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SPECIAL REPORT

Dairy's milky future

Dairy farmers are optimistic the industry will stabilize and thrive now that the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement has been signed. Economists think it's the beginning of the end. Who's right? | **BY ED WHITE, WINNIPEG BUREAU**

NOW IS THE TIME to tackle the unsustainable trends of dairy supply management, say leading agricultural economists and farm leaders.

It might not be the sort of thing a new government relishes wading into, but some think that if supply management doesn't set itself up for the future, it might not have much of one.

"I think there's a real opportunity to take a hard look at this," said Canadian Federation of Agriculture president Ron Bonnett, who supports supply management.

"I think it's one of the critical issues going forward. If we don't get this together, we'll have bits and pieces banging up against each other."

In a surprise to many, Canadian dairy and other supply managed sectors will be allowed to keep the system within both the European free trade and Trans Pacific Partnership deals signed by the former Conservative government.

Each deal loosens supply management's stranglehold over Canada's domestic market, but the fundamentals, the system's "three pillars," survive.

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FARM SAFETY

Alta. gov't to amend farm safety bill

Family, neighbours to be exempt from coverage

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Amendments tabled in the Alberta legislature Dec. 7 are designed to clarify parts of Bill 6, the Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, and quell at least some of the farmer outrage that has gained momentum since the bill's introduction in November.

Farm and ranch owners, family members and neighbours or volunteers who assist with farm and ranch work will not be required to have coverage under the Workers Compensation Board, the amendments indicated.

Similarly, operations with no paid, non-family employees will not be subject to Occupational Health and Safety regulations.

Labour minister Lori Sigurdson and agriculture minister Oneil Carlier held a news conference to explain the amendments, which they said were always the intent of government.

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TRADE

COOL ruling renews calls to repeal law

\$1B in retaliatory tariffs granted against U.S.

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
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The World Trade Organization has granted Canada and Mexico the right to impose more than \$1 billion in retaliatory tariffs against the United States following a seven year dispute over country-of-origin labelling.

In a Dec. 7 news release, the WTO arbitration panel set the annual level of retaliation at \$780 million for Canada and \$228 million for Mexico. Canada requested more than \$3 billion and Mexico wanted \$713 billion.

In a joint statement, the Canadian beef and pork sectors applauded the decision over the contentious legislation that has been in effect since 2008.

Canada and Mexico have appeared before the WTO repeatedly and every ruling was in their favour.

"Our patience is exhausted. There is no further negotiation to be done and no compromise is acceptable.

"Canadian livestock producers and meat processors expect the U.S. to do nothing less than repeal COOL or face the immediate imposition of retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods to the same extent as the damage we have endured," said the joint statement.

American agriculture groups opposed to the law were quick to respond, demanding Congress repeal the bill rather than face

tariffs on a long list of products that includes beef, pork, produce and consumer goods such as furniture.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the National Grain and Feed Association and the National Pork Producers Council renewed the call for Congress to repeal labelling requirements for beef, pork and poultry.

The WTO has ruled the COOL law discriminates against Canadian and Mexican animals that are sent to the U.S. to be fed or slaughtered.

Last June, the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to repeal the meat labelling provisions, but the Senate has not acted.

"If the Senate does not act, U.S. beef exports will face a 100 percent tariff in these countries, severely diminishing about \$2 billion of beef exports annually," said a statement from the NCBA.

The NCBA calculates the loss of the Canadian and Mexican markets could cost U.S. beef producers 10 cents per pound immediately.

The Canadian government has said it will go ahead with retaliation if the law is not repealed.

"If the U.S. Senate does not take immediate action to repeal COOL for beef and pork, Canada will quickly take steps to retaliate," said federal minister of agriculture Lawrence MacAulay.

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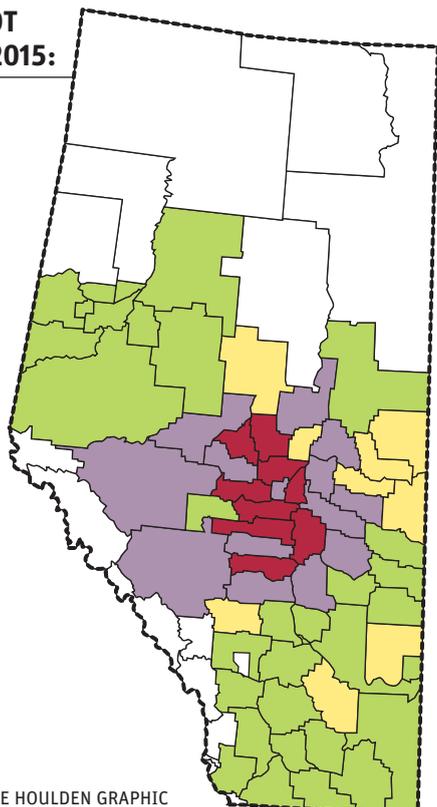
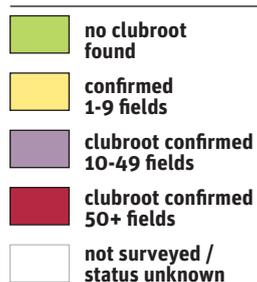
Nick Didlick of Vancouver was photographing a cow moose that walked onto the road Dec. 6 from the appropriately named Moose Meadows west of Banff, Alta., when it began licking the road salt off the truck. | MIKE STURK PHOTO

CROP DISEASE

Alberta clubroot could be making its way east: pathologist

Most clubroot infestation is still concentrated near Edmonton, but new cases have been confirmed along Sask. border

CUMULATIVE CLUBROOT INFESTATIONS, 2003-2015:



Source: Gov't of Alberta | MICHELLE HOULDEN GRAPHIC

BY SEAN PRATT
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

A newly released 2015 clubroot map shows that the disease is continuing its steady march toward Saskatchewan.

"Even though we don't see a lot of disease in Saskatchewan yet, it's banging on the door," said Bruce Gossen, a plant pathologist with Agriculture Canada.

"Our growers have to be really aware that the disease is probably already present at low levels."

The main centre of infection is still the Edmonton area, but it can be found at fairly high levels in five Alberta counties close to the Saskatchewan border.

"It's following the Yellowhead (Highway) into Saskatchewan. The soils there are not that much different," he said.

Clubroot has been found in only a few Saskatchewan canola fields. Gossen said that's just because of a lack of surveying.

