot even roll up onto their chests into sternal recumbency on their own.

A Scottish study used the time from birth until the calf was able to get itself into sternal recumbency as an indicator that a calf might be suffering from acidosis.

Normal calves will usually roll onto their chest within the first few minutes after birth, while calves suffering from acidosis tend to take more than 15 minutes to get into sternal recumbency. It's an easy diagnostic test that can help identify calves that might need further attention.

The weak newborn calf is less likely to suck, is often unable to stand and therefore is at greater risk of suffering from hypothermia in cold weather, of being stepped or laid on or of not getting adequate colostrum and succumbing to infectious diseases such as scours.

Lying down for long periods makes these calves more susceptible to navel infections and other complications. Calves with severe acidosis can appear to be in a coma or stupor and eventually die.

To prevent this from occurring, producers should use all of the methods for preventing dystocia, such as bull selection, adequate nutrition and growth for replacement heifers and early intervention in any dystocia cases.

If the occasional case does occur, producers should make sure they are truly dealing with acidosis.

Work with a veterinarian to ensure that these calves are not suffering from an infectious disease, selenium deficiency or another condition that may mimic the clinical syndrome of acidosis.

Producers who are dealing with a difficult calving should try to get the calf breathing as soon as possible.

Don't hang calves upside down after calving to drain fluid from their lungs. Most of the fluid that comes out is from their digestive tract, and the pressure of the abdominal organs makes it more difficult to breathe when the calf is hanging upside down.

Place the calf in sternal recumbency and stimulate breathing by rubbing the calf, stimulating the nostril with a piece of straw or pouring a small amount of cold water on the calf's head.

Consider using a breathing bag, which is also called an Ambu bag, to help the calf start breathing sooner.

These manual respirators, which can be bought for calves, are a self-inflating ventilation bag with a mask that fits over the calf's nose and mouth. Get a lesson from a veterinarian on how to use an Ambu bag on calves.

Veterinarians might also administer oxygen in their clinics.

Once breathing is established, make sure these calves are tubed with colostrum and protected from hypothermia.

Producers who are dealing with severe acidosis may want to ask their veterinarian to give an intravenous solution containing sodium bicarbonate to help correct pH levels in the blood. Many oral electrolyte solutions also contain sodium bicarbonate, but it isn't clear that oral electrolytes are able to correct the severe acidosis that sometimes occurs after a difficult birth.

Producers shouldn't have to deal with a lot of these cases, but if clusters occur, ask a veterinarian to make an accurate diagnosis and rule out other conditions.

Prompt action following prolonged calving should help improve the survival rate of these calves and reduce the incidence of infectious diseases.

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Horse industry in need of a boost, say officials

Industry needs to focus on welcoming those without prior experience, say leaders

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH

CALGARY BUREAU

RED DEER — How to attract new people to horse culture is a growing conundrum as baby boomers leave the industry with no one to fill their saddles.

The future of the business was a major discussion at the Alberta Horse Breeders Conference held in Red Deer Jan. 9-11.

"The bottom line is the horse industry has been shrinking throughout North America and throughout most of the world. Our baby boomers are moving on. We are just not refilling their boots as quickly as we need to," said Arabian horse owner Gary Millar, who owns Millar Venture Arabians at Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., and is involved in the Arabian horse literacy program to teach children to read and enjoy horses.

"We definitely have to look at some new markets, and we have to change. It is going to be very difficult for us in some regards because we are going to have to begin to do some things differently. We are looking at attracting a public where many of them probably have little or no horse experience but they have probably dreamed about galloping their horse across some field."

Horses are used mainly for entertainment, which requires disposable income, said Dale Befus, who owns Alberta Carriage Supply, which markets equipment to the heavy horse industry.

Horse associations need to advertise in magazines such as those found on airlines to promote themselves because they are read by people who probably have extra money to spend on luxuries.

The public buys other forms of entertainment, but the horse sector needs to reach children early on so when they enter the workforce they will think about spending money on horses.

Millar said horsemanship should also be promoted as a healthy lifestyle choice for the entire family.

"We need to find a way for that five-



Waning participation in the horse industry, including pleasure riding, is a concern for horse owners and breeders. They discussed potential remedies at a recent conference in Red Deer. | FILE PHOTO

year-old girl to get involved at a level where she will enjoy it," he said.

"We can educate her and educate her parents and create a feeling that being involved with horses is an active, healthy lifestyle."

Veterinarian Jodie Santarossa focuses on equine sports medicine and supports expanding the industry because it contributes to the provincial economy. She encourages using horses for education as well as physical and mental health therapy.

