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ELECTION 2015

Rural prairies stay mostly blue

BY BRIAN CROSS
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Canada's political landscape changed dramatically this week but if the winds of change were gale-forced in other parts of the country, they were more like a soft autumn breeze on the Prairies.

Rural voters in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta who have traditionally supported the Conservatives stayed true to form in 2015, electing Conservative MPs in all but a handful of ridings.

Official election results from the three prairie provinces were not available at press time late Oct. 19, but early returns suggested that Conservative candidates were likely to be elected in most, if not all of the predominantly rural ridings in Western Canada.

In Saskatchewan, Liberal veteran Ralph Goodale retained his seat in Regina Wascana.

One other Saskatchewan riding — Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River — was too close to call at press time. Every other riding in the province was on course to elect a Conservative MP except Saskatoon West, which elected an NDP candidate.

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Liberal party leader Justin Trudeau is greeted by supporters as he arrives to give his victory speech in Montreal after the federal election. | REUTERS/CHRIS WATTIE

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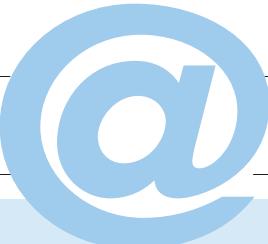
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ALBERTA FARM ACCIDENT

Tragedy shows focus needed on safety

Death of sisters raises need for safety awareness regarding children around equipment on today's large farm operations

BY MARY MACARTHUR
CAMROSE BUREAU

Food is the natural gift in a tragedy, but the head of a farm safety association says communities that want to make farms safer should organize a farm safety day.

Marcel Hacault, executive director of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, said farm safety awareness demonstrations do help kids and their parents stay safer on the farm.

"Research shows it does help," said Hacault.

Thirteen-year-old Catie Bott and her 11-year-old twin sisters, Dara and Jana, died after they were buried in a load of canola near Withrow, Alta., Oct. 13 while playing in a grain truck.

Adults freed the girls from the canola and administered CPR. Two of the sisters died at the scene, and the third died later at the Stollery Children's hospital.

"We do not regret raising and involving our kids ... on our farm. It was our life," said the statement by parents Roger and Bonita Bott and read by RCMP sgt. Mike Numan, a day after the tragedy.

"Our kids died living life on the farm. It was a family farm."

Ivan Dijkstra, deputy fire chief with Clearwater Regional Fire

Rescue Services said: "The girls were with their parents and while the truck was being unloaded they somehow fell into the canola seed."

Hacault said farmers and the agriculture community need to examine how to instil a love of farming in children without exposing them to unnecessary risk.

It starts with having a discussion around the supper table about the tragedy at Withrow and how to stay safe on the farm, he said.

Four children and three adults have died in Canada since January after becoming trapped in grain.

"I think we just need to have conversations on the farm. The accidents seem to be going up," said Hacault.

Many farm-raised people remember playing in and around grain when they were younger, but the risk around the farm increases as farms and equipment become larger.

Knocking sticky grain off the wall of a 1,300 bushel bin is less risky than knocking the grain off the walls of a 30,000 bu. bin.

"All farmers knocked grain off the side of bins or played in a truck of grain, but the scale of equipment is so much larger. Maybe we have to resensitize ourselves to the level of risk," Hacault said.



Caleb, left, Catie, Roger, Bonita, Jana and Dara Bott in happier times. Catie, Jana and Dara died in a farm accident last week. | FACEBOOK PHOTO

"Maybe we don't think it is as dangerous because it wasn't dangerous when we were growing up. We're still associating the risk as it was 30 or 40 years ago when there was much less volume."

Hacault believes a "grain entrapment training unit" could be taken to fairs and trade shows to help raise awareness of the dangers around grain. It could also be used

to help volunteer first responders free people from grain.

However, the trailer unit is expensive, and the association is struggling to find money to buy one.

"It costs money, and we haven't been able to find money from industry to support the project. We're struggling to get traction. We think it would be a very useful in training," he said.

It is unclear just how the children in Withrow died, but Hacault said when adults die from grain entrapment it usually occurs when a farmer goes inside a bin to unblock grain. Children can be trapped in grain while playing in a bin or truck or if they fall in while retrieving a fallen object.

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CANOLA DISEASE

Clubroot galls found in west-central Manitoba

Soil-borne canola disease continues to spread after initial discoveries in 2013

BY ROBERT ARNASON
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Clubroot galls have been found on canola plants near Swan River, Man.

Ryan Immerkar, who runs RSI Agri-Coaching in Swan River, confirmed rumours about the discovery of clubroot in the region.

Immerkar said clubroot galls were found on canola plants, and samples from the infected areas have been sent away for further testing.

Anastasia Kubinec, Manitoba Agriculture's oilseed specialist, said she's heard talk of a clubroot incident in the Swan River area but wasn't aware of the details.

Kubinec said the discovery isn't surprising.

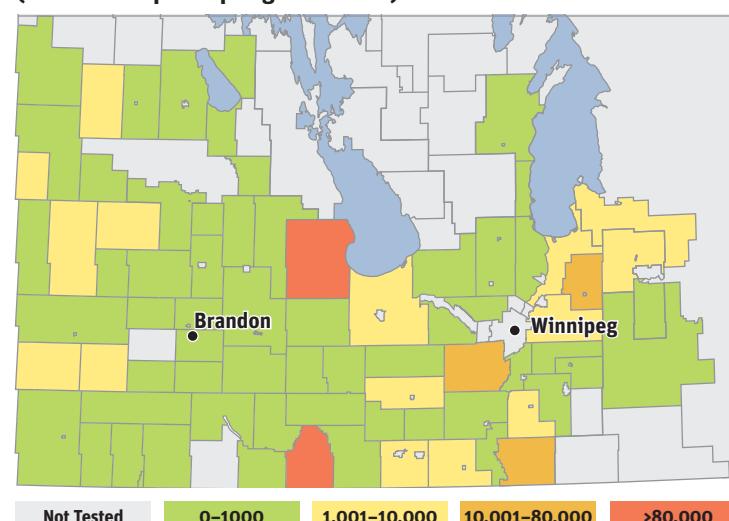
"With the levels that we're finding in some areas are higher, we do suspect that we will have ... cases where clubroot galls (are) found on canola every year now."

Clubroot is a soil-borne disease that causes swellings, or galls, to form on the roots of canola plants. The galls cause the plants to die prematurely.

In the fall of 2013, Manitoba Agriculture confirmed the presence of clubroot symptoms on plants in two canola fields. Scientists had previously found clubroot spores in soil samples taken in Manitoba.

CLUBROOT IN MANITOBA

Clubroot found in cumulative soil tests, 2009 - 2014 (number of spores per gram of soil):



Source: Manitoba Agriculture | WP GRAPHIC

A Manitoba Agriculture clubroot distribution map indicates that two municipalities, Louise and West-lake-Gladstone, have fields with high levels of soil spores or cases with confirmed plant symptoms.

"We are finding it at low concentrations throughout the province. That's strictly through our soil samples.... We have been telling producers since 2012, you have to assume it's probably within 50

kilometres of your farm," Kubinec said.

"We did find two cases in 2013 in fields. There may be more cases that are reported this fall.... Lots of guys seem to find it when they're swathing or combining. There is a patch that just isn't yielding."

A few producers have said clubroot should be a reportable disease in Manitoba and that farmers should be required to tell the prov-

What we're trying to do is be more proactive about it. If you do have it, give us a call. We've got lots of resources we can help you with.

ANASTASIA KUBINEC
MANITOBA AGRICULTURE

ince about an infection on their land.

Kubinec said the province and Manitoba's canola industry prefers a voluntary reporting system.

"We feel regulating it as a pest, that might actually drive some farmers underground," she said.

"What we're trying to do is be more proactive about it. If you do have it, give us a call. We've got lots of resources we can help you with."

Bill Ross, the Manitoba Canola Growers Association's executive manager, agreed that designating clubroot as a reportable pest isn't the right approach.

"We want producers to test their land (for clubroot)," he said.

"If it's reportable, then they're not going to test it."

Kubinec said the province began testing soil last year and plans to test every township in Manitoba. It has collected 500 to 600 samples and sent them to labs for testing.

She said soil testing is essential to mitigate the spread of clubroot.

"Even if it's at low levels, that's the time to start taking some actions. Maybe use some resistant varieties or start widening out (crop) rotations."

Clubroot is not regulated in Manitoba. The province would have to amend its pest act to classify the disease as a pest.

Saskatchewan designated clubroot as a "declared pest" under the Pest Control Act in 2009.

That province doesn't require producers to report a case of clubroot because municipalities, rather than the province, are responsible for enforcing the act.

"Rural municipalities have the authority ... to undertake prevention and enforcement measures related to the spread and control of clubroot disease," according to the Canola Council of Canada website.

Faye Dokken-Bouchard, Saskatchewan Agriculture's disease specialist, said a municipality could pass a bylaw requiring farmers to report clubroot.

Alberta takes a similar approach. Clubroot became a declared pest under the Agricultural Pests Act in 2007, but municipalities are responsible for enforcing pest control measures.

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FARM GROUP REACTION

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"I expect it to move forward the way it is being proposed," he said election night. "The TPP is something we know Mr. Trudeau and the Liberal party were in favour of."

Unrau said the CCA asked the party for its position on trade and was told the Liberals support free trade agreements like the TPP because of the jobs and prosperity they create across the country.

Gary Stanford, president of the Grain Growers of Canada, came in from fall fertilizing to find a massive shift in the Canadian political map but he too said the organization could work with the new government to make sure it understands the deal's importance to grain and oilseeds producers.

"That's a challenge for us as grain growers... to go in with a good attitude and say we're here to help you," Stanford said. "I don't see him trying to defeat the work of the TPP. When you take all the aspects of it, there wasn't many negatives for Canada."

Canadian Federation of Agriculture president Ron Bonnett, who spoke before boarding a plane to Ireland for agricultural meetings, and before the election result was known, said he expects any discussion to be around the compensation package for supply-managed sectors affected by the deal.

"Canada can't really be outside of a trade deal this huge," he said.

University of Guelph food institute professor Sylvain Charlebois said he believed Trudeau would go ahead with it.

"I think Mr. Trudeau showed a lot of wisdom to not commit too much," he said from Austria where he is on sabbatical. "Obviously we're dealing with a government that is supportive of trade."

He said the Conservatives erred in not providing enough information to the public and to farmers.

The new government should better communicate the benefits of this deal and the agreement with Europe, he said.

"Even in the agriculture community we need to better understand what is at stake," Charlebois said.

He also noted the Liberals emphasized science during the campaign, a move that he described as refreshing and needed in the agricultural community particularly as it relates to water resources and climate change.

The party promised to address the issue of grain handling and Charlebois said he would be watching for that.

Bonnett added that labour issues, the next agricultural policy framework and a long-term strategy for grain storage and movement are issues the CFA would raise with the new government.

Charlebois suggested whomever Trudeau appoints to the agriculture portfolio should be comfortable in both the rural and urban worlds in order to build bridges.

All three farm leaders said they had worked hard to build relationships with representatives from all three main parties and were confident they had the ear of the Liberals.

"As soon as they get the House back in order in Ottawa we're going to try to get in the door right away with the new agriculture minister," said Stanford.

Bonnett also said the CFA would



DISAPPOINTED |

Conservative party supporters react as they watch results of Canada's federal election in Calgary, Oct. 19. | REUTERS/MIKE STURK PHOTO



RON BONNETT
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

be asking for meetings with key ministers as soon as possible.

The leaders thanked the outgoing Conservatives for their hard work.

Agriculture minister Gerry Ritz was re-elected in his Battlefords-Lloydminster riding as the rural Conservative base on the Prairies held.

Liberal agriculture critic Mark Eyking was re-elected in his Nova Scotia riding of Sydney-Victoria with more than 70 percent of the vote, but NDP agriculture critic Malcolm Allen lost a tight race in Niagara Centre to his Liberal opponent.

Numerous high-profile names went down to defeat, including Winnipeg NDP MP Pat Martin and finance minister Joe Oliver.

Lisa Raitt, who was transport minister, was re-elected in Milton and trade minister Ed Fast won in Abbotsford, B.C.

In Saskatchewan, Ralph Goodale will once again carry the Liberal red and is destined for a high-profile job in the new government as one of the most senior MPs. He previously served in finance and agriculture, and other portfolios.

At press time, the Liberals were

elected or leading in 185 seats, the Conservatives in 100, the NDP in 42, the Bloc Quebecois in 10 and the Green Party in one.

The Liberal party went from 34 seats, third party status and trailing in the polls at the start of the campaign to the overwhelming win.

"The people are never wrong," said Conservative leader and prime minister for nearly 10 years, Stephen Harper. "We've put everything on the table. We gave everything we had to give and we have no regrets whatsoever."

Harper did not tell supporters he would resign but the party issued a statement saying he was stepping down as leader.

NDP leader Tom Mulcair, who saw the party's 103 seats drop by more than half, said he accepted the voters' decision but did not indicate his future plans.

"Since the beginning this election was a question of change and tonight Canadians have turned a page on 10 long years and they rejected a policy of fear and division," he said.

Trudeau urged his supporters to have faith in themselves and their country.

"We won this election because we listened," he said. "You built this platform. You built this movement."

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ELECTION 2015

Liberal gov't likely to bring few ag changes

Farm programs such as Growing Forward 2 set to expire during Liberal mandate

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SASKATOON NEWSROOM

As the Liberal government under the guidance of Justin Trudeau prepares to take control in Ottawa, stakeholders in Canadian agriculture were left wondering what the power transfer will mean for the industry.

Keystone Agricultural Producers president Dan Mazier said the Liberals have reached out to build relationships with producer organizations over the past few years and he doesn't foresee a difficult change with the power transfer.

However, Mazier said he is grateful for a national lobby organization based in Ottawa that is looking out for Canadian farmers' interests.

"We're dealing with Eastern Canada again. It's back to those 80s and 90s type of situation. The only good thing I have to say for us here in Manitoba is, and for any general farm organization, is thank goodness we have the

Canadian Federation of Agriculture sitting in Ottawa lobbying for all the farmers across Canada."

During the Conservative mandate, there were major cuts to farm programs in Growing Forward 2, such as the PFRA, and Mazier said the cuts blindsided the industry and nothing was implemented to fill the voids left by these cuts.

"We're still reeling from some of the cuts that were made in our industry and it's destabilizing us a bit, so I'm hoping we get a little more meaningful consultation on this."

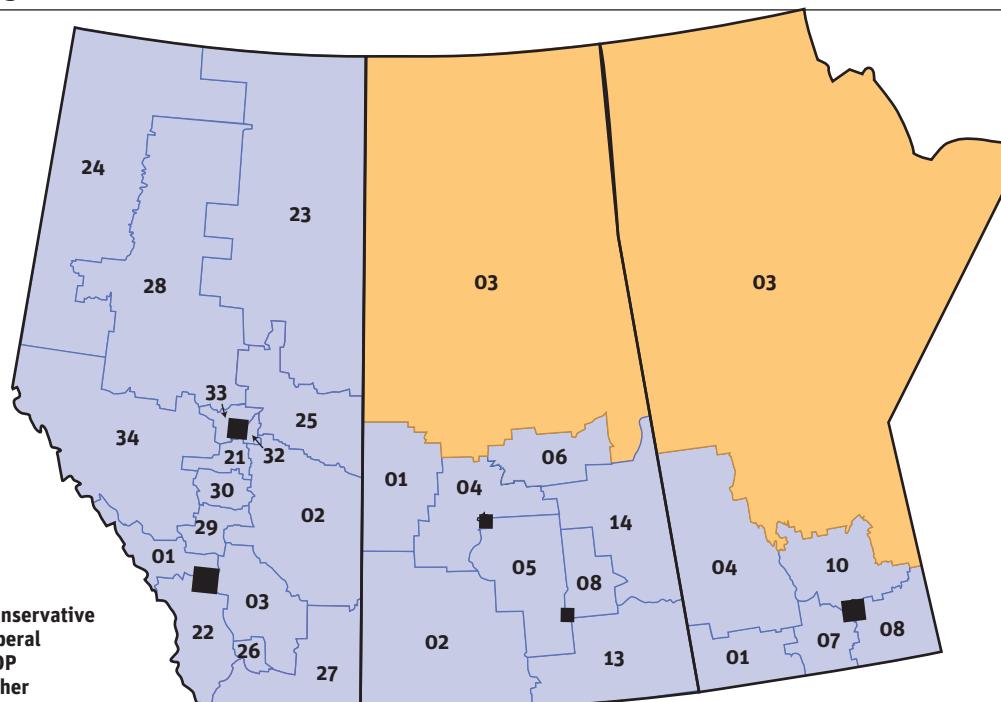
The new Liberal government will have to implement the next generation of farm programs, as Growing Forward 2 will expire during their mandate.

On the farm labour front, Mazier said he believes the Liberals understand that agriculture needs to be treated differently than other industries when it comes to labour.

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PRAIRIE RESULTS FROM THE 2015 FEDERAL ELECTION

Alberta	
01	Banff - Airdrie
02	Battle River - Crowfoot
03	Bow River
04	Calgary Centre*
05	Calgary Confederation
06	Calgary Forest Lawn
07	Calgary Heritage
08	Calgary Midnaore
09	Calgary Nose Hill
10	Calgary Rocky Ridge
11	Calgary Shepard
12	Calgary Signal Hill
13	Calgary Skyview
14	Edmonton Centre*
15	Edmonton Griesbach
16	Edmonton Manning
17	Edmonton Mill Woods
18	Edmonton Riverbend
19	Edmonton Strathcona
20	Edmonton West
21	Edmonton - Wetaskiwin
22	Foothills
23	Fort McMurray - Cold Lake
24	Grande Prairie - Mackenzie
25	Lakeland
26	Lethbridge
27	Medicine Hat - Cardston - Warner
28	Peace River - Westlock
29	Red Deer - Mountain View
30	Red Deer - Lacombe
31	St. Albert - Edmonton
32	Sherwood Park - * Fort Saskatchewan
33	Sturgeon River - Parkland
34	Yellowhead

Conservative
Liberal
NDP
Other

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

as of Oct. 19, 11:30 p.m. CST

* as of press time, these ridings had close results and not all polls had reported, final results may change

Source: Elections Canada | WP GRAPHIC BY MICHELLE HOULDEN

Saskatchewan

01	Battlefords - Lloydminster
02	Cypress Hills - Grasslands
03	Desnethé - Missinippi - Churchill River*
04	Carlton Trail - Eagle Creek
05	Moose Jaw - Lake Centre - Lanigan
06	Prince Albert
07	Regina - Lewvan
08	Regina - Qu'Appelle
09	Regina - Wascana
10	Saskatoon - Grasswood
11	Saskatoon - University
12	Saskatoon West
13	Souris - Moose Mountain
14	Yorkton - Melville

Manitoba

01	Brandon-Souris
02	Charleswood - St. James - Assiniboia - Headingley
03	Churchill - Keewatinook Aski
04	Dauphin - Swan River - Neepawa
05	Elmwood - Transcona*
06	Kildonan - St. Paul
07	Portage - Lisgar
08	Provencher
09	Saint Boniface - Saint Vital
10	Selkirk - Interlake - Eastman
11	Winnipeg Centre
12	Winnipeg North
13	Winnipeg South
14	Winnipeg South Centre

Party voting results, by province:

# ridings	Lib.	Cons.	NDP	Other
42 B.C.	18	11	12	1
34 Alta.	3	30	1	0
14 Sask.	1	10	3	0
14 Man.	7	5	2	0
121 Ont.	80	33	8	0
78 Que.	40	12	16	10
7 N.L.	7	0	0	0
11 N.S.	11	0	0	0
10 N.B.	10	0	0	0
4 P.E.I.	4	0	0	0
3 Territories	3	0	0	0
338 Total	185	100	42	11

■ small-area and urban riding results are not shown on map but are denoted by black-tagged color-coded squares

NORM HALL
APAS PRESIDENTJAN SLOMP
NFU PRESIDENTDAN MAZIER
KAP PRESIDENT

"The Liberals identified Canadian Agriculture Recourse Centre plan as an approach to the labour issues, so we should be golden there," Mazier said.

Norm Hall, president of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) said it didn't matter to APAS what party got in, they just wanted more producers to get out and talk to their candidates to make sure agriculture was part of the discussion.

Hall said he hopes that the Liberal government will take more of an active leadership role on water issues on the Prairies than the Conservatives.

"The Liberals were totally against getting rid of the PFRA, and the PFRA had a lot of water knowledge, and water infrastructure," Hall said.

"The PFRA did a lot of study and when we lost the PFRA they lost a lot of knowledge and the ability to study more. That's something that the Liberals have talked about, not restarting the PFRA, but doing something about water leadership. Regionally, not just province by province by province."

Hall said there is a lot of oppor-

tunity for Canadian agriculture in the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal, and that he hopes the Liberal government keep moving forward with these negotiations.

"There are a number of possibilities for agriculture in this trade deal. Every trade deal that we sign where there are positives for us, we still have to work to get them. We have to be competitive; we have to be able to get our product to port and to the customer in a timely manner. It will be up to us and our infrastructure to take advantage of these deals," Hall said.

Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association, president, Levi Wood, said he hopes the Liberal government will take

seriously the recommendations of the CTA review.

"Transportation is still a major concern and we hope that we see some fairness come out of the CTA review, and we hope that the new government will make the review become a positive thing for agriculture," Wood said.

Alberta Beef Producers chair, Greg Bowie, said the new government will likely look at some sectors differently, but he hopes it will recognize how critical agriculture is to the country.

"There are some things that have happened over the last while that we hope the new government will continue, like mandatory (country of origin label-

ling rules in the U.S.) looked like it was getting close to the end and hopefully with the new government that doesn't change," Bowie said.

Jan Slomp, president of the National Farmers Union, said he believes the Liberal government will be able to deal with the rail transportation issues faced by producers.

"We need to find an semi government authority that exercises this duty. The Canadian Grain Commission is probably the most logical institution to take on this role. Allowing the revenue cap to go up is not a solution. It's exactly what the railroads have been hoping to get out of this," Slomp said.

"I think that Goodale understanding the file of the grain commission and grain transportation, I think there is a chance of doing something there," Slomp said.

Slomp said he doesn't expect to see much difference in the how the Liberals approach the agriculture file than how Conservatives managed it.

"The Liberals don't have agriculture as a high priority, so they likely are not going to massively change where the Conservatives have moved us to, partly because the prairies (elected mainly) Conservative MPs."

Slomp said the Liberals are as motivated by a similar free trade agenda as the Conservatives and he expects to see a continued movement toward self-regulation by large corporations in the sector.

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RURAL RIDINGS BLUE

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Greg Poelzer, a political science professor from the University of Saskatchewan, said rural voters on the Prairies have typically held views that are aligned with the Conservative party.

Poelzer said issues such as economic conservatism and deficit reduction sit well with many western voters, particularly those in remote rural ridings.

"I think the core values in a lot of rural areas tend to be more conservative and especially more conservative in terms of economic conservatism," Poelzer said.

"When you think about the Liberals proposing to run deficit budgets, I think in a lot of rural areas, that was a message that wasn't well received."

Poelzer said rural voters are also less inclined to back a leader with limited political experience.

A significant portion of the rural electorate was pleased with the Harper government's record on issues such as grain industry deregulation and trade liberalization, he added.

"I think the Conservative government over the past 10 years very much tried to be a champion for a lot of rural issues in Canada," he said.

"So I think there was still a very strong attachment or allegiance to the Conservative party in a lot of rural areas."

In defeat, the Conservatives also retained close to half of Manitoba's 14 ridings.

Unofficially, Conservative candidates were elected in all but one riding outside of Winnipeg, based on early returns on election night.

And in Alberta, Conservative support was as strong as ever, particularly in rural ridings outside of Calgary and Edmonton.

With the exception of a handful of urban ridings in Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta's electoral map was once again dominated by Tory blue.

Lynn Jacobson, a farmer from Enchant, Alta., and chair of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, said support for the Conservative party has always been strong in rural Alberta.

The Harper government was not popular among all rural voters, but its record on key issues such as trade liberalization, grain industry deregulation and modernization of Canada's plant breeders rights legislation were popular among many growers.

"They did some things well, but on other issues their record was not so good," Jacobson said.

"Grain transportation is still a huge issue ...," he added. "We were telling the federal government that we had a problem with grain transportation there six months before the trouble started."

"It will be interesting to see how the Liberal government handles that issue."

Although the majority of Western Canada's rural voters did not support the Liberal mandate, Poelzer suggested that a Trudeau government could be a blessing in disguise for the prairie grain industry and for the western economy as a whole, particularly if the Liberals carry through on plans to expand Canada's infrastructure.

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DURUM OUTLOOK

California beats Canada on durum

Quality concerns send European buyers to the U.S.

BY SEAN PRATT
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Do not expect a durum price rally anytime soon, say analysts.

"The prices are under pressure, and it looks like they'll continue to be under pressure," said Neil Townsend, director of G3 market research.

He has noticed a disturbing early-season marketing trend: Canada has shipped 455,400 tonnes of durum through week 10 of the 2015-16 marketing campaign. That is less than half of the 977,700 tonnes shipped through the first 10 weeks a year ago.

"The word would be pretty much brutal," he said.

"I mean, they're way behind."

It is the opposite scenario south of the border, where the U.S. had commitments to ship 542,800 tonnes of durum as of Oct. 8, up from 308,800 tonnes a year ago.

Townsend said that is puzzling, considering the U.S. is experiencing slumping exports for other commodities such as wheat and corn because of the strong U.S. dollar.

Jim Peterson, marketing director with the North Dakota Wheat Commission, said European buyers knew Canada's carryout was poor quality, and an early season drought made them nervous about the 2015 crop, so they locked up a lot of California desert durum.

"Some of the Italian millers got some coverage just because they knew quality supplies in both Canada and the U.S. were quite tight," he said.

They also gobbled up a lot of this year's northern U.S. durum crop, which came off early.

Peterson said American farmers were eager to sell the crop off the combine at US\$7 per bushel compared to \$4.50 for their spring wheat. Prices have since fallen to \$6.50 to \$6.75.

Greg Kostal, president of Kostal Ag Consulting, has another theory to explain why so much U.S. durum moved.



Some analysts worry early crop year sales lost to the U.S. won't be recovered later. | FILE PHOTO

"The U.S. price got cheaper sooner," he said.

The Canadian price stayed high because of yield and quality concerns with the last half of the crop.

Kostal said a lot of good quality was produced around the world this year, which has limited blending options for the Canadian crop. Price spreads between No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 quality are tight.

"There is just not the urgency to import from Canada for blending purposes," he said.

Peterson said U.S. quality is much improved, with 90 percent grading No. 2 or better compared to 60 percent a year ago and the long-term average of 75 percent.

"We've certainly got the quality to compete this year," he said.

Average test weight of the U.S. crop is 60 pounds per bushel, and it has 90 percent hard vitreous kernels, .8 parts per million deoxynivalenol (DON) and 13.9 percent average protein content.

"Those are all selling cards when you're trying to move the crop," said Peterson.

As well, there is a lot of crop to sell. U.S. growers harvested about 2.24

million tonnes, well above the five-year average of 1.91 million.

G3 estimates Canadian growers harvested a slightly above average crop of 4.8 million tonnes, but the quality is disappointing.

The company expects 56 percent of this year's Canadian durum crop will make the top two grades.

"It's not unusual for 70-plus percent to be No. 1s and No. 2s, so this was lower than usual but a significant improvement over last year," said Townsend.

He worries Canada's exports may not recover from the early-season setback and that the United States has stolen market share.

"Typically speaking, if you miss export slots, you don't entirely make it up one-to-one later in the year," said Townsend.

"We are struggling, so the longer that story goes on the worse it looks."

Kostal is not overly concerned about the pace of exports.

Canada shipped 5.37 million tonnes of durum last year. Agriculture Canada is calling for a vastly reduced sales program of 4.1 million tonnes this year.

As a result, being 522,300 tonnes behind last year's pace after week 10 probably is close to where exports should be, he said.

He is waiting for tenders out of Tunisia and Algeria to get a read on the depth of demand and what prices buyers are willing to pay.

Peterson is worried North African demand won't be strong.

The International Grains Council forecasts that world durum trade will fall 13 percent to 8.1 million tonnes, down from last year's exceptionally high level of 9.3 million tonnes.

World durum production is forecast to increase by 11 percent to 36.1 million tonnes.

There were good crops in many big importing regions such as the European Union, the Middle East and North Africa, where Algeria doubled its production to 2.5 million tonnes from 1.3 million tonnes a year ago.

Peterson expects that there will be a lull in U.S. exports after the Italian demand dries up.

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CURRENCY FORECAST

Loonie won't fly

A lower Canadian dollar is good for farmers and exporters

BY SEAN PRATT
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Farmers can count on a weak Canadian dollar continuing to offset low commodity prices, according to a senior bank economist.

But a grain market analyst thinks the expected U.S. interest rate hike won't materialize, which would lead to a stronger loonie.

The recent rally of the loonie was an anomaly, said Shaun Osborne, chief foreign exchange strategist with Scotiabank.

The Canadian dollar closed last week at US77.5 cents, up about three cents from the end of September.

"We're viewing this rebound in the Canadian dollar as something that's really just a temporary phenomenon and something that's likely to correct in the next few weeks," said Osborne.

The recovery in the loonie is a direct reflection of the recent weakness in the U.S. dollar.

"Investors have suddenly got cold feet about the (U.S.) Federal Reserve being able or willing to raise interest rates on the kind of timeline many people expected," he said.

The market had factored in a 50 percent probability that the Fed would hike interest rates before the end of the year to manage the economic expansion and keep inflation in check. It recently dropped that probability to 30 percent, which has put downward pressure on the U.S. dollar.

It is also battered by the slowdown in the global economy because of problems in emerging markets such as China and Brazil.

Osborne said all the issues that led to a faltering Canadian dollar are still there. The Canadian economy is underperforming, commodity prices are still depressed and the Bank of Canada is keeping interest rates where they are.

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CATTLE PRICE OUTLOOK

Cattle profit possible despite price dip

A buildup in the U.S. herd, along with heavier carcasses from feedlots pushed fed and feeder prices down

BY WILLIAM DEKAY
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Recordhigh cattle prices have come and gone, but nextyear could remain profitable for the average cow-calf producer, says a market analyst.

"Let's assume the Canadian dollar is similar to where it is today, my argument would be yes (to a profitable year)," said Anne Wasko of Gateway Livestock Exchange in Taber, Alta., and president of Cattle Trends, during a grain and cattle market outlook information session in Perdue, Sask., Oct. 8.

"Cow-calf producers are still in a (profitable) position, assuming Mother Nature co-operates next year. We don't need another dry year back to back."

Wasko said the weak loonie is cushioning falling cattle prices.

U.S. fed steer prices have dropped to about US\$120s per hundredweight from the \$150s in seven weeks. Calf prices have also fallen.

"Even at these lower calf prices today, the situation is... not as profitable as a year ago but still certainly profitable," she said.

"The Canadian dollar gave the Canadian cattle producer that extra time of some record prices. That's changing now because the dollar has been sitting in the mid 70 (cents) for some time now."