"We haven't looked really hard," he told delegates attending the Canola Industry Meeting in Saskatoon.

Gossen said the new Alberta clubroot map shouldn't ring too many alarm bells because it is inevitable the disease will cross the border eventually.

"Those bells have been ringing for a little while, but maybe they're a little louder and a little closer than ever before," he said.

Clubroot was unknown as a canola problem on the Prairies until 2003, when 12 cases were found in fields near Edmonton.

Officials confirmed 287 new cases in the province this year, bringing the total number of cases to 2,154 since surveys began in 2003.

Several counties and municipalities reported their first cases of the disease this year, said Steve Strelkov, a plant pathology professor at the University of Alberta who created the map.

"This included the first records of the disease in the Municipal District of Bonnyville, which along with the earlier confirmation of another clubroot infested field in Vermilion County, indicate that the clubroot outbreak now stretches to the border with Saskatchewan," he said in an email.

Drought in many parts of Alberta resulted in lower than expected clubroot problems this year because the disease is heavily influenced by soil moisture.

"No severe clubroot infestation were observed in 2015, while in most years these represent up to 10 to 15 percent of all new cases," said Strelkov.

"Nonetheless, despite the generally unfavourable conditions for clubroot, the disease appears to continue its spread."

Multiple new strains of the disease were confirmed last year, and 30 more fields planted to resistant canola were found to have symptoms this year. The pathogen populations from those fields are being tested for their ability to cause disease under greenhouse conditions.

"We continue to characterize the pathogen collections from clubroot resistant fields, including producing single-spore derived isolates, which will provide us with a clearer picture about the nature of these new pathogen strains," said Strelkov.

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DAIRY'S MILKY FUTURE

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The Dairy Farmers of Canada proclaimed in a tweet when the TPP deal was announced that the deal meant “no negative impact and supply management preserved for the next generation.”

Many individual dairy farmers weren't happy to see 3.25 percent of Canada's milk market handed over to TPP nation imports, following the increased cheese imports that were agreed to in the Canada-European Union free trade deal, but the present basics of the supply management system can continue indefinitely, including controlled supply, managed prices and tough import controls.

However, economists say that isn't necessarily a good thing for almost anyone. The Canadian dairy market is stagnant, with only tiny marginal growth and little reason to believe that will change much.

Farmer numbers have been falling, as in many agricultural sectors, with perhaps only half as many farmers likely to still be in the business in 20 years.

Yet unlike other Canadian farm industries, Canada's supply managed sectors cannot expand production and bring money into Canada through large scale exports because Canada has agreed to not export supply managed goods beyond tiny amounts.

In 20 years, the industry could consist of a handful of farmers in most provinces, serving a dwarfed processing industry and becoming more and more irrelevant to the wider economy and population. The industry's ability to keep public support and higher prices at that point might be critically undermined.

University of Saskatchewan agricultural economist Murray Fulton thinks dairy farmers need to ensure their structures remain relevant for today's situation and sufficient to match long-term trends.

“Farms and farmers are very different today than they were in the 1960s and 1970s when supply management was being formulated,” said Fulton.

“These changes will eventually, I believe, affect what farmers want from policy and what society is willing to accept in terms of policy.”

Fulton said he expects to see changes in supply management policy in the next few years and perhaps even an increase in the number of farmers who fight back against the constrictive system, as happened with the Canadian Wheat Board.

“And society will, more and more, I expect, look for other things from policy,” said Fulton.

“Precisely what these things are, only time will tell.”

Bonnett said he wants to see a clear vision about where supply management can evolve to offer farmers and Canadians confidence that the industry has a sustainable future and provides an industry Canada wants to protect.

“There's been huge value in the marketplace (from supply management),” said Bonnett.

“We don't want to get into the situation where industries suddenly collapse.”

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CONVOYING A MESSAGE | A convoy of farmers and ranchers in farm vehicles travelled from Fort Macleod to Okotoks Dec. 2, where they met with provincial labour minister Lori Sigurdson and agriculture minister Oneil Carlier. Producers throughout Alberta are protesting Bill 6, farm safety legislation that some worry will affect family and friends who want to help out with the farm work. Protesters signed a petition that they presented to the government. | MIKE STURK PHOTO

SAFETY LEGISLATION

What other provinces are doing

BY MARY MACARTHUR
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Alberta's Bill 6 plans to eliminate the farm exemptions on the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Workers Compensation, Labour Relations and Employment Standards.

Legislation in the other western provinces varies when it comes to coverage and exemptions for farmers and farm workers. Below is a snapshot of how regulations apply to farms and ranches in other provinces.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

British Columbia: Every workplace that employs workers must have a health and safety program, including farms.

However, only employers that have 20 or more employees and have a workplace with a moderate to high risk of injury must develop and maintain an occupational health and safety program. An OHS program in B.C. must include the employer's aims and responsibilities with respect to OHS, regular inspection schedules, written directions for employees, maintenance of statistics and records, and a regular

review of OHS standards and their implementation.

The regulations include a number of conditions specific to agriculture, including barriers on manure pits, cold storage, animal handling and use of hay balers. There are no exemptions for family farms or differentiations between large and small farming operations.

Saskatchewan: Regulations apply to all workplaces, including farms. The act places responsibility for health and safety on everyone who works at the workplace, including owners, workers, self-employed people, contractors and suppliers.

The level of responsibility for each of these is based on authority and control. An employer has the most responsibility to ensure health and safety standards are met.

Workers are given three basic health and safety rights:

- They have the right to know about the hazards of their job and how to deal with those hazards so they will not cause injury or harm.
- They have the right to participate in health and safety education in the workplace.
- They have the right to refuse work that they believe is unusually dangerous to themselves or

others in the workplace.

A self-employed person, such as a farmer who does not employ others has the same responsibility under the act as both an employer and worker combined.

Manitoba: The act governs the relationship between employers and employees with regard to workplace safety and applies to all workplaces, including farms.

Every employer must ensure the safety, health and welfare of all their workers. The act gives direction on how farmers should protect those who work on a farm as well as how workers are required to protect themselves and others.

WORKERS COMPENSATION

British Columbia: The act applies to all employers and workers who are engaged in paid work, although it does allow for some exemptions.

Exemptions are not based on industry (there is no exemption for agriculture), but rather duration of employment and if the employment is taking place at a private residence.