She wants to see a welcoming atmosphere within the horse sector so that new people from different backgrounds with no horse experience still feel their needs are met.

"Maybe their goal isn't to compete or to show. Maybe their goal is to move through some emotional or physical disability," she said.

As well, newcomers to the sector

want to know the qualifications of trainers and instructors, which makes standardized education necessary for these professionals.

A panel discussion at the conference agreed that breed and discipline associations could take more responsibility to encourage newcomers. As well, board members should act as ambassadors to promote horses, and associations need to simplify because they are becoming mired in policy, rules and regulations.

"They have to believe those statistics that say only 15 to 13 percent of all horse owners even show, yet our horse associations exist today because of their shows," Millar said.

"The horse associations have to get it that we have a new group of people out there who are just aching to get in and we have to invite them in.... We have to begin to structure ourselves

so it makes it easy for the new person to get involved and progressively grow and improve their horsemanship and if they want to show, provide a place to socialize and have fun."

Befus, who is part of the Calgary Stampede's equine committee, said the public also needs more exposure to what horses can offer. Horse events are staged regularly at Stampede Park, but few show up to watch and become fans.

"If we don't get them excited, it is going to be a slow steady decline," he said.

Calgary trainer Clay Webster said the perception of elitism and occasional inappropriate behavior at horse events can also distract newcomers.

"We need to make sure we have our temperament in check," he said.

"How we conduct ourselves around

other people at all times will help make or break the situation for those who want to enter the industry."

There is also disunity within the industry, in which the different breeds and disciplines do not work together and at times seem to be at odds with one another. That detracts newcomers.

"You guys are all part of a bigger industry, but you are fighting with your neighbour down the hall," said Santarossa.

Millar said social media gives the public a negative view when members of the industry post negative comments online.

"It is very confusing when you hear the infighting, the caustic comments that are often made. We have got to stop that," he said.

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TO-DO LIST

Rhythm of the ranch helps tackle endless farm chores

COWBOY LOGIC



RYAN TAYLOR

A friend of ours was visiting for a couple of days last week, so I extended the courtesy that I usually extend to our honoured guests—the chance to help with chores.

You know, get out in the cold and the wind, cut some twine off the hay bales, carry a few feed buckets.

I sprinkled in some special "one

time" chores, otherwise known as the neglected things that I was waiting for some help to do.

As the sun was setting, I told him we could call it a day and head to the house for a little hot brandy. I don't know if he appreciated the chores as much as the hot brandy. For me, I know it's the chores that make the hot brandy better, or the coffee or cocoa or hot cider or whatever's warm and tickles your taste buds.

If there's one thing to be said for life on a farm or a ranch, it's that everything has a season and there's a rhythm to things. I sometimes doubt my musical rhythm, but I know the rhythms of the ranch, and I can keep the beat pretty decent.

I love chores, I hate chores, I tolerate chores, I share my chores. But

love them or hate them, it doesn't really matter because they will always be there.

That steady presence is both what I appreciate and despise about chores. It's the "to do" on the list of things to do that never has to be listed. They're just there.

They're the foundation on which to build the day. First get the chores done and then tackle a bigger job or some special project, or go to town, or save the world. I appreciate the foundation. I can count on chores to give me a few hours of rote responsibility and do some thinking about the rest of the day.

There's a temptation to eliminate chores or get the time required for them down to zero, but I think that would be a mistake.

It takes time to get out of the tractor to cut the twine off the bales, but it lets me look at the cows a little more closely and see if they're healthy and getting enough to eat. When I bucket the calves and open the gate for them, I can see if one is getting a little droopy or needs a little extra care. I can see if the last one in has enough bunk space to get his fair share.

Most years, we have a foal on the ranch to wean and halter break. Dad always remembered one of the first horses he got when he was a kid, a wild two-year-old colt that hadn't been touched and wasn't halter broke.

Dad was about 12 and every day he'd lead that colt from the barn to the well north of the barn for a drink of water. By the end of the winter, the

horse was plumb halter broke and not nearly so wild. A repetitive chore made for a good horse, and a responsible kid.

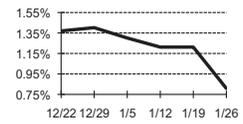
These days, I could turn on a hydrant and water our filly right in the barn, but I like to catch her, halter her, lead her to the well for a drink, give her some oats and brush her a little. They are chores that take some time, but it's good for the horse, and, honestly, it's good for me, too.

I've already finished one chore today — I got this column written. If you'll excuse me, I'm going to go catch that filly and lead her out for her morning drink.