She said several factors have combined to create today's market situation.

For starters, the U.S. cow herd is expected to increase by at least



U.S. ranchers are expanding their cow herds but Canadian producers are more cautious. | FILE PHOTO

three million head.

"It's anticipated by the time their January 2017 data comes out that they will have added as many beef cows to their inventory as we have in all of Canada," she said.

"That is a big story."

Canada's beef ranchers are not in expansion mode yet, she added.

"We've been very, very flat with little fluxes up and down, but for the most part a very flat herd," she said.

Such a massive buildup in U.S. cow-calf numbers will directly

impact prices in both countries.

"The fact that the U.S. has moved into an expansion phase certainly means the highs are behind us," she said.

"Their highs were in 2014. The Canadian highs were earlier this year. The difference was the weakness of the Canadian dollar."

Wasko said the spring drought in the western Prairies and resulting higher forage prices affected producers' decisions this fall to keep extra heifers.

Global economic uncertainty is

also taking a toll, particularly in key Asian consumer markets.

"China is kind of taking a step backwards, and a lot of the demand forecast was built around some of the Asian pickup," she said.

Another negative factor are record heavy carcasses. Feeders preferred to add more weight to existing inventories rather than bring in high price calves.

"Bottom line, cattle feeders were losing money, dragged their feet and made them bigger, and at the end of the day producing more beef

per head than we were expecting," she said.

"So all of these things have come together and really caused the U.S. market to go in a very quick decline here in the last few weeks, and that's being felt here in Canada as well, simply because our prices follow the U.S. trend. U.S. fed cattle prices are going to drive U.S. feeder cattle prices, which is going to drive the calf price."

Wasko said cattle producers understand they go through these cycles every eight to 12 years, and the present phase has been a good time at the cow-calf level.

"Whether it's paying down debt, fixing corrals, improving the herd, improving the genetics, there's different ways that you can use profits to prepare for the next cycle that will come down the road," she said.

"Going forward, we plan for what we're going to go through, which will be lower prices, smaller margins and possibly negative margins as we get there."

She anticipated that beef export potential will grow in the next few years because of recent deals such as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement with the European Union and the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

"We still know that from a global perspective the population is growing, generally becoming more affluent and adding protein (to their diets). Those things are still all part of this discussion."

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WILL RALLY CONTINUE?

After a long decline, the Canadian dollar has rallied against its American counterpart this month as expectations decline for a U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate increase.

Canadian dollar (in \$U.S.):



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Scotiabank is unwavering in its belief that the Fed will do as it has been hinting and raise interest rates before the end of 2015.

"We'd certainly concede that the probability is a bit less than we thought maybe a month or two ago, but it's still our base case and we're not changing our view at the moment," said Osborne.

Rising U.S. interest rates would pull more investor money into U.S. treasury bonds, bolstering the U.S. dollar and depressing competing currencies.

"We're still forecasting a Canadi-

an dollar ending the year at 73 cents, so quite a bit off of where we are right now," he said.

Others are not so sure.

Errol Anderson, grain market analyst with ProMarket Wire, believes the U.S. is teetering on recession.

"The U.S. economy is really showing signs of slowing in the retail consumerism sector," he said, noting that Walmart's share price fell 12 percent last week.

"I think the Walmart situation is just proof in the pudding that the middle class is struggling right now, and it's truer than any government report."

Anderson sees continued weakness in the U.S. currency, which will prop up the Canadian dollar.

That is bad for Canadian farmers because the weak loonie has been a buffer against slumping commodity prices, most of which are priced in U.S. dollars.

"If the U.S. starts to go into a recession, crude oil could be towards \$60 a barrel and the Canadian dollar could be above 80 cents again," he said.

Osborne believes the U.S. economy is not heading for another recession. It has been in a growth phase for only a couple of years following a long recovery from the severe recession of 2008-09.

A typical business cycle would see the growth phase last four to six years, so any recession is likely a couple of years away.

The U.S. economy slowed a bit in

the third quarter, but it is still clipping along at an impressive growth rate. Unemployment rates are low and declining.

"It's one of the longest continuous expansions we've had in decades in the U.S. economy," said Osborne.

"Recession seems a bit of a stretch at the moment."

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OAT OUTLOOK

Oat prices unlikely to entice more Sask. acres

Manitoba growers proximity to processing plant in Minneapolis means returns exceeding \$100 more per acre than Saskatchewan growers

BY ED WHITE
WINNIPEG BUREAU

Oats prices are not at a level that will prompt many farmers to book deliveries.

"Canadian growers remain generally disinterested in oat values and have shown their disdain by limiting sales to this point," said Oat Information analyst Randy Strychar in a commentary.

Prices are OK in southern Manitoba, but farmers have lots of other crops they can sell, say some analysts.

Saskatchewan farmers can make more money selling wheat now and believe oats prices will rise later this year.

"Unless they have a severe cash flow situation, they'll be sitting on it," said Art Enns, a farmer from Morris, Man., and president of the Prairie Oat Growers Association.

Oats generally follow corn and wheat prices, the leading price-setting cereal grains and cereals have been falling recently.

Manitoba farmers are generally seeing better per acre returns on oats than wheat at today's prices, but most Saskatchewan farmers can make a significantly better return on wheat.

Strychar estimated at the end of September that a farmer from Morris, Man., could make a gross return of \$275 per acre on oats and \$242 on wheat, but a farmer from Yorkton, Sask., would make only \$159 per acre on oats and \$230 on wheat.

The difference is mostly caused by transportation charges and proximity to the main oat markets.

Manitoba is much closer to Minneapolis, the core of the North American oat processing industry, while most of Saskatchewan has a longer and more complicated

route to that area.

Wheat mostly flows to the ports of Vancouver and Thunder Bay, and this year that route isn't clogged.

Southern Manitoba also benefits from trucker interest in moving oats as a back haul.

"The truckers love it if they're moving anything south of Winnipeg," said Enns. "We have an advantage going to the U.S."

Truckers carrying corn and other feed to the southern Manitoba livestock industry can return to the U.S. with their trucks full of oats.

Strychar said the problem for oat processors is that only 20 percent of Canada's oats production is in southern Manitoba, with 50 percent of commercial production from Saskatchewan. Buyers who need oats soon will have to make prices more attractive than wheat.

"We are not expecting any more increase in grower selling of oats into the New Year unless oat values can show some strength versus wheat values in Saskatchewan," he said.

Enns said many farmers don't need to sell oats now because they had already priced much of their production.

"Anyone who's growing oats seriously probably has some forward-priced well before the markets tanked," said Enns.

Like many farmers in his area, Enns priced his oats at \$3.25 to \$3.35 per bushel at the farmgate, which is much better than today's \$2.25 futures price. Add a basis and today's oat returns look dismal.

"A lot of those (early-priced) contracts are still being executed," said Enns.

The North American oat processing industry relies on Canadian production but prices have been uncompetitive with other crops,

leading to declining farmer interest.

Prices must rise to attract more acres.

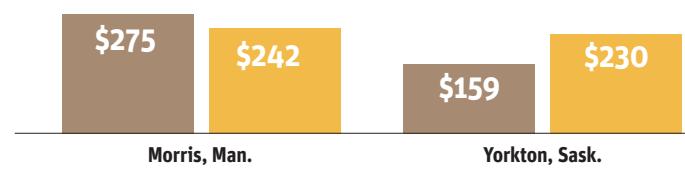
"With quality issues popping up for oats across much of Western Canada in the form of weathering, attracting grower selling in a market that is dealing with a relatively tight oats balance sheet is critical," said Strychar. "Looking forward, it becomes even more important for the North American oat market to buy acres next spring and replenish oat supplies in Western Canada. Unless oat prices rally versus wheat, in Saskatchewan this is not going to happen."

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SIGNALS VARY FOR OAT SALES

Farmers are making better money selling oats than wheat in Manitoba, encouraging sales and delivery. But in Saskatchewan, where the bulk of the North American crop now grows, wheat is more profitable and farmers are locking oat bin doors until a hoped-for better relative price.

Western Canadian gross returns, oats vs. wheat (\$/acre):



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Oat prices are dismal but U.S. processors may need to replenish supplies next spring which could improve prices. | FILE PHOTO

DEMAND AND SUPPLY

Corn price to rebound as demand rises

Monsanto predicts corn could exceed \$4.50 per bu. in 2017, boosting other grain and oilseeds

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

The world's largest corn company expects prices to head higher by next crop year.

Monsanto says global oversupply of the crop has temporarily pressured prices lower, but that situation will be rectified by continued robust demand.

"In fact, the world is consuming the current oversupply at a record pace with demand for corn growing by an average of 1.3 billion bushels per year over the past three years," Monsanto chief executive officer Hugh Grant told investment analysts during a conference call announcing the company's fiscal year 2015 results.

"More than 90 percent of this growing in demand over this time-frame has been driven by feed and underpinned by middle-class protein consumption, which we expect to continue."

The company is forecasting de-

mand to continue growing at a more conservative rate of 500 to 550 million bu. a year.

"With this level of demand and yields at trend line, we expect the global corn supply-to-use ratio to return to a range supporting the corn commodity price improvements into 2017 and beyond," said Grant.

Monsanto believes the improved stocks-to-use ratio will result in a corn price in excess of \$4.50 per bu. starting in 2017. That would help elevate other grain and oilseed prices.

Arlan Suderman, senior market analyst with Water Street Solutions, thinks that could happen sooner.

World corn stocks are not as onerous as some people think. There are almost 70 days of supply on hand, down from 72.4 days last year. It is not that much bigger than the 40-year low from four years ago of 54.6 days of supply.

"We're operating off of a just-in-time supply," said Suderman.

"The market is fine with that until we have a problem. The gist of what (Monsanto is) saying is we're going to slowly develop a problem, even if the weather is good."

Suderman said there is a good chance next year's weather won't be conducive to high yields, and that could mean corn prices will reach \$4.50 long before 2017.

World weather is strongly influenced by a strong El Nino that is expected to peak by the end of this year.

Some weather analysts believe there is a good chance it will be quickly supplanted by a La Nina event by summer, which would bring hot and dry weather to the U.S. Midwest.

"(The \$4.50 price) could be reached in the next six months, easy, if that scenario unfolds," he said. "I'm friendly toward corn prices. I always have to be careful (saying) bullish because I'm not sure how people interpret that word. Some hear that and say \$6."

Suderman is less friendly than he was before the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued its latest U.S. corn yield estimate of 168 bu. per acre.

Water Street was expecting the number to be closer to 160.

He believes corn could receive some support from soybean prices, despite a record South American harvest.

"Demand is strong, so I do see some more upside in soybeans that could pull corn higher going forward," said Suderman.

Monsanto sees a 20 percent or greater decline in corn planting in Argentina and in Brazil's summer season.

"However, we expect U.S. and Brazil safrinha (winter) corn acres to be up modestly with the U.S. acreage increase coming at the expense of soybean acres," Monsanto president Brett Begemann told investment analysts.



Some analysts think corn stocks are not as large as believed which would mean supplies could dwindle if there is a weather issue next year. | FILE PHOTO

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WP LIVESTOCK REPORT**HOGS**

Cooler weather and an improving supply of freshly harvested corn are helping to drive hog carcass weights higher, increasing pork supply.

That weighed on U.S. cash hog prices as retailers started to plan more beef and poultry features after U.S. pork month.

Iowa-southern Minnesota hogs delivered were US\$53.00-\$53.50 per hundredweight Oct. 16, slightly lower from \$53.50-\$54.50 Oct. 9.

U.S. hogs averaged \$89.31 on a carcass basis Oct. 16, up from \$88.58 Oct. 9.

The U.S. pork cutout was \$68.66 per cwt. Oct. 16, down from \$70.44 Oct. 9.

The estimated U.S. weekly slaughter for the week to Oct. 16 was 2.318 million, up from 2.290 million the previous week.

Slaughter was 2.184 million last year at the same time.

BISON

The Canadian Bison Association said Grade A bulls in the desirable weight range sold at prices up to



C\$5.30 per pound hot hanging weight. U.S. buyers are offering US\$4.25 with returns dependent on exchange rates, quality and export costs.

Grade A heifers sold up to C\$5.10. U.S. buyers are offering US\$4.10.

Animals outside the desirable buyer specifications may be discounted.

SHEEP

Ontario Stockyards Inc. reported 890 sheep and lambs and 18 goats traded Oct. 13.

Light lambs sold barely steady. Heavy lambs sold at slightly higher prices. Good sheep and goats sold steady.

CANFAX REPORT**FED CATTLE RISE**

The weighted average live fed steer price was \$169.15 per hundredweight, up from the previous week and perhaps signalling that the seasonal low is behind us.

Fed supply should tighten into year's end.

Fed prices will likely return to the low to mid \$170s before the month is through.

Alberta dressed steers were in a wide range, from \$262 to \$288.50, with one major Alberta packer more aggressive than the other.

U.S. bids were too low to send any cattle south.

The U.S. cash market did not develop until late in the week, and when it did prices were much higher with dressed bids in Nebraska at US\$205, up \$10 from the previous week.

U.S. beef cutouts were also significantly stronger, even though carcass weights have not declined much yet.

December is traditionally a strong month for cattle prices, but they will likely not match the records posted earlier this year.

Canadian packers are buying out until mid-November, causing some producers to decide to accept relatively strong contract prices for December, even though they are lower than break-evens.

Alberta cash fed prices have been trading at par to a slight premium over the Nebraska market.

The weekly fed export volume of 4,510 head was the second highest since the beginning of May.

COWS DOWN

Increasing cow supply at auction pressured prices lower.

D1, D2 cows ranged C\$107-\$125 to average \$116.50, down \$3.50, and D3 cows ranged \$90-\$110 to average \$100.10, down \$5.50.

Rail grade prices ranged \$218-\$223 per cwt. delivered.

Slaughter bulls fell \$6 lower to average \$137.14.

NO QUICK RECOVERY

Crude oil surplus will weigh down commodity sector for years

MARKET WATCH

D'ARCE McMILLAN

Weak crude oil prices could be around for a long time, acting as a drag on crop prices.

Oil futures and crop futures do not move in lock step, but the price of crude affects crop prices because of their linkage in biofuel. Also, oil affects crop values because of its looming presence in commodities in general.

This autumn, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude is mostly around US\$45 to \$50 a barrel after bottoming out in late August just below \$40.

Crude had been above \$100 in the first half of 2014, but it weakened as global surpluses rose.

Anemic global economic growth has kept demand below earlier forecasts, and the amount of crude on the market is increasing, largely

as a result of the nuclear deal with Iran that will scale back international restrictions on that country's crude exports.

Even as Iran oil starts to hit the world market, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, dominated by Saudi Arabia, has no intention of restricting its production to lift prices.

It is determined to keep prices low to win back market share from non-members such as the United States, Russia and Canada.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration forecast this month that WTI would average \$49 a barrel for this year, down \$6 from its forecast this summer.

It expects the price in 2016 to average \$54, down \$8 from the summer outlook. It sees Brent crude at \$54 this year and \$59 next year.

U.S. oil production is not falling as quickly as was expected when prices started to fall.

Companies are reducing the number of drilling rigs, and the amount of money banks are willing to lend to finance new wells is drying up.

Production in the U.S. and elsewhere will decline a little next year,

but the resulting price support for oil will likely be only modest.

Banks such as Goldman Sachs and Barclays note that investment firms that had heavy short positions this summer (that is, they were betting on the expectation of lower prices) have now mostly rebalanced their positions on the belief that the price low is in.

However, almost no analyst expects a quick revival of prices.

Barclays is more bullish on oil prices than many other big banks.

It sees Brent crude averaging \$63 next year, which is little higher than the EIA forecast. Barclays sees \$65 in 2017, \$74 in 2018 and \$83 by 2020, a far cry from the averages of about \$100 in 2013 and 2014.

The unexpected can always upset these forecasts. The Mideast is a volatile place, and any escalation in violence would push crude higher.

However, the world seems well supplied with oil, so there is little reason to expect that an oil price rally will be the rising tide that lifts all boats, including crop commodities.

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OPINION

TRADE

Will prairie voices be heard with Liberal government?

So many questions. That's what we're left to think in the Prairies after Justin Trudeau's Liberals swept to power on Monday night.

A party that has not been welcomed on the Prairies for many years is now in power in Ottawa. And times have changed significantly since prime minister Paul Martin held power in 2006.

While much of the country embraced the Liberals, the Prairies barely gave it a hug. The Liberals garnered 24 percent of the vote in Saskatchewan, 24 percent in Alberta and 44 percent in Manitoba. (Ok, that was a kiss on the cheek.)

It means prairie farmers won't have as much of a voice in government. The Liberal agriculture critic is Mark Eyking, of Nova Scotia, who was once a farmer. He has said Canada would not accept a Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement that opens up Canada's dairy market to American milk imports, yet that's what the TPP does, albeit, to a fairly small degree. Where does Liberal policy fall on the deal? We're not sure.

During the campaign, the Liberals promised to spend \$160 million on the Agri-Food Value Added Investment Fund, \$100 million on agricultural research and \$80 million for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. They also promised a costing review for rail.

All very well, but how much of a priority will these have in a government that is largely based in the East, whose support base in agriculture comes mainly from dairy farmers and those who support them in Ontario and Quebec?

The transition of the Canadian Wheat Board to private hands leaves the new government handling hot issues it would not have wanted. The Conservative gov-

"Prairie farmers must work harder than ever to have a voice in government."

ernment, for example, reacted to the transportation crisis in 2013 by forcing rail companies to carry more grain. What will the Liberals do should they be caught in a similar situation? Fortunately, Regina's Ralph Goodale, a former agriculture minister, is still around to advise the new prime minister.

Who will be the agriculture minister? Critics aren't always promoted to ministers because they have to live up to their own words, which as we know in politics, can be difficult.

If not Eyking, would Goodale step into those shoes? We could hope so.

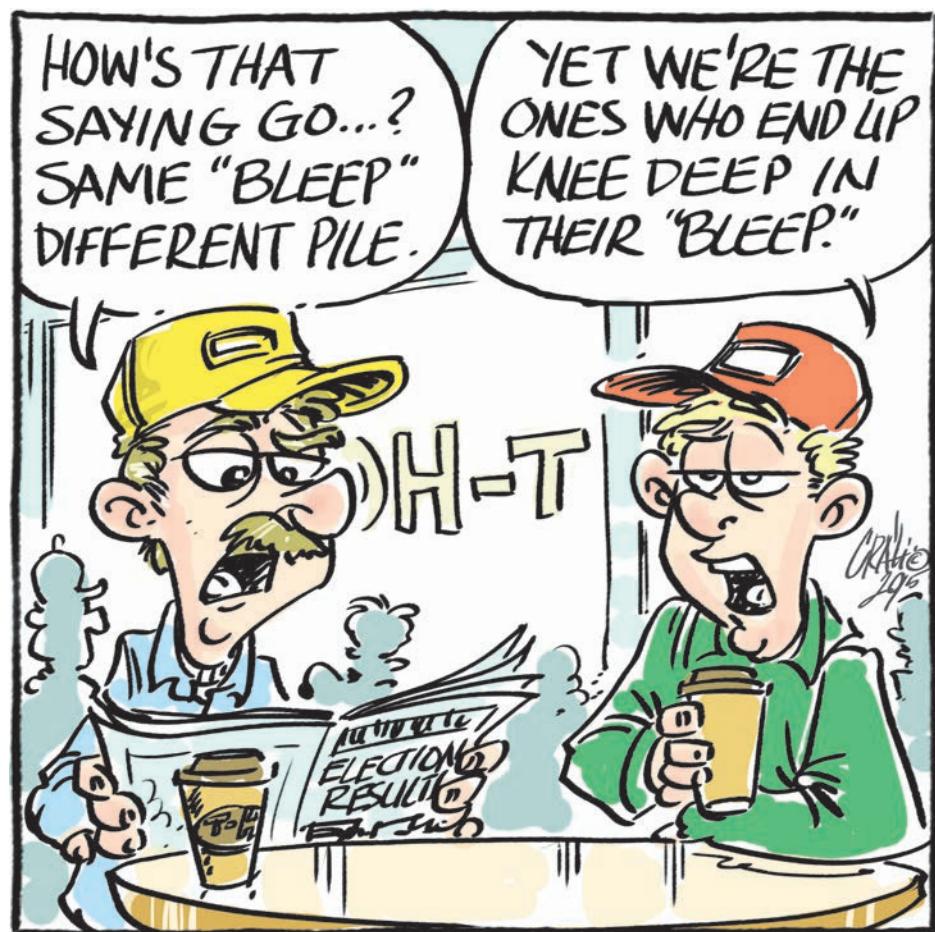
Will the Liberal government be as persistent on the country-of-origin labelling issue in forcing the Americans to comply? Ritz had threatened retaliatory tariffs if COOL legislation wasn't repealed. Will that file be as high on the new government's agenda?

Prairie Conservatives, who are used to having the ear of government, will now have to operate from the opposition, bringing pressure to bear on the Liberals in the House, or marshalling public opinion. It is a very different talent.

Canadians had their say on Monday. Fair enough. But prairie farmers will likely have to work harder now to have theirs in Ottawa.

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

CRAIG'S VIEW



SWINE DISEASE

If this winter goes really, really well in Ontario, there is an expectation that the summer of 2016 could be our eradication year for PED in Ontario and certainly, fingers crossed ... Canada could be PED free on all farms.

DR. EGAN BROCKHOFF
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POLITICAL AGENDA

Plenty on PM's 'to do' list, including TPP, climate change

CAPITAL LETTERS



KELSEY JOHNSON

It's over.

At the time of writing, Canadians from coast to coast were heading to polling stations to cast their ballots, and the election's outcome was still hours away.

The longest federal election campaign in modern Canadian history had come to an end.

So now what?

There was much speculation about the possible outcomes in the lead up to election day. Would it be a minority or majority government? Would some form of coalition emerge? Who would actually form government?

It's impossible to answer those questions without knowing the election's outcome, but regardless

of Monday's results, Canada's next government will have its work cut out for it.

The post-election list of tasks is lengthy.

A cabinet must be named.

A date needs to be set for Parliament's return, with many pundits speculating that may not happen until after Christmas.

A throne speech needs to be written and its commitments presented to both Parliament and Canadians.

The pressure on a government to deliver a throne speech that will garner support from other members of Parliament and political parties is high, particularly in minority situations.

The throne speech is considered a confidence motion, which means the government must resign if Parliament doesn't adopt it. The matter is then sent to the governor general, where he is tasked with determining whether other parties are in a position to form a government.

Internationally, there's a major United Nations climate change

conference in Paris in early December, which both Liberal leader Justin Trudeau and NDP leader Tom Mulcair, along with several premiers, including Alberta premier Rachel Notley, have identified as a top priority.

It's widely expected Canada will face increased pressure to improve its environmental record at the climate change conference, which could affect high carbon industries such as agriculture and the energy sector.

Then there's the pending Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement, whose negotiations were finalized during the election campaign.

The final text of the agreement is still being drafted and with an American election looming, the fate of the TPP remains up in the air. U.S. president Barack Obama has identified the TPP as a top priority for his administration.

Depending on what happens in the U.S. Congress, Canada's next government may be forced to address the TPP early into its mandate, whether it wants to or not.

There are also questions around the compensation package promised to Canadian dairy, poultry, and egg farmers.

iPolitics' Elizabeth Thompson reported that the federal cabinet had stopped short of legally committing to the measures necessary to authorize the \$4.3 billion compensation package. The Conservatives, Thompson reported, are not planning to adopt those measures until TPP is ratified.

The Pacific trade deal is not the only political issue coming down the pike that affects farmers.

After the rail crisis of 2013-14 stranded millions of tonnes of grain across the Canadian Prairies, the federal government, spurred by transport minister Lisa Raitt, fast-tracked a review of Canada's rail transportation system.

The review, commonly referred to as the CTA review, has been ongoing since June 2014. The panel's highly anticipated final report is expected by the end of the year. The panel is headed by former trade and foreign affairs minister David Emerson.

Farmers and stakeholder groups raised Canada's grain transportation system as an election issue. The federal Conservatives included a commitment to improve the service in their campaign platform, pending the review's findings.

The NDP has also promised to improve rail service for Canadian farmers. The Liberals did not mention rail transportation in their party platform but have repeatedly demanded a full-costing review in the House of Commons.

Farmers will closely watch the government's response to the CTA review, which will make it difficult for the government to delay its response or ignore the panel's findings.

Last, but certainly not least, Canada's next government will have to start working on the next federal budget, which is to be presented to Parliament before the end of the fiscal year.

Time to get to work.

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GRAIN MARKETING

Better price transparency worthy goal

BY BRENDA TJADEN LEPP

For generations, western Canadian farmers marketed their grain by hauling it to the local elevator as it was called in. The Canadian Wheat Board largely controlled when this happened and at what price.

However, it's a different story today.

Unlike financial markets, the energy industry and other established sectors of the Canadian economy, the grain trade in Western Canada must still deal with massive information gaps, which often prevent buyers and sellers from conducting business efficiently.

Many new supply chains have emerged since the CWB monopoly disappeared, not just for wheat but for all of the grains, oilseeds, pulses and other crops produced on the Prairies.

Many small and large multinational players are developing infrastructure, buying plants and opening trading offices in Canada.

This is creating solid new competition for farmers' crops. As a result, the grain sector now offers novel opportunities to build wealth in new ways for individual farms.

Capitalizing on the opportunity to access new buyers and better prices for a farm's crops can be complicated and time-consuming. Basic commodity pricing systems, including those that define grain marketing in university textbooks, mostly don't exist or don't function properly in Canada.



New tools and services that offer market analysis and price discovery for crops will benefit the entire ag industry. | FILE PHOTO

Futures markets, clearinghouses and public grain warehousing in Europe, the United States and Australia are some of the tools that level the pricing platform for commodity crops.

However, individual farmers in Western Canada are left largely to their own devices to discover and crystallize the true, top value for their crops.

The crop mix in Western Canada

is diverse compared to other grain-producing regions.

There isn't one consistent market structure that captures the price discovery needs of farmers as the futures market does for corn, wheat and soybean farmers in Eastern Canada and the U.S.

Production contracts with act of God clauses are a unique feature of the prairie farmer's marketing toolbox, as are inconsistencies in the basis calculations that are used to price Canadian wheat.

Partnership options are available to producers to connect consumers and end users. Some of them use proprietary technologies, strong information networks and trusting relationships to bridge the gap.

As well, many farmers use consultants, analysts, brokers and grain companies to help leverage all the available tools of market analysis and price discovery to maximize their revenues.

The time and effort involved in price discovery for prairie crops represents an opportunity that always ends up translating into better returns for farmers.

Marketing advisers and grain brokers work hard every day to discover the best markets, creating perfect price transparency along the way.

Making this happen creates new wealth on farms, jobs and economic growth for rural communities.

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UNDER THE HOOD

Running older equipment requires patience

HURSH ON AG



KEVIN HURSH

Look beyond the paint. Ugly-looking equipment can sometimes be a good buy.

That was one of my conclusions while cleaning up and putting away equipment for the winter after a harvest that seemed to go on forever.

I have some long-serving pieces of equipment with amazing reliability, and others that have been money pits.

Don't get me wrong. My mechanical skills are limited, but I do have quite a bit of experience in trying to keep older, and in some cases antiquated, equipment running.

As for the general appearance observation, it's no secret that some makes and models of equip-

ment had poor paint jobs coming out of the factory.

Different panels may have matched in colour when new, but they faded at different rates over time. This is magnified on any piece of equipment that has spent its life sitting outside.

Major equipment that has been "shedded" will almost always sell for more money, but it can be instructive to look beyond the paint at the wear part.

Repairs are inevitable when running older equipment. I've learned the hard way that what appears to be a major problem can sometimes have a simple solution.

Take for example a mid-sized front-wheel assist tractor from the late 1990s. It had a perpetual heating problem that baffled many mechanics for years.

Fan belts were kept snapping tight and replaced with alarming regularity. The fan belt pulleys were replaced at considerable expense. It wasn't the thermostat. The radiator was eventually replaced and that didn't solve the problem either.

Finally one day, we made little

clips and hooked the fan solid to the drive pulley. Problem solved. The fan is supposed to stop free-wheeling as the motor gets warm, but apparently that wasn't happening.

A 30-minute fix that cost virtually nothing solved a problem that had vexed the machine for years at considerable cost.

However, I wasn't so lucky on another much older utility tractor. It stuck in gear and eventually something between the transmission and rear end seemed to jam and the back wheels wouldn't move.

The dealership for this off-breed didn't have any mechanics as old as the tractor, and they weren't excited about tackling the problem.

Local mechanics took a look and advised that the tractor would have to be split and the cost of repairs would likely rival the tractor's purchase price.

So I sold it to someone who has run that make of tractor for many years. Shortly after winching it onto his flat deck and hauling it home, he called to tell me that tinkering

with some shifting fingers had solved the problem. Needless to say, he got the tractor at a bargain price.

Sometimes it's more feasible with older equipment to treat the symptom than address the root cause.

When the panel display failed to go out on the combine when the key was turned to off, the choices were to spend a lot of money figuring out the electronic problem or just installing a kill switch on the side of the combine near the batteries.

The kill switch solved the issue and provided added safety when the combine was in storage. It's a good solution for any electrical issue that seems to drain the battery over time.

Whenever I'm frustrated by mechanical problems on my assorted machines, I remind myself that new equipment can also have issues, and those problems are much more likely to require professional help.

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POLITICS

It's time to stop using non-answers

EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK



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Elections highlight many of the great things that our system of democracy is capable of producing. They also show off its weaknesses.

One of those weaknesses has been the acceleration of the trend toward the non-answer.

While this one has been around forever, politicians who abused it were once considered to be hacks, incapable of independent thought or diligent debate. Politicians who relied upon deflecting a legitimate question were thought to be dishonest.

Spinning a question off and then spouting a party line about a different topic in place of an answer insults the public's intelligence.

There is no longer any shame in responding to a legitimate question by an MP in question period or reporters with a, "but the real question is..." or "what Canadians really want to know is..."

This tactic is a bait-and-switch that a politician uses in an attempt to redirect the attention of the viewer or listener away from a difficult subject and toward one that he believes will make him look better. In the process, he doesn't admit a change of topic and pretends to still be answering or refuting the original question.

The media generally ignores the "answer" that this provides, but reporters are often granted only a single question, and the diversion tactic allows the politician an out.

During the move to end the Canadian Wheat Board's marketing monopoly, the ministers of agriculture and trade and their parliamentary secretaries would preach the gospel of "marketing freedom" no matter what the question.

Experienced both ministers using the phrase out of the blue when I was raising questions about country-of-origin labelling and the Trans-Pacific Partnership this past summer, long after the CWB horse had left the barn. They appeared to be filling a quota of some kind.

Last week, the prime minister chose to answer a legitimate media question about why he was using the former mayor of Toronto and his brother, Doug, to rally his Conservative base in that region. It was a legitimate question, considering the shambles the Fords have brought to Canada.

His answer was, "the economy...."

No matter who forms our national government this year, let's all rally around the non-answer, and when we hear it from our leaders, give them our non-vote. Better they honestly answer or refuse to do so than waste our time and insult our intelligence.