Exemptions are if a person works an average of less than eight hours

a week and a person is employed for a specific job for a temporary period of less than 24 hours.

All paid workers, and the employers of those workers on all commercial farming operations, regardless of size, are included under WCB legislation. Unpaid workers, such as children and family members performing chores or assisting in seasonal activities, are not included under the legislation.

Saskatchewan: The WCB manages a compensation system for workplace injuries on behalf of workers and employers. There are exemptions for certain areas, including dairy, demonstrating and exhibiting, feedlots, grazing co-ops, land clearing, fur farms, livestock brokers, mobile farm feed services or portable seed cleaning plants, pig farms, poultry farms, trapping and voluntary workers.

Manitoba: The act applies to all employers and workers in all industries. It does exempt farmers and family members of farmers from WCB regulations. A farm can be owned by a farmer or can be a family farm corporation. Family members can be a spouse or common-law partner, child,

SAFETY LEGISLATION

Farm protests draw spotlight onto Bill 6

Protests to farm safety bill illustrate growing divide between rural and urban Albertans

BY MARY MACARTHUR
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LEDUC, Alta. — Alberta premier Rachel Notley is pushing ahead with plans to enact farm safety legislation, albeit a changed version from that initially proposed, despite dozens of protest rallies to kill or delay the bill.

The government introduced changes to Bill 6 Dec. 7 to clarify that it will cover only paid farm workers. The bill was also expected to pass second reading that day.

“Those paid wage-earning farm workers (in an accident) will receive compensation and will have the right to refuse unsafe work. Over the months to come we will engage in respectful common-sense dialogue about how to tweak the other newly applied rules in a way that respects the family farm just as it has been done in every other province in the country.”

Farmers have held three protests at the legislature since the government introduced the bill in mid-November and were expected to rally again Dec. 8.

Farmers have also gathered to protest the bill during government consultation meetings and at meetings organized by the opposition Wildrose and Progressive Conservative parties.

Johnny Meilink of Red Deer said it wasn't right that the government should interfere with his dairy farm and implement legislation that would limit the num-



It was standing room only at the Bill 6 consultation meeting in Red Deer. About 500 people showed up to protest the farm safety bill and question the minister of agriculture. | MARY MACARTHUR PHOTO

ber of hours worked in a week.

“Saying I can only work 44 hours, that's not right. I work more than that,” he said during a farm protest rally before a government consultation meeting in Red Deer.

“Dairy farmers work till the job gets done, especially in the field work season.”

Meilink said he doesn't think there should be any farm safety legislation.

“I'm always safe.”

The confusion over labour laws, farm safety rules and who is covered could have been avoided when the bill was introduced by announcing that the changes would cover only paid farm workers, said University of Alberta political science professor Roger Epp.

“It could have been a preventable story, or partly preventable story.... If the government had been clear at the outset of its intentions to limit this to paid

farm employees, I don't think this would have gone anywhere or wouldn't have been so much to work with.”

He said the protests show the growing divide between rural and urban Albertans. People in the city don't understand why there aren't tougher regulations in place to stop farm accidents, especially child deaths.

“People I talk to in Edmonton say this is a no brainer,” he said.

“Why should kids be so vulnerable to the kind of accidents they have had.”

The Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research has reported 355 agriculture related deaths between 1990 and 2009 and found that 25 were hospitalized for each person who died.

“These deaths and injuries can be prevented, but we cannot prevent them by doing nothing and we cannot prevent them through endless delay, Notley said.

“We cannot prevent their deaths if we cannot investigate their causes, learn from them and where required hold people accountable for them and we cannot compensate families for those who are injured or killed in paid wage earning farm jobs unless we provide assistance to compensate them for their losses.”

The bill's vagueness about what and whom it covered prompted farmers to fear what it might mean to their farms and families.

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GOV'T TO AMEND BILL 6

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“It's fair to say that I have heard a lot, and I'm grateful for that,” said Carlier about the numerous meetings and rallies he has attended in recent weeks.

“The farming and ranching community has spoken and we have heard them. The amendments that were introduced today make things very clear.”

Sigurdson said the amendments “address the concerns we've heard from Albertans, not only farmers and ranchers but all Albertans who care deeply about agriculture, farms and ranches and the rural communities they sustain.”

The ministers said Hutterite colonies that do not employ non-family paid workers will be exempt from mandatory WCB and OHS regulations.

Sigurdson confirmed that information about Bill 6 that initially appeared on the government website, and has since been removed, was wrong and officials are looking into how it occurred.

She said the early and erroneous information caused concern in the farm community and led to public meetings and ministers' efforts to answer questions about the bill as it makes its way into law.

Farm groups and farmers have been critical of the government's lack of consultation on the bill, which most said should occur before its passage.

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture recommended that the legislation be deferred for at least a year, until 2017, “to give producers a chance to become familiar with it, plan for it and budget for it.”

The Wildrose party made a similar recommendation in response to the amendments announced Dec. 7.

“The government needs to listen to the people, and either refer Bill 6 to committee or kill it outright,” said Jason Nixon, the Wildrose MLA for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre.

In the news conference, Sigurdson and Carlier reiterated that the bill is intended to provide protections for paid farm and ranch employees.

“We're working with paid non-family members and we know that if we introduce this, that will create more of a culture of (safety) and I think that will have impacts,” Sigurdson said.

As of Jan. 1, farm operations with paid, non-family employees will be required to enrol in WCB coverage for those employees and will have until April 30 to do so.

Basic OHS rules to operate a safe work environment will also apply as of Jan. 1, along with workers' rights to refuse unsafe work.

It will also allow investigations of serious farm accidents or deaths if they occur on a farm that has paid, non-family workers.

Provisions in the employment standards code and the labour relations act will not be enacted until details of their application to farms and ranches have been determined in consultation with the agricultural industry, the government said in a technical briefing.

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about farm worker safety

parent, sibling and other relative and a person who the farmer considers to be a close relative, whether or not they are related by blood, adoption, marriage or a common-law relationship.

The farming exemption is liberal and far-reaching and exempts close friends from coverage. This allows family members and their neighbours to work together.

Farmers can voluntarily apply for coverage for themselves and their family members.

LABOUR STANDARDS

British Columbia: A farm worker is anyone employed in farming, ranching, orchards and agricultural operations who grows or raises crops or livestock, clears land, operates farm machinery or other equipment, sells any products from a farm or washes, cleans, sorts, grades or packs a product from a harvest.