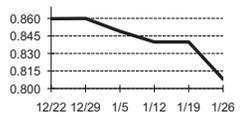
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AG STOCKS JAN. 19-23

The Bank of Canada made a surprise cut to its lending rate, weakening the loonie by two cents. The market liked the cut and a one trillion euro stimulus package in Europe. For the week, the TSX climbed 3.3 percent, the Dow rose .9 percent, the S&P 500 added 1.6 percent and the Nasdaq gained 2.7 percent.

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AGT Food	TSX	27.50	27.21
Bunge Ltd.	NY	91.90	91.96
ConAgra Foods	NY	36.76	36.24

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Cervus Equip.	TSX	19.63	19.70
Input Capital	TSX	2.35	2.22
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Rocky Mtn D'ship	TSX	8.85	8.51
Hormel Foods	NY	53.35	51.49

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Dupont	NY	73.79	74.25
BioSyent Inc.	TSXV	11.06	10.86
Monsanto	NY	118.45	117.59
Mosaic	NY	47.94	45.99
PotashCorp	TSX	44.57	42.01
Syngenta	ADR	65.26	66.51

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NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
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COMPLIANCE

Ag businesses decry red tape

In survey, farmers complain about inconsistent information, confusing forms and outdated rules

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Farmers and other small businesses in Canada are wasting \$11 billion a year on red tape, says the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

Red tape ranked second only to tax burden on the list of irritants for the small and medium-sized businesses that the CFIB surveyed. It was No. 1 for the organization's ag business members surveyed.

The federation says it cost Canadian businesses an estimated \$37.1 billion last year to comply with regulations from all levels of government, which was up from \$31.7 billion in 2012.

"Farmers feel the red tape burden is getting worse," said Marilyn Braun-Pollon, the CFIB's vice-president of prairie and agri-business.

The federation's members believe the regulatory burden could be reduced by 29 percent, or \$11 billion, without harming the public interest.

The average business says it spends 842 hours, or 105 days a year, on paperwork and other compliance activities.

Eighty-six percent of the 440 agri-businesses that returned the survey said red tape adds significant stress to their operation, 64 percent said it significantly reduces productivity and 35 percent would not advise their children to start a business because of the red tape burden.

Most of those numbers were higher than other sectors of the economy, which Braun-Pollon suspected is because farmers are subjected to more regulation due to food safety and environmental concerns.

Farmers complained about inconsistent information, confusing forms, outdated rules and rude customer service from government offices.

Producers said they have no problem complying with sensible regulations, but they can't stand dealing with baffling or redundant information requests.

"Many of these regulations are made by departments and agencies that lack any understanding about the day-to-day realities of running a farm," said Braun-Pollon.

Farmers across Canada provided examples of their struggles with bureaucracy.

"The Stats Can surveys are ridiculous and always come at our busiest time of year," said a grain farmer from Manitoba.

"They put a due date on them that is next to impossible for us to complete in time, then phone and harass us on a daily basis to complete it. It is so frustrating to try to complete an agriculture survey when we are at our busiest time."

Braun-Pollon said Statistics Canada's Census of Agriculture is a good example.

"Statistics Canada conducts this survey in mid-May, right in the

middle of seeding," she said.

There are also frustrations about the duplication that occurs when filling out forms.

"Many of the programs ask for the same information over and over again, which they already have on file," said a respondent from Alberta's agricultural services industry. "It gets frustrating and futile."

One grower said the paperwork associated with regulatory compliance requires a lot of time.

"It takes more time to deal with all the regulations than it takes to operate the farm anymore," said the Ontario grain farmer.

"Makes me wonder why anyone would want to farm."

Braun-Pollon said improvements have been made at the federal level. The government launched its Red Tape Reduction Action Plan in 2012, which stipulates that regulators must remove a regulation each time they introduce a new one.

She has also seen advancements at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, which recently created a complaints and appeals office.

"We have seen some focus on improving their customer service at CFIA," said Braun-Pollon.

Canada Revenue Agency agents are now required to provide their identification numbers when dealing with customers.

"At the end of the day, we are making progress federally," she said.

Braun-Pollon said Saskatchewan

has also made strides, but Manitoba appears to be completely disinterested in regulatory reform.

"While there has been progress made, we certainly need more done," she said.

Braun-Pollon worries that farm succession plans will be hindered unless governments at all levels reduce the red tape burden because the younger generation doesn't want the headaches.

"This is a major competitiveness issue," she said.

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OF AG BUSINESS RESPONDENTS SAY RED TAPE ADDS 'SIGNIFICANT STRESS' TO THEIR OPERATIONS.