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GOOD RIDDANCE TO CWB

To the Editor;

By way of introduction, 28 years of my life was involved with the grain handling industry under the auspices of the Canada's Board of Grain Commissioners and the Canadian Wheat Board.

In response to the report by Canadian Wheat Board Alliance pamphlet headed, "The Great Canadian Grain Robbery," the truth came forward in major disguised form. The English language explains terms of "robbery" can only be an illegal act of force by fear.

From 1935 until 2013, the Canadian Wheat Board held the exclu-

sive rights and had complete control over the marketing of all Canadian wheat and barley. (Total 79 years). It included policing of quota deliveries at all country elevators in addition to railway boxcar allotment for terminal shipments. Major terminal delays were common because unreliable co-ordination between the railways and the Canadian Wheat Board was a regular occurrence.

Delayed vessel loading at the seaport caused upwards of \$5,000 demurrage per day on each delayed ocean-going vessel.

The absence of a wheat board audit or estimate regarding the billions of squandered dollars over the 79-year period will never be known.

Let it never be forgotten, the farmers of 2015 and onward may now market their products freely in the United States or Canada, in any way they please, without quota or fear of over-delivery prosecution.

Thus the return of the Canadian Wheat Board, as is being promoted by the Canadian Wheat Board Alliance, would be a step back into the dark ages of Canadian agriculture. Thank goodness the open market was restored.

The tragic, offensive marketing clutches and stranglehold exercised by a renewed Canadian Wheat Board must never be repeated.

John Seierstad
Tisdale, Sask.

PROGRAMS ERODED

To the Editor:

This letter is aimed to cite some of many examples of how governments, mainly federal, have been eroding programs and policies cutting away farm and ag industry advantage and loading added costs to western farmers. It started in the post war years and continues to this day.

First was to loss of the Crow Rate, then the PFRA dismantling, more recently the Wheat Board. Research Centre budgets cut by 30 percent and closures of Indian Head, One-Four and Stavely.

The at-risk Outlook Centre, the muzzling of our research scientists, denying media access and contact. MII, privatization and commercialization have made our centres a virtual Fort Knox of security.

I would like to have some economists, academics and scholars add all these up. I know there were some Crow payments, but lots of secondary ag industries, such as alfalfa processors, lost comparative advantage.

For Fraser Valley and orient export markets, a simple change in regulation or act if necessary, could have saved a lot of acrimony and the board. All a few farmers wanted was free access to the U.S. market.

American protectionism and border elevators would soon have whipped out any price advantages.

On the protected supply management sector, the promised \$10 billion should go right across Canada to all farm families who have gross incomes of less than \$50,000 and no off-farm income.

The dairy sector probably has the most millionaires, judging from the fortunes they hold and are willing to pay for quotas. Canadians are paying way too much for dairy products.

No offence to anyone, but how do governments justify beating up like this on the West? Provinces have been in that game too, decimating ag extension services.

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ATTENTION TO SAFETY

To the Editor:

Compliance to health and safety concerns in some companies is simply atrocious. I work in the oilfield sector and one of my responsibilities is health and safety. Although companies have a health and safety code of practice, followed up by the requisite safety meetings, I find a great deal of apathy among employers and at times the employees.

In some companies, the only time safe work practices are adhered to is when the Occupational Health and Safety Office is approaching the front gate and everyone concerned in the building jumps to attention and dons their personal protective equipment.

I found from my own experience

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SOCIAL MEDIA

I feel the government needs to address the health and safety concerns of workers in a more vigilant manner.

THOMAS DEAK

that the safety officer only appears if a complaint has been filed with their department. This is not helpful as it is "reactive" and not "pro-active." I feel the government needs to address the health and safety concerns of workers in a more vigilant manner.

Some of the largest offenders are companies based in the industrial areas of this province. Loader operators not wearing steel-toed boots, employees loading trucks with no safety vests, torch cutting without safety glasses, staff in manufacturing facilities operating cranes with no overhead crane certificates, fork-lift operators using these pieces of equipment with no training certificate in place, sandblasters using half-face masks instead of helmets with breathable air and ingesting silica blast media particles, machinists working on machines without the proper eye-wear, just to name a few.

Don't even get me going on the lack of maintenance and safety on commercial trucks and yard front end loaders.

The list is lengthy and concerning. I understand government budgets have been tightened and in some cases frozen, however, worker safety should be exempt from these constraints. The legislation is in place, but more boots are needed on the ground in the form of Occupational Health and Safety Officers to enforce the code of practices.

Solution: An unannounced major safety campaign targeting commercial and industrial business operations throughout the province. At the same time, a major commercial truck inspection campaign to be initiated at the government truck scales throughout Alberta. These campaigns should be done at least quarterly, so employers will comply with current health and safety legislation and to most importantly protect the wellbeing of all employees and the general public.

Lastly, ban the use of "silica sand" in sandblasting operations throughout the province. Why, do we need workers coming down with silicosis in the later years of their lives after decades of exposure?

I challenge the current government to take the proverbial bull by the horns and have their departments undertake these health and safety campaigns on a more frequent basis.

Employers have gotten off the hook for far too long and workers have suffered the consequences of unsafe work practices.

Let's keep the workers and general public of the province of Alberta Safe.

Thomas Deak
Edmonton, Alta.

PRODUCER ONLINE



ROBIN BOOKER

If you've checked your Twitter or Facebook feeds in the past seven weeks, you've been exposed to some of your friends and family's political beliefs because of the federal election.

It's likely there have been more than a few relationships strained by political discussions spurred by

these posts.

You may have even wanted to unfollow that in-your-face uncle or old high school classmate because of their incessant posts with questionable evidence from the outskirts of the political spectrum.

During this election the importance of social media in Canadian politics hit a new high.

There were more than seven million tweets related to the federal election since it began, according to Steve Ladurantaye, head of news and government partnerships at Twitter Canada.

It has been a hilarious, informative, and sometimes a sad roller-coaster ride.

The overtly racist posts that appeared on my Facebook wall,

spurred by a ridiculous debate about whether a handful of women should be allowed to wear a Niqab during the Canadian citizenship ceremony after they have been clearly identified; let's file that under the "sad" category.

Clearly there were more important issues to worry about and our leaders should try to unite us instead of attacking a small group.

In the funny category is Jerry Bance, who withdrew his candidacy from the conservative campaign after a video surfaced of him peeing in a client's coffee mug and pouring it down their kitchen sink. Social media did not go easy on Bance.

When there were mistakes made by one of the candidates or political parties, social media made the

damage exponentially worse.

There were social media posts made by candidates on the campaign trail that threw campaigns in to damage control modes.

There were also old social media posts made years ago by candidates that were dug up by journalists and bloggers at the bewilderment of party leaders who thought they had a better vetting process in place.

Some candidates were forced to leave their party, others decided to throw themselves on the sword.

In politics today, it seems, if you don't have social media smarts, you may as well not even try, unless you're OK with being fodder for the social media fighting pits in Canadian politics.

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CORN PRODUCTION

Ideal weather for corn in Ontario, Manitoba

Some are seeing yields up to 170 bu. per acre

BY ROBERT ARNASON

BRANDON BUREAU

Ontario may set a new record for corn yields this year as growers in most regions report above average or bumper crops.

Greg Stewart, lead agronomist for Maizex Seeds in Ontario, said the corn harvest was 25 percent complete as of Oct. 15.

Early results are promising, and Ontario may break its average yield record of 172 bushels per acre,

based on provincial data.

"We're certainly going to rival 2010 yields and probably go past them," said Stewart, who was the provincial corn specialist before joining Maizex this year.

"It could absolutely be a record year for corn yields.... I don't think there will be a county that will go below its five-year average. Our average is about 158 bushels per acre. There won't be any spots in Ontario that come in under 158."

Morgan Cott, an agronomist with the Manitoba Corn Growers Association, said the story is similar in Manitoba.

The corn harvest was 50 percent complete as of Oct. 15, and yields have been excellent.

"Generally very happy yields," Cott said with a laugh.

"I don't think there's been any (reports) that have been disappointing. I think it's all been above average to better than above average."

Manitoba's five-year yield average is 115 bu. per acre, but that includes the western half of the province. In recent years, corn growers in the Red River Valley and south-central Manitoba have generated yields of 120 to 160 bu. per acre.

Cott said some growers are harvesting 150 to 170 bu. per acre or higher.

"The averages are quite healthy."

Many agronomic factors contributed to this year's excellent corn yields. Producers planted earlier than usual thanks to a dry spring in Manitoba.

"And then rains at the right time," Cott said.

"We didn't have super hot weather, and it stayed mild at nighttime."

Ontario conditions were nearly ideal for corn this year.

Stewart said soil moisture wasn't too wet in May, there wasn't intense heat or a drought in the early part of the summer and there was a spell of heat at the end of the growing season in Ontario.

"We got a really favourable grain fill period, in terms of moisture and heat," Stewart said.

"Our temperatures for the last part of August were above average. It finished the crop off strong."

Mark Huston, who farms in southwestern Ontario near Kent, said his region might be one of the few areas with sub-par corn yields.

His corn got off to a great start, but 380 millimetres of rain fell on the region in June, swamping fields and retarding crop development.

Corn yields around Kent are normally 180 to 200 bu. per acre and his fields are averaging 150 to 170 bu. per acre.

"The stuff we're getting into now is looking a little better," he said.

"It looks like it might come up to that 180 to 200 range."

Ontario farmers seeded two million acres of corn for grain this year, according to Statistics Canada. Manitoba's grain corn acreage was 230,000, down from a high of 380,000 in 2013.

AVERAGE GRAIN CORN YIELDS FOR MANITOBA AND ONTARIO

(bu. per acre)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Man.	105	93	110.7	128.0	112.0
Ont.	164	152	153.2	160.5	160.9

Manitoba yields are skewed lower by production in the western half of the province. Corn yields in the Red River Valley and south-central Manitoba can be 15 to 30 bushels higher than the west.

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PRAIRIE WEATHER

Summer of hailstorms across Manitoba

Crop insurance claims exceed premiums

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Manitoba was the unfortunate prairie winner in the hail lottery during this crop year, recording losses of \$46 million.

That was a huge jump from last year, when \$16 million in claims were paid out in that province.

Alberta and Saskatchewan losses due to hail were down this year compared to the five-year average, according to a Canadian Crop Hail Association report.

David Van Deynze of the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corp. said it was the biggest hail year in memory, with storms spread throughout the growing season and over a wide area.

That made it easier for adjusters to keep up with inspections and processing of claims.

"It's never a good thing, don't get me wrong, but from a trying to get the claims done perspective, if it spreads it out geographically and time-wise, it does make it a little bit easier."

Severe hail events in late June and late July proved particularly costly for Manitoba farmers and hail insurance payouts.

"We had a few storms of note," said Van Deynze.

"At the end of June there was a big storm around the Roseisle community that did quite a bit of damage and some pretty heavy losses."

A late July storm near Wawanesa was also nasty, as was a blast near the end of August around Altona.

"It kept us hopping in those areas," he said.

Adjusters are nearly caught up with claims, he added, and more money will be paid out than was collected in premiums this year, for a loss ratio of 108.6 percent.

"Essentially the hail program has lost a little bit of money in 2015," said Van Deynze.

"As far as MASC is concerned, it's still a pretty good position.... We haven't lost money in 10 years or more so we're still in a good position. This won't significantly impact premiums next year or anything like that."

The CCHA's preliminary estimates for the Prairies indicate about \$167 million in crop hail claims in 2015 on 13,222 losses.

Producers paid nearly \$274 million in premiums, which translates into a loss ratio of 61.1 percent.

Prairie hail claims were similar to last year's numbers, the CCHA said, but payouts in 2014 were much higher, at \$249 million.

Saskatchewan and Alberta had fewer losses than in 2014. The loss ratio in Alberta was 66.3 percent this year compared to 106.4 last year. Total payouts were reported at \$50 million, compared to \$99 million in 2014.

Saskatchewan's ratio was 45.6 percent, compared to 73.7 percent in 2014. About \$71 million in claims were paid this year in that province, down significantly from last year.

"Payouts per acre and per acre insurance limits have climbed steadily over the years as individual

farm size increases across the Prairies," the CCHA said in its final hail report of the year.

"This year, while there were several storms of significance across the Prairies, the overall impact was less severe than a year ago. The average claim in 2015 was \$12,645, down from \$18,628 in 2014."

The CCHA represents companies that sell crop hail insurance to farmers in Western Canada.

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TOWN SLOGAN

Sask. community votes to update town slogan

Few people today know rape refers to rapeseed

BY BRIAN CROSS

SASKATOON NEWSROOM

A Saskatchewan community known as the Land of Rape and Honey is getting a new, more politically sensitive slogan.

Town councilors in Tisdale, Sask., decided last week to ditch the town's old slogan and rebrand the

community using a new, more appropriate phrase.

The Land of Rape and Honey was adopted as the town's slogan nearly 60 years ago.

Since then, it has been displayed on signs that welcome visitors to the community, which is known for its productive farmland.

When Tisdale adopted its controversial slogan back in the late 1950s, the word "rape" referred to rapeseed, an industrial oilseed crop with bright yellow flowers that was widely grown by farmers in the area.

Over the past few decades, rapeseed production around Tisdale has largely been replaced by canola, a closely related oilseed crop that produces high-quality cooking oil, used primarily for baking and frying.

Sean Wallace, director of economic development in Tisdale, said the old slogan, despite its initial intentions, was unpopular among some business owners and residents in the town of 3,200.

Those who opposed the slogan felt the word "rape" should not be included in a phrase intended to promote the community.

Farmers and residents who live in rural, agricultural areas understand that the word "rape" refers to an agricultural crop.

However, a significant number of Canadians equate rape with unlawful or violent sexual activity.

"A number of businesspeople and a number of residents approached town council about the slogan," said Wallace.

"Our economic development committee recommended that we do a survey ... and we found that 61 percent were in favour of updating the brand, and 39 percent were not in favour."

Wallace said more than 300 people responded to the survey out of 2,660 eligible participants.

Signs containing the old slogan will be removed over the next few months, and a new slogan will be adopted by June.

Devan Tasa, editor of the *Tisdale Recorder* community newspaper, said the decision to get rid of the old slogan was a divisive issue for the community, and the vote by town councillors was not unanimous.

Tasa said some community members openly voiced their displeasure with council's decision, while others supported it.

"I don't think it's so much negative connotation as it is confusion," he said.

"The further you get outside of Tisdale ... the more confused people become about the slogan. Ninety-nine percent of the population of Canada probably has no idea what rapeseed is ... so when you're trying to attract visitors, tourists and business ... it's all a matter of perception."

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ABOVE: Combines made short work of the wheat harvested for the Edberg District Growing Project. **RIGHT:** Farmers and agriculture businesses came together with donations of equipment and seed. **BELLOW:** Terry Gabert, left, and Brett Jans check out the CPS wheat during the harvest.

MARY MACARTHUR PHOTOS



CHARITY

Alberta foodgrains project huge success

BY MARY MACARTHUR

CAMROSE BUREAU

EDBERG, Alta. — It took the Edberg District Growing Project three hours to harvest 90 acres of wheat and raise \$37,120.87 for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Harvest may have been quicker, but organizers stopped the five combines at the end of the field to line up for the prerequisite picture of all the combines coming down the field in a row.

It was the first year for the community's growing project, and the organizers wanted to get it right.

"We're babes here," said organizer Terry Gabert, who with his wife, Faith, "hemmed and hawed" for a long time about doing a growing project in their community.

"I decided it was time for us to contribute," said Gabert, who donated 90 acres of land for the project.

Seed, fertilizer, chemicals, trucks, swathers, combines and the grain cars to haul the feed wheat to market were also donated to help raise money for the project.

"The less we spend, the more we can give to the foodgrains bank," said Gabert.

"We're novices at this. We intend to do this for a number of years."

The Canada Prairie Spring wheat yielded slightly more than 70 bushels per acre, or 157 tonnes of grain. It was sold as feed for \$5.75 a bushel.

Organizer Brent Jans said it wasn't hard asking farmers and agriculture retailers to donate time, equipment and product.

"It was surprisingly easy," said Jans, who hopes to have a wind-up after harvest to celebrate the first growing project.

There are about 32 growing projects in Alberta.

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Cody Longson watches his load as his Super-B fills with barley in the foothills southwest of High River, Alta., where four combines harvest Longson's field. These fields are interspersed with corn fields to provide open areas for cattle, which will eventually graze on the corn. | MIKE STURK PHOTO

GRAIN, OILSEED FACILITY

G3 plans terminal in Port of Hamilton

Facility will have 50,000 tonne storage capacity

BY BRIAN CROSS
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

G3 Canada Ltd. is building a new grain terminal in Hamilton, Ont.

Company president Karl Gerrand said the new facility, to be completed in 2017, will be used to collect grains and oilseeds from southern Ontario.

"G3 is excited to announce this major investment in the Port of Hamilton as part of our vision to create a coast-to-coast Canadian grain enterprise," Gerrand said in an Oct. 13 news release. "Grain exports from southern Ontario have been increasing for some time now. We look forward to expanding our relationship with farmers in the province, and will work hard to establish G3 as the partner of choice in marketing their grain."



KARL GERRAND
G3 CANADA PRESIDENT

G3 Canada is a new Canadian grain handling company that acquired a 51 percent interest in the former Canadian Wheat Board earlier this year. The acquisition completed the process to end CWB's single-desk marketing authority in Western Canada and sell its assets.

The proposed G3 facility in Hamilton will have storage capacity of 50,000 tonnes. Grain and oilseeds collected at the terminal will be transported to G3's export facilities on the St. Lawrence River and then shipped to export markets around the world.

"Combined with G3's existing facilities in Trois-Rivières and Quebec City and our strong marketing connections, we believe G3 will present a very competitive new option for Ontario farmers."

Gerrand declined in a recent email to comment on whether G3 Canada is interested in acquiring additional Canadian grain handling assets that are owned by competing grain company Viterra.

Last month, Viterra's parent company, Glencore Plc., announced it would consider selling a stake in its global agricultural portfolio in an effort to reduce debt.

"G3 has a vision to grow its Canadian grain handling presence and this continues to be our plan going forward," Gerrand said in the email. "As such, we are certainly open to growth opportunities that would complement our green field build-out plans. That being said, I prefer not to comment on these types of market rumours."

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HOLIDAY TRADITIONS CONTEST

Share ethnic recipes or family holiday traditions and be entered to win a gift basket in December.

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ABOVE, BELOW: Christie and Tanner Pollack of High Prairie, Alta., opened Christie's Gardens and Greenhouses three years ago. Christie posts a picture on Facebook every day to show off flowers or giftware to attract customers and plans to launch an online seed catalogue and store this fall. | MARY MACARTHUR PHOTOS

RURAL AGRIBUSINESS

Greenhouse operators grow with help from social media

The couple uses online video and tutorials to turn newbies into green thumbs

BY MARY MACARTHUR
CAMROSE BUREAU

HIGH PRAIRIE, Alta. — Few greenhouse operators open for business in the middle of November, but it's not the first greenhouse rule Christie and Tanner Pollack have broken in their three years in business.

The Alberta greenhouse had just been built, the heat needed to be on anyway and Christmas was coming.

"We said, 'let's just open, why wait till spring,'" said Christie of their unusual greenhouse start date.

The couple invited customers to the greenhouse to make Christmas wreaths and centrepieces and shop for Christmas gifts.

The do-it-yourself classes have been so successful they have carried on throughout the year. They even host children's birthday parties at Christie's Gardens and Greenhouses, where the kids build miniature gardens.

"The DIY continues to bring people into the greenhouse. It's something that has taken off," said Christie.

Weddings have been hosted in the backyard. If the weather turns



bad, the event is moved into an empty hoop house. It's just one more way to get more customers coming to the greenhouse on the edge of High Prairie.

The couple doesn't simply rely on word of mouth to attract customers. Christie relies heavily on social media to create awareness of what is in the greenhouse and create a buzz about growing.

Christie's target customer is 25 to 35 year olds who are connected through their phone and keen on gardening, but who may not know much about gardening.

Every day, Christie posts a new

picture on her Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. They show off plants, bulbs, seed packages, art, flower bouquets, vases or wedding settings. Those pictures are often the hook needed to entice followers out of town and into the greenhouse.

"It keeps it fresh in their minds that we're here," she said.

It was while volunteering at a senior's lodge that someone suggested Christie should open a greenhouse. It was the push the pair needed.

With a business plan in hand, FCC approved the couple for a

young farmer loan and planning began.

Christie grew up in nearby Falher and Tanner grew up on a farm at Enilda, just down the road. The greenhouse is built on land once owned by Tanner's grandparents. The couple owns a few cattle and farm with family at Enilda.

As an AgriTrend adviser, Tanner has used his knowledge of fertilizer and pest management to help develop the best programs for the greenhouse.

For 16 years, Christie has been involved in horticulture, including the production horticulture program at Olds College.

The greenhouse was a natural extension of their life.

While the couple's agriculture roots run deep, few people are comfortable creating gardens in their backyard and balcony. Through online videos and tutorials, Christie makes gardening easy and exciting.

"We want people to feel comfortable when they come in and ask any questions they have," she said.

Social media has played a large part in attracting customers and at the end of October, a new website

will be launched with an online catalogue, online store for shipment across Canada, blogs and events.

"If you post something, people will message with you to save something. With online, all the stuff is tied together. It absolutely drives little spikes in the business," said Tanner.

Christie uses all the social media tools to attract customers, but believes a good email list is key to connecting with customers.

Expanding their business online was also a way to grow without more capital construction.

"Part of the reason that led us online is that it doesn't take a lot of money to get online, but it is an opportunity for us to grow," she said.

Having an active social media presence takes work. Every Monday, Christie uploads photos that will be automatically posted throughout the week, writes online copy, updates the social media strategy and her business plan and takes online courses to continually boost their business.

Keeping the website fresh is as important as ordering seeds.

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VERSATILE DISH

Meatballs more than spaghetti topper

TEAM RESOURCES



SARAH GALVIN, BSHEc

Baked, broiled or seared, meatballs are handy to have in the freezer.

Here are some tips for making tasty, moist meatballs.

Don't overwork the meat when making meatballs. Use a large fork to toss the ingredients rather than squishing with your hands and don't overcrowd or compact them in the saute pan or baking sheet.

Baking in the sauce for 45 minutes to one hour will also tenderize and develop the flavours.

One egg per pound (500 g) of meat can be added for binder, but you'll need breadcrumbs to soak up the liquid. This adds extra body and fat to the meatballs.

You can also add 1/2 to one cup (25-250 mL) water or milk per pound (500 g) of meatballs. Add about the same amount of breadcrumbs to soak up the water and tenderize the meatballs.

Rolled oats can be substituted for breadcrumbs.

For Asian flavours, you can add garlic, ginger, soy sauce, sesame oil, lemon grass or fish sauce. For Middle Eastern flavours, use a mixture of onion, garlic, allspice, cilantro, mint and cinnamon.

Serve with tahini or yogurt sauce on the side. For Mexican flavours, add chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, cilantro and cumin.

Fat also tenderizes and adds flavour. Add ground pork or bacon fat to your ground meat.

BAKED PARMESAN MEATBALL CASSEROLE

1 1/2 lb. ground beef, pork and veal combination	700 g
2 cloves garlic, roughly chopped	
1/2 c. chopped parsley	125 mL
1 c. bread crumbs	250 mL
1 c. shredded Parmesan cheese	250 mL
2 eggs	
salt and pepper, to taste	
24 oz. tomato sauce	700 mL
10 oz. mozzarella cheese	300 g

Mix ground meat, garlic, parsley, breadcrumbs, eggs, salt, pepper and Parmesan. Form into large meatballs about three inch (7-8 cm) in diameter.

Brush a nine x 13-inch (22x33 cm)



baking pan with cooking oil.

Pour some tomato sauce in the bottom of the pan. Lay meatballs on top of the sauce. Cover with more sauce and lots of mozzarella cheese.

Cover with foil and bake 40 minutes. Remove foil and bake an additional 20 minutes or until cooked through and browned on top. Serve immediately. Serves eight.

COCKTAIL MEATBALLS

3 tbsp. olive oil	45 mL
1/4 medium red onion finely chopped	
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped	
1 large egg	
2 tbsp. milk	30 mL
3/4 c. fresh breadcrumbs	175 mL
1/2 c. cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese, grated	125 mL
3 tbsp. chopped cilantro	45 mL
1 tsp. chili powder	5 mL
2 tsp. ground cumin	10 mL
1 tsp. oregano	5 mL
1 lb. ground beef	500 g
1/2 lb. spicy Italian sausage casings removed	250 g
salt to taste	

Preheat oven to 450 F (230 C). Drizzle two tablespoons (30 mL) oil on baking sheet.

Heat the remaining tablespoon (15 mL) of oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook for three minutes, stirring frequently until onion is transparent.

Meanwhile, beat egg and milk together in a bowl. Add breadcrumbs, grated cheese, cilantro, chili powder, cumin and oregano. Mix thoroughly.

Add sauteed onion and garlic to egg mixture along with beef and Italian sausage. Salt if desired and mix together. Using dampened hands, roll about one teaspoon (5 mL) of mixture into a ball about 1 1/2 inch (4 cm) in diameter. Arrange the meatballs on baking sheet.

Cook in the preheated oven for about 10 minutes, until the meatballs are cooked through. Makes about 40. Serve immediately. Apricot jam makes an easy dipping sauce.



Meatballs make a filling appetizer, left, and can be added to Italian wedding soup. | SARAH GALVIN PHOTOS

ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP

3/4 lb. ground turkey	340 g
1/2 lb. turkey sausage, casings removed	250 g
2/3 c. fresh fine white bread crumbs	160 mL
2 tsp. minced garlic	10mL
1/4 c. chopped flat leaf parsley	60mL
1/2 c. freshly grated Parmesan cheese	125mL
3 tbsp. milk	45mL
1 large egg, lightly beaten	
salt and freshly ground black pepper	
2 tbsp. olive oil	30mL
1 c. finely chopped yellow onion	
1 c. diced carrots	250mL
1 c. diced celery	250mL
10 c. chicken stock	2.5 L
1/2 c. dry white wine	125mL
1 c. small pasta	250mL
1/4 c. finely chopped fresh dill	60mL
8 oz. fresh baby spinach, trimmed, washed and patted dry	250 g
Parmesan cheese for serving	

Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C).

Prepare meatballs: Place ground meats, bread crumbs, garlic, parsley, Parmesan, milk, egg, one teaspoon salt (5 mL) and 1/2 teaspoon (2 mL) pepper in a bowl and combine gently with a fork. With a teaspoon, drop one inch (2.5 cm) meatballs onto a sheet pan lined with parchment paper. Bake for 20 minutes, until lightly browned. Set aside. Makes about 40.

Prepare soup: Heat oil over medium-low heat in a large stockpot. Add onion, carrots and celery and saute until softened, about six minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the chicken stock and wine and bring to a boil. Add pasta to the simmering broth and cook until pasta is tender.

Add fresh dill and then the meatballs to the soup and simmer for one minute. Taste for salt and pepper. Stir in spinach and cook for one minute, until spinach is just

wilted. Ladle into soup bowls and sprinkle each serving with extra grated Parmesan cheese. Serves 10. Source: Adapted from Ina Garten, The Barefoot Contessa.

SAUSAGE STUFFING BALLS

6 pork sausages, good quality, plain ones	
1 lb. ground pork	500 g
1/2 c. dried cranberries, soaked and drained	125 mL
1 large onion, finely chopped	
1/2 c. sage leaves, finely chopped	125 mL
2 eggs	
4-5 slices of stale white bread, to make breadcrumbs	
salt and black pepper to taste	
2 tbsp. olive oil	30 mL
1 small Granny Smith apple, grated	

Heat oil in a frying pan and saute onions and sage leaves until onions are translucent and have softened.

Remove sausage meat from its casings and place in a large mixing bowl along with the ground pork.

Combine ingredients in the mixing bowl.

Plump up cranberries in hot water for 20 minutes, drain and squeeze out all water. If they are large, roughly chop them.

Using a small ice cream scoop, turn them out onto a parchment paper lined baking sheet with about 1/2 inch (1.25 cm) distance between them. They will look like lumpy meatballs. Let these chill in the fridge at least an hour until ready to cook.

Preheat oven to 375 F (190 C) and bake for 20 minutes, or until cooked through.

Serve hot with gravy and a spicy cranberry chutney or cranberry sauce. Makes about 50.

Source: Ginni Kathuria-Kelley, www.ginniskitchen.com

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DRUG TREATMENTS

Popular prescriptions

HEALTH CLINIC



CLARE ROWSON, MD

Q: Is it true that the most prescribed drugs in North America are for psychiatric conditions?

A: That is not quite correct, although they do feature in the list of top sales in North America. There has been a lot of talk about doctors overprescribing anti-psychotic medications to the elderly in long-term care to keep the patients quiet and compliant, but this situation is hopefully beginning to improve.

Anti-depressant drugs are also often freely prescribed by family doctors. Rather than spending time talking to the depressed person, it is quicker to prescribe a pill that may not be needed.

There has been little change in the order of the most prescribed drugs in the last five years and there is little difference between those given in Canada and the United States.

There may be slight differences in the trade names. The thyroid drug Synthroid is the one that is the most often prescribed. This drug is used to treat an underactive thyroid gland, a condition known as hypothyroidism.

The second most common prescription is the cholesterol lowering medication Crestor, a statin drug. I am surprised that a blood pressure drug is not in the Top 10.

TOP 10 PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN FOR 2015

Synthroid (levothyroxine), 21.5 million
Crestor (rosuvastatin), 21.4 million
Ventolin (albuterol), an inhaler to help with breathing difficulties, 18.2 million
Nexium, Prilosec (esomeprazole), used for treating heartburn, 15.2 million
Advair Diskus (fluticasone), inhaler for breathing, 13.7 million
Lantus Solostar (insulin glargine), 10.9 million
Vyvance (lisdexamfetamine), used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, 10.4 million
Lyrica (pregabalin), an oral contraceptive, 10.0 million
Spiriva Handihaler (tiotropium), inhaler, 9.6 million
Januvia (sitagliptin), used to control blood sugar levels in late onset or Type 2 diabetes, 9.1 million

Source: IMS Health

The drug with the highest sales figures in the U.S is Humira, an immune-suppressant also known as adalimumab used to treat conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease.

Synthroid is the most prescribed but doesn't top the sales list because it is a relatively inexpensive.

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ON THE FARM

Couple lives their dream as kids take over farm

The time was right for two sons to give up off-farm jobs and take over the reins from their parents

BY ASHLEY ROBINSON
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

DUCKLAKE, Sask.—Eight years ago, Les and Elsie Hunter had been farming for more than four decades and were ready to retire, travel and spend time with their grandchildren.

They called a family meeting with their four children and to their surprise, they were asked not to sell the farm.

"That was something they didn't want to do," Elsie said.

Two of the couple's sons, Kenton and Shelly, decided it was time to move back to the area and farm full time.

Kenton drove a tow truck, farming on weekends and during the summer, commuting from the home in Saskatoon he shared with his wife, Tasha, and their two children, Jacey and Quin. Tasha worked as a district manager for a clothing company.