Farm workers are covered by most sections of the act except minimum wage, paid wages, deduction of wages and statutory holidays. Farm workers are not entitled to overtime, but a farm worker must not work excessive hours detrimental to their health.

Saskatchewan: The legislation outlines the relationship between employer and employee, including application of minimum wages, holidays and maternity leave.

The act does not apply to employees in farming, ranching or market gardening, but it does apply to those in egg hatcheries, greenhouses, nurseries, bush clearing, feedlots, confined feeding operations and commercial hog operations.

Manitoba: Parts of the employment standards code covers farm workers, while others do not. There are different exemptions for paid farm workers with no relationship to the family that owns or operates the farm and for family members being paid to work on the farm.

Paid, non-family members are not regulated by the standard hours of work requirements, overtime, general holiday and wages for reporting to work requirements.

Non-family workers are regulated by minimum wage requirements, annual vacation and vacation allowance requirements, weekly day of rest requirements, work break requirements, unpaid leave requirements, termination of employment requirements

and employment of children requirements.

Paid family members are subject to only one code, which requires that employers may not discriminate between male and female employees by paying one gender more than the other for the same work.

The requirements that are applicable to paid non-family workers are not applicable to paid family workers.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Eight provinces in Canada allow farm workers to unionize and seek collective bargaining, including British Columbia, Manitoba and Quebec. In Ontario, farm workers can associate but not collectively bargain.

Alberta's previous exclusion for farm workers from the Labour Relations Code is considered to interfere with the Canadian Charter's rights to associate. Several Supreme Court rulings favour expanding rights to include farm workers.

CHILDREN AND FARM WORK

Alberta: Prior to Bill 6, restrictions on child employment do not apply to most farm and ranch

employees. Children younger than 16 must attend school during normal school hours, unless they have a special permit.

British Columbia: Workers must be 15 years old or hold a permit from the employment standards branch to work in any sector, including farm work.

Saskatchewan: Youth workers must be 16 years old to operate powered mobile equipment on a worksite or to work in areas where they may be exposed to dangerous chemicals or biological substances.

There is an exception for family farms so that the immediate family members of the farm owner are able to work on farms with no restrictions to work hours other than workers younger than 16 cannot work during school hours without the permission of the school principal.

Manitoba: Most restrictions on child employment do not apply in the agricultural sector. However, children younger than 16 cannot work during school hours without a permit. Children younger than 15 may not get such a permit. However, children who are family members of farmers are exempt from this section of the code.

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CANOLA CARRYOUT

Can market devour record canola supply?

Statistics Canada's estimate is bigger than expected, but exports, crush are booming

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BRANDON BUREAU

Some experts argue there's nothing to worry about after Statistics Canada released a canola production estimate of 17.2 million tonnes.

They say booming domestic crusher and export demand will eat up the excess production so that the 2015-16 carryout will be manageable.

However, Errol Anderson isn't buying that theory.

"I'm not as bullish on the use," said Anderson, a commodity broker and president of ProMarket Communications in Calgary.

"I think we're going to have a heavy carryout of canola."

The government agency released its crop production estimates for 2015 Dec. 4, pegging canola production at 17.2 million tonnes, the second highest total on record and up from 16.4 million tonnes last year.

The figure was much higher than expected, considering that the average of grain trade analysts' forecasts was 15.5 million tonnes.

Statistics Canada said strong yields in Saskatchewan and Manitoba propelled production higher. Saskatchewan growers posted an average canola yield of 36.5 bushels per acre, up from 33 bu. last year, according to the agency.

In Manitoba the average yield was 40.3 bu., an 11 percent increase from last year.

SaskCanola chair Dale Leftwich said the yield estimate is high. Excessive rain drowned out patches of canola fields in his region near Esterhazy, which put a cap on yields. He said most growers he's spoken with have average to good crops, but few reported excellent yields.

The story is different south of Esterhazy. Sherri Roberts, Saskatchewan Agriculture's regional crops specialist in Weyburn, said most growers in the southeast reported canola yields of 40 to 45 bu. per acre.

"I haven't heard anybody complain, at all, about their canola crop," she said, adding the Statistics Canada yield average for Saskatchewan sounds correct.

Given the yield numbers, Ander-

son said canola stocks at the end of 2015-16 crop year might be higher than expected.

"I think we're going to be about three million plus (tonnes) on carryout."

Anderson isn't convinced exports will use up the extra canola production. He expects the global economy to slow next year, particularly in Asia, which would reduce demand for commodities.

"Domestic crush demand is excellent right now, but we've got some real struggles in the global market," he said.

"I'm just not in the camp that canola demand will eat this all up."

Jon Dreidger, risk management portfolio manager with FarmLink Marketing Solutions, is more bullish on demand. Canola has rapidly moved into country elevators this fall, and the system is dealing with the influx.

"We've seen a lot of canola come (off farms)... There's been a lot of canola heating in bins. Growers have been aggressive sellers ... instead of having it cake in their bins. The market has absorbed that reasonably well," he said.

"We still do have good demand. Exports have been moving along at a good clip. The crush is running ahead of last year."

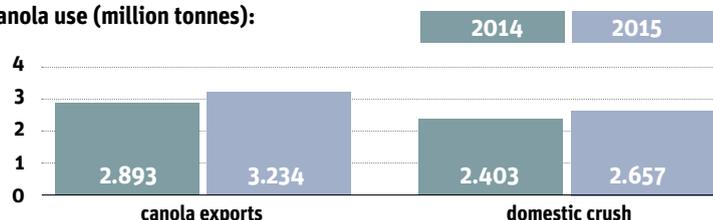
The Canadian Oilseed Crushers Association said the crush to Dec. 2 is 2.66 million tonnes, almost 11 percent ahead of last year. Bulk canola exports to the end of November were 3.23 million tonnes, up 12 percent from last year.

Dreidger said the new, higher production number might take the

CANOLA DEMAND BOOMING

The canola crop is bigger than expected but so is disappearance. Canola exports are running 12 percent ahead of last year at this point and domestic crush is running 11 percent ahead. Last year's exports and crush set records so the exceptional pace this year might help to keep year end stocks manageable, even with a larger than expected crop.