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TRANSPORTATION

Expenses fall, profits rise at Canadian Pacific

Revenue is up eight percent to \$6.62 billion and the company expects the lower Canadian dollar will mean continued growth

BY BRIAN CROSS
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Canada's second largest railway company hauled home record profits last year and is showing no signs of slowing down.

Calgary-based Canadian Pacific Railway reported full-year revenues of \$6.62 billion in 2014, up eight percent from \$6.13 billion the previous year.

Operating expenses dropped to \$4.28 billion from \$4.71 billion a year earlier.

The company's operating ratio, which is a key indicator of railway efficiency and profitability, fell to a record 64.7. A lower number reflects a higher level of efficiency.

Annualized earnings per share rose to a record \$8.46, up 71 percent year-over-year.

"CP's remarkable transformation has allowed it to exceed its operational and financial goals for 2014, positioning the company to be nimble in the near-term and successful in the long run," said chief executive officer Hunter Harrison.

The company's outlook for 2015 is also upbeat, despite volatile commodity prices, particularly in the energy sector.

In a Jan. 22 conference call with investors, CP projected further revenue growth of seven to eight percent this year and an operating

ratio below 62.

Key assumptions in the company's 2015 outlook included a Canadian dollar valued at about US83 cents and crude oil shipments of 140,000 carloads.

Earlier estimates had pegged crude oil traffic at 200,000 carloads this year.

"CP fully recognizes the impact of short-term volatility in commodity prices, but given the diversity of its business and proven ability to control costs, we're confident in our ability to execute on our plan going forward."

In its Jan. 22 earnings report, CP reported a six percent increase in average train weight, a two percent increase in average train length and a two percent reduction in average train speed.

In a nutshell, the company moved more cars and more cargo per train but hauled at a slightly slower speed.

As usual, freight revenues from Canadian grain played prominently in CP's revenue picture.

Adjusted freight revenue from Canadian grain was pegged at \$988

million last year.

Grain business is expected to remain strong this year.

According to some industry observers, total supplies of Canadian grain and oilseeds in late 2014 were at their second-highest level ever, thanks to large carryovers from the 2013-14 crop year and an above average harvest in fall.

Canadian National Railway is scheduled to release its 2014 earnings Jan. 27.

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AGBUSINESS

Deere to cut 900 U.S. jobs

CHICAGO, Ill. (Reuters) — Deere & Co. will lay off more than 900 employees in the latest round of job cuts spurred by a decline in grain prices that is hurting demand for agricultural machinery.

The layoffs at plants in Iowa and Illinois, which represent three percent of the company's workforce in the United States and Canada, are set to begin early next month.

The cuts at facilities that build agricultural equipment reflect Deere's attempt "to align the size of its manufacturing workforce to market demand for products," according to a company statement.

Iowa will be hit hardest by the reductions, with 565 workers in Waterloo and 300 others in Ankeny slated to lose their jobs.

Forty-five employees will also be laid off in East Moline, Ill.

As well, Deere will temporarily lay off 500 employees at a Moline, Ill., facility as part of an "extended inventory adjustment shutdown" expected to end in late summer.

Deere had 59,600 full-time employees as of Oct. 31, including 29,000 employees in the U.S. and Canada.

The cutbacks come after Deere said in August it would indefinitely lay off more than 600 employees at plants in Illinois, Iowa and Kansas.

In November, the company said it expected equipment sales to fall further as lower grain prices discourage farmers from buying tractors, harvesters and other machinery.

Sales have suffered because bumper U.S. corn and soy harvests have driven down crop prices, leaving farmers with less cash to spend on equipment. Corn prices fell six percent last year, on top of a decline of nearly 40 percent in 2013.

"Basically, anyone who's grown accustomed to having their business heavily supported by the farmer, there is going to be a slowdown," said Angie Maguire, vice-president of grain for Citizens Elevator in Michigan.

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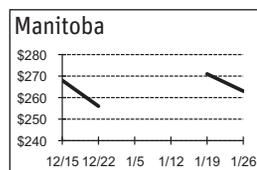
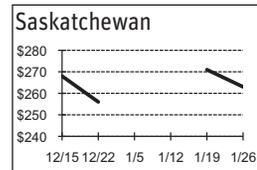
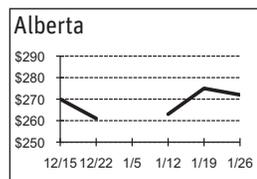
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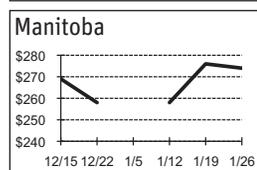
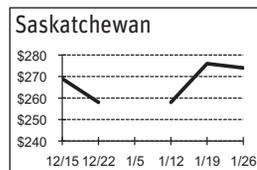
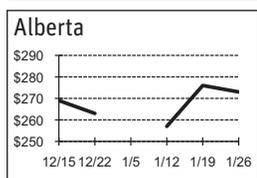
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CATTLE & SHEEP