Kenton bought more land and the family moved to a house in nearby Rosthern, Sask.

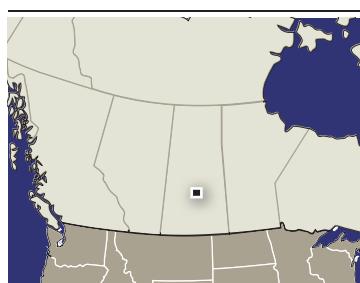
Shelly and his wife, Natalie, and their son, Brennen, had been living in Alberta while Shelly worked in the oil business.

"The oil patch was very slow and I was looking for something better to do at that time," Shelly said.

They bought land and moved to a yard site near the family farm.

"It's actually living (Les's) dream because that was exactly what we planned way back thinking maybe someday we'd farm with the kids and have them live close and that's what's happened," Elsie said.

ON THE FARM



THE HUNTER FAMILY

Duck Lake, Sask.

The family now farms 4,000 acres between at Duck Lake and Rosthern.

"When it rains here, we can always work up (at Rosthern) or if it rains there, we can come home here and work," Kenton said.

The Hunters grow canola, wheat and oats and used to produce yellow peas until root disease was found in their soil.

"We have to stay away for five years so we've been away. I look forward to peas being back in the rotation," Les said.

Kenton bought a high clearance sprayer and now does most of the spraying. Les and Kenton own the farm equipment so Shelly pays his brother to do custom work.

The farm now hires a worker during the summer.

Elsie was once actively involved in fieldwork but today helps Tasha and Natalie take care of the household by paying bills and cooking meals.

The family makes sure to take time to relax and have fun, spending time at the lake during the summer and snowmobiling in the mountains during the winter.

"Les believes in working hard but he also believes in playing. It doesn't mean that he doesn't take time off and it's just more fun now with the kids close and the grandkids around," Elsie said.

Les and Elsie, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary

this year, are trying to step back from working on the farm. They often spend part of their winters in the United States.

Having their sons back on the farm makes the transition to retirement easier, said Elsie.

"We've got a good relationship all

of us. It works good, it really works good."

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ABOVE: Elsie Hunter chops lettuce for a taco supper in her farm house kitchen on the Hunter family farm near Duck Lake, Sask. | ASHLEY ROBINSON PHOTOS

LEFT: Les, left, Elsie and Kenton Hunter stand in their recently harvested field of canola while taking a break after a long day spent in the combine.



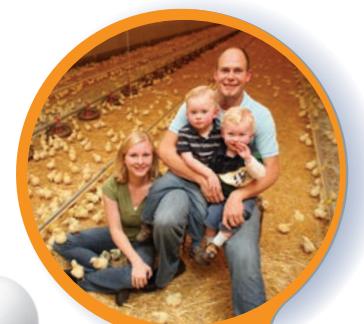
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FARM SAFETY

Identify risks to avoid them

The way we've always done it isn't always the safe way, says speaker at ag safety conference

BY ASHLEY ROBINSON
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Safety improvements on the farm have been moving at a slower pace than other industries, but it's time for that to change, said a safety professional.

Eldeen Pozniak, a featured speaker at the Canadian Agricultural

Safety Association conference in Saskatoon earlier this month, stressed the importance of taking the time to be safe.

"I think in all of Canada, safety in the workplace, there's a shift that needs to happen but in some industries such as agriculture they're kind of lagging behind maybe what some of the manufacturing or some of the other industries are," Pozniak said. "We need to take time as a company, as a family, a society, as an industry, to take that step back and say can we be doing something..."

Safety messages must appeal to all ages.

"Safety associations as suppliers of the farming industry, we need to communicate those hazards and risks and get that cultural change to occur within them."

She said work has often been done in certain ways in the farming environment for years, even if it wasn't safe. Pozniak said people's definition of what is the right way has to change.

"If we don't see it as a problem, if we don't see it as a hazard, we often won't do anything about it. Or if there is that fundamental cultural belief that it'll never happen to us, it only happens to the farm next door or down the way, then that's our definition," Pozniak said.

The safety message has to hit close to home, she said.

"(Safety) has to appeal to their head, it has to appeal to their heart and it has to be easily acted upon."

It is best delivered when related in some way to a person's own life.

"And when we start sharing the stories about yeah, it's happened here, it's happened there. What was the difference between that farm situation to our farm situation?" Pozniak said.

In 2005, the Criminal Code of Canada changed to include a safety component, sections 217 and 219. It says that if anybody has reckless wanton or reckless disregard for human life, they can be found criminally negligent in a criminal court of law. This means that if an accident happens that could have been prevented, the owner of a farm can be charged because they should have known better and did nothing to try and prevent the accident from happening.

Pozniak said while farmers can't make their farm 100 percent hazard free, they must identify them and put in place practices to control risks.

"If you know that there's a chance of (an accident) happening but you don't do anything, that can show reckless disregard for human life."

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ARLENE & ROBIN KARPAN

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We seldom know the full story of these disputes, but it reinforces the importance of paying close attention to travel insurance.

You can get insurance for a variety of potential travel-related glitches, such as cancellation insurance in case you have to cancel your trip before you leave, or trip interruption insurance in case something happens while you're travelling.

The big one is out-of-Canada emergency health coverage. This is where most is at stake, both for your health and wallet, and where we find the most ifs, buts, exclusions and seemingly endless pages of fine print.

Policies will almost inevitably have a pre-existing condition provision, meaning that if you went on a trip with a medical condition, you may not be covered if you need treatment while away.

How companies define and deal with the dreaded pre-existing condition clause is one of the most important factors to consider when choosing an insurance policy.

For many policies, you may be covered if your medical condition has been stable and under control for a long enough time. Exactly how long and precisely what is meant by "stable" can vary among policies.

One factor is how long you have been on the same medication. Some policies may deny coverage if your medication, or even the dosage, has been changed within a certain time frame.

Often this is within the past six months (or 12 months for those 60 and over), although this too can vary.

The insurance company might also have an out if your doctor recently sent you for tests for a condition, or if recent blood tests have shown a change to your health.

Some policies have a medical questionnaire to fill out and "incorrectly" answered questions could cause problems. For a major claim, you can bet that the insurer will delve deeply into your medical past.

You should answer questions honestly, but sometimes questions may be ambiguous or open to interpretation, and it's easy to unintentionally give an answer that the insurance company can later interpret as inaccurate.

If you're not sure how to answer a question, one option is to ask your doctor for advice. If you answer questions over the phone, be sure to ask for a written confirmation of

your responses.

Insurance policies always have a list of exclusions, often a long list. Most exclude coverage if you go to a country or region where the Canadian government has issued an advisory against travel. (www.travel.gc.ca)

Coverage is often denied if you take part in extreme sports such as mountain climbing or bungee jumping, although how this is defined varies.

According to the Travel Health Insurance Association of Canada (THIA), which represents the travel insurance industry, some policies consider hiking a form of mountaineering.

Reading through the list of exclu-

sions, you can't help but wonder what's left that actually is covered.

So what's a poor traveller to do? There's no escaping that travel insurance is a murky minefield, with the potential to save you in an emergency abroad, but also with the potential to throw you for a highly expensive loop because of gremlins lurking in the fine print.

Despite the potential pitfalls, more than 95 percent of travel insurance claims in Canada are successfully paid, THIA reports.

The best we can do is to compare policies carefully, since the provisions can vary widely, and pick the ones that best fit our needs.

This means taking the time to read the tedious fine print so you



know what is and isn't covered. If you're not sure what something means, ask for clarification. As with most insurance, the devil is in the details.

Besides comparing provisions, try to compare the reputation of insurance companies. While this is harder to assess, getting feedback

from friends who have had experience with insurance claims, or even doing searches on the internet, might shed some light on which companies tend to be fair and which ones have a reputation of being hard-nosed.

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Donna Murray is an accomplished artisan in hitched horsehair. She makes a variety of hatbands, belts and horse tack items using horsehair from owners' beloved animals. | BARB GLEN PHOTOS

HORSEHAIR ART

Mementos keep lost love close to heart

Artisan weaves horse hair into precious mementos as a remembrance of prized animals

BY BARB GLEN

LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Cosmo died in a pasture near Camrose on a wet spring afternoon in March. There was melting snow and many tears.

The 17-year-old mare was the pride and joy of Louise Erskine, who rode her in 4-H events, on trail rides and pack trips and through all

manner of horse pursuits.

"She was an all-around kind of pony," said Erskine.

"She did everything for me, which made her very special. She was my sidekick."

Seeking a memento of her equine friend, Erskine got in touch with Donna Murray, who makes hand-crafted items out of horsehair. Now, every day, Erskine carries a keychain that maintains her connection with her horse.

"Every time I have my keys, I can rub my hands through my horse's tail and it just kind of reminds me that she's with me all the time."

Those kinds of emotions are well known to Murray, who has been making custom horsehair items for about 25 years. A former horse trainer and farrier, she understands the bond between human and horse.

"I kind of fell into a niche market of doing custom pieces because horse people love their horses and when (the horses) pass away, sometimes they'll think to save some mane or some tail hair as a memento," Murray said as she worked on a hitched horsehair hatband in her Lethbridge home workshop.

"I've had lots of people just stumble across my website or somebody tells them about my work and they realize they have this hair in a bag or a drawer, and they can pull it out and send it to me and have something made."

The "somethings" in Murray's repertoire are vast. She uses horsehair to make jewelry, belts, hatbands, tassels, ties and even wine-glass charms, among other items. She also works with wool, fashioning saddle blankets that often incorporate the customer's brand or initials.

Murray is self-taught in the craft and has studied books and videos from experts to hone her skills. She now has several albums of custom orders, photos of beloved horses from all over the United States and Canada and stories from their owners who want keepsakes.

The creative process begins when she receives horsehair from a customer.

Sometimes the amount of hair determines what can be made from it, but if the customer wants a particular item and hasn't provided enough hair, Murray will get their permission to augment it with extra hair she obtains from the horse slaughter plant at Fort Macleod, Alta.

"It's a very emotional thing for people to take the hair from their

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Donna Murray holds up a bridle featuring some of her hitched horsehair designs. Each piece can take many hours to make. She tries to include a personal touch when making belts, blankets, jewelry and other items.

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horses. Some people are OK. They can take a lot. Other people, it's just too hard and they take just a little bundle."

Murray washes the hair, dries it and makes it into "pulls" that each have six to 12 individual hairs. She uses these to hitch or braid.

"I believe very much in the spirit of the horse," said Murray.

"Once it leaves the horse and it's washed, it doesn't have the energy,

the same vital energy as when it's attached to a living being, so it does feel different."

Some clients favour natural colours, while others want a pattern that requires several colours or hair dying. Murray uses protein-based dyes that have been set in vinegar baths to ensure colours stay true.

With the pulls in hand, she begins making the horsehair hitched or braided items. Orders come in fairly steadily, through her website

and word of mouth, and Murray said she is as busy, and perhaps even busier, than she wants to be.

There is a wide range of prices based on the type and size of item and the amount of time she finds it necessary to invest.

"I'm not completely independent yet with my horsehair work, but it's becoming a bigger financial factor in my life. I'm busy enough that I could let my other part-time job go.

"I love the creativity of it, and I like

being home. I'm very blessed with a great circle of friends and family, so it's not like I ever get lonely."

She often makes recommendations to clients who are uncertain about an item or design and tries to incorporate a personal touch. That's what happened with Erskine's keepsake.

"She sent back this gorgeous keychain," said Erskine, "and she had incorporated my show colours. I had a showshirt that was baby blue. I didn't ask her to incor-

porate it but she saw it in the picture.... That was really special, that she kind of put a personal touch in it."

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The warm chinook winds are caused by moist Pacific coast air cooling as they climb the western slopes and then rapidly warming as they drop down the eastern side of the mountains.

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GENOME RESEARCH**Gene editing paves way for pig organ transplants**

It is hoped pig organs can one day be substituted for human organs without unwanted changes to the genome

CHICAGO, Ill. (Reuters) — U.S. researchers have used a new gene editing technique to trim away potentially harmful virus genes that have impeded the use of pig organs for transplants in humans.

The study, published in the journal *Science*, expands on capabilities of the genome editing tool known as CRISPR-Cas9, which works as a type of molecular scissors that can selectively trim away unwanted parts of the genome.

Previous efforts with the technology had managed to cut away only six areas of the genome at one go. In the latest study led by Dr. George Church, a geneticist from Harvard Medical School, researchers simultaneously snipped away genetic material in 62 specific locations in the pig genome.

Church's team has shown that it is feasible to drastically edit the genome of pigs to remove native pig viruses from pig cells, but it has not shown that such organs would be safe to use in people.

Still, Church said in a statement he believes the technology will one day make it possible for pig organs to be used as a substitute for human organs for patients in need of a transplant and for whom there are no suitable donor organs.

Church first revealed his team's feat at an Oct. 5 workshop at the National Academy of Sciences, which is studying the potential risks and ethical concerns of human genome editing.

The technology has ignited an ethical debate after biologists in China reported carrying out the first experiment to alter the DNA of human embryos. British scientists have subsequently asked for permission to edit human embryos.

In the pig experiment, one concern is the potential for genomic rearrangements, in which the editing technique inadvertently makes unwanted changes to the genome. In the Harvard trial, this did not appear to happen.

Church has co-founded a biotechnology company called eGenesis to produce pigs for organ transplants.

Pig-to-human transplants are not novel. Pig heart valves that have been scrubbed and depleted of pig cells are commonly used to repair faulty human heart valves.

However, whole pig organs, which are functionally similar to human organs, cannot be used because of the potential for transmission of latent retroviruses, which are harmless in pigs but could cause illness in people.

RIFLE TELESCOPE

Vortex Viper hunting rifle scope beats the competition

OUTDOOR PURSUITS



KIM QUINTIN

A good rifle scope is one of the most important pieces of gear a hunter can consider when it comes to medium- and long-range shooting.

You can shoot accurately only when you can see well.

Many deer hunters use iron sights, 4x or 4-9x magnification rifle scopes in wooded areas where shots are often at shorter ranges.

Hunting on the prairie can greatly lengthen the distance between shooter and game, which is why I selected a Vortex Viper 4-12x magnification rifle scope to do some performance testing.

This particular optic had a 40 millimetre objective lens, one inch tube and one-quarter MOA elevation and windage adjustment turrets.

It had a dead-hold bullet drop compensating reticle to help the shooter make on-the-fly distance and wind adjustments. The rifle scope also had a third adjustment turret to minimize visual parallax at different shooting distances.

The glass and coatings of the Vortex Viper gave a clear and crisp image at all magnifications. Getting a clear sight picture in overcast sky and twilight conditions was easy. My aging eyes were able to sharply see individual blades of grass at 200 yards.

The parallax adjustment turret was clearly marked for particular shooting distances, which minimized reticle float.

The increased number of rifle scopes with advanced reticles for hunters first struck me as a fad. The test Vortex Viper has horizontal and vertical hash marks on the crosshairs at specific intervals to help a shooter gauge the distance to a target, compensate for wind and hold positions for long distance shots.

Zeroing the Vortex Viper at 200 yards seemed to make the most sense. With the optic set to its minimum magnification, hunting deer up to 200 yards would generally be a simple matter of point and shoot. The additional hash marks on the BDC reticle could extend a shooter's range to around 600 yards with an accurate rifle, solid rest and excellent trigger skill.

Adjusting and zeroing the Vortex Viper was easy. Its settings remained stable when hiking and shooting. The optic resisted weather conditions like a champ. It even gave me a bright, crisp and clear image at distances beyond what my bush rifle scopes offered.

I try to marry optics and rifles of similar prices into a hunting package. This generally matches the performance and quality of the components.

It does not make sense to put a cheap optic on an expensive rifle or vice versa, because the overall shooting package will underperform.

From my tests with the Vortex Viper, it will outperform most rifles



The Vortex Viper gave clear images at all magnifications. | KIM QUINTIN PHOTO

around the same cost, which is a testament to its dollar value.

For around \$480, the Vortex Viper 4-12x rifle scope with BDC reticle

has excellent features for bush, mountain and prairie hunting.

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ENERGY SAVINGS

Tanzanian government raises glass to green beer

Brewery reduces energy use by using rice husks as fuel instead of oil, reducing carbon emissions and saving money

MWANZA, Tanzania (Thomson Reuters Foundation)—Green beer may not sound too appealing, but it's a big hit in Mwanza.

A locally produced "greener" brew not only slakes thirst but is also reducing the carbon footprint of Tanzania's second largest city.

Tanzania Breweries Ltd. is tapping biomass energy to produce more sustainable beer while cutting its fuel costs.

"We have adopted new technology which has enabled us to use rice husks as fuel for our boilers instead of heavy furnace oil," said Sunday Kidolezi, manager of the

firm's Mwanza utility in northern Tanzania.

The husks that are used to generate electricity are considered a waste product by local farmers. Growers tend to leave them piled in huge mounds, burn them outdoors or dump them in the forest, which makes them a source of climate changing carbon emissions.

Kidolezi said more than 60 percent of the Mwanza factory's electricity now comes from the husks, which it buys from local farmers. Furnace oil accounts for just 10 percent of the energy the company uses with the balance coming from

the national grid.

As a result, the brewery has halved carbon emissions at its Mwanza plant to 4,451 tonnes in 2014 from 8,909 tonnes in 2012, while saving \$400,000 a year on oil purchases, Kidolezi said.

The company now plans to use rice husks as fuel in its other breweries in Dar es Salaam, Mbeya and Arusha, he added.

Agricultural biomass remains a largely untapped source of electricity in Tanzania, which could significantly cut costs and help solve the problem of an erratic power supply that has crippled the

IN 2014, TANZANIA BREWERIES LTD. REDUCED ITS CARBON EMISSIONS BY

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country's manufacturing sector, experts say.

Tanzania has many renewable energy sources, including wind, solar, biomass, small-scale hydro

power, geothermal and tidal energy. The government is trying to promote a range of clean technologies to diversify its sources of energy.

"Agricultural waste is one of the cleanest renewable energy sources that can substantially displace fossil fuel use," said Julius Ningi, director of environment in the vice-president's office. "However, it's yet to be fully utilized."

The beer industry is a major economic force in Tanzania, responsible for \$250 million in government revenue in 2014-15 and providing thousands of jobs.

However, the effects of climate change have made the industry's future less certain as warmer temperatures, droughts and extreme weather affect the production of corn, which is a critical ingredient in Tanzania's beer brewing.

Government support

The government is supporting the development of drought-resistant corn varieties, but many companies are also trying to cushion their businesses financially by investing in renewable energy and sustainable water use.

Recycling and other conservation measures have allowed Tanzania Breweries to reduce its water use in Mwanza by 40 percent over five years to 1,200 cubic metres a day, said Kidolezi.

The brewery is one of 35 companies in the country's Lake region that are promoting an environmental management initiative dubbed "resource efficient and cleaner production," which aims to reduce energy costs and protect the ecosystem of Lake Victoria, which borders Mwanza to the north.

Spiralling production costs have encouraged industries other than brewing to also adopt renewable energy sources to produce electricity.

The Confederation of Tanzania Industries said energy costs account for 20 percent of industrial production, but efficiency initiatives can save manufacturers up to 40 percent of their energy bill.

Major sugar producers in Tanzania already use sugar cane residues called bagasse to provide heat and electricity for their own factories and sometimes sell surplus power to the national electricity supply company, Tanesco.

The sugar factories in Mtibwa, Kilombero and Kagera use more than 455,000 tonnes of bagasse a year to generate more than 64 percent of their energy needs.

The bagasse is burned to generate steam in high pressure boilers, and the steam is converted to electricity, most of which is used for sugar processing.

Katani Ltd., a sisal fibre company in Tanga, has developed a technology to convert sisal plant residues into biogas to generate electricity for its own use and compressed gas for domestic use. Scientists say cooking gas from sisal waste is more efficient and cheaper than charcoal.

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The centre, which is located in Stettler, helps producers with agricultural and business management advice as well as directing them to government resources.

It is staffed by crop, beef, forage and business development

specialists and agriculture resource agents.

All of the specialists are agrologists, many with graduate degrees and all with extensive practical experience. The centre also takes e-mail questions through duke@gov.ab.ca and has walk-in clientele as a field office.

The centre is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and can be reached at 310-FARM (3276) or at duke@gov.ab.ca.

RESEARCH IDENTIFIES INFECTED CATTLE

Research is underway to identify proteins secreted by *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis* (MAP) that can elicit a MAP-specific cell mediated immune response.

MAP causes Johne's disease, which is a chronic infectious disease of ruminants.

Funding is from the National Check-off and Canada's beef science cluster.

The goal is to find a reliable, sensitive and specific diagnostic test that accurately identifies MAP carriers in the early stages

of infection, which would help control the disease.

No effective vaccines or treatments are available, and diagnostic tests fail to identify many infected animals in the pre-clinical state.

For more information, visit the Beef Cattle Research Council's website.

FARMERS' ADVOCATE OFFICE HIRES SPECIALIST

Michele Del Colle of St. Albert, Alta., is the new surface rights, land and energy specialist at the Farmers' Advocate Office in Alberta.

Colle will provide information on legislation and policy and advise landowners on their responsibilities, negotiations and requests for compensation.

Past experience includes industry, the Energy and Utilities Board and the Energy and Resources Conservation Board.

Colle has trained as a land agent and has chartered mediator designation.

She can be contacted at 310-FARM (3276) or at michele.delcolle@gov.ab.ca.

TRADE MISSION VISITS INDIA, SRI LANKA

An Alberta delegation of three companies recently participated in a trade mission to India and Sri Lanka.

The companies from the crop, genetics and agricultural equipment manufacturing sectors took booth space at the Agritech India trade show in Bangalore.

Agritech India is the largest agricultural show in southern India and focuses on a wide range of agricultural sectors. One company also took booth space at the Food Pro show in Chennai.

The market in this part of India differs substantially from northern India in terms of business culture and agricultural needs.

It represents an opportunity for the companies to establish a network of potential clients and promote their products.

Sri Lanka is a new market with potential for growth in agri-food and other agricultural sectors.

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feed, pulses, fertilizers and agricultural equipment from Alberta.

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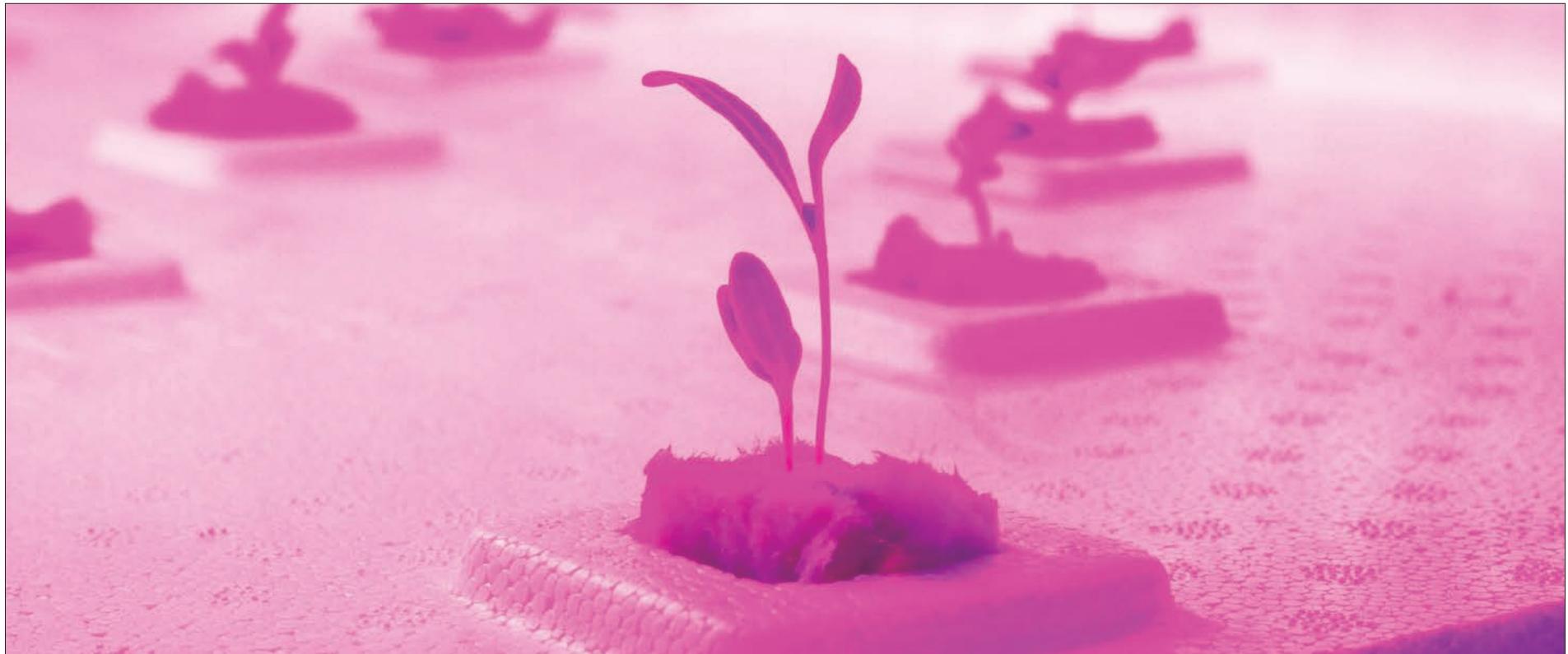
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ABOVE: Nutraponics wants to provide food security around the world through vertical farms, using water from fish as fertilizer and LED lights as the light source.

RIGHT: The company uses fish, grown in containers, as the nutrient source to grow leafy green vegetables in its vertical farm.

| MARY MACARTHUR PHOTOS



GROWING SYSTEM

Shedding light on new way of growing food

Plants grown without chemical fertilizers or pesticides and ready to harvest in a month

BY MARY MACARTHUR
CAMROSE BUREAU

SHERWOOD PARK, Alta.—What started out as a quicker way to grow echinacea and rhodiola has spun into an indoor vertical farm able to grow food year round.

A company called Nutraponics believes it has created a system to grow food anywhere in the world using LED lights to replace the sun and tilapia fish to replace nutrients from the soil.

"This is urban farming. You can put this in the bottom of a high rise and produce food for local people," said chief executive officer Rick Purdy.

"It's a controlled growing environment 365 days a year. We don't rely on the sun, but LED lights."

It took five years for the rhodiola and echinacea to grow to maturity on a Sherwood Park acreage, but the herbal plants matured in five months when they were moved indoors and grown hydroponically.

It was Purdy's research into hydroponics, which is the growth of food in water, and aquaponics, which is the growth of food using the by-products of fish, that led him to develop a new growing system.

"We designed a vertical farm because we think that is the future," said Purdy during the opening of the company's pilot scale farm.

Water from tilapia, which are raised in giant containers, is filtered and used as the nutrients to grow leafy green vegetables. A series of air and water filters allows the plants to be grown without fertilizer, chemicals and pesticides.

The vertical farm is not a fish farm. The fish are the source of plant fertilizer.

The leafy green vegetables are ready for harvest within a month.

Purdy believes the ideal location for vertical farms would be work camps in the far north, First Nations reserves where fresh food is expensive and cities where consumers want fresh, local food.

"It will be a supplier in the food industry," he said.

"Camps may buy a system up north instead of shipping food two or three weeks from California. There is a market for urban organic food. People want local, and they realize the quality food they want is not what they have been sold."

The pilot facility has 1,000 metres of growing area, but Nutraponics believes a 3,000 metre facility is the minimum economic size, about the equivalent of one acre. The technology and support for a 3,000 metre facility costs \$1.5 million and is expected to pay for itself in five years.

The company expects a 10,000 metre facility to be built in New Brunswick by November 2016.

"Our business is a technology company, so we license the technology, sell the hardware and install it," he said. "We teach and train. When people buy our system, they will come here and learn how to run the facility."

Tanner Stewart, director and chief operating officer, said vertical farms could offer food security around the world.

"We are not going to be the solution, but we will be one of the solutions to help protect our future when it comes to food security," said Stewart.



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WEATHER

Strong winds create path of ruin across Prairies

BY MARY MACARTHUR

CAMROSE BUREAU

Strong winds rolled swaths across fields and toppled grain bins during the Thanksgiving weekend.

Wind blew into Alberta late Oct. 10 and continued into Saskatchewan and Manitoba over the following two days, knocking out power lines and creating havoc across the Prairies.

Shannon Friesen, cropping management specialist with Saskatchewan Agriculture, said the high winds rolled crops around, shelled standing crops, blew shingles off buildings and toppled grain bins.

"Most of the swaths out there were canola," said Friesen.

Only 10 percent of the crop is still in the field, mostly in central and northern Alberta.

Friesen isn't sure how much canola was knocked out of the standing and swathed canola.

In Manitoba, 90 percent of the crops south of Highway 1 had been harvested, and damage to crops was limited, said Amir Farooq, a farm production extension spe-



Strong winds in Alberta piled canola swaths against a fence line Oct. 10. | MARY MACARTHUR PHOTO

cialist with Manitoba Agriculture.

"There's not much loss," he said.

Most of the remaining grain, sunflower and soybeans weathered

the storm. Reports of bins being toppled and power lines down along the western border were reported over the weekend.

Paul Wipf of Viking, Alta., estimated that 25 percent of the seed in the standing canola was shelled out because of the high wind.

Alberta Agriculture officials were unavailable for comment.

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CANDIDATES TO CAMPAIGN

Sask. wheat commission to hold board elections

BY BRIAN CROSS

SASKATOON NEWSROOM

The Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission will hold producer elections this fall to fill three seats on its board of directors.

Harvey Brooks, general manager at Sask Wheat, said seven Saskatchewan wheat producers filed nominations papers before the Oct. 2 deadline. Candidates in the election include

- Dan Danielson of Saskatoon
- Scott Hepworth of Assiniboia
- Gene Lahey of Lacadena
- Rick Lindsay of Arborfield
- Laura Reiter of Radisson
- Bill Rosher of Kindersley
- Scott Sefton of Broadview

Danielson, Reiter and Rosher are incumbents completing a two-year term at Sask Wheat and will be seeking re-election, this time for a four-year term.

"We are encouraged by the response we received to the call for nominations this election season," says board chair Bill Gehl.

"These numbers prove what we have always believed to be true, that Saskatchewan wheat producers take pride and ownership in their industry and want to keep building a long-term future."

About 23,000 registered wheat growers in the province will receive mail-in ballots in the next few weeks. Registered voters will have 30 days to return their ballots. All ballots must be received by Dec. 2.

This is the second election held by the commission.

Sask Wheat's inaugural board members were elected in 2013 and took office in January 2014.

The top four vote-getters in the 2013 election were assigned to four-year terms while the next three highest vote-getters were

assigned to two-year terms.

Successful candidates in the 2015 election will be announced in December and will take their positions at the board table in January, during the commission's annual general meeting in Saskatoon.

Earlier this month, three nominees announced their intention to seek election.

Lahey, Sefton and Hepworth launched a joint campaign under the moniker "Team Wheat."

A campaign website located at www.teamwheat.ca says the three wheat growers are dedicated to making "wheat check-off dollars work more effectively."