Canola use (million tonnes):



Source: Canadian Grain Commission, Canadian Oilseed Processors Association | WP GRAPHIC



While supply is high, export and crusher demand is also strong, which may keep prices up. | FILE PHOTO

top off prices this winter, but he's not convinced the extra volume will cause cash prices to plummet or basis levels to dramatically widen.

"I think we will find a home for most of it," he said. "I don't think we'll wake up at the end of the crop year and say, 'holy cow, we've got this massive pile of canola.'"

Statistics Canada says year end canola stocks were 2.3 million tonnes July 31.

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CANOLA SURVIVES DROUGHT TO SURPRISE

Statistics Canada surprised the market with the magnitude of its canola crop increase, which topped the average of expectations by 1.7 million tonnes. The barley crop is also bigger than expected. The report is based on a survey of about 26,400 Canadian farms conducted from Oct. 21 to Nov. 12.

Estimates of principal field crop production (million tonnes):

Crop	2014 final	Sept. 2015	Nov. 2015	% change 2014 to Nov. 2015	% change Sept. to Nov.
All wheat	29.42	26.06	27.59	-6.2%	5.9%
Spring wheat	21.30	19.05	19.96	-6.3	4.5
Durum	5.19	4.74	5.39	3.8	12.0
Winter wheat	2.93	2.26	2.24	-23.4	-0.9
Canola	16.41	14.30	17.23	5.0	17.0
Corn	11.49	12.20	13.56	18.0	10.0
Barley	7.12	7.61	8.23	15.5	7.5
Soybeans	6.05	5.93	6.24	3.1	4.9
Dry field peas	3.81	3.16	3.20	-16.0	1.4
Oats	2.98	3.29	3.43	15.1	4.0
Lentils	1.99	2.16	2.37	19.4	8.9
Flax	0.87	0.89	0.94	8.0	5.6
Dry beans	0.27	0.25	0.24	-10.9	-4.0
Mustard seed	0.20	0.11	0.12	-37.7	11.4
Rye	0.22	0.23	0.23	3.7	-3.4
Canaryseed	0.13	0.12	0.15	19.0	20.8
Chickpeas	0.12	0.10	0.08	-32.1	-20.0
Sunflower	0.06	0.09	0.07	32.0	-19.8

Source: Statistics Canada | WP GRAPHIC



Analyst expects oat prices to rise if demand remains steady so farmers should hold off on deliveries.

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CROP MARKETING

Don't hurry to sell oats or wheat, advises analyst

Confirm quantity and quality of crop to jump on late winter rallies

BY KAREN BRIERE

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MOOSE JAW, Sask. — Farmers with oats to sell should hold off for now, advises analyst Brenda Tjaden Lepp of FarmLink Solutions.

It's not a good time of year to sell any cereals, she said in an interview at the Prairie Oat Growers Association annual conference.

"As a general rule of thumb, with the exception of some of the pulse markets, which are really hot right now (and) need to be watched closely, cereals markets probably need to be left alone," she said.

"Oats for sure. I would say the same thing about wheat."

Tjaden Lepp said western Canadian supplies are tight but it's too early to know with much confidence what the actual supply and demand will be or whether prices will be 50 cents higher or lower in the spring.

"But when you look at the balance of supply and demand influences right now, there's definitely more upside than there is downside risk," she added.

That's because prices are close to the cost of production of oats.

"The bids have kind of been grinding around at the lows of the year," she said. "Oftentimes that's a sign that the market's reestablishing some value and some commercials are taking coverage."

The market will go up in the short and medium term if supply estimates are correct and if nothing changes on the demand side.

World grain stocks are large, and Tjaden Lepp said wheat and soybean supplies will act as a headwind for cash market upside for local prairie cash grain crops in the next few months.

Further out, there is always potential for things to change.

"The best advice I could give to a farmer trying to decide whether or not to sell oats or some other crops today is just wait and see," she said.

"Give the market some time to do its thing."

Farmers should be looking at their inventories and establishing how much there is and its quality.



BRENDA TJADEN LEPP
FARMLINK SOLUTIONS

Producers at the conference heard about the importance of quality and purity for selling into markets with specific attributes, such as gluten-free oats. Tjaden Lepp said that is true for all cereals.

She said farmers can test samples to find out exactly what they have and be in a better position to shop their oats around.

Markets are likely to pick up in January and February, but Tjaden Lepp said she was surprised at how "frothy" they were last week. Between Nov. 30 and Dec. 4 soy oil rose 10.5 percent, soybeans climbed 3.8 percent, canola was up 2.4 percent, corn climbed 3.9 percent and Minneapolis wheat rose 1.8 percent.

"Maybe that's a function of thin holiday trade because most of that is happening on the futures and not on the cash side yet," she said.

"We are seeing the basis levels for wheat, canola, oats kind of correct some of the futures' volatility right now. That just tells us we're still in a well-balanced situation of where prices are."

She also said she urges a wait-and-see approach, assuming that most farmers have sold off the combine to manage storage and fall cash flow.

Farmers typically don't like to store bulky oats, but that's what she recommended this year.

The supply-and-demand balance for last year, next year and the year after have looked tight, but the market has not responded, Tjaden Lepp said.

Oat prices of less than \$2.50 a bushel are weak, which she attributes to farmer selling pressure in the fall. Yields came in better than expected and that lengthens the selling window.

She also advised farmers to spend some time getting a precise cost of production.

"I don't think there's going to be a wild trading range on new crop oat prices for a while. If an opportunity comes along where the price is 30 or 40 cents a bushel above your cost of production, that might be just enough," she said.

"You might just want to lock that in, especially if the cash flow in the fall is going to be an issue and you can get that kind of a price for the fall window and then you'd be in a position as a farmer to back-end load the rest of it."

Tjaden Lepp said she expects oat supplies will not be burdensome next year. Specialized use and a tight, disciplined circle of traders means a more controlled market.

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FLAX OUTLOOK

Flax may lose lustre as export demand slows, supply grows

Demand from China is expected to be 100,000 tonnes less than previously thought

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Strong flax markets over the past few years have made the crop one of the most profitable for prairie farmers.

However a major North American flax buyer is bearish on the crop because of this year's large global crop and possible slower demand from China.

John O'Donnell of Archer Daniels Midland Co. told the Agritrend Farm Forum event in Saskatoon last week that China has accumulated large stocks that will reduce its needs for imports.

"They had 100,000 tonnes of stocks imported at the start of the year, so they are carrying over just like they were in 2009, 2010," O'Donnell said.