Steers 600-700 lb. (average \$/cwt)



Heifers 500-600 lb. (average \$/cwt)



Canadian Beef Production

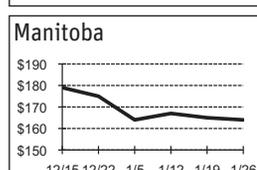
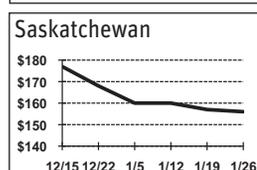
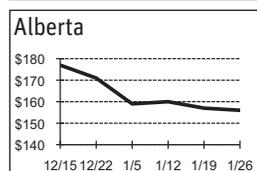
million lb.	YTD	% change
Fed	63.8	+16
Non-fed	12.4	-9
Total beef	76.2	+11

EXCHANGE RATE:
JAN. 26
 \$1 Cdn. = \$0.8026 U.S.
 \$1 U.S. = \$1.2460 Cdn.

HOGS

Due to wide reporting and collection methods, it is misleading to compare hog prices between provinces.

Index 100 Hog Price Trends (\$/c/kg)



ELEVATOR SHIPMENTS

Slaughter Cattle (\$/cwt)

Grade A	Live Jan. 16-22	Previous Jan. 9-15	Year ago	Rail Jan. 16-22	Previous Jan. 9-15
Steers					
Alta.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	317.75-318.50
Ont.	178.96-195.30	172.74-198.18	134.83	310.00-318.00	314.00-316.00
Heifers					
Alta.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ont.	174.00-191.57	163.85-191.81	138.02	309.00-317.00	313.00-315.00

*Live f.o.b. feedlot, rail f.o.b. plant. Canfax

Feeder Cattle (\$/cwt)

	Sask.	Man.	Alta.	B.C.
Steers				
900-1000	211-222	210-228	223-235	no sales
800-900	226-243	225-238	231-244	220-240
700-800	239-259	234-255	242-260	230-258
600-700	259-290	249-283	262-284	255-286
500-600	287-314	275-318	290-315	275-319
400-500	316-343	306-340	315-346	315-340
Heifers				
800-900	204-217	200-223	216-229	200-220
700-800	218-238	210-235	227-239	211-235
600-700	238-257	225-250	240-259	232-255
500-600	259-295	255-286	262-287	240-275
400-500	273-305	272-311	285-309	270-305
300-400	281-317	278-325	298-321	no sales

Average Carcass Weight

	Jan. 17/15	Jan. 18/14	YTD 15	YTD 14
Canfax				
Steers	876	850	876	849
Heifers	809	794	815	788
Cows	710	665	701	672
Bulls	899	909	921	916

U.S. Cash cattle (\$/cwt)

	Steers	Heifers
National	159.47	160.00
Kansas	159.78	160.00
Nebraska	158.70	n/a
Nebraska (dressed)	249.39	251.23

Feeders No. 1 (800-900 lb)	Steers	Trend
South Dakota	188.50-215.75	-5/-10
Billings	190-191	n/a
Dodge City	198-218.25	n/a

Cattle / Beef Trade

	Exports	% from 2014
Sltr. cattle to U.S. (head)	13,336 (1)	-35.4
Feeder C&C to U.S. (head)	1,090 (1)	-40.9
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)	5,435 (4)	-29.6
Total beef, all nations (tonnes)	7,508 (4)	-24.2

(1) to Jan. 10/15 (2) to Nov. 30/14 (3) to Nov. 30/14 (4) to Jan. 10/15
 Agriculture Canada

Cattle Slaughter

To Jan. 17	Fed. inspections only
To date 2015	Canada 129,437 U.S. 1,543,341
To date 2014	Canada 137,705 U.S. 1,698,351
% Change 15/14	-6.0 -9.1

Chicago Futures (\$US/cwt)

	Close Jan. 23	Close Jan. 16	Trend	Year ago
Live Cattle				
Feb	150.35	154.45	-4.10	143.40
Apr	148.80	152.95	-4.15	140.10
Jun	142.78	146.48	-3.70	132.13
Aug	142.20	145.58	-3.38	130.15
Oct	144.75	147.70	-2.95	132.93
Feeder Cattle				
Jan	213.70	214.10	-0.40	170.70
Mar	201.83	204.85	-3.02	168.88
Apr	202.55	206.45	-3.90	169.48
May	203.43	207.33	-3.90	170.20
Aug	205.03	209.20	-4.17	171.33

Est. Beef Wholesale (\$/cwt)

	This wk	Last wk	Yr. ago
Montreal	316-318	n/a	226-228

Sheep (\$/lb.) & Goats (\$/head)

SunGold Meats report is no longer available.