Among other things, Team Wheat candidates are calling for more investments in agronomic research, increased funding for variety development, the promotion of wheat as a nutritional food choice and the establishment of performance trials across the province.

Improved performance trials will ensure that the province's farmers have better access to independent evaluations of new varieties and technologies, the Team Wheat candidates said.

"Wheat producers want and need to see improved research as well as new markets for wheat, at home and abroad," said Sefton. "That's how we're going to move the wheat sector forward in Saskatchewan."

The Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission will also fill three vacant board seats this fall. In that election, barley producers Zenneth Faye from West Bend, Daryl Fransoo from Galslyn and Larry Spratt from Melfort have also launched a joint campaign known as Team Barley.

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Prairie farmers unite in industry optimism

FROM THE ARCHIVES



BRUCE DYCK, COPY EDITOR

The Western Producer takes a weekly look at some of the stories that made headlines in issues of the paper from 75, 50, 25 and 10 years ago.

75 YEARS AGO: OCT. 24, 1940

Stuffed grain elevators continued to worsen farmers' cash flow problems. Early quotas had allowed farmers to earn enough to cover harvest costs and municipal taxes and a substantial extra quota was required to cover day-to-day living expenses.

However, *The Western Producer* continued to report that many farmers were unable to deliver on the new quota because of a lack of storage space at their elevators. Restricted grain markets because of the war were at the root of the problem.

The main message from the 40th

convention of the Saskatchewan section of United Farmers of Canada was that prairie farmers had not lost their faith in a brighter future for agriculture nor their conviction that farmers would have to save the industry themselves, if it could be saved.

"There were fewer resolutions than in previous conventions," the *Producer* wrote. "There was a sense of action in the air."

50 YEARS AGO: OCT. 21, 1965

The Vancouver Grain Exchange complained to the federal government about the slowness of prairie grain movement, saying foreign buyers were unhappy and considering looking elsewhere for grain. Canadian Pacific Railway said it was ready to ship grain whenever elevators ordered boxcars, while Canadian National Railway blamed the problem on a labor dispute.

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool's television series, *Prairie Journal*, was set to start a new season in late October. The series was intended to provide information "that will stimulate thought and perhaps provoke discussion." It was broadcast on seven television stations across Saskatchewan.



Saskatchewan Wheat Pool officially opened its new all-steel elevator in Kenaston in February 1960.

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25 YEARS AGO: OCT. 25, 1990

The Producer was unable to publish the Oct. 25 issue because of a labor dispute at its printer.

10 YEARS AGO: OCT. 20, 2005

Initial prices for Canadian Wheat Board grain were so low that producers were left wondering how

they would pay the bills. Stewart Wells of the National Farmers Union accused the Liberal government of being too conservative when setting the initial price.

A strike at Lakeside Packers in Brooks, Alta., turned ugly as tempers flared on the picket line. Three workers were sent to hospital after trying to prevent a bus carrying

replacement workers from leaving the plant. As well, plant managers were charged with dangerous driving after union president Doug O'Halloran was sent to hospital following a four vehicle accident, and O'Halloran was charged after a window on a bus carrying plant managers was smashed.

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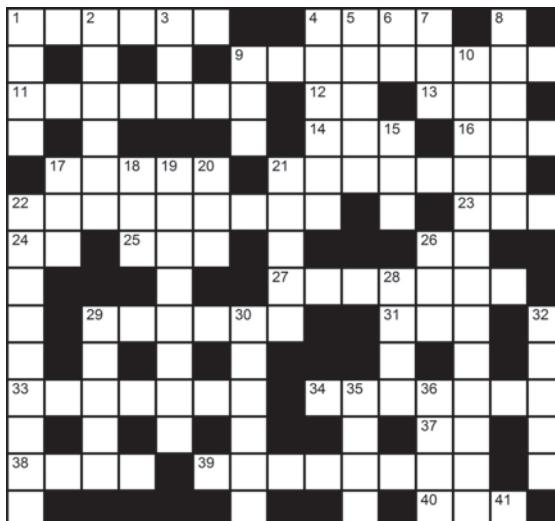
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- The ___ of the Lambs
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- Keanu's role in *The Matrix*
- Michele or Thompson
- Channel *Rizzoli & Isles* is on
- He played a German U-boat commander in *The Spy in Black*
- Janine's last name on *Ghost Busters*
- Opening theme song for *The Affair* by Fiona Apple
- Properties (2005 sitcom)
- Initials of a Canadian actress who is in *In Praise of Older Women*
- Clear Day You Can See Forever (2 words)
- Portia ___ Rossi
- He plays Charlie on *Scandal*
- He played Viola Davis's husband in *How to Get Away with Murder*
- Actress Larter
- Foghorn ___ (cartoon chicken)
- Texas Ranger Walker played by Chuck Norris
- Initials of the Canadian actor who played Wendell on *The Guard*
- Leslie ___, Jr.
- trail boss on *Rawhide* (2 Words)
- Leave It to Beaver fireman
- Cuba Gooding Jr.'s line in *Jerry Maguire* (4 words)

DOWN

- The Descendants co-writer
- He wrote *The Beaver*
- Lester who played Uncle Leo on *Seinfeld*
- Daisy's last name in *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*
- Winter of *Modern Family*
- Mitte of *Breaking Bad*
- ___ and Bill
- Training Day detective
- Red usually called him "the foreign kid" on *That '70s Show*
- Song from *Working Girl* (4 words)
- Director Tran ___ Hung
- Film starring Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum (with *The*)
- Quincy co-star
- Town marshal of Laramie on *Lawman* (two words)
- Actress Carrere
- He played "Dill" in *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- 1965 role for Jane Fonda (2 words)
- Benicio ___ Toro
- She played Officer Fran Belding on *Ironside*
- Actor Mortensen
- Patton of *The Flash*
- She played a newspaper reporter on *The A-Team*
- Bunny ___
- Khalo who is married to Daenerys on *Game of Thrones*
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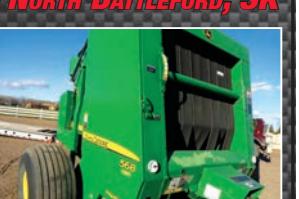
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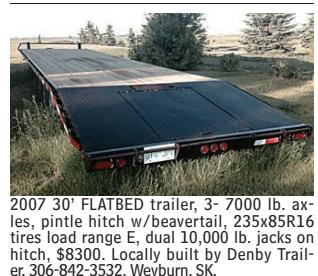
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\$65,750

2006 KENWORTH T300



Tandem Axle Grain Truck, Paccar PX8 engine, Eaton Fuller transmission (10 speed), Air brakes, 700000 km, 14000 lbs front axle capacity, 40000 lbs rear axle capacity, 3-Way rear lockup, A/C, 20 foot grain box. Brandon, MB Stock #5148-08A

\$72,500

2008 KENWORTH T300



Tandem Axle Grain Truck, Eaton Fuller transmission (10 speed), Air brakes, 700000 km, 14000 lbs front axle capacity, 40000 lbs rear axle capacity, A/C, 20 foot grain box. Calgary, AB Stock #5147-08A

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2007 PETERBILT 386



Tandem Axle Grain Truck, Cummins ISX engine (450 HP), Eaton Fuller D/O transmission (13 speed), Air brakes, 1147000 km, 12000 lbs front axle capacity, 40000 lbs rear axle capacity, Diff Lock rear lockup, A/C. Regina, SK Stock #8216-07A

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2004 INTERNATIONAL 7400 6X4



Tandem Axle Grain Truck, International DT530 engine (275 HP), Allison (Auto) transmission (6 speed), Air brakes, 115000 mi, 18000 lbs front axle capacity, 46000 lbs rear axle capacity, 3-Way rear lockup, A/C, getting a 20 foot grain box. Brandon, MB Stock #3446-04A

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2009 FREIGHTLINER CASCADIA



Tandem Axle Grain Truck, Detroit Diesel engine (475 HP), Eaton Fuller D/O transmission (13 speed), Air brakes, 838000 km, 12000 lbs front axle capacity, 40000 lbs rear axle capacity, 4-Way rear lockup, A/C. Brandon, MB Stock #7038-09A

\$79,900

1999 FREIGHTLINER FL106



Tandem Axle Grain Truck, Detroit S50 engine, Eaton Fuller transmission (9 speed), Air brakes, 807000 mi, 12000 lbs front axle capacity, 36000 lbs rear axle capacity, Diff Lock rear lockup, A/C, new 20 foot grain box,hoist and pto. Prince Albert, SK Stock #9733-99A

\$45,000

2009 INTERNATIONAL 8600 4X2



Tandem Axle Grain Truck, Cummins ISM engine (320 HP), Eaton Fuller Ultra Shift transmission (10 speed), Air brakes, 853000 km, 12000 lbs front axle capacity, 46000 lbs rear axle capacity, 4-Way rear lockup, A/C, brand new grain box. Regina, SK Stock #V291179

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COMBINES

2010 Case IH 7088 Combine - 800 Singles, Lateral Tilt, Ext Wear Rotor, 24' Unload Auger, AFSGPS, Hid Lights, Yield & Moisture Monitor, Pro600, 1110 Engine Hours, 910 Spreader Hours, Stk: 015078	\$185,500.00 (SC)
2009 Case IH 7088 Combine - 800 Singles, Lateral Tilt, AFX Rotor, Chopper, 1278 Engine Hours, 1050 Rotor Hours, Stk: 015349	\$169,500.00 (SC)
2010 Case IH 7088 Combine - 800 Singles, Lateral Tilt, AFX Rotor, Standard Chopper, Yield & Moisture Monitor, Trailer Hitch, New Radiator, 1200 Engine Hours, 900 Rotor Hours, Stk: 017933	\$182,000.00 (SC)
2011 Case IH 7120 Combine - Cloth Seats, Duals, Gps, Smaltube Rotor, Manual Hopper Ext, Lat HDR Tilt W/Stone, HID Lights, Manual Mirrors, 1500 Engine Hours, 1178 Rotor Hours, Stk: 017352	\$215,000.00 (SC)
2011 Case IH 7120 Combine - Cloth Seats, Duals, GPS, Smaltube Rotor, Manual Hopper Ext, Lat Hdr Tilt W/Stone, HID lights, Manual Mirrors, 1500 Engine Hours, 1178 Rotor Hours, Stk: 017354	\$215,000.00 (SC)
2010 Case IH 7120 Combine - Duals, Lat Tilt, Fine Cut Chopper, Accuguide, 1887 Engine Hours, 1393 Rotor Hours, Stk: 016740	\$194,500.00 (SC)
2003 Case IH AFX8010 Combine - Axial Flow, 900 Rubber, Rear Wheel Assist, Long Auger, Electric Sieve Adjustment, Deluxe Cab, Lateral Tilt, Fine Cut Chopper, Pro 600 Monitor, C/W 2016 Pu Header, Stk: 016932	\$119,000.00 (SK)
2014 Case IH 8230 Combine - HD Lateral Tilt W/Trap, 900/60R32 Singles, 600/65R28 Rear Tires, Standard Chopper, Pro 700 Monitor, Diff Lock, Hyd Folding Cover, Trailer Hitch, Folding Unload Auger, 561 Engine Hours, 410 Rotor Hours, Stk: 015667	\$357,500.00 (SC)
2013 Case IH 9230 Combine - HD Lateral Tilt W/Trap, 620/70R42 Duals, Small Tube Rotor, 750/65R26 Rear Tires, Magna Fine Cut Chopper, Pro 700, Diff Lock, Engine Air Compressor, Leather Seat, Trailer Hitch, Nav II Controller, Stk: 016027	\$405,000.00 (ME)
2012 Case IH 9230 Combine - Powerplus CVT Drive, Hvy Lift Lat Hdr Til, Standard Wear, Ext Wear Small Tube, 3/16" Small Wire, 1/4" Large Wire, Self-Levelling Clean, 1-1/8" Adj, Closz Sl, Stk: 018332	\$299,000.00 (SK)
2009 John Deere 9870 Combine - Big Singles W/ Rear Rice Tires, Autoguidance Ready, Feedrate John Deere 615P Pick Up, Nice Condition, Green Light Completed in 2014, 1393 Engine Hours, 974 Separator Hours, Stk: 015320	\$230,000.00 (ES)

HEADERS

2010 Case IH 2020 Header - 35 Ft Double Knife Drive, Pick Up Reel, Stk: 017099	\$25,900.00 (SC)
2013 Case IH 2152 Header - 40 Ft, Single Knife Drive, Slow Speed Transport, AFX Adapter, Stk: 016107	\$71,500.00 (SC)
2013 Case IH 2162 Header - 45 Ft, Slow Speed Transport, Upper Cross Auger, AFX Adapter, Stk: 016108	\$89,500.00 (SC)
2012 Case IH 2162 Header - 45 Ft, Double Knife, Upper Cross Auger, Slow Speed Transport, AFX Adapter, Stk: 017877	\$81,000.00 (SC)
2012 Case IH 3020 Header - 35 Ft, Double Knife Drive, Hyd Lock-Up, Auto Header Height, Stk: 015768	\$41,500.00 (SC)
2011 Case IH 3020 Header - 35 Ft Header, Single Knife, Crary Air Reel, No Transport, Stk: 017943	\$33,750.00 (SC)
1996 Honey Bee 25' SP25 Draper Header - 25 Feet, Pickup Reel, Hydraulic Fore & Aft, Gauge Wheels, Transport, Case IH 80 / 88 Series Adaptor, Stk: PAA40369	\$20,000.00 (PA)
2009 Honey Bee SP30 Header - 30 Ft Header, Single Knife, New Low Profile Cutterbar Installed In 2014 Season, Hyd. F/A, Header Height Control, U-II Pickup Reel, Stk: 017867	\$24,500.00 (SC)
2013 Honey Bee SP36 Header - Pickup Reel, Upper Cross Auger, Hyd Tilt, Double Knife, Transport, Stk: 018094	\$49,500.00 (SC)
1996 Honey Bee SP36 Header - 36 Ft, U2 Pick Up Reel, New Knife And Guards, Transport, Stk: 013341	\$15,500.00 (ES)
2011 Honey Bee 40' SP40 Draper Header - 40 Ft, 6 Bat UII Pickup Reel, Plastic Teeth, Upper Cross Auger, Poly Cutterbar, Poly Skid Shoes, Headsight Height Control, Hydraulic Fore & Aft, Double Knife, Transport, Stk: PAA41007	\$47,100.00 (PA)
2012 John Deere 635F Header - 35 Ft, Pickup reel, Flex Header, Stk: 015527	\$39,500.00 (SC)
2003 MacDon 972 Header - 30', 30 Feet, Pickup Reel, Hyd. Fore & Aft, Rear Gauge Wheels, Bergen Transport, Fits CIH 88 Series, Stk: 017551	\$25,000.00 (PA)

TRACTORS

2011 Case IH Steiger 500 Quad - Camoplast 30" Tracks, AFS Pro 700 Display, NavII Accuguide, AFS 262 Receiver /W Omnistar, Luxury Cab /W Leather, Cab Suspension, 2 Hi Capacity Hydraulic Pumps (113 GPM), Diff Locks, Stk: MEA41228	\$326,600.00(ME)
2014 Case IH 620 Quad - Luxury Cab, PTO, 2 Pumps, 6 Remotes, 36" Tracks, Range Point, 250 Hours, Stk: 017978	\$600,000.00 (SC)
2013 Case IH Steiger 600 Quad - Luxury Cab, PTO, 36" Tracks, Diff Lock, Hi Capacity	



Pump & Twin Pumps, Hyd Trailer Brake, Factory Guidance, Pro 700, Nav II, 372 HP/XP, HID Lights, Cab Suspension, Stk: 016009	\$479,000.00 (SC)
1976 John Deere 8630 Tractor - Stk: 015610	\$17,500.00 (SC)
2003 John Deere 9520T Tractor - 30" Tracks in Good Condition, Hydraulic Wide Swing Drawbar, 4 Remotes, Greenstar Ready, Comes With Outback GPS, 6043 Hours, Stk: 017566	\$148,500.00 (SC)
2011 John Deere 9530 Tractor - 800 Duals, HID Lights Front And Rear, Front & Rear Weights, 5 Remotes with 78GPM Pump, Deluxe Cab with Active Seat, Stored Inside and Well Maintained, 1681 Hours, Stk: 018317	\$272,000.00 (SC)
1997 NH 9682 Tractor - 20.8 x 48 Rubber, 4 Remotes, Outback Steering, Standard Transmission, Seedhawk Case Drain Line, Stk: 017827	\$59,900.00 (SK)
2012 NH T9 560 Tractor - PTO, Autoguidance, Weight Package, HID Lights, Twin Pump, 800 Metrics, Cab Suspension, Diff Locks, Luxury Cab, Two Cable, 950 Hrs, Stk: 014208	\$334,500.00 (SC)
2014 New Holland T9.615 Tractor - Autoguidance Ready, Diff Lock, 520/85R46 Michelin Triples, 57 Gal HYD Pump, No PTO, Weight Package, 105 Hrs, Stk: 016891	\$359,500.00 (SC)

SPRAYERS

2010 Rogator 1184 Sprayer - 1100 Gallon Stainless Steel Tank, 120' Heavy Duty Booms, 380/46 & 520/30 Floaters, Raven Viper Pro, Raven Smartrax Autosteer, Autoboom Height Control, Accuboom Section Control, Stk: PAA41231	\$199,000.00 (PA)
2012 Rogator RG1300 Sprayer - 120 Ft Booms, 1300 Gallon Stainless Steel Tank, 2 Sets of Tires, Viper, Accuboom, Autoboom, Sharp Shooter, E-Kay Crop Dividers, Service Done, Approx 750 Hrs, Stk: 016895	\$299,000.00 (SK)
2013 Case IH Patriot 3330 Sprayer - Luxury Surveyor Cab, Active Suspension, 650/65R38, Man Adj Mirrors, SS Tank 3" Std Rate, Combo-Rate Dual Body, 100 Ft. Bm, 6 Sect, 20"Spacing, Cih Viper Pro, Aim Command, Hid Field Centre, Stk: 017539	\$265,000.00 (SK)
2009 Case IH 4420 Sprayer - Aim Command, 120 Ft Boom, Autoboom, Accuboom, Ag Leader Monitor, GPS, Fenders, 650 Michelin Tires, Stk: 016596	\$239,500.00 (SC)
2014 Case IH Patriot 4430 Sprayer - Luxury Surveyor Cab, Active Suspension, 380/90R46, Power Adjustable Mirrors, 3" Front Fill, SS tank - 3" Fill - Standard Rate, CR II Single Nozzle Body, 120 Ft. Boom - 7 Section - 20 In. Spacing, Stk: 015685	\$390,000.00 (ME)
2014 Case IH Patriot 4430 Sprayer - Luxury Surveyor Cab, Active Suspension, 320/90R46, Power Adjustable Mirrors, 3" Front Fill, SS Tank - 3" Fill - Standard Rate, 5-Way Nozzle Body, 120 Ft. Boom - 7 Section - 20 In. Spacing, Stk: 015426	\$385,000.00 (SK)
2013 Case IH Patriot 4430 Sprayer - Luxury Surveyor Cab, Active Suspension, 620/70R38 MI, Power Adjustable Mirrors, 3" Front Fill, Ss Tank - 3" Fill - Standard Rate, CR II Single Nozzle Body, 120 Ft. Boom - 7 Section - 20-30 In. Spacing, Stk: 006607A	\$325,000.00 (LL)
2004 John Deere 4710 Sprayer - 100 Ft Boom, 800 Gallon Stainless Steel, Boom Height, Powerglide, Sectional, Hydraulic Steer, 2 Sets Tires, Fenders, 3600 Hours, Nice Shape, Stk: 018158	\$125,000.00 (ES)
2010 John Deere 4830 Sprayer - 100 Ft S/S Tank 1000 Gal, 2 Sets Tires, Fenders, Air Lift Tridikons, Shded, Sectional, Stk: 016381	\$208,000.00 (LL)

SWATHERS

1999 Case IH 8825 Swather - 30 Ft, Electric Fore And Aft, New Guards And Skidshoes, Pickup Reel New Knife, Header, Eng Hours 1090, Stk: 018322	\$40,000.00 (ES)
2013 Case IH WD1903 Swather - Cab and Rear Axle Suspension, Deluxe Cab Upgrade, Standard Mirrors, Chaff Wiper Kit, Single Arm, Deluxe LED Front Light Package, Cloth seats, Header Quick Latch, Draper Ready, Stk: 012542	\$139,000.00 (SK)
2013 Case IH WD1903 Windrower - Upgrade Cab Pkg, 4 Line Display, Cab A-Pillar Display, Cloth Seats, Cab Suspension Only, Deluxe Led Front Package, Std Rear Light Package, Single Arm, Deluxe Mirrors, 600/65R28 154 R1W, Stk: 011390	\$170,000.00 (SK)
2012 WD1903 Windrower - Upgrade Cab Pkg, Cab Suspension Only, Single Arm, Frt Windshd Wiper, Deluxe Mirrors, Delco Am/Fm/Wb, 21L x 28 14Pr R4, Fixed Final Dr Shld, Chaff Wiper Kit, Cold Start Kit, Stk: 664994A	\$125,000.00 (SK)
2012 Case IH WD1903 Windrower - 30 Ft Draper, Cab & Rear Axle Suspension, FM750 with EZ Pilot, Very Good Condition, C/W Header, 189 Hours, Stk: 018236	\$114,500.00 (SC)
2013 MacDon M155 Swather - C/W D65 - 35 Ft, Single Span Pick Up Reel, Hydraulic Tilt, Gauge Wheels, 600/28 Drives, Forked Tail Wheels, No Transport, 70 E/50 C Hrs, Stk: 018053	\$149,000.00 (LL)
2011 Massey Ferguson 9430 36' Swather - 36' MF 5200 Header, Pickup Reel, Gauge Wheels, 480/85R26 Front Tires, 14L-16 Rear Tires, Stk: MEA30954	\$81,100.00 (ME)
2012 MF WR9735 w/5200 - 14L-16 & 480-85R26 Tires, 30 Ft Double Swath, Swath Roller, Schumacher, Stk: 018202	\$92,900.00 (SK)
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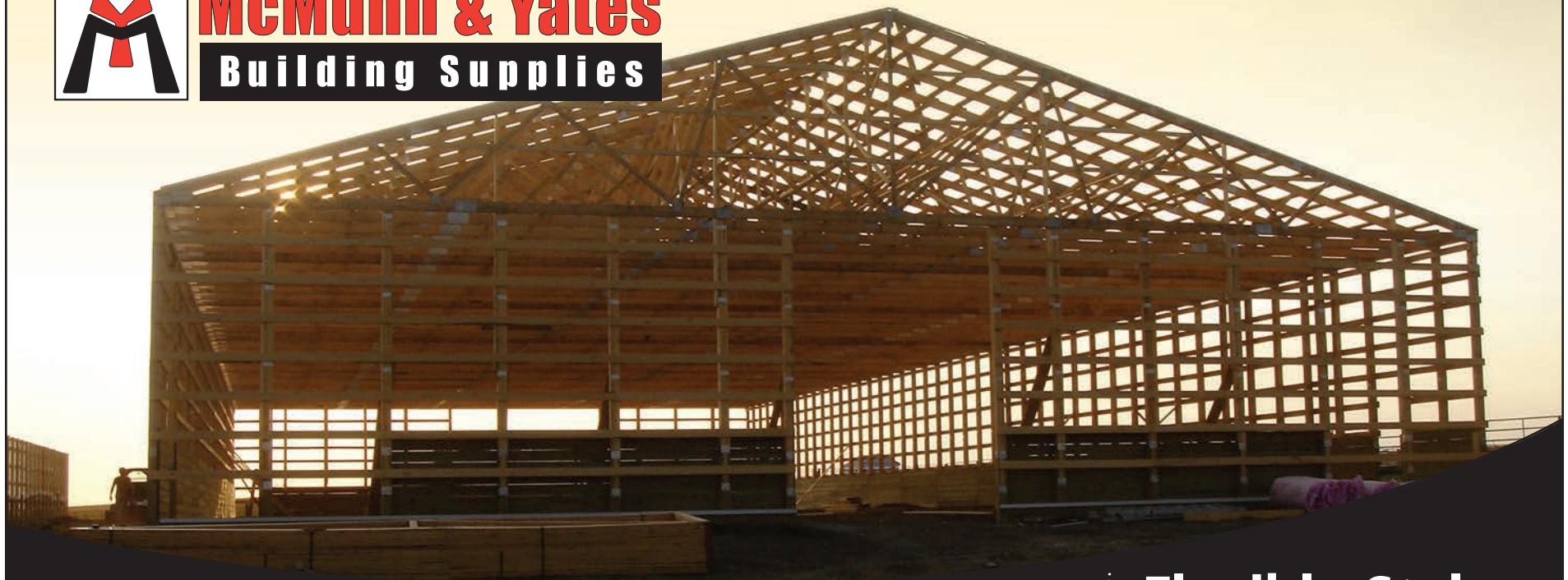

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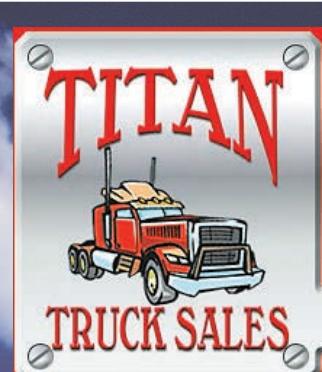
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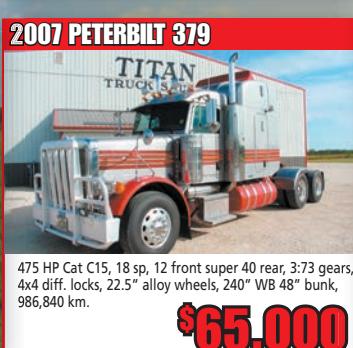
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Pre-Owned Combines 30 Month Interest Waiver

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2010 New Holland 94C - 36' EXCELLENT COND., 36FT, DOUBLE KNIFE DRIVE, 6 BAT UII 42IN DIAMETER ONE PIECE REEL, SLOW SPEED		2013 New Holland H8060 - 36' WINDROWER, 298HRS, 190HP, EXCELLENT COND., 36FT, DELUXE CAB, CAB SUSPEN- SION, DELUXE LED LIGHTS, 600/65R		2013 New Holland SP.240F XP HIGH CLEARANCE SPRAYER, 4WD, 865HRS, 275HP, GOOD COND., 100FT, 1200 GAL SS, 2 SETS TIRES, FM1000, AUTO PILOT		2009 New Holland TV6070 4WD, 2875HRS, 155HP, GOOD COND., 82LB LOADER, THIRD FLOOR PEDAL, WHEEL WEIGHTS, 480/85R34 R1		2011 New Holland CX8080 2260HRS, 360HP, GOOD COND., 520 DUALS, 600/65R28 STEERS, LARGE TOUCH SCREEN DISPLAY, CR STYLE SPREADERS		2013 New Holland H7460 16FT DISC MOWER CONDITIONER, CHEVRON RUBBER ROLLS, MOMAX MODULAR CUTTER BAR, HYD TONGUE SWING, 8PR IMPEL	
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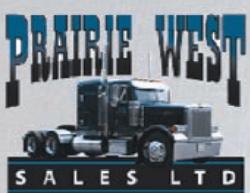
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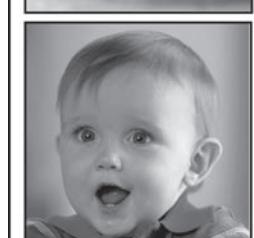
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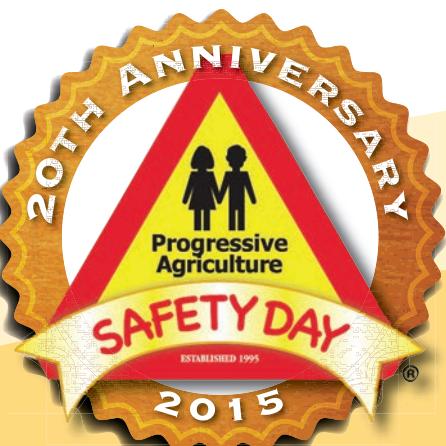
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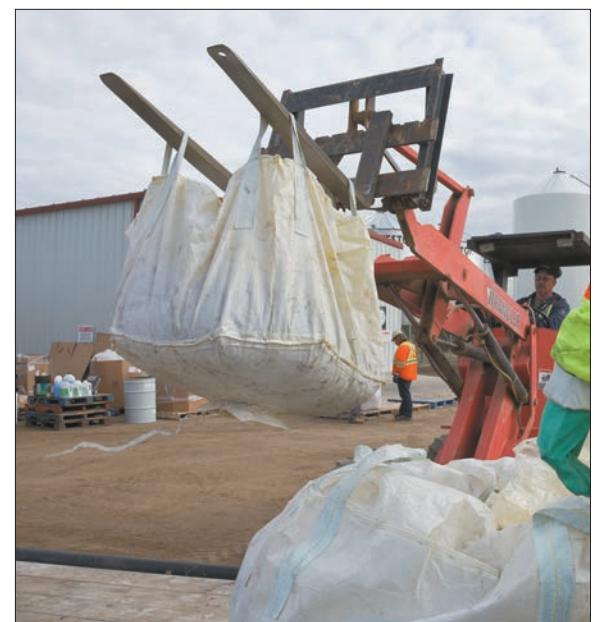
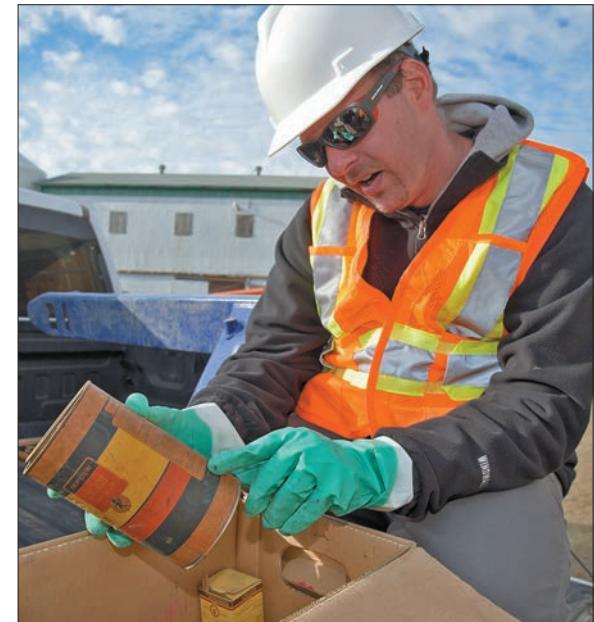
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TOP and ABOVE: Courtney Zary and Kevin Waddingham of Miller Environmental Corporation help load obsolete chemicals being dropped off at Crop Production Services in Wadena, Sask., Oct. 9.

CENTRE: Russel Hurst, director of obsolete collections for CleanFarms reads the small print on a canister of DDT.

RIGHT: Bags of seed treatment are collected for disposal.