He said he expected Chinese demand of 300,000 tonnes this year, which is 100,000 less than other industry predictions.

"There are some out there calling 400,000 tonnes just because of the growth trend that's been there, and they are looking for that to continue, but if you look at the exports year to date to China, it just hasn't been there the same way it was last year," O'Donnell said.

Reduced Chinese demand could cause global flax carryover of 284,000 tonnes, which O'Donnell said is burdensome.

"If you go back before the (Triffid) GMO event, that would not be a burdensome level, but in today's world where there is a large Eastern European supply, that's probably about 100,000 tonnes more than you would want, which is a bearish tone for flax, at least in this crop year," he said.

O'Donnell said U.S. flax production is rising, which will reduce the country's need to import Canadian flax.

"We are actually having a very good year in the U.S. with 400,000 acres, which is going to put us over 200,000 tonnes, which is a very high level of flax. You don't typically see that in the U.S.," O'Donnell said.

"We're not going to be as reliant on imports."

He pegged U.S. imports from Canada at 140,000 to 150,000 tonnes.

It is difficult to predict eastern European production because few analysts accumulate data for Russia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine.

As a result, ADM looks at exports from the regions, cross references data with credible publications and commissions independent surveys to examine flax growing regions.

The company is projecting 810,000 tonnes of eastern European production this year.

The crop in that region is sometimes susceptible to an early snowfall, which can cause supply disruption into Europe.

"We had a situation last year where 60 percent of the Kazakhstan crop was covered in snow and

wasn't accessible to the European market until spring," he said.

"It did have some quality issues and they did take more Canadian crop as a result of that."

Flax buyers in Europe don't want to let go of their Canadian supply because of uncertainty in contracting with eastern European flax suppliers.

"There is a lot of uncertainty. Guys will walk away from the contracts, and it's not a very stable market to work with," O'Donnell said.

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Canadian flax is also preferred because of high oil yields and its iodine level.

He said he sees new crop flax producer contracts at around \$11 a bushel, which would put the crop around fourth to sixth in profitability in Canada.

"This will probably get you two million acres," he said.

"I think that if you're going to be carrying over 200,000 to 250,000 tonnes of flax, you're not going to do two million acres next year. I think that number between 1.6 and 1.8 million acres of flax today is a good number for the Canadian market so that you don't over-supply yourself and see a rapid reduction of overall value."

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GRAIN TRANSPORTATION

Canada's railways do good job: grain monitor

Winter of 2013-14 was an aberration, says official

BY ROBERT ARNASON
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Prairie farmers were frustrated with Canada's railway companies in the winter of 2013-14.

Producers accused the railways of failing to move grain from inland terminals to port, which clogged elevators across Western Canada and slashed cash prices.

The railways' performance may have been inadequate, but it doesn't represent the state of the grain handling system in Western Canada, says the head of Canada's grain transport monitoring program.

Mark Hemmes, president of Quorum Corp., said 2013-14 was an aberration. The railways and grain companies have actually improved the efficiency and performance of the system over the last 15 years.

"Canada, probably, has the best grain handling and transportation system in the world," Hemmes told Fields on Wheels, a grain transport conference held in Winnipeg last week.

"(But) given the challenges we've got as a country to deliver grain to the global market, if we're not the best and always getting better, we're (not) going to be able to compete."

Hemmes provided a detailed set of data to support his claim that Canada's grain handling system is



Vancouver port terminals since 2000 have doubled their turnover rate, the number of times they can fill and unload their storage capacity. | FILE PHOTO

performing and progressing:

- Storage capacity at country elevators over the last five to seven years has increased to 6.5 million tonnes from five million.
- Producers have invested in grain bins over the last five years, increasing on-farm storage by 15 million tonnes. It now stands at 70.1 million tonnes.
- In 2000, grain terminals in Vancouver had an average turnover ratio, or number of times unloading their storage capacity, of 13 to 15 turns per year. In the last few years the turnover ratio has approached 30.
- The major railways are investing in system performance and efficiency in Western Canada. Cana-

dian Pacific Railway committed \$1.5 billion and Canadian National Railway \$2.3 billion to total capital investment in 2014.

- Grain car cycles from inland terminal to port and back have decreased from a normal of 20 days to 12 to 13 days.

"Car cycles... in my time with the railway, we thought we were doing really good when we hit 20 days. Into the three major ports, Thunder Bay, Vancouver and Prince Rupert, in the last 12 to 16 months, if it goes over 14 days, we're looking at it and saying, what went wrong?" said Hemmes, who worked in the rail industry for more than 20 years.

"This is really, really good news. The number of times you turn cars

and the lower the car cycle, the capacity of the rail fleet is all that much better."

As well, grain companies spent \$763 million in 2013 and 2014 on new country elevators, elevator expansions and port terminal improvements in Western Canada.

Hemmes said more investment in grain storage in Vancouver is needed because the port has limited capacity, but grain handlers have managed the limitation and enhanced performance.

"Vancouver will move roughly about 500,000 to 600,000 tonnes of grain in a week," Hemmes said.

"They have about 850,000 tonnes worth of storage. They're turning their elevators about every week

and a half. That's an impressive number."

However, vessel line-ups in Vancouver remain a trouble spot.

Wait times are down from peaks in 2013-14 but remain around two weeks on average. Hemmes said more storage in Vancouver will help but won't solve the problem.

"I don't think it will ever go back to where it was five years ago," he said.

"But I do think you can start to drive those numbers down if you have all the parties co-ordinate when it's going to get there."

The amount of grain moving through the Thunder Bay is also up and players in the eastern grain route are investing in the industry.

Chris Heikkinen, Port of Thunder Bay spokesperson, said grain volumes topped eight million tonnes in 2014, the highest in 15 years. Volumes for 2015 are also up compared to the 10 year average.

Heikkinen said the number of bulk vessels that travel directly from Thunder Bay, through the Great Lakes and to the ocean are on the rise.

Hemmes said the trend of trucking grain to the United States is also gaining traction.

Quorum statistics indicate that 3.2 million tonnes of Canadian grain were trucked across the U.S. border in the 2014-15 crop year, 2.2 million tonnes in 2013-14 and 1.9 million tonnes in 2011-12.

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CANOLA OUTLOOK

Canola price predicted to rise slightly but flax prices will struggle

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Growers should hold off marketing their remaining canola until February or March, when prices could be on the rise, says an analyst.