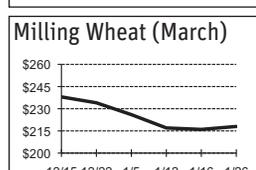
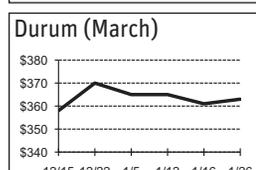
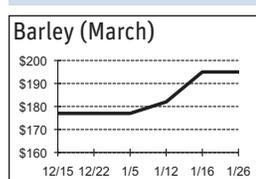
	Jan. 19	Jan. 12
New lambs	2.70-3.05	2.70-3.05
65-80 lb	2.25-2.76	2.25-2.76
80-95 lb	2.25-2.50	2.20-2.35
> 95 lb	2.10-2.31	2.10-2.31
> 110 lb	2.00-2.15	2.00-2.15
Feeder lambs	n/a	n/a
Sheep	1.10-1.20	1.20-1.30
Rams	1.05-1.20	1.20-1.30
Kids	65-150	65-135

	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

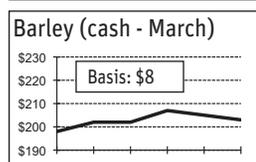
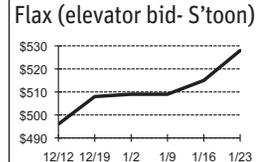
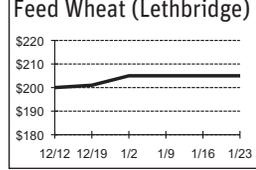
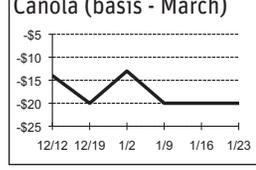
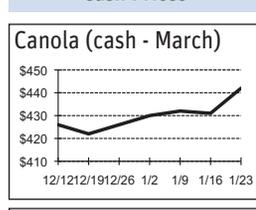
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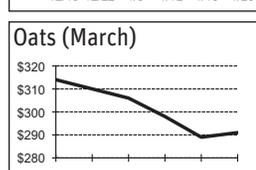
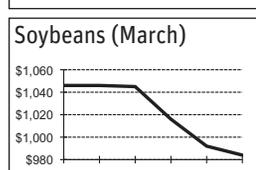
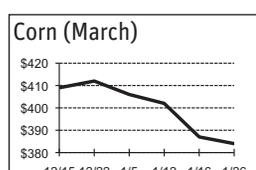


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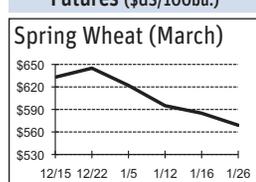


Canola and barley are basis par region. Feed wheat basis Lethbridge. Basis is best bid.

Chicago Nearby Futures (\$US/100 bu.)



Minneapolis Nearby Futures (\$US/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. 26	Avg.	Jan. 19
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)	27.00-29.00	27.33	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. 21	Jan. 14	Year ago
No. 3 Oats Saskatoon (\$/tonne)	151.60	147.23	149.43
Snflwr NuSun Enderlin ND (c/lb)	19.05	19.30	19.15

U.S. Grain Cash Prices (\$US/bu.)

	Jan. 23
USDA	
No. 1 DNS (14%) Montana elevator	6.14
No. 1 DNS (13%) Montana elevator	5.24
No. 1 Durum (13%) Montana elevator	10.20
No. 1 Malt Barley Montana elevator	5.76
No. 2 Feed Barley Montana elevator	no bid