UKRAINE WEATHER OUTLOOK

Dry weather hampers seeding in Black Sea

Lack of soil moisture may reduce rapeseed planting by 40 percent, which would be the lowest acres in 10 years

BY KAREN BRAUN
REUTERS ANALYSIS

LONDON, U.K. (Reuters) — Ukrainian farmers find themselves in a similar situation to last year: soils are dry.

Dryness does not yet pose a risk to yields, but seed area could take a beating and noticeably reduce winter crop production in Ukraine in 2016.

There were concerns in Ukraine and Russia one year ago over seeding into such dry conditions for the 2015 harvest, though for Ukraine, the situation may be worse this year.

Soil moisture in Ukraine built back up to near or above average levels by April for the start of spring seeding. Now in October, as farmers look to wrap up winter seeding, soils are among the driest in the last 30 years.

Soil moisture in Ukraine's wheat areas was 11 percent below the 20-year average in September of last year. This year it was 20 percent below normal following a nearly bone-dry August.

Recent conditions exhibit marked similarities to those during the seeding of the 2010 and 2012 harvested crops. The wheat harvested area in 2012 was at least 10

percent below recent averages, and wheat yield in both years fell at least 15 percent below trend values.

If there is any silver lining to this year's weather, September was among the warmest in the past 30 years. This not only allows farmers to get out into their fields, but it also speeds up the development of newly seeded crops before they enter winter dormancy.

Rapeseed was the first victim of the dry soil because it is first to be seeded when the winter campaign begins in August. Area suffered last year based on poor seeding conditions, so it is not surprising to hear of even more problems this year.

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2.5 million acres

FROM LAST YEAR

Dry conditions during seeding last year cut harvested area by 17 percent from the previous year to 1.7 million acres.

Ukraine's agriculture minister said last month that rapeseed area

could be reduced by up to 40 percent of the originally planned two million acres this year. If realized, area under rapeseed for the 2016 crop would be the smallest in 10 years.

As of Oct. 8, the ministry reported that 1.5 million acres had been planted, but the percentage of completion is unclear. The delayed rapeseed seeding campaign concluded Oct. 10 last year, which indicated that this year's area may not be likely to increase much from here on out.

Wheat and barley seeding are also lagging last year's pace. Only half the amount of barley has been seeded compared to last year at this time and almost 2.5 million acres less of wheat.

It appears unlikely that Ukraine could match last year's winter grain area because conditions have not improved and the clock is ticking. Ukraine's state weather agency recently warned that the winter grain seeded area could fall by up to 30 percent in favour of spring crops.

Farmers are unlikely to favour wheat or barley next spring because they yield less than their winter counterparts and are less profitable than corn and sunflowers.

If there really is a decent drop in higher-yielding winter grain area, it could surely remove a salient portion of total production, and that is before considering any potential yield impacts from spring weather.

Russia's winter seeding campaign was 85 percent complete as of Oct. 9, with a similar pace and target area to last year. However, problems occurred early on.

Soil was near-record dry in western Russia during seeding a year ago, and then cold temperatures persisted for a few weeks after, slowing the plants' initial growth.

By the end of the year, the Russian agriculture minister had reported that up to 30 percent of winter crops were in poor condition.

Soil moisture is still well below average in western Russia this year, although it is 15 to 30 percent wetter than last year. No significant impacts to winter grain area have been reported.

The SovEcon consultancy recently reported that dry seeding conditions could reduce the area under winter crops by up to 1.1 million acres, which is less than one percent of last year's total crop area.

The dry conditions do not directly threaten the yields of next year's crop, but they place more pressure on winter and spring weather to be favourable.

Despite the early issues with dryness and plant health last year, Ukraine and much of Russia pulled through a fairly mild winter. And although not a deluge, the spring provided timely rainfall and lifted the 2015 wheat crops in both countries above expectations.

Ukraine would hope to avoid what happened in 2010 and 2012. Both years turned far too warm in spring and summer, and in 2010 the soil was waterlogged following enormous amounts of snowfall.

However, if the upcoming winter is able to mimic the previous two, Black Sea winter grains will have successfully passed their first checkpoint.

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COVER CROPS

Cattle get diverse menu in cover crop system

The plants allow fall grazing and enhance soil fertility

BY ROBERT ARNASON

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FORREST, Man. — A large group of Black Angus cattle waited impatiently as Ryan Boyd rolled up a temporary electric fence.

The cattle were on the west side of the fence in a completely grazed paddock with little forage left to eat.

The herd stampeded into the untouched piece of grazing land when Boyd rolled up a sufficient amount of wire.

Several animals made a beeline for sunflower heads in the new paddock, snapping off the heads and seeming to swallow the seeds in a single gulp.

"The first time we turned them in to sunflowers, they didn't even look at them," Boyd said during a holistic management workshop at his farm near Forrest Oct. 13.

"But that's the first thing they go for now."

The sunflowers were just one of 20 plant species in this patch of grazing land, which could be described as a cover crop cocktail.

Boyd and his father, Jim, who run a grain and cattle farm on 2,000 acres, have been experimenting with cover crops for more than five years.

Boyd was inspired to try them after touring Gabe Brown's farm near Bismarck, North Dakota.

Brown is considered to be a pioneer in the soil health movement and one of the first American producers to incorporate cover crops.

"That's what planted the seed, and I've been hooked ever since," Boyd said. "We've been trying to figure out how it fits on our farm ... since visiting Gabe's."

Boyd had previously experimented with small acres of cover crops, seeding 30 to 50 acres a year. This year he seeded 500 acres of cover crops for green feed and grazing land.

"We finally made a leap this year to do significant acreage of it as season-long mixed annuals for grazing," he said. "We're using it as a grazed-green manure type system."

Boyd took workshop participants to a field he seeded with a cover crop cocktail in July, after cattle finished grazing a crop of fall rye.

The field was different from most grazing land in Western Canada. Turnips, many larger than a baseball, were visible on bare patches of ground, and many species of plants were unrecognizable.

Jim said there were 21 species in the cocktail, including vetches, fababeans, soybeans, millet, sorghum, alfalfa, red clover, sweet clover and radish.

Boyd said the cattle were confused when first exposed to the unfamiliar species, but they adjusted quickly to the unique flavours.

"There's a learning curve for the cattle ... but they figure it out," he said.

"In the case of the turnips... they would eat the tops of the turnips, but out in the field all these turnips were rolling around. They looked like softballs out there. But two



Ryan Boyd explains how he uses cover crops for cattle grazing during a tour of his farm near Forrest, Man. Boyd has experimented with cover crops for several years but jumped into the deep end this year, seeding 500 acres of cover crops on his grain and cattle operation. Boyd seeds a cocktail of cover crops that includes turnips, radishes, sunflowers and fababeans | ROBERT ARNASON PHOTOS

days went by and all of a sudden they (the turnips) just disappeared. So somebody got a taste for them."

The tour then stopped at a 120 acre field, which Boyd seeded in June with a cover crop cocktail. Visitors were amazed by the density and diversity of the crop because it was hard to walk through the field.

Boyd plans to move his cattle onto this field for late fall and early winter grazing. He expects it will hold their herd of 270 cow-calf pairs for a month to 45 days.

"I think there is a lot of potential for putting pounds on, out here."

Boyd said it cost \$40 an acre to seed the cover crop. It sounds expensive, but hay isn't cheap.

"We've been buying all our hay ... but this year we aren't buying any. We've grown our own feed for the first time in a long time," he said.

"When you look at five or six cents a pound hay versus grazing this mixture we've got, this works beautifully."

The plants in the cover crop cocktail should also enhance soil fertility.

"We're trying to build a system that doesn't rely on a whole bunch of outside inputs," he said.

"We're improving the soil, but at the same time we're not having to buy a whole bunch of ... fertilizer. And (we're) making money and providing a lifestyle that we desire."

Pam Iwanchysko, a Manitoba Agriculture forage specialist in Dauphin, said the cover crop concept is slowly gaining a foothold in the province. A few producers in the Parkland region around Gilbert Plains are experimenting with cover crops for grazing and green-feed.

North Dakota farmers, at least the ones around Bismarck, typically seed cover crops in late summer after harvesting an annual crop.

Boyd said that approach probably won't work on the Canadian Prairies. Cover crops make more sense on mixed farms because the system is more feasible with livestock, he added.

"I don't think we're ever going to grow a cover crop after we're done harvesting.... There just isn't enough time or moisture (in the fall)," he said.

"The soil health thing works, but the cash flow isn't there (without cattle)."

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Sixteen-year-old Tanner Froshaug of Minton, Sask., waits for the cattle of the Big Beaver Grazing Co-operative to make their way down the hill Oct. 13 to be corralled and sorted for their move home for the winter. | CARLA FROSHAUG PHOTO

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DISEASE CONTROL

California adopts tough antibiotic rules for farm animals

The measure is to curb antibiotic resistance in humans

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (Reuters) — California governor Jerry Brown has signed a bill that sets the strictest government standards in the United States for the use of antibiotics in livestock production.

The move from California, known for its leadership on public health and environmental issues, comes amid growing concern that the overuse of such drugs is contributing to rising numbers of life-threatening human infections from antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that two million people are infected with drug resistant bacteria each year in the United States and that 23,000 die as a direct result.

"This puts California at the forefront of U.S. efforts to address the overuse of antibiotics in meat production," said Avinash Kar, a senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Seventy percent of antibiotics important for human medicine are sold in the U.S. for use in meat and dairy production, public health experts say.

Veterinary use of antibiotics is legal, but consumer advocates, public health experts and investors have become more critical of the practice of routinely feeding antibi-

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OF DRUGS USED IN HUMAN MEDICINE IS ALSO USED FOR AGRICULTURE

otics to chickens, cattle and pigs as the number of human infections from antibiotic-resistant bacteria increases.

Some types of antibiotics can be bought in the U.S. without a prescription for animal care. Uses include disease treatment, prevention of illness in healthy animals and growth promotion.

The bill, which goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2018, will restrict the regular use of antibiotics for disease prevention and bans antibiotic use to fatten up animals. It also aims to stop over-the-counter sale of antibiotics for livestock use. Under the rules, antibiotics would have to be ordered by a licensed veterinarian.

Additionally, California's Department of Food and Agriculture will be required to monitor antibiotic sales and use.

The department will gain authority to collect information on antibiotic use in livestock production and develop best practices.

A LOOK AT SOME OF CANADA'S TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERS

In early October, Canada and 11 Pacific Rim countries agreed to the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a free trade deal that will effectively replace the North America Free Trade Agreement.

Canada's grain, oilseed, pork and beef sectors lobbied for and endorsed the deal. Industry leaders say agri-food exports to developed and emerging economies should increase because the TPP reduces or eliminates tariffs and non-tariff barriers to trade.

Three of the largest Asian countries in the TPP are Vietnam, Malaysia and Japan. They represent a developing nation, a middle-income country and the world's third largest economy.

Here are facts and figures about each one (in \$U.S.):



VIETNAM

- Population: 92.5 million
- GDP per capita: \$2,000
- Top ag imports (2012)**
 - Soymeal \$1.2 billion
 - Soybeans, \$780 million
 - Wheat, \$756 million
- No.5 globally in soybean meal imports
- No.20 globally in wheat imports
- Top ag exports (2011)**
 - Coffee: \$2.7 billion
 - Rubber: \$2.4 billion
 - Cashew nuts: \$1.5 billion



MALAYSIA

- In 2012, Canada exported \$147 million in agri-food products to Vietnam. Australia exported \$888 million
- Pork is meat**
 - Vietnam has the 10th largest pork herd in the world. It imports soymeal and grain to feed its hogs. Pork is, by far, the most popular meat in Vietnam. Pork consumption per capita is comparable to Japan and the U.S.
- Population: 30 million
- Average age: 27
- GDP per capita: \$10,500. GDP growth estimated at five to six percent for next decade.
- Top ag exports (2011)**
 - Malaysia produced 40 percent of the palm oil in the world valued at \$17 billion.
- Top ag imports: (2011)**
 - \$933 million in corn
 - \$437 million in wheat
 - \$365 million in beef



JAPAN

- Population: 127 million
 - GDP per capita: \$37,000
 - Top ag imports (2011)**
 - Corn, \$5.7 billion
 - Pork, \$5.2 billion
 - Wheat, \$2.7 billion
 - Canola, \$1.5 billion
 - No.1 corn importer and No.3 wheat importer globally
 - Second largest market for Canadian pork, worth \$950 million in 2014
 - Fourth largest market
- for Canadian beef, worth \$103 million in 2014.
- A country of small farms and old farmers:**
- The average Japanese farmer is approximately 65 years old. Japan has only 12 million acres of arable land, but in 2010 the country had an estimated 1.63 million commercial farms. The average farm size in Japan is estimated at five acres.

Sources: United Nations FAO, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Canada, World Bank, Tokyo Foundation, CIA and staff research | MICHELLE HOULDEN GRAPHIC

U.S. TO SIGN

TPP details to be released soon

Trade deal will open doors to Asian countries

(Reuters) — U.S. president Barack Obama's administration hopes to release the full text of a Pacific trade deal within the next 30 days, U.S. trade representative Michael Froman said in early October.

The United States recently sealed the Trans-Pacific Partnership with 11 trading partners after more than five years of negotiations.

"The lawyers are working right now to finalize the text and to prepare it for release," Froman said.

Under a timetable laid out by the

U.S. Congress, the text of any trade deal should be made public 30 days after the administration notifies Congress that it intends to sign it. Obama can sign the deal 60 days after the text is made public.

Froman also brushed off criticism from U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton of the TPP, which is a central plank of the administration's pivot to Asia.

Froman said he did not want to comment on presidential politics but said the deal was of "very high standard."

IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE

University honours Cor Van Raay

LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Feedlot owner and entrepreneur Cor Van Raay was scheduled to receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Lethbridge Oct. 17 at fall convocation ceremonies.

The honour is designed to recognize the significant impact he has made on farming, ranching and livestock production in southern Alberta, said a U of L news release announcing its pending presentation.

Van Raay came to Canada from Holland in the 1960s and began farming near Iron Springs, Alta., on a half-section of land and some Holstein cattle.

He expanded that into a large cattle production and feedlot enterprise, while also co-founding a grain company and becoming

majority owner in a John Deere dealership.

"His entrepreneurial spirit is truly unique and has established his operations as an industry leader," said U of L chancellor Janice Vazari in the news release.

Beyond that, Cor Van Raay has always been committed to bettering his community through charity, philanthropy and the furthering of education."

Van Raay donated \$5 million earlier this year to the U of L and Lethbridge College to jointly establish programs in agri-business that focus on economics, entrepreneurship and innovation.

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"Farming has become a business, and the professional agrologist (PAg) designation is important because the business of agriculture relies on having professional, science-based, and ethical information available."

Greg was raised on a mixed-farm in the Last Mountain Foothills near Strasbourg, SK. He received a BSA from the University of Saskatchewan majoring in plant science. Greg previously worked with Pioneer Grain, Agricore United, and BASF.



Jeff Sedor, PAg
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Yorkton, SK

Jeff provides farm land, residential, and commercial property appraisals in RM villages and towns for taxation purposes. He re-evaluates existing soil surveys to confirm existing soil lines and conducts soil evaluations to determine new soil lines. This work is used to determine taxation value.

"The professional agrologist (PAg) designation assures myself and others that I am working with a professional that is knowledgeable in their field and held to a code of ethics."

Jeff was raised on an acreage near Swan River, MB. He received bachelor's degrees in Chemistry and Soil Science from the University of Manitoba. Jeff has been with SAMA since 1998.

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Asia's craving for bread, pastries snubs rice, boosts wheat demand

SEOUL, South Korea (Reuters) — Asia is losing some of its appetite for rice in favour of wheat, a trend that is nowhere more pronounced than in South Korea, where bread and pastries have become a new staple.

From working mothers who find toast more convenient to prepare for breakfast to city dwellers flocking to new eateries for baguettes, South Koreans are at the forefront of an Asia-wide trend that has seen wheat demand climb at nearly twice the rate of rice consumption since 2008.

And while Asia is largely self sufficient in rice, demand for bread and noodles from Mumbai to Manila has made Asia the largest and fastest growing market for wheat imports, shipping in more than 40 million tonnes annually for the past five years, or 25 per-

cent of world imports.

"I eat bread with coffee almost every morning," said Lee Seung-Hee, a 47-year-old working mother of two, who often gives her children bread as a snack between meals.

Housewives are increasingly having bread and coffee for brunch late morning instead of rice and kimchi.

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"My husband likes to have rice meals, so I try to cook rice for him. But when I'm too busy, I just give him bread."

South Koreans spent an estimated US\$5.37 billion last year on

bread, sandwiches, bagels and pastries, according to SPC Group, owner of the Paris Croissant and Paris Baguette chains, which has even opened two stores in Paris as part of global expansion.

Meanwhile, South Korea's rice consumption hit a record low of 65.1 kilograms per person last year, while flour consumption was the highest since 2006 at 33.6 kg, according to official data.

"Housewives are increasingly having bread and coffee for brunch late morning instead of rice and kimchi," said Kang Byung-Oh, a business professor at Chung-Ang University, referring to the spicy local side dish.

SPC Group, which runs Asia's biggest bread making plant and has about 5,000 bakeries in South Korea, said the local bread market has grown at an average of 15 percent per year since 2005.

"You can find this trend across Asia as Asian countries become westernized," said Koh Hee-Jong, an agriculture and life science professor at Seoul National University.

"Food products from wheat flour are quick, convenient."

Rising wheat consumption has been focused on large cities, where an emerging middle class is exposed to a proliferation of convenience foods from pizzas to sandwiches.

China has also seen wheat demand soar and consumed a record 118 million tonnes in 2014.

"It's a symbol of lifestyle. Consumers pair them (cakes and pastries) with coffee and chatting, and hanging out with friends," said Linda Li, senior research analyst at Mintel China.

Australia, Russia, Ukraine, Canada, the United States and Europe have been the chief beneficiaries of Asian wheat demand, seeing collective exports swell by more than 40 percent since 2005.

But the relentless climb in wheat consumption does place a strain on exporters to keep up.

"We need to produce a record crop every year just to meet the demand," said Ole Houe, an analyst at brokerage IKON Commodities in Australia.

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DISEASE BATTLE

2016 may be PED-free

Eradication efforts at infected premises are proceeding well, says veterinarian

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Canada could be free of porcine epidemic diarrhea cases by next summer.

"It's possible," said swine veterinarian Dr. Egan Brockhoff.

Efforts to eradicate the virus in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba are going well, and Prince Edward Island has eradicated it at the one hog operation infected last year.

"If this winter goes really, really well in Ontario, there is an expectation that the summer of 2016 could be our eradication year for PED in Ontario and certainly, fingers crossed ... Canada could be PED free on all farms," Brockhoff told those on an Alberta Pork conference call Oct. 9.

Eradication would be a spectacular success story, given the virus's ease of spread and the fact that PED is considered endemic in the United States, which has major pig trade with Canada.

Brockhoff said Quebec had eliminated the virus from 14 of 16 sites once infected, and the other two should test negative shortly. Control efforts constitute "just a phenomenal success story in Quebec. They have been aggressively testing trucks for PED coming out of Ontario."

As for Ontario, which had the bulk of the country's PED-infected premises, Brockhoff said about 75 percent of those are now negative for infection.

Manitoba, which had five infected hog operations, has declared one of them free of the disease and another two should be proven negative shortly, said veterinary epidemiologist Dr. Julia Keenlside.

She noted that surveillance programs continue to detect evidence of PED in Manitoba, primarily on sites that have regular contact with trucks travelling from the United States.

"I think that is a reminder for everyone in Western Canada that that's probably our weak link, is our portal with the U.S. through that traffic through Manitoba," said Keenlside.

She said Manitoba Agriculture's tests on manure from a site that last tested positive for PED in February had troubling results.

"The manure has sat throughout the summer and they... found that all of the samples were still positive, and many of them strongly so, so this serves as a warning that stored manure even after several months can still be a source of PED when we're cleaning up these farms," she said.

"So manure remains, I think, one of our biggest risks for spreading and transporting this disease into Canada."

PED can travel in manure stuck to trucks, trailers, boots and other surfaces.

The virus has killed millions of piglets in the U.S., and Brockhoff said there are still positive cases in 34 states.

However, he said the U.S. is making progress in battling the virus, and vaccine development has played a pivotal role.

In most cases, available vaccines

DISEASE ALERT

Seneca Valley Virus mimics foot-and-mouth in pigs

BY BARB GLEN

LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

A virus that produces symptoms similar to foot-and-mouth disease in pigs has surfaced in the U.S. Midwest, and Canadian hog producers are being advised to watch for it.

It is called Seneca Valley Virus, and although it is not a reportable disease and does not particularly limit production, its similarity to FMD can easily cause major concern.

"It creates a little bit of excitement when people see those typical vesicular disease lesions, so the little erosions around the coronary band of the pig's foot and small blisters and erosion around the snout," said swine veterinarian Dr.

Egan Brockhoff.

"We want to make people aware that if they see the clinical signs, they should quickly contact their herd veterinarian and have them come out and quickly take samples and do a clinical assessment of the herd."

Discovery of FMD in a herd would halt international trade, and it has done so in other countries. It is highly infectious and debilitating for pigs and cattle.

Seneca Valley Virus is a member of the same viral family, but one does not lead to the other.

The Minnesota Pork Board lists the following SVV clinical signs in sows, nursery pigs and finishers:

- Vesicles (small, fluid-filled sacs) and erosions on snouts and coronary bands.

- Acute lameness in a group of pigs.
- Ulcerative lesions on or around the hoof wall.

Anorexia, lethargy and/or fever.

American hog producers are being told not to be complacent about SVV symptoms because that would potentially reduce surveillance and early detection of FMD, should it occur.

The American Association of Swine Veterinarians reports that SVV cases were found in the late 1980s in several states, including Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and California. Brockhoff said producers who notice symptoms should temporarily halt shipment until a veterinarian can sample and confirm the type of virus involved.

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WHEAT DISEASE

Alberta Agriculture survey targets fusarium spread

Wheat spikes from fields this year will be analyzed to help establish practices that will prevent fusarium graminearum spread



Researchers hope to collect samples from wheat and corn fields to assess the presence of the disease. | FILE PHOTO

BY BRIAN CROSS
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Authorities in Alberta are monitoring the movement of a serial yield robber that has stolen thousands and perhaps millions of dollars from the province's wheat farmers over the past few years.

Evidence suggests that fusarium graminearum is becoming more common in the province and is affecting cereal crops with increasing regularity, says Alberta Agriculture plant pathologist Michael Harding.

Data suggests the disease is becoming a well-established and persistent disease threat in central

and northern grain growing regions, which were previously thought to be at low risk, he added.

"Fusarium graminearum and fusarium headblight have been kind of rearing their ugly heads more and more in Alberta over the past five years," Harding said.

"When we did (a similar) survey back in 2010, we found that fusarium graminearum was mainly established ... in the more southern areas of the province but in central and northern areas, we would only see positives on rare occasions and in very low levels."

"Over the past five years there's been some evidence ... to indicate that the situation is changing."

Harding is participating in a two-year survey of wheat fields to learn more about the spread of the disease in Alberta.

Wheat spikes will be collected from close to 1,000 Alberta wheat fields this and again in 2016.

The samples will be sent to Canadian Grain Commission labs, where they will be analyzed for F. graminearum and deoxynivalenol (DON), a mycotoxin associated with fusarium.

Harding said results from the two-year survey will provide the Alberta grain industry with a much clearer picture of where fusarium graminearum is established and where specialized management practices should be used.

Recent information derived from the grain commission's harvest sample program and commercial seed labs suggests fusarium graminearum is affecting growers over a larger area of the province.

Researchers are hoping to collect samples from two percent of the province's wheat fields and five to 10 percent of corn fields.

The lab analysis will assess grain for the presence of fusarium graminearum and other species of fusarium.

In positive samples, it will also identify the specific F. Graminearum chemo type: DON15A or DON3A. First-year results should be available next year.

"We're looking at probably being able to start commenting on results early in the new year," Harding said.

"The CGC has an incredible capacity to do this kind of work and to generate lots of information in a fairly short period of time."

The presence of F. Graminearum is a concern to farmers in Western Canada, but its potential spread in Alberta is especially disconcerting.

Fusarium graminearum is listed as a regulated pest under the Alberta Pest Act.

Commercial grain growers are not prohibited from selling infected grain, but it is illegal to use infected material for the purposes of propagation or reseeding.

Farm groups are examining steps that could be taken to minimize the impact of fusarium graminearum on the province's agriculture sector.

It is widely assumed that legislative or regulatory changes will be required, although those changes, if they do occur, could take several years to implement.

Kent Erickson, chair of the Alberta Wheat Commission, said fusarium is becoming a more common problem among the province's wheat growers.

That's one of the reasons why the commission agreed to co-fund the survey, along with the Alberta Barley Commission and the Alberta Crop Industry Development Fund.

"We've been watching maps of fusarium for the past few years now," Erickson said. "We've also had some fairly wet growing seasons in the past three or four years as well so ... we really have seen it spread environmentally."

"That's really the reason for the survey, is so that we can see how the disease is spreading and ... try to understand how we can manage it."

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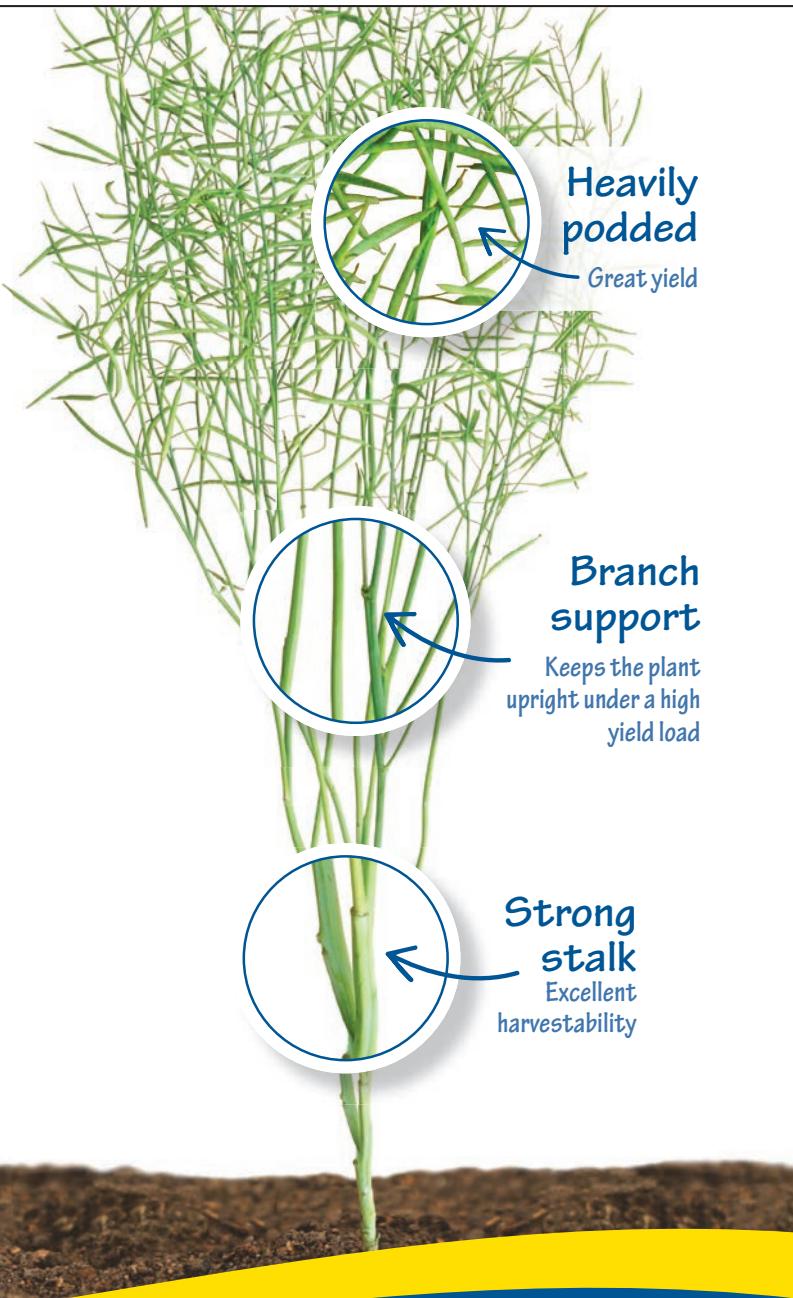
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POULTRY UPDATE

Inspection may switch focus to pathogens

Provincial inspectors would still oversee processing but more emphasis would be put on animal welfare

BY MARY MACARTHUR

CAMROSE BUREAU

Alberta farmers have done such a good job raising healthy animals that the provincial government is considering changes to the way it inspects poultry.

Inspectors looked for diseased animals when the provincial meat inspection system was developed in 1972.

Now, less than one percent of inspected poultry is condemned, and officials believe the system needs to change to reflect farmers' good practices.

"People didn't have the great on-farm, food safety programs they have now. There was just a lot more disease," said Darlene Dittrich, director of Alberta Agriculture's meat inspection branch.

Instead, inspectors will now focus on finding ways to reduce food-borne pathogens at the plant.

"The inspection process will change to adapt to our evolving understanding of the risks of food borne pathogens," said a paper sent to Alberta's 64 provincial poultry slaughter plants.

Inspectors now stand at the end of the line looking for visual defects, even though the biggest food safety concern is pathogens, which are invisible to the naked eye.

"If they're stuck on the line in one place, they're very limited in what they can do," Dittrich said.

"We think because we are condemning so few birds right now that maybe that's not the best place for our inspectors to be. We think it will be more valuable to focus on other areas of the operation."

She said changing the poultry inspection system would allow inspectors to focus on detecting unseen pathogens such as E. coli, salmonella and listeria.

"The more we understand bacteria, the better we can find ways to develop programs to control them," she said.

"If we find there is bacteria on the bird, then we know that is a better indication of food safety. It is really a true test of how well they're doing."

Phillip Wurz with the Morinville Colony said he looks forward to changes to the poultry inspection system. The Hutterite colony butchers 2,500 chickens a week.

"We know what to look for. We know what a healthy bird is or not," said Wurz, who took part in a 2010 pilot project that tested poultry inspection changes.

"The high risk is what you don't see.... If they're swabbing for pathogens, then we know what we need to pay attention to. I'm game for it."

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Under the proposed changes, poultry plant workers would be trained to become "detectors" looking for diseased or unhealthy birds. Trained provincial government inspectors would still be in the plant during processing but would focus on animal welfare and other ways the operation could improve food safety.

"What we want to see coming out of our plant is fit and healthy birds," said Wurz.

"An inspector has only one set of eyes. I have eight or 10 people on the kill line. The inspector is only

allowed to stand in one spot. Now they can go and see everything.... That is the way it should be."

Mike Hofer of Plain Lake Colony at Two Hills, Alta., said he believes

the proposed changes are a good idea. The entire crew on a processing line will be inspecting the poultry instead of just one inspector.

"We have 10 people looking at the chicken before the inspector. Sometimes we throw away more than the inspector," said Hofer, who processes birds every couple months.

"It's our product. If you sell one bad one, that isn't good. Bad news travels faster than good news."