Marlene Boersch, a partner in Mercantile Consulting Venture, said Canadian exports will likely be stronger than Agriculture Canada expected in its November forecast

because of favourable pricing in international markets compared to soybeans.

That is expected to result in a small carryout of the crop and prices that could climb back to \$11 per bushel by the end of winter.

However, growers shouldn't expect a major price hike because canola will continue to be weighed down by excess soybean supplies.

World soybean ending stocks have

been climbing steadily from 30 million tonnes in 2000-01 to 90 million tonnes in 2015-16.

That is not the case with rapeseed-canola ending stocks, which have been declining of late because of falling global production.

World production is estimated at 67 million tonnes in 2015-16, down from 72 million tonnes in 2013-14.

"There's a fairly significant reduction over the last three years,"

Boersch told delegates attending Agri-Trend's Farm Forum Event 2015 on Dec. 2, two days before Statistics Canada surprised the market with a canola production estimate.

In the European Union, rapeseed has been losing ground to winter wheat, she said.

The revenue differential between rapeseed and wheat in the EU has fallen from more than US\$120 per acre in 2011 to no difference in 2015.

Low oil values and strong meal demand is also supporting soybean production over rapeseed-canola.

The result is declining global rapeseed-canola production and ending stocks.

Boersch also sees tight carryout for canola, although her outlook was made before Statistics Canada shocked analysts with its estimate of 17.2 million tonnes of production.

Boersch was using 15.1 million tonnes in her Dec. 2 presentation, which would result in 17 million tonnes of total supply.

She thought 7.4 million tonnes would be crushed, which is the same amount as 2014-15.

Her export number is 8.25 million tonnes, but she is starting to think that will be low because of an uptick in sales to China.

Japan is forecast to buy 2.25 million tonnes and Mexico another 1.35 million tonnes. The two are consistent buyers of the product.

The wild card is China. Boersch had originally penciled in a three million tonne sales program to that important destination, but she is

changing her mind.

She now believes China could end up buying as much as 3.5 to four million tonnes because canola has just recently become favourably priced compared to soybeans.

It means her already low 2015-16 carryout estimate of 1.3 million tonnes and stocks-to-use ratio of eight percent could be reduced even further.

Boersch said growers she works with have sold 60 percent of their canola. She is advising them to hold out for \$11 canola in February or March, but again, that was before Statistics Canada found an extra two million tonnes of the crop than she was expecting.

She believes the best flax prices are already in the rearview mirror because of big crops in the United States and the Black Sea region.

U.S. production is up 75,000 tonnes from last year and Black Sea flax is up 80,000 to 100,000 tonnes, which will limit marketing opportunities for Canadian flax into the U.S. and the EU.

That leaves the Chinese market, and Boersch doesn't believe it will pick up the slack. It's why she is puzzled by Agriculture Canada's ambitious 800,000 tonne export forecast.

"I can only get to 700,000 tonnes. I'm totally at a loss where the other 100,000 tonnes would go," she said.

Boersch said growers should have pounced on \$14.50 flax bids during harvest.

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World oil glut to continue weighing down all commodities

MARKET WATCH



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Prices lowest since 2009

Saudi Arabia has thrown down the gauntlet, challenging world oil producers to see who can suffer the most pain.

On Dec. 4, the Saudis, who dominate the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said the organization wouldn't back down.

Members will continue to pump surplus oil, driving down prices to the lowest level since early 2009 to force competitors from the field.

This is of interest to Canadian

farmers because low oil prices weigh down all commodity prices, including grain and oilseeds.

The Saudis made a show of reasonableness, offering to rein in production if all exporters, OPEC and non-OPEC, agreed to make similar cuts, but Russia, suffering from western sanctions over Ukraine and desperate for revenue, and Iran, freshly freed from sanctions over its nuclear program, both rejected the proposal.

As well, U.S. shale oil producers are not cutting as fast as expected.

Now the questions are how low will prices fall and who will have to say uncle and slash oil production.

We could be in for several months below \$40 a barrel. Many believe it will be 2017 before oil sees much of an increase.

In the past, lower fuel costs spurred economic growth that eventually revived commodity demand, but this time the positive effect seems

muted by general economic malaise and poor consumer confidence.

As for grains, there is always potential for a major crop failure to raise prices, but otherwise, the industry will struggle from its own oversupply problems and the wet blanket of the depressed energy-commodity sector.

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CANFAX REPORT

FED CATTLE DOWN

The cattle complex remains in limbo with uncertain demand and ample supply.

A few cash cattle traded with the steer weighted average at \$158.57 per hundredweight, down \$1.33, and heifers at \$157.17.

Dressed sales were \$260-\$266.50 per cwt. delivered, with varied packer interest and negotiated delivery dates.

Fed cattle and most of the feeders at auction were down about \$20 per cwt., compared with the same week last year.

Few fed cattle traded south.

Cattle futures fell, tightening the Alberta cash-to-futures basis to -\$12.56. U.S. cash prices were generally US\$2-\$3 lower.

Live sales in the southern United States were mostly at \$124, and dressed trade in the north started steady at \$195 and eased to \$190-\$192 by the end of the week.

Weekly western Canadian slaughter to Nov. 28 rose three percent to 30,119 head.

Slaughter in recent weeks has topped the five year average for this time of year. Weekly exports to Nov. 21 rose to 5,331 head.

Weekly slaughter is consistent,

even with reduced beef demand.

Statistics Canada's Oct. 1 cold storage report said beef stocks were 14 percent higher than last year. The Jan. 1 report will likely indicate even larger stocks.

The tight cattle supplies of 2014 are now a thing of the past, and the cattle complex is struggling to establish a new lower but still historically strong price point.

Modestly tighter market-ready supplies in the first quarter of 2016 should support prices.

COWS LOWER

D1, D2 cows ranged C\$94-\$113 to average \$101.25, and D3 cows ranged \$80-\$100 to average \$89.42.

Rail grade cows were \$198-\$203.

Western Canadian cow slaughter was 8,500 head, the second largest this year.

Non-fed supplies increased as they normally do this time of year, but volumes are manageable.

Many cows are still grazing thanks to the mild weather, reducing the demand for winter feed stocks.

Producers appear willing to carry some of their culls into the new year, hoping for a price rebound.