Grain Futures

	Jan. 26	Jan. 19	Trend	Year ago
Wpg ICE Canola (\$/tonne)				
Mar	460.70	449.70	+11.00	428.80
May	455.90	443.90	+12.00	438.60
Jul	449.10	437.10	+12.00	447.40
Nov	435.30	425.40	+9.90	462.80
Wpg ICE Milling Wheat (\$/tonne)				
Mar	218.00	216.00	+2.00	180.00
May	221.00	219.00	+2.00	186.00
Jul	224.00	221.00	+3.00	189.00
Wpg ICE Durum Wheat (\$/tonne)				
Mar	363.00	361.00	+2.00	245.00
May	353.00	351.00	+2.00	249.00
Wpg ICE Barley (\$/tonne)				
Mar	195.00	195.00	0.00	126.50
May	197.00	197.00	0.00	128.50
Chicago Wheat (\$US/bu.)				
Mar	5.2050	5.3275	-0.1225	5.6350
May	5.2425	5.3475	-0.1050	5.6975
Jul	5.2925	5.3825	-0.0900	5.7525
Dec	5.4925	5.5775	-0.0850	5.9650
Chicago Oats (\$US/bu.)				
Mar	2.9075	2.8875	+0.0200	4.0075
May	2.9400	2.9200	+0.0200	3.5800
Dec	2.9625	2.9600	+0.0025	2.9100
Chicago Soybeans (\$US/bu.)				
Mar	9.8350	9.9175	-0.0825	12.8775
May	9.9025	9.9750	-0.0725	12.7100
Jul	9.9600	10.0300	-0.0700	12.5650
Nov	9.7175	9.7525	-0.0350	11.0150
Chicago Soy Oil (cUS/lb.)				
Mar	31.08	33.39	-2.31	37.06
May	31.28	33.52	-2.24	37.41
Jul	31.48	33.69	-2.21	37.77
Chicago Soy Meal (\$US/short ton)				
Mar	338.9	326.2	+12.7	430.9
May	331.6	320.5	+11.1	414.0
Jul	329.8	320.7	+9.1	404.0
Chicago Corn (\$US/bu.)				
Mar	3.8400	3.		

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A western meadowlark stretches its wings while searching for food at the edge of a grain field near Mazeppa, Alta. Meadowlarks should have migrated south months ago. | MIKE STURK PHOTO



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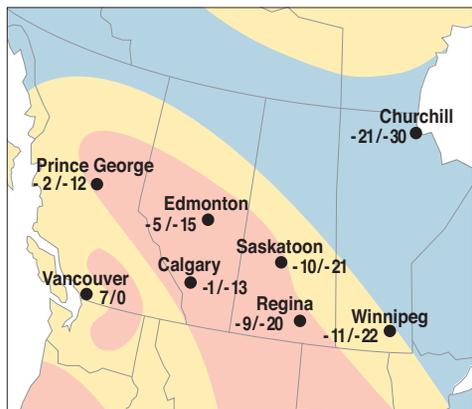
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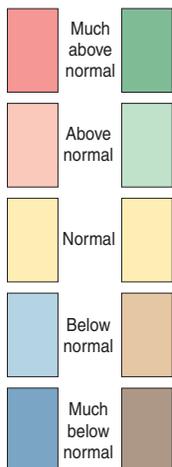
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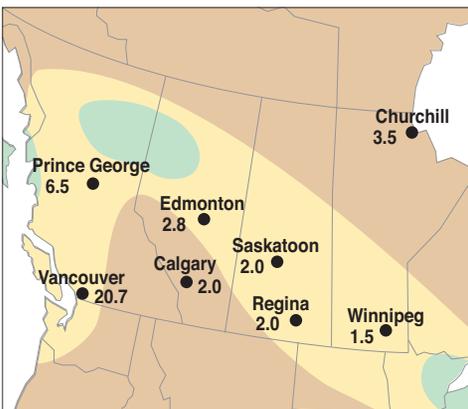
TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 Jan. 29 - Feb. 4 (in °C)



TEMP. MAP
PRECIP. MAP



PRECIPITATION FORECAST
 Jan. 29 - Feb. 4 (in mm)



The numbers on the above maps are average temperature and precipitation figures for the forecast week, based on historical data from 1971-2000. Maps provided by WeatherTec Services: www.weathertec.mb.ca

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SASKATCHEWAN

	Temperature		Precipitation		
	last week High	last week Low	last week mm	since Nov. 1 mm	since Nov. 1 %
Assiniboia	5.9	-9.0	2.5	18.9	46
Broadview	4.6	-10.5	2.6	41.8	71
Eastend	4.7	-13.9	2.6	23.9	44
Estevan	4.7	-12.3	10.2	50.3	91
Kindersley	8.3	-14.1	2.3	72.9	203
Maple Creek	14.5	-9.3	3.0	34.8	71
Meadow Lake	7.9	-17.6	5.9	52.1	100
Melfort	5.3	-16.1	4.0	36.4	75
Nipawin	6.7	-18.8	4.2	51.1	96
North Battleford	8.5	-10.1	3.3	74.0	162
Prince Albert	8.0	-18.8	6.4	93.8	182
Regina	4.0	-11.5	4.8	34.8	76
Rockglen	6.6	-7.6	2.8	31.7	73
Saskatoon	6.1	-7.2	2.6	41.5	95
Swift Current	8.9	-10.8	2.4	24.9	59
Val Marie	9.6	-8.8	0.2	21.2	52
Yorkton	4.3	-12.5	2.5	20.9	35
Wynyard	4.4	-14.7	3.0	47.2	92