Dittrich said the government is moving slowly because of the difference in worker experience and

facilities across the province.

It will relaunch a pilot project to gather more data to ensure new rules can respond to the variety in each facility.

"We want to gather some data and evidence and make science based decisions."

Jonathon Kielstra with Mountain View Poultry said he looks forward to the changes.

"I think it's a good thing. It puts a little more responsibility in our hands. The world keeps evolving."

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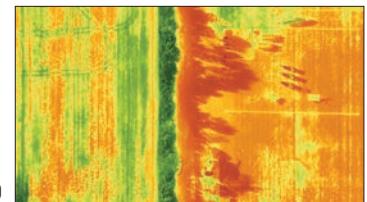
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PRODUCTION

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PRECISION

Many terms and concepts live in the precision agriculture world. Most terms describe what tools do and there are a lot of tools. Columnist Terry Brase takes us through the sensor maze. | **Page 70**



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Case IH's largest air seeder cart is the 950 bu. 4955 model. The unit sports a steerable axle, is available in several big rubber combinations and has a standard equipment 88 bu. per minute KSI conveyor. It has three large poly tanks and an optional steel 35 bu. small products tank. | MICHAEL RAINÉ PHOTOS



MACHINERY

Case IH makes case for bigger carts

New Five Series air carts are bigger, faster but simple to operate

BY MICHAEL RAINÉ
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Case IH's new air seeder carts have jumped from the company's previous 580 bushel capacity limit to a 950 bu. unit, with a 760 bu. stop along the way.

Size isn't everything when it comes to seeder carts, but prairie farmers prefer fewer reloads and as a result, larger seeder capacities.

Joe Michaels, who heads the company's specialty agriculture division, said producers have been looking for fewer and faster turn-around times when reloading and cleaning out their equipment, and that is what the company is giving them.

He said there are practical issues when it comes to "just making them bigger," which are largely related to tending the machines and transportation on the road.

"We've looked at those issues. Making the carts quicker to load



JOE MICHAELS
CASE IH

the number of tanks the machine can have — two, three or four — and approximately how many bushels it will hold, rounded up to the nearest five.

The two biggest are tow behind only, while the rest can appear in either location.

Gord Engle of Case IH said the company sized the tanks based on producers' typical seeding needs and then built the carts around that.

"The wagon-style steering is on here for the flotation and fewer issues in turning and headlands," said Engle.

"We opted to go with the Mitas tires. They can be used in much lower pressures than many. With a 950 bu. capacity and high-flotation option, we got the pressure on the soil down to about 14 pounds per sq. inch. We are doing what we can to reduce that soil compaction at

Loading the auxiliary tank on a Case IH air seeder is performed via a venturi blower. The unit can be positioned to accommodate ground filling or loading from a truck box. Bulk totes and bags can also be used to fill the unit's hopper.



Case IH air seeder metering is performed by a single roller system. A pair of coarse rollers are available, along with a small, shallow one. For maximum seed size or fertilizer delivery the coarse cups are accessed, while a small, shallow one is available to the system only when the cartridge is changed for small seeded crop metering or inoculant. A medium sized opening is available for metering other products and crop sizes and rates.

was key: faster turn-around and easier for the operator to manage," he said.

"The new Five Series carts are a product of that thinking."

Tank choices are two or three rotationally molded plastic tanks as primaries and a 25 or 35 bushel metal secondary tank on the 465 model and higher for canola, other small seeded crops and dry inoculants.

The cart models are named for

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Case IH air seeder metering and distribution system is shown in clear plastic for demonstration purposes.

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seeding, despite the size of the machine."

Loading times have been reduced on a bushel per minute basis, said Engle.

The previous series of Case IH carts had an auger that could hit all the tank lids without repositioning the truck, and that remote control arm system has been retained. However, it now carries a KSI designed conveyor.

At 88 bu. per minute, even the largest cart can be filled in about 11 minutes, not including the time needed to move the truck or tender.

The auger is standard on the two largest units and optional on the 555 and 585 models.



GORD ENGLE
CASE IH

hopper for loading, with space away from the side of the seeder tanks.

The technology is similar to loaders found on some of the company's Titan Floater fertilizer applicators.

The small tank is available on carts from 450 bu. and higher.

Tank lid openings have also become bigger on the 2016 models, and heavier ladders allow producers to enter the tanks more easily for cleaning and inspection.

The CNH metering system has been redesigned to allow producers to blend any product with any product and put any product they want in any tank without worrying about the metering system's needs.

"Customers also have been asking for sectional control at the cart, and we have added that," said Engle.

"We have done some calculations, and if you save 15 percent for the option, you can pay it off in a half a year's seeding."

The metering system is based on equipping each section with a 24 volt motor, which allows for variable rate on the new carts.

Material channeling doors allow a metering bank to be sent to any set of pipes headed for the drill.

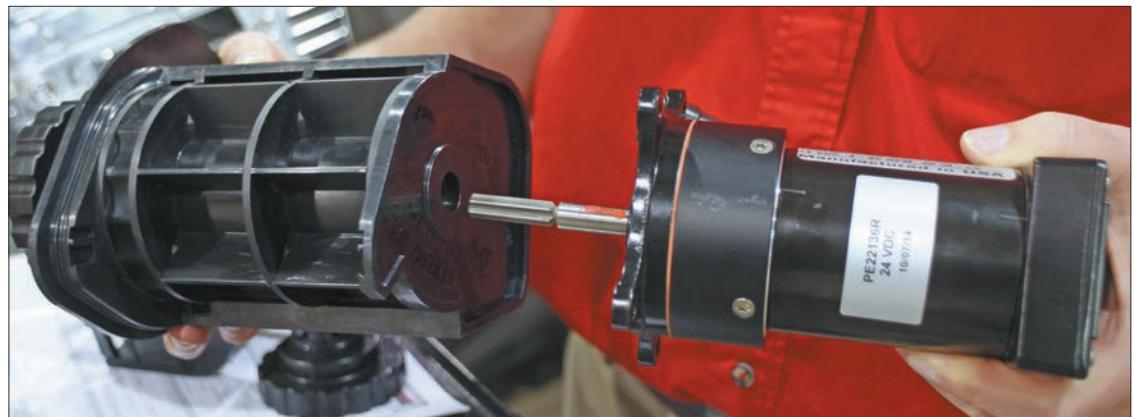
This also lets producers change meter rate cartridges without clearing out the tanks.

There are three meter cartridges — a narrow, half and full width — and a standard meter roller.

"We know that farmers generally don't forget to change them when they change products, but it can



Metering on the Case IH air seeders for 2016 has sectional control through tank gates and via individual, 24 volt, section metering motors. These also provide variable rate control. Any tank can be shunted to any material run to the drill and meter rollers and rate sleeves can be removed from full tanks without unloading.



Case IH air seeder meter drive motors are 24 volt and easily serviceable.

happen," said Engle.

"And you can clear out a fertilizer lump or foreign material that gets into the tank without dropping

everything out."

The individual motors should also allow the company to add turn compensation in the future, which

is important for larger drills in pot-hole areas.

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DAN KLEIN
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Dan Klein of Case IH said the new 25 and 35 bu. tank are located between the bottoms of two larger hoppers, which required its own loading method.

A hopper mounted on a swing arm swings out from the right side of the machine and accepts a 50 lb. bag of seed or inoculant.

A venturi air lock system accepts the product, and a blower pushes the material up three pipes to the small tank.

"It is gentle and gets that loading off the top of the machine," Klein said.

The small loader can be accessed from the ground, but the ideal method is from the back of a pickup box. A mini-bulk bag or bulk seed tote can be lifted above the

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TERRY A. BRASE

Many people are jumping on the unmanned aerial vehicle bandwagon, but that is mainly because of how cool, new and interesting it is to fly the things around.

However, what farmers need to worry about the most is imagery.

Of course, drones are not the only way to get imagery of a field. Everything discussed in this column also applies to imagery from manned flights and satellites.

First of all, imagery from a drone is similar but not the same thing as the picture you take with your digital camera.

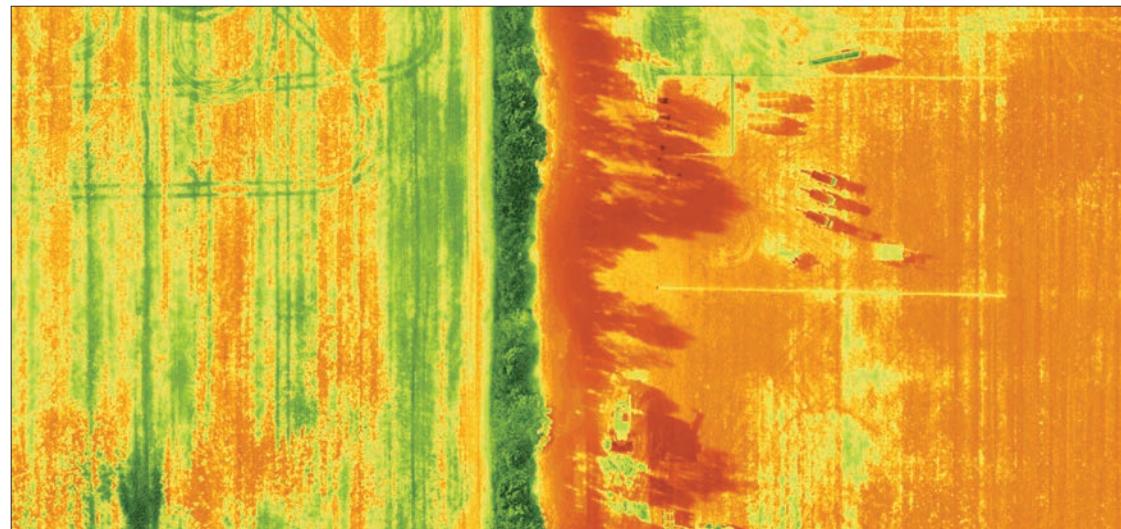
A quick lesson is needed on the electromagnetic spectrum (EMS), which are all the energy waves that are coming from the sun.

What is normally thought of as sunlight is actually a whole range of different wavelengths of energy. These wavelengths range from really short wavelengths such as gamma rays to really long wavelengths such as radio waves.

Gamma rays are measured in millionths of a metre, while radio waves can be measured in kilometres, with a whole spectrum of wavelengths in between.

Not all of the waves coming from the sun reach to the Earth's surface, which is a good thing because they would fry us if they did. Fortunately, they are filtered out by the atmosphere and the ozone layer.

What does get through is visible light and a few other invisible light



NDVI images that are created with specially modified cameras or other sensors are adding to the data that farmers collect with new tools. | AG EAGLE PHOTO

waves such as ultraviolet and infrared. Three things happen to those light waves when they reach an object on the Earth's surface: they are absorbed, reflected or pass through the object.

Each wavelength reacts differently to the objects they hit. Using a plant as an example, some wavelengths will reflect off plant tissue and others will be absorbed by it.

Many of the wavelengths that are reflected are seen as green. Red and blue wavelengths are mostly absorbed by the plant and are used for photosynthesis and growth. Reflectance is what we see and, most importantly, what is captured by a camera.

However, it's not the red, blue and green light waves that make crop imagery so valuable. Instead, it's those invisible infrared (IR) waves.

Even though the human eye cannot see IR waves, we have cameras or, more properly, sensors that can.

In the same way that the reflectance of visible light waves is cap-

tured by a camera, sensors capture the reflectance of IR radiation from plants.

Knowing how red, green, blue and IR wavelengths reflect differently from different plants is useful when identifying crops in imagery. This technique has been used since the 1950s to determine acreage and estimate the yield of different crops in foreign countries.

When I was growing up in Iowa in the 1970s, we had a neighbour who did double cropping in his corn. The problem was that the secondary crop was illegal, and prompted the Drug Enforcement Agency to make regular low altitude manned flights over his cornfield.

The imagery would have shown the illegal crop growing next to the corn.

Even more valuable than identifying a type of crop, IR waves also reflect differently based on a plant's stress level.

IR waves are mostly reflected in healthy plant tissue but absorbed in plant tissue that is stressed or

unhealthy. In fact, the more stressed the plant is, the more IR is absorbed.

IR waves are displayed as red because we can't see them. The redder the false colour image, the healthier the plants. Pink or light red would indicate stressed plants. This stress will show up in an IR image before a person's naked eye can see it.

However, an IR image does not give a reason why the plant is stressed. It could be because of pest, drought or lack of fertility.

Because computers see these images as a series of numbers, we can take IR imagery one step further and calculate a normalized differential vegetative index.

If red light is absorbed by vigorous growing plants and infrared is reflected from healthy plants, then NDVI is a calculated index between the two.

The result is a number between plus one, which indicates healthy vigorous growing plants, and minus one, which is pretty much dead.

Including the red light with the IR in the NDVI calculations gives the grower a slightly different result than an IR by itself, which includes plant growth and vigour.

Some people use the NDVI for determining nitrogen use and water for irrigation.

The bottom line is to know how to make use of this imagery.

Focused scouting is one way. Most images from drones are georeferenced, which means that location co-ordinates are known for every pixel in the image.

The location of a stressed crop area can be given to a field scout, who can find the stressed area using a GPS receiver and check it out. The scout may not see the stress in the plants, but an investigation of the area may determine the likely cause of the stress.

Instead of randomly walking through the field, scouts can focus on stressed areas and be more efficient.

Imagery also helps with data analysis because growers can see the result of their crop production practices by comparing a variety planting map, a nutrient application map or pest problem areas to a NDVI map.

For example, a grower may have applied a specific nutrient product at variable rates in a field. An NDVI map would show how vigorously the crop is growing in that field and allow the grower to make decisions about crop response to that product in the future or even within the current crop year.

Comparing NDVI to actual yield maps allows a grower to target areas where yield did not match potential.

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CHARLES RENNY

Rather than duke it out over who has more torque or better anti-sway control, Ford and General Motors are sniping at each other with television ads over what their trucks are made out of.

Ford makes extensive use of aluminum, while GM says it uses aluminum where needed and steel where it matters. Let's look a bit closer at the claims of both companies with GM coming up first.

If you listen closely, GM doesn't deny there's aluminum in Sierra and Silverado trucks. The ads state that aluminum is used where it makes sense, but they don't say which parts are aluminum. The implication is that Ford's use of aluminum is somehow new, untested and over the top.

Ford says that it uses "military grade" aluminum for the truck body and that doing so lightens the body by roughly 300 kilograms.

First off, both companies are, as the Brits tend to say, "telling porkeys." There is no such thing as "military grade" aluminum. The military does not grade any product. It sets the specifications according to the job it needs done.

Aluminum, like steel, comes in many different alloys that define its characteristics from how easy it is to bend, how strong it is and how easy it is to work with.

GM's Sierra and Silverado have significant amounts of aluminum from roof panels to trim items. All of these items, just like in the Fords, are non-structural components. The company just neglected to mention this in the ad.

Where does this leave the consumer?

Ford provides an expanded engine choice, and consumers can now order their F 150 with a turbo four cylinder.

A body that's 700 pounds lighter means the F 150 doesn't need as large an engine for the light duties that most F 150s are used for. As well, the fuel economy is significantly better.

Fuel economy is now the hot commodity in trucks, rather than torque and horsepower. We are only a few years away from new corporate average fuel economy standards. Nobody wants to pay the dreaded "gas guzzler" tax in an age when good fuel economy is seen as being green.

A rough calculation shows that the fuel saved in one year would run all the hybrids currently on the road for years if truck fuel economy improved by .5 litres per 100 kilometres.

When you order the F 150 as a working truck, the weight saving means that you can haul 700 lb. more and still get the same fuel economy. Or, you can stick with the old limits and get better fuel economy. If you happen to be a city user, fuel economy improves slightly because of all the stops and starts.

Less fuel is required because of less weight and mass to move.

Durability and safety are not affected because the frame and major suspension components are still steel.

Ford has more than 20 years experience working with the alloy. When it owned Jaguar, the company introduced a honeycomb aluminum construction car. Special rivets, bonding agents and other innovations were developed to make the program work, and it did.

The significant drawback to using aluminum is repair costs. More aluminum in places where things get bent, such as fenders and doors, means that it takes more knowledge and practice to get the bodywork right.

Sierra and Silverado use aluminum, just not as much as the Fords.



The 2016 F150 is 700 pounds lighter due to aluminum panels in non-stressed body components. The entry level engine is a turbo-charged in-line four cylinder. | FORD CANADA PHOTO

Fuel economy across the engine range is roughly the same as the Ford engines from Eco Boost to V8. For 2016, Silverado/Sierra will use a nine speed automatic to help with the fuel economy numbers.

Its advertising campaign may well be working because GM truck

sales overall are up significantly. GM also counts on most people not believing the fuel economy ratings put out by the government.

As well, many consumers do not want the base engine in a truck to be four cylinder, even if there is no intention of ever ordering one.

In short, buy whatever truck you like. My guideline would be to buy from whoever is going to give the best service and the best price. The rest is just smoke and mirrors.

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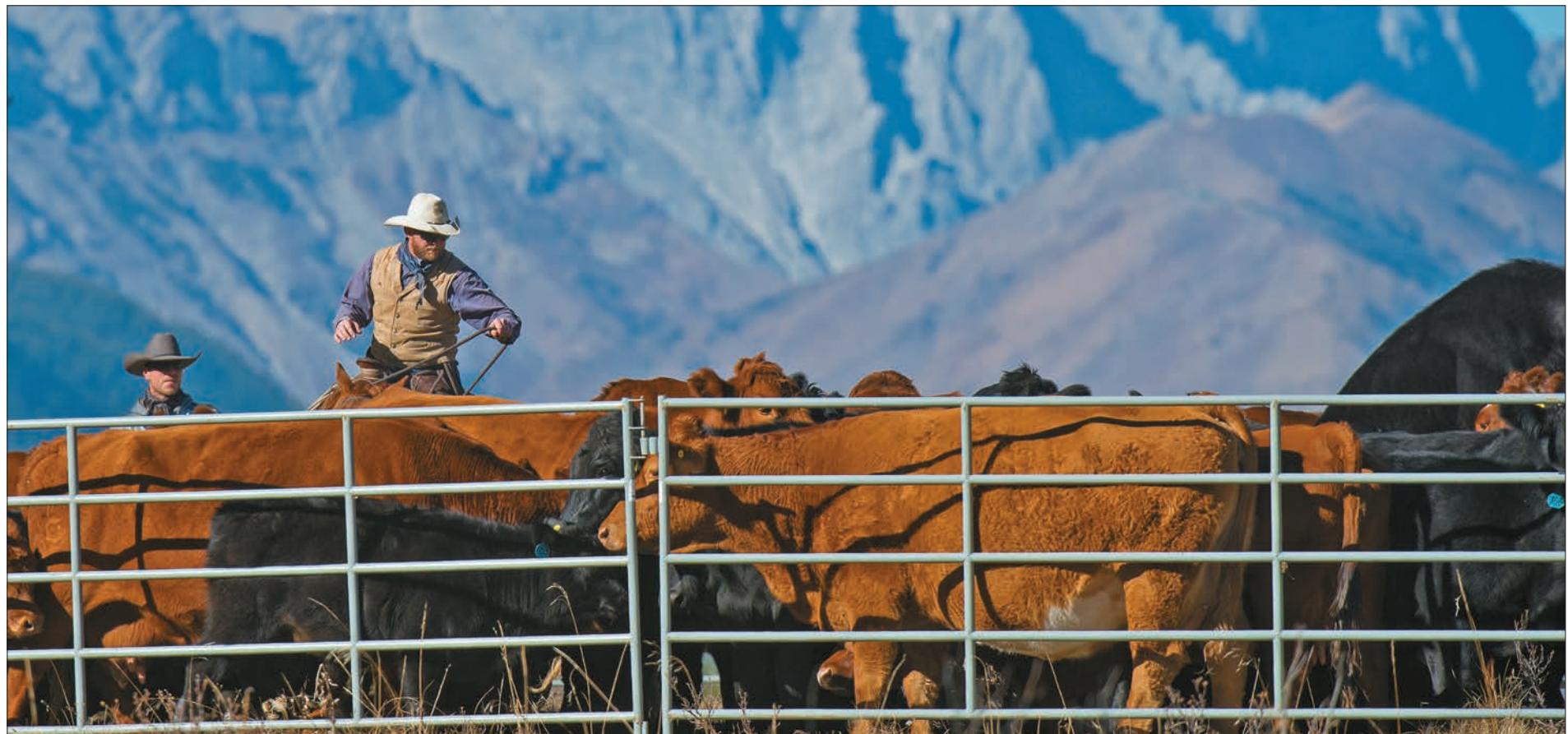
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Dustin Hummel, left, and Wade Nelson help Hank Ormstrup of Longview, Alta., round up 80 head of cattle to truck back to winter pastures. A recent cow-calf survey found ranchers with larger herds are more cost efficient. | MIKE STURK PHOTO

COST OF PRODUCTION

Know ins and outs of production costs

Revenues and expenses must be tallied to determine cost per wintered cow in order to find areas for improvement

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH

CALGARY BUREAU

EDMONTON — Poor prices for all classes of cattle for almost a decade dogged producers who still had to cover inflating costs.

"We hobbled along, but unfortunately costs did not hobble along. They continued to increase year over year," said Kathy Larson, research economist with the Western Beef Development Centre.

Calf prices have more than doubled in the last two years and profits have been impressive, but knowing the cost of production remains critical to make the best decisions, she said at the Livestock Gentec annual conference held in Edmonton Oct. 13-14.

"Even in good years there will be producers losing money and bad years some producers making money," she said.

The development centre has worked with producers since the 1990s to collect data to estimate what it cost on average to produce a pound of calf.

New online tools and training have been available since 2013 that allow producers to calculate their unique costs. Alberta Agriculture also provides a system called Cow-Profit\$.

Cow-calf cost of production is typically reported as dollars per cow wintered. These costs are then divided by the total pounds of calf

weaned to arrive at the unit cost of production, or break even price on calves. The unit cost of production can be compared with posted market prices.

It is a good idea when doing a whole ranch analysis to divide the operation into business enterprises such as the cow-calf operation, hay and grazing land section, heifer retention and development program, backgrounding and finishing cattle sectors. Each needs to be examined on its own merit.

"It involves going through revenues and expenses that accrue for each enterprise and figure out what your cost structure is for each," she said.

Cash versus non-cash transactions also need to be included when figuring out the ranch's financial status.

Cash is the physical sale of cattle and the physical purchase of feed, in which actual money is exchanged and products move on or off the operation.

Non-cash-transactions could be the movement of cattle and feed where no money is exchanged.

A point of contention among producers is calculating the cost of their labour because so many undervalue their wages.

The average wage per hour for primary labour in Alberta is \$29, based on a 40 hour week or 2,080 hours per year.

"Could the ranch provide \$58,000

in unpaid labour, because that might be what you might have to pay someone to do your job," she said.

Studies from other institutions have calculated the value of the rancher's labour from \$25,380 to \$70,000 a year.



KATHY LARSON
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Economic studies have found tremendous differences between ranches. There could be as much as \$200 difference in cost to maintain a cow between low cost and high cost producers.

A 2010 Alberta Agriculture study found the average cost per cow was \$636. The top producers with the lowest cost of production reckoned it cost them \$545 to keep a cow over winter.

"After BSE, producers did everything in their power to try and whittle down their costs but not to the point where you want to hamper the quality of your product," she said.

Profitability is tied to production, and low cost producers manage their herds to be efficient with controlled costs and still grow more pounds of beef per calf weaned than the average.

If producers figure it costs \$650 to winter a cow that produces a 550 pound weaned calf, those calves need to sell for \$1.18 a pound to break even.

However, there are fewer to sell if some die and break-evens are higher. For example, the calf must sell for \$1.39 per lb. if there is a 90 percent weaning rate.

A cost of production survey from Kansas State University found similar results.

"There is a \$250 per cow difference in the top producers and bottom producers," Larson said.

Most of the differences were based on the way producers controlled feed costs while raising heavier calves and monitoring the markets to get the best prices of the season.

Low cost producers tend to have lower feed costs, larger herds, lower machinery and building investments, a higher weaning percentage and lower interest on debt.

They do not cut corners on pastures, herd health or bulls because all those factors affect herd productivity.

Studies also found that large herds tend to fare better because they can spread out fixed costs

such as property taxes, veterinary care, fuel, repairs, utilities, depreciation and labour.

Herd size is correlated with lower costs, but smaller operations can be just as efficient.

"Size helps spread out fixed costs, but if you already have an unprofitable situation, I would not advise adding 50 cows and your problems will be solved," she said.

The recent western cow calf survey found that improvements are possible to reduce costs. About 400 producers responded to the survey, which was released earlier this year.

For example, the survey found that the average breeding season is 92 days when 63 days is recommended to ensure calves are born within a short period of time so they will be more consistent in size.

Producers reported that 55 percent of their calves were born in the first 21 days of the calving season. They should try for 60 percent of calves arriving in that three week period.

The average cow-bull ratio was 24:1 with seven percent failing to become pregnant. Calf death losses were reported at seven percent.

The average weaning weight was 535 lb.

For more information on cost of production calculators, visit www.wbdc.sk.ca.

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GOAT TRIALS

Producers test tagging options in goat traceability trial

Ear tags, leg bands and tail tags will be tested for retention, readability and infection rates

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Dairy goat farmer Dirk Boogerd believes livestock traceability is part of being progressive.

The farmer from Embro, Ont., is one of many producers who are part of the Canadian National Goat Federation's traceability and identification project.

"If you don't know who's who from who and you're not using traceability, then you're not progressing, in my eyes," Boogerd said.

"Traceability is a huge factor in a goat industry as well as any other industry."

The tag trial is designed to show what type of radio frequency identification is best for use on goats in Canada once traceability becomes a requirement under the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

"It's going to be mandatory that we identify all goats that move in Canada, and so in order to find identifiers that actually work for goat producers, we have to conduct tag trials," said federation president Beth Peers.

Ear tags, leg bands and tail tags will be tested in the trial.

Ear tags are usually used for traceability in livestock, but the La Mancha breed of goat has no ears.

In those cases, tail tags will be inserted into the goat's tail webbing.

"There's a web in the tail between the tail itself and kind of the muscle, so by saying tale web it's sort of like what would be the web between your thumb and your first finger," said Lorraine Stevenson-Hall, traceability trial manager for the federation.

Tail tag placement can be tricky because producers have to ensure



Producers participating in the traceability trial will record issues relating to application and retention. | FILE PHOTO

the tag doesn't hit muscle. A tag too near the edge of the webbing is also flawed. In both situations, the tag can work its way loose and fall off.

Producers who sign up for the trial will receive a brochure about tagging, along with information on the protocol they are expected to follow.

They can choose the type of tag they wish to test and must follow the manufacturer's requirements for application.

"For the goats that we're tail tagging, we're having a CNGF representative on farm at the time of tail tagging and (they are) going to either do it (themselves) or supervise the tail tagging," Stevenson-Hall said.

The trial's first round will begin in November and last six months. Another round will begin in January and last another six months. Stevenson-Hall said the two trials will ensure the collection of data

from animals in all types of weather and pasture conditions.

The federation is looking for information on RFID tag retention, readability and infection levels.

Participating producers will be required to record date of tagging, ease of application, ear or tail damage related to the tags and lost or missing tags.

They are not required to tag all

their goats and can choose how many to have in the trial.

"We want to collect data from tagging newborns, but we also want to collect data from adult goats as well," Stevenson-Hall said.

"We do have quite a number of producers who are already signed up that want to trial different tags and we're still working on getting more producers, but interest has

been pretty good."

The federation plans to double up RFID tags on goats, so it will require fewer animals in the trial. However, it hopes to test 5,400 goats.

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This all happens within minutes – in about 25 strides the machine can acquire enough information to help the clinician properly assess the problem and provide a printout for the owner.

"It's a really useful and innovative tool," says Dr. Kate Robinson, an assistant professor in equine field service at the WCVM.

The system has already been used in the field to help clinicians assess complex cases such as lameness in multiple limbs. It can detect which limb is most lame and whether it might be a true problem — or a result of the horse compensating for injury in one leg. The equipment is also especially useful for picking up subtle problems.

"Certainly the other application where it can really come in handy is in the high end performance horse, where maybe even to the human eye there isn't a discernable lameness, but the rider can feel that the horse is moving differently," says Robinson, who is using the locator for her current research on heel pain in horses.

The tool is just one in a stable of advanced diagnostic technologies available at the WCVM's Veterinary Medical Centre where horse owners have access to digital radiography, magnetic resonance imaging, computed tomography and nuclear scintigraphy (bone scanning). The centre's surgical team also provides a range of orthopedic surgical procedures for horses.

Later this month, horse owners can see a Lameness Locator® in action and help clinicians work through a case during an equine education afternoon at the WCVM's Ryan/Dubé Equine Performance Centre. **Organized by the college's Equine Health Research Fund, the free public event takes place from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30.**

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PRAIRIE STUDY

Interesting facts from cow-calf survey

ANIMAL HEALTH



ROY LEWIS, DVM

A large survey in Western Canada has discovered interesting information about cow-calf operations and provides a benchmark upon which to measure future progress.

The Western Beef Development Centre conducted the Western Canadian Cow-Calf Survey from October 2014 to February 2015.

The average age of the producers who responded was 50 years with an average of 28 years raising cattle.

An average of two to three family members were involved in the farm, which indicated there is a good base in the next generation wanting to stay on the farm.

It is no surprise the average size cow herd is 170 to 200 head with 19 percent of the herds larger than 300 head. A lot of herds had around 100 cows when I started practising 30 years ago.

Today's bigger cows herds generate economies of scale and justify better handling systems that can make the job easier.

The survey found that the average breeding time was 90 days. For better productivity, we need to try to return

to the norm before BSE, when bulls were often pulled after three cycles (63 days), and open cows at pregnancy checking were sold.

Most producers in the survey tried to calve their heifers one cycle before the cows so that they can be better monitored and have more time to recover before the next breeding season.

Calving season has been pushed back as herds got larger, but a little more than one-third of those surveyed calve in January or February. These early calvers are likely purebred herds and commercial herds that will accept calving in the cold to avoid the worst months for calf scouring.

Calf death loss in the survey was seven percent. Scours and pneumonia accounted for 30 percent of deaths. Clearly it is important to vaccinate for scours and take measures to prevent it. Losses can also be reduced by using early age calf intranasal or injectable respiratory vaccines.

Accidents and predators were the second most common cause of calf death at 29 percent.

Veterinarians were advocating pregnancy checking even when I graduated.

It is a no brainer to pregnancy check and cull the open and late cows in the fall, considering today's larger herds, better systems and improved management practices.

Breeding issues can be detected and other problems can be treated during fall processing.

It surprised me that only 60 per-

cent of those surveyed pregnancy check their cows and 66 percent their heifers. The cows are up from 49 percent in the 1998 survey, but I would guess that 80 percent or more of large herds pregnancy check.

The survey also found that 64 percent of producers semen test, which is up from 49 percent in the previous study.

Is it coincidental that the pregnancy checking stats and semen evaluating stats are almost identical? It's most likely the same producers don't do both procedures, so they would doubly benefit by removing infertile or sub fertile bulls through semen evaluating.