ALBERTA

	Temperature		Precipitation		
	last week High	last week Low	last week mm	since Nov. 1 mm	since Nov. 1 %
Brooks	10.6	-13.3	0.0	64.3	185
Calgary	16.7	-9.0	0.0	62.9	183
Cold Lake	9.5	-15.0	7.4	88.6	173
Coronation	8.2	-14.7	0.5	54.3	141
Edmonton	9.0	-12.7	2.9	43.6	84
Grande Prairie	7.2	-9.2	0.5	130.7	184
High Level	6.1	-16.9	5.1	38.2	57
Lethbridge	15.9	-6.8	0.1	84.7	199
Lloydminster	6.8	-9.1	7.1	56.3	116
Medicine Hat	14.3	-8.4	0.0	51.0	125
Milk River	14.4	-12.1	0.4	48.6	96
Peace River	7.8	-11.2	3.6	71.2	110
Pincher Creek	14.9	-7.8	0.0	85.6	114
Red Deer	8.9	-14.5	0.8	88.5	192
Stavelly	14.8	-6.3	0.1	49.8	102
Vegreville	8.7	-13.8	2.5	32.7	72

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MANITOBA

	Temperature		Precipitation		
	last week High	last week Low	last week mm	since Nov. 1 mm	since Nov. 1 %
Brandon	2.9	-19.6	3.3	42.4	71
Dauphin	5.7	-17.7	1.1	43.1	71
Gimli	4.9	-19.4	0.9	22.4	35
Melita	3.9	-11.8	4.9	29.6	48
Morden	5.2	-15.6	0.0	24.5	35
Portage La Prairie	5.3	-16.6	0.0	26.9	38
Swan River	5.1	-17.2	1.6	34.2	51
Winnipeg	3.7	-19.0	0.0	16.9	25

BRITISH COLUMBIA

	Temperature		Precipitation		
	last week High	last week Low	last week mm	since Nov. 1 mm	since Nov. 1 %
Cranbrook	10.0	-14.8	3.0	117.7	95
Fort St. John	7.2	-4.2	0.9	150.8	200
Kamloops	7.0	-8.4	2.5	104.0	129
Kelowna	5.5	-9.8	1.8	103.2	95
Prince George	6.0	-6.7	11.6	157.0	106



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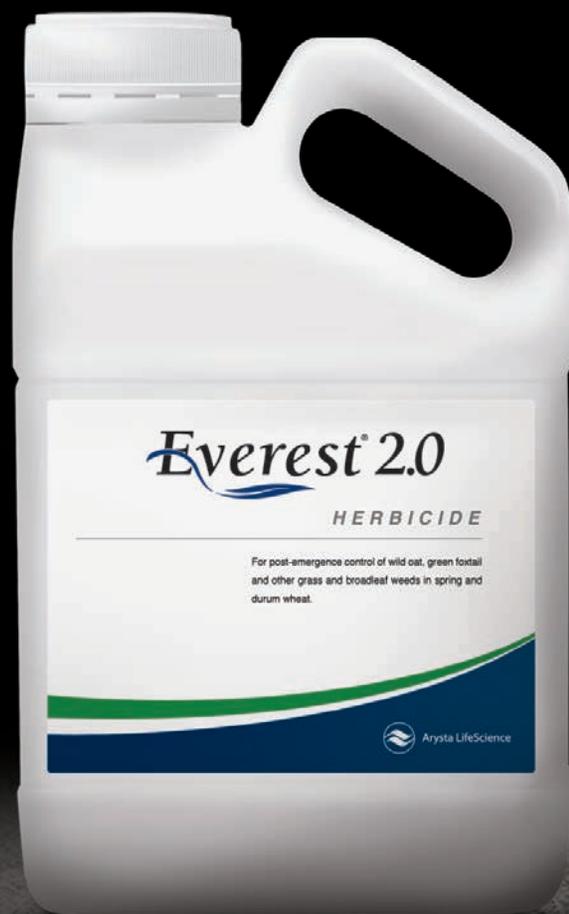
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