The large bull batteries are almost all tested, which can increase the cow-to-bull ratio. The standard is 25 to 1, but 35 to 1 can be achieved if synchronization is done first.

It is a worthwhile procedure, considering that zero to 20 percent of bulls fail their semen test.

The survey found less than 25 percent implant their young calves.

Implanting all non-replacement cattle (castrated bulls) would produce a huge amount of extra muscle on a national basis.

The survey also asked questions about castration methods, grazing and feeding practices, supplements and animal health practices.

The full survey results are available at www.wbdc.sk.ca.

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CALF RESEARCH

Colostrum vital to calf immunity, vigour

Producers should have a plan to deliver maternal antibodies to a calf with a weak sucking reflex

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH

CALGARY BUREAU

EDMONTON — A simple test can determine if a newborn calf needs extra help getting nutrition.

Place two fingers longitudinally in the calf's mouth to assess strength of sucking reflex. Those with a strong reflex are likely to get going on their own within a few hours, while those that seem weak may need help getting enough colostrum, says a researcher at the University of Calgary's faculty of veterinary medicine.

"Suckling reflex seems to be a very good tool to recognize this group of compromised calves," said Elizabeth Homerosky, a veterinarian and the first Simpson Ranch Fellow in Beef Cattle Health at the university.

The three-year fellowship combines a master's of science and clinical residency with board eligibility in beef production medicine through the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners.

Some of Homerosky's research involves newborn beef calf vigour and the effects of dystocia on pre-weaning growth and health.

A difficult calving or other trauma

can reduce vigour. Calves' immune systems may suffer if they do not get enough colostrum.

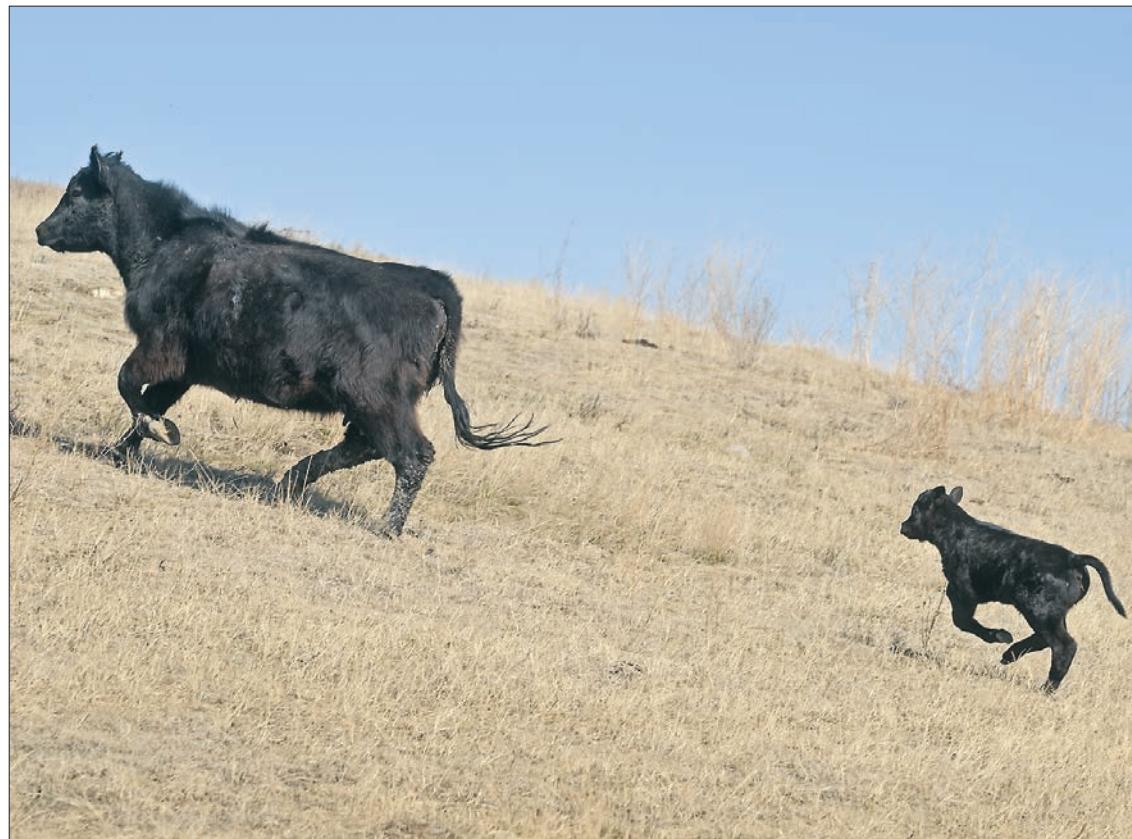
A 2009 study found that up to one-third of beef calves in Alberta and Saskatchewan had sub-optimal immunity. They had a greater risk of getting sick or dying before weaning.

Homerosky has found that the ability to suck does not appear to be related to whether the calf had a difficult birth.

Part of her research monitored 77 calves born on a large ranch in southern Alberta in March 2014. All required assistance to varying degrees, and her intention was to monitor their vigour in the first hours of life and make sure they started to receive colostrum as soon as possible.

"The absorption of maternal antibodies is very critical to the overall health of that calf. That makes newborn calf vigour a vital survival tool," she told the Livestock Gentec conference held in Edmonton Oct. 13-14.

These calves underwent a series of tests within 10 minutes of life. Their reflexes were checked, birth weight recorded, heart rate measured, colour of gums noted, tongues



Research shows a calf's immune system suffers if it does not get colostrum immediately after birth.

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checked for swelling and blood collected.

They were placed in maternity pens with their dams and observed.

Every calf had four hours to stand up and suck on its own. Assistance was provided to deliver colostrum if they could not.

Most got up within the first four hours after birth, including those with difficult births following a caesarian section or use of a calf jack.

The research did find that calves with weaker sucking reflexes may have had less oxygen in their blood.

The problem may have started in utero because less oxygen uptake by the brain might impair the ability to perform certain reflexes.

The calves were monitored and most recovered.

"Almost everybody was normal at 24 hours," she said.

Homerosky concluded that knowledge of a newborn calf's vig-

our has the greatest value to ensure it recovers, regardless of calving ease. Providing extra colostrum could make a difference if necessary.

"If you have a calf that has a very weak suckle reflex regardless of their calving ease, putting a management plan in place to help assist that calf in colostrum delivery is really important," she said.

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Sows often fail to pass on essential vitamins and copper to newborn piglets so supplementation may be required. | FILE PHOTO

HOG HEALTH

Piglets may lack micronutrients

BY ED WHITE

WINNIPEG BUREAU

It's dangerous to assume that sows naturally pass on to their piglets all the vital micronutrients they need, says a leading Canadian hog researcher.

Jacques Matte of Agriculture Canada said piglets are often dangerously deficient in vitamins D and A and copper during their most vulnerable time of birth to weaning, even when sows have adequate levels of these vital micronutrients.

"(They) seem to be not very well transferred from the mother to the piglet," he told the Western Nutrition Conference in Winnipeg Sept. 30. "There is a sort of blockage at the placental level for the three micronutrients."

The blockage applies to both the transfer of those micronutrients in utero and after birth through milk.

Matte said supplementation from birth to weaning appears to be a good way to address the problem.

Piglets quintuple their weight in those first three weeks of life, and any deficiency can bring on disease, lower growth rates and general problems.

As well, he said the effects of early deficiency can linger, and covering that deficiency may result in stronger long-term growth.

"We think that there might be a sort of imprinting effect of giving these piglets (supplementation) very early in life," said Matte.

The deficiency problem remains a mystery for researchers. It is possible piglets have not always needed higher levels of those nutrients, either in nature or other production systems. It could also be the result of the way pigs have developed through selective breeding.

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Farmers of North America hopes a significant portion of the proposed \$2.2 billion nitrogen plant in Belle Plaine, Sask., will come from farmer investment. | FILE PHOTO

FARMERS OF NORTH AMERICA

FNA nitrogen plant delayed

The startup date has been pushed back a year due to permit issues and talks with the railways

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Plans to build a farmer-owned fertilizer plant in Saskatchewan are still in the works, but the project has been delayed.

"We were probably a victim of our own optimism," said Bob Friesen, spokesperson for Farmers of North America's ProjectN.

"We had very optimistic timelines, and they have sagged a little bit because the project is so big and there are so many complexities."

FNA is attempting to build a \$2.2 billion nitrogen fertilizer plant in Belle Plaine, Sask., which would produce 1.2 million tonnes of urea and 425,000 tonnes of UAN liquid fertilizer a year.

The original plan was to have the plant in operation by 2017, but the start-up date has been pushed back to 2018.

Friesen said it has taken longer than expected to get the permits and other arrangements in place for developing the site.

The technical project permit, which includes the required environmental permitting, is almost ready to be submitted to the provincial government.

"When that permit is ratified by the provincial government and comes back, we're ready to go," said



BOB FRIESEN
FARMERS OF NORTH AMERICA

Friesen. "We've already been told that (the province is) going to deal with that as quickly as possible to give it a really fast turnaround."

It also took longer than expected to consult with both national railways to figure out where tracks would be positioned at the Belle Plaine site.

FNA has started discussions with natural gas companies to secure a long-term supply agreement and has submitted a water licensing permit to the province.

Friesen said talks with technology providers, engineering firms and construction companies are heating up. Interest in the FNA project escalated after CHS Inc. decided not to build its plant in Spiritwood, North Dakota.

All of the preliminary work is being funded by \$9.5 million in

seed money contributed by 2,500 farmers.

The next step will be to find a strategic partner willing to put up "meaningful equity" in the project.

FNA is looking for an investor with prior experience running a nitrogen fertilizer plant that is willing to make a long-term commitment to the project.

Friesen said his organization has been in discussions with potential partners who are intrigued by the low natural gas prices in Western Canada and farmer involvement in the plant.

The goal is to have farmers own a significant portion of the \$2.2 billion facility.

"We want to raise as much capital from farmers as we possibly can," he said.

FNA has an informal agreement with a company that will take all the fertilizer from the plant that the farmer-owners can't use.

FNA hopes to complete a fund-raising campaign for its related Genesis Grain & Fertilizer project before it starts a fundraising effort for ProjectN.

The company is attempting to build a series of seven western Canadian fertilizer distribution super centres: three in Alberta, three in Saskatchewan and one in Manitoba. Those facilities will dis-

tribute the fertilizer produced by the Belle Plaine plant.

FNA is attempting to raise money to build the first super centre in Belle Plaine, which will have 50,000 tonnes of dry storage capacity that can be turned three times a year.

The facility would store nitrogen and other types of fertilizer and would have full blending capabilities.

The original plan was for farmers to provide the entire \$26 million required for the inaugural facility through an offering memorandum that closed April 30.

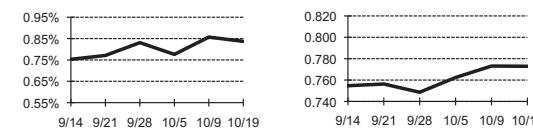
FNA has since decided to lower the target to \$15.3 million, which will net \$13 million for the project. The remaining \$13 million will come from debt financing.

The contribution deadline has been extended to Dec. 31. FNA has already raised \$6 million from farmers that is sitting in trust.

Friesen said FNA would ideally like to have the facility built and running by next spring 2016 because it would allow farmers to pocket the \$50 to \$80 per tonne in margins currently going to fertilizer retailers and distributors.

"That's the piece of the pie we want to capture with Genesis before ProjectN is in operation," he said.

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AG STOCKS OCT. 12-16

Weak crude oil prices weighed down the TSX. Wal-Mart issued weak quarterly profits, but U.S. consumer sentiment improved. For the week, the TSX composite was down 0.9 percent, the Dow rose 0.8 percent, a third week of gains, the S&P 500 was up 0.9 percent and the Nasdaq gained 1.2 percent. Cdn. exchanges in \$Cdn. U.S. exchanges in \$U.S.

GRAIN TRADERS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
ADM	NY	45.96	45.42
AGT Food	TSX	28.44	28.82
Bunge Ltd.	NY	77.78	77.12
ConAgra Foods	NY	41.69	41.76

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NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Ceapro Inc.	TSXV	0.20	0.24
Cervus Equip.	TSX	14.02	13.52
Input Capital	TSXV	2.59	2.78
Rocky Mtn D'ship	TSX	6.61	6.54
Hormel Foods	NY	65.90	65.42

FOOD PROCESSORS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Maple Leaf	TSX	21.24	21.52
Premium Brands	TSX	34.87	33.12
Tyson Foods	NY	45.30	46.33

FARM EQUIPMENT MFG.

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Ag Growth Int'l	TSX	35.97	38.60
AGCO Corp.	NY	44.24	47.01
Buhler Ind.	TSX	5.70	5.70
Caterpillar Inc.	NY	69.68	71.30
CNH Industrial	NY	6.74	7.37
Deere and Co.	NY	76.00	79.87

FARM INPUT SUPPLIERS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Agricore	TSX	122.71	123.91
BASF	OTC	80.86	83.07
Bayer Ag	OTC	124.80	126.35
Dow Chemical	NY	47.62	47.08
Dupont	NY	57.27	56.18
BioSyntex Inc.	TSX	7.00	7.00
Monsanto	NY	89.97	89.70
Mosaic	NY	34.93	33.93
PotashCorp	TSX	28.19	28.12
Syngenta	ADR	63.99	65.80

TRANSPORTATION

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
CN Rail	TSX	76.78	80.43
CPR	TSX	191.42	203.69

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Legumex stocks

BY SEAN PRATT

SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Shareholders of Winnipeg-based Legumex Walker will get less than originally anticipated from the sale of its special crops division.

The company said the net proceeds distributed to shareholders from the sale of the division to Scoular for \$94 million is about \$1.95 to \$2.25 per share, down from an expected \$2.50 to \$2.75. Shares closed at \$1.63 Oct. 16.

The lower estimate is due to a reduction in Legumex's net working capital in the third quarter.

Chair Bruce Scherr said in a news release the sale still "represents excellent value" for shareholders.

AG PARTNERSHIP

CHS partners with Alta. UFA to supply inputs, services

The new company plans to build a fertilizer distribution plant near Sexsmith, Alta., with storage for 5,350 tonnes

BY BRIAN CROSS
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

CHS Inc. is expanding its presence north of the border.

The American grain handler, energy company and farm input retailer's Canadian subsidiary, CHS Canada, announced Oct. 14 that it has signed a letter of intent to enter a joint venture partnership with Alberta's UFA.

The joint venture, which will operate under the name Bridgeland, will serve farmers in Alberta's Peace River region, selling a variety of crop inputs including seed products, farm chemicals and fertilizer as well as agronomic services.

Bridgeland will operate independent of the UFA's co-operative structure and will be governed by a board comprising two directors

from UFA and two from CHS.

Bridgeland's first facility will be a fertilizer plant located south of Sexsmith, Alta. UFA and CHS Canada will hold an equal 50 percent ownership stake in the high-speed blending and storage facility.

A second facility at Eaglesham, Alta., that is already owned by CHS Canada will also be included in the joint venture and rebranded under the Bridgeland name, said CHS regional vice-president Tim Miller.

Miller declined to comment on future Bridgeland investments in the Peace River region.

At Sexsmith, the new fertilizer facility will have storage capacity of 5,350 tonnes and a rapid-load out system capable of loading a 45 tonne Super B in 10 minutes.

Nick Harsulla, manager of corporate communications with UFA,

This regional partnership will allow us to support agricultural investment and enhance the services we provide here.

CAROL KITCHEN
UFA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



said CHS is expected to supply raw materials for the Sexsmith facility.

"That's one of the major benefits of this joint venture is that CHS is going to be our key supplier of the product," he said.

Construction of the fertilizer plant has already begun and completion is expected sometime next year, hopefully in time for spring seeding, he added.

UFA is an Alberta-based agricultural co-operative with more than 120,000 member-owners. It operates more than 110 bulk fuel and card lock petroleum locations, 35 farm and ranch supply stores and a support office in Calgary.

CHS Canada is part of CHS Inc., a global agribusiness owned by farmers, ranchers and co-operatives across the United States.

CHS Canada has been increasing its presence on the Prairies over the past few years and now has operations in more than a dozen locations, primarily in Alberta.

The company recently opened a Canadian grain trading office in Winnipeg, hoping to capitalize on new opportunities in Western Canada's recently deregulated trade in wheat, durum and malting barley.

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MULTIPLE U.S. SALES

Permanent establishment designation may spark taxes

MANAGING THE FARM



PAUL HAMMERTON & DAVID TURCHEN

This is Part 4 in a series on avoiding unnecessary taxes on U.S. grain sales.

Selling grain to American buyers might earn Canadian farmers better profits, but it is important to structure the sale so that it cannot be considered a U.S.-sourced sale.

If it is, the proceeds will be considered "effectively connected income" in the United States under U.S. tax law and taxable at graduated U.S. federal corporate rates that can be higher than Canadian taxes.

Farmers must also be careful if they conduct business with American buyers on multiple occasions because that could lead to a "permanent establishment" designation under U.S. tax law.

Fortunately, there is a U.S.-Canada tax treaty. Otherwise, income from sources within the U.S. that is connected with the conduct of trade or business would be taxable by the Internal Revenue Service.

Canadian farmers who comply with the tax treaty properly can ensure that the IRS collects tax only if their activities rise to a level that creates a permanent establishment in the U.S.

Farmers who are deemed to have created a permanent establishment face having to pay up to 35 percent tax (or 39.6 percent for sole proprietor) on all shipments for each year that they have been deemed to have a permanent establishment.

Filing the return late could result in penalties of US\$10,000 for a Canadian corporation and \$1,000 for an individual.

Permanent establishment typically exists with a fixed place of business in the U.S. but can also exist if certain agents (including yourself) wrap up contracts in the U.S. on behalf of your business on a regular basis.

Farmers who regularly enter the U.S. to sell their products are probably creating a precedent for permanent establishment, even if they only take orders.

The key test is determining what is regular or habitual.

There can be problems if farmers or their agents enter the U.S. for a total of more than 182 days and the sales of more than half their product to U.S.-based customers arose from those activities.

Many of the test requirements rely on facts and circumstances that can be unique to each business and transaction. As a result, a permanent establishment determination might not be clear cut.

Many farmers who live near the border could be flirting with the designation if they cross the border often, even if they aren't creating a permanent establishment in the U.S.

The rules regarding permanent establishment are especially tricky because the rules around individuals, partnerships and corporations are nebulous.

Partnerships can add more complexity: more than one entity or person might need to file tax forms.

Even if the activity does not rise to a level of a permanent establishment, the IRS still requires a formal disclosure that the activity is exempt from U.S. federal taxation.

Make sure to file the appropriate form to avoid the potentially stiff penalties for failure to file in time.

The only way to avoid the IRS is to be 100 percent sure you are selling to

a Canadian company and the transaction is completed in Canada.

This means the contract is signed, you are paid in full in Canadian dol-

lars and the grain is still in Canada.

An American company, even though it has offices in Canada, might not qualify.

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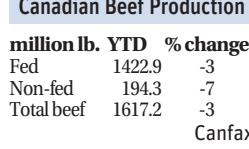
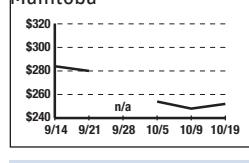
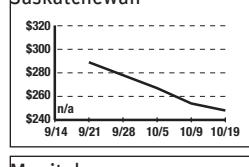
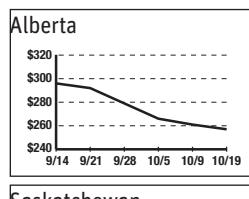
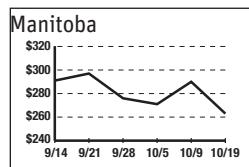
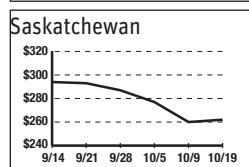
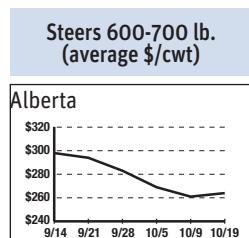
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9:30-10:00	Bob Blackshaw - Kochia resistance
10:00-10:30	Jamie Larsen - Hybrid fall rye
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00-11:30	Ken Coles - Winter grazing & project update
11:30-12:00	Brent Smith - Impacts of drought on range management
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Drew Lerner - Forecast

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Slaughter Cattle (\$/cwt)					
Grade A	Live Oct. 9-Oct. 15	Previous Oct. 2-Oct. 8	Year ago	Rail Oct. 9-Oct. 15	Previous Oct. 2-Oct. 8
Steers					
Alta.	n/a	n/a	165.48	262.00-288.50	n/a
Ont.	147.32-163.71	147.82-162.83	166.29	255.00-265.00	255.00-260.00
Heifers					
Alta.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ont.	147.84-161.61	145.69-160.54	159.32	254.00-264.00	254.00-259.00

*Live f.o.b. feedlot, rail f.o.b. plant.

Feeder Cattle (\$/cwt)			
Sask.	Man.	Alta.	B.C.
Steers			
900-1000	no sales	218-239	229-240
800-900	236-245	228-245	238-251
700-800	242-255	240-261	244-260
600-700	255-274	251-280	255-273
500-600	270-298	268-306	273-297
400-500	300-340	295-345	305-338
Heifers			
800-900	218-235	220-232	225-236
700-800	223-240	215-238	228-240
600-700	231-245	230-245	236-255
500-600	240-260	244-264	249-268
400-500	263-288	264-297	270-294
	285-337	285-316	295-321

Cattle Slaughter					
To Oct. 10	Fed. inspections only	Canada	U.S.		
To date 2015		1,958,586	22,266,511		
To date 2014		2,129,513	23,623,029		
% Change 15/14		-8.0	-5.7		

Average Carcass Weight			
Canfax	Oct. 10/15	Oct. 11/14	YTD 15
Steers			YTD 14
930	901	883	852
Heifers			
843	808	814	788
Cows			
706	688	725	683
Bulls			
697	980	1002	923

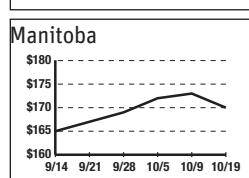
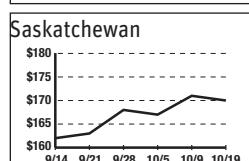
U.S. Cash cattle (\$US/cwt)			
Slaughter cattle (35-65% choice)		Steers	Heifers
National		135.42	135.76
Kansas		135.58	135.89
Nebraska		134.90	135.71
Nebraska (dressed)		205.00	n/a
Feeders No. 1 (800-900 lb)		Steers	Trend
South Dakota	183.00-207.00	+3	
Billings	184.50-194.00	n/a	
Dodge City	177.50-191.00	+5/+10	
		USDA	

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HOGS

Due to wide reporting and collection methods, it is misleading to compare hog prices between provinces.

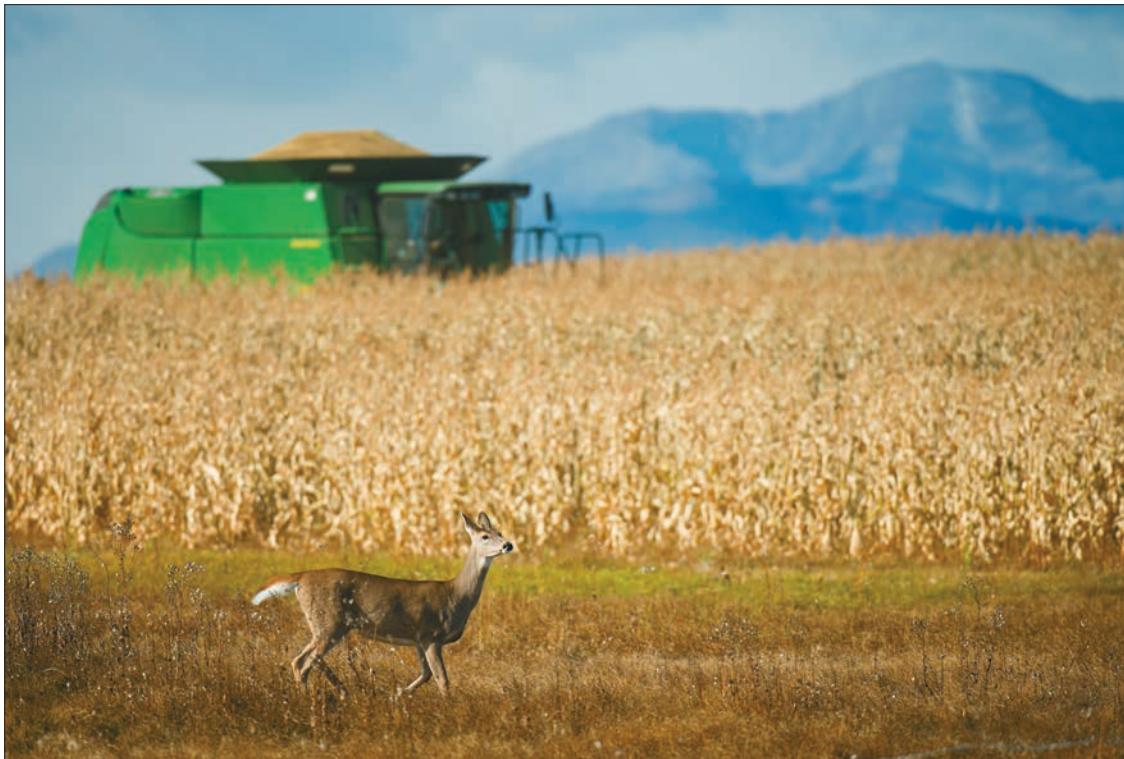
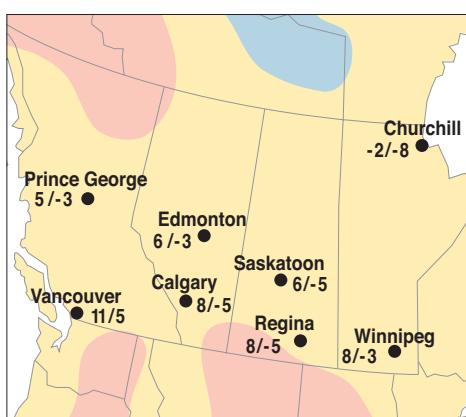


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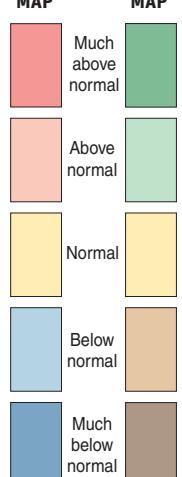
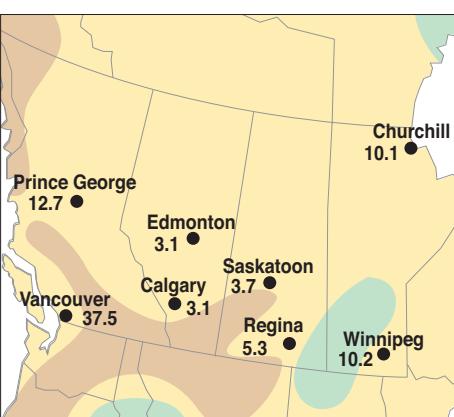
Chicago Hogs Lean (\$US/cwt)							
Close Oct. 16	Close Oct. 9	Trend	Year ago	Close Oct. 16	Close Oct. 9	Trend	

MOVING PARTS

A white-tailed deer runs away from a cornfield near Cayley, Alta. Combining was still underway in mid-October, and four combines were harvesting Cody Longson's barley field. | MIKE STURK PHOTO


TEMPERATURE FORECAST
Oct. 22 - 28 (in °C)


TEMP. MAP


PRECIPITATION FORECAST
Oct. 22 - 28 (in mm)


PRECIP. MAP

The numbers on the above maps are average temperature and precipitation figures for the forecast week, based on historical data from 1971-2000. Maps provided by WeatherTec Services: www.weathertec.mb.ca n/a = not available; tr = trace; 1 inch = 25.4 millimetres (mm)

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER SUMMARY ENDING OCT. 16

SASKATCHEWAN

	Temperature last week		Precipitation since April 1		
	High	Low	mm	mm	%
Assiniboia	21.4	-1.7	0.2	289.3	100
Broadview	18.8	-5.0	1.2	308.8	92
Eastend Cypress	19.1	-2.8	1.2	256.8	90
Estevan	20.5	-2.6	0.3	344.6	106
Kindersley	19.2	-3.4	0.0	239.5	93
Maple Creek	20.8	-4.4	0.0	216.7	80
Meadow Lake	18.6	-3.7	0.3	267.4	85
Melfort	16.1	-2.5	0.0	390.0	125
Nipawin	16.5	-6.5	0.0	385.7	115
North Battleford	18.0	-2.6	0.0	289.4	99
Prince Albert	17.5	-4.2	0.3	407.6	124
Regina	20.2	-3.9	0.5	305.3	102
Rockglen	23.5	-0.6	0.3	244.8	89
Saskatoon	17.8	-2.6	0.0	254.0	88
Swift Current	18.3	-2.1	0.0	253.9	91
Val Marie	23.6	-6.2	0.0	246.2	99
Yorkton	18.2	-2.4	1.3	299.4	86
Wynyard	16.7	-3.5	0.0	303.9	94

ALBERTA

	Temperature last week		Precipitation since April 1		
	High	Low	mm	mm	%
Brooks	21.1	-4.0	0.1	155.9	63
Calgary	19.7	-1.0	0.0	316.4	92
Cold Lake	19.5	-0.9	0.4	339.9	107
Coronation	17.9	-3.7	0.2	306.0	108
Edmonton	19.1	-6.0	0.4	254.1	71
Grande Prairie	18.1	-5.1	1.0	346.2	112
High Level	16.4	-4.9	2.3	135.3	50
Lethbridge	25.9	-4.9	0.0	191.3	68
Lloydminster	17.1	-2.8	0.2	341.7	111
Medicine Hat	22.8	-2.6	0.0	161.6	66
Milk River	21.7	-4.6	0.3	190.0	64
Peace River	15.4	-5.3	0.0	276.0	96
Pincher Creek	26.3	-5.4	0.0	281.7	76
Red Deer	18.5	-5.9	0.0	359.5	92
Stavely	22.4	0.2	2.8	297.5	89
Vegreville	19.8	-1.8	0.6	236.7	77

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	Temperature last week		Precipitation since April 1		
	High	Low	mm	mm	%
Brandon	21.2	-8.0	4.4	293.5	83
Dauphin	20.8	-8.8	4.2	266.0	74
Gimli	16.6	-4.7	17.7	465.9	120
Melita	19.2	-6.5	1.8	382.7	119
Morden	20.7	-5.2	5.3	353.2	90
Portage La Prairie	21.4	-5.4	10.8	432.1	114
Swan River	17.7	-8.2	1.9	322.5	85
Winnipeg	17.4	-8.4	9.6	428.9	107

BRITISH COLUMBIA

	Temperature last week	Precipitation since April 1
	High	Low
Cranbrook	18.3	-2.8
Fort St. John	14.0	-4.6
Kamloops	18.3	-0.2
Kelowna	18.0	-1.7
Prince George	15.3	-5.3

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