Ninety percent lean hamburger prices in the U.S. tend to rally toward

the end of the year, but large stocks of boneless beef in cold storage will cap prices.

FEEDERS DOWN

Feeder prices fell with extra pressure toward the end of the week as deferred live cattle futures fell to contract lows.

Prices by the end of the week looked \$5-\$10 weaker.

Some cattle set for sale in electronic sales were pulled. Also, some producers postponed or delayed hauling cattle to town, hoping for futures markets to rebound.

Feeders 550 and 750 lb. traded at the lowest levels since late summer 2014.

Alberta 550 and 750 lb. steers are still trading at a slight premium to the U.S. market.

Calf and feeder prices will continue under pressure because the his-

torically strong Canadian cash-to-U.S.-cash basis will be tough to sustain.

A few preconditioned calves were offered, but they are not fetching a premium over freshly weaned calves.

As well, the market is not paying a premium for forward-contracted cattle for spring delivery.

Bred market prices are holding up with average bred cow and heifer prices comparable with last year.

Bred cows were \$1,800-\$3,150 per head, bred heifers were \$2,000-\$3,450 and cow-calf pairs were \$2,300-\$2,800.

Buyers appear to be paying for quality cattle. Demand for dispersal cows and one-owner heifers have been particularly strong.

Most bred cattle on offer are re-entering herds, but older cows or bottom end bred heifers are going for slaughter-feeder prices.

U.S. BEEF STEADY

Choice cutout last week was US\$204.49, up 40 cents, and Select was \$193.02, down 74 cents.

Weekly Canadian boxed beef to Nov. 28 saw AAA down C\$4.69 at \$263.98 and AA down \$6.42 at \$252.82.

The cutout has been running below year ago levels since mid-November and is now \$23-\$24 per cwt. lower.

Fed cattle prices are now nine percent lower than December 2014, and beef demand is soft.

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WP LIVESTOCK REPORT

HOGS EDGE HIGHER

Hog prices edged higher supported by a strong slaughter pace in the United States.

Iowa-southern Minnesota hogs delivered were US\$40.50 per hundredweight Dec. 4, up from \$39-\$39.50 Nov 27.

U.S. hogs averaged \$51.92 on a carcass basis Dec. 4, down from \$50.72 Nov. 25. The U.S. pork cutout was \$73.73 per cwt. Dec. 4, up from \$72.40 Nov. 27.

The estimated U.S. weekly slaughter for the week to Dec. 4 was 2.424 million, up from 2.129 million the previous week. Slaughter was 2.236 million last year at the same time.

The Maple Leaf Signature 3 price in Canada was C\$58.34 per cwt. up from \$57.41 the previous week.

BISON STEADY

The Canadian Bison Association said Grade A bulls in the desirable weight range sold at prices up to C\$5.50 per pound hot hanging weight.

American buyers are offering US\$4.25 with returns dependent on exchange rates, quality and export costs.

Grade A heifers sold up to C\$5.35. U.S. buyers are offering US\$4.10. Animals outside the desirable

buyer specifications may be discounted.

SHEEP STEADY

Beaver Hill Auction in Tofield, Alta., reported 480 sheep and 34 goats sold Nov 30.

Wool lambs lighter than 54 lb. were \$225-\$246 per cwt., 55-69 lb. were \$227-\$250, 70-85 lb. were \$195-\$237, 86-105 lb. were \$173-\$195 and 106 lb. and heavier were \$160-\$170.

Woolrams were \$65-\$143 per cwt. Cull ewes were \$65-\$84.

Hair lambs lighter than 54 lb. were \$210-\$231 per cwt., 55-69 lb. were \$200-\$235, 70-85 lb. were \$185-\$210, 86-105 lb. were \$163-\$189 and 106 lb. and heavier were \$152-\$162.

Hair rams were \$73-\$100 per cwt. Cull ewes were \$60-\$180.

Feeder kids lighter than 60 lb. were \$180-\$210.

Good kid goats lighter than 70 lb. were \$200-\$250. Those heavier than 70 lb. were \$210-\$257.50 per cwt.

Nannies were \$127.50-\$152.50 per cwt. Billies were \$130-\$175.

Ontario Stockyards Inc. reported that 1,683 sheep and lambs and 46 goats traded Nov 30.

Light weight lambs remained strong. Heavy type lambs lost last week's gains. Sheep and goats were steady.

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AG WORKERS' PROTECTION

Government must stop Bill 6 until consultation complete

Alberta's NDP government has bungled Bill 6.

The Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act has galvanized agriculture into unprecedented opposition, and with good reason.

Almost every Alberta farm and commodity group has publicly criticized the government's lack of consultation on the bill. Most have also asked the government to halt readings and assent of Bill 6 until its details can be discussed.

Even so, premier Rachel Notley has said the bill will pass this year, possibly even by the time this editorial is published.

She has blamed bureaucrats for initially failing to provide the answers farmers sought and then sent her ministers, Lori Sigurdson and Oneil Carlier, to meetings where they continue to face a barrage of questions they are unable or unwilling to answer.

What is the rush, farmers ask. What would be the harm in delaying legislation until the agricultural community understands its ramifications and can prepare for its implementation?

What indeed?
The odd thing about the situation is that everyone in the agricultural sector agrees with the government that farm worker safety can and should be improved.

There could have been widespread support from farmers and ranchers for legislation that meets that goal while recognizing the unique needs of the sector.

Instead, the government completely misread farmer opinion and solidified the general feeling that the NDP, with a largely urban electoral base, does not understand rural Alberta.

The Alberta agriculture and rural sector

is worth \$77.4 billion, according to 2013 Conference Board of Canada data. It is a sector worthy of attention. It is a sector that would be worthwhile to consult.

Yet the government has asked the agricultural community for a blank cheque, with details to come later. Amid early and widespread outcry, it announced amendments to a bill whose chapter and verse are not fully known.

The amendments clarified the exclusion of farm owners and their families from mandatory OHS and WCB rules. Though welcome, the amendments indicated Bill 6 was fundamentally flawed at the start and that has destroyed any remaining confidence in the legislation's merits.

It is true that farm worker legislation works in other provinces. It is true that Alberta should develop its own rules to protect its second largest economic sector. It is also true that other provinces have implemented certain exceptions to reflect the nature of farming and have provided options regarding insurance coverage. Such is not the case with Bill 6, so far as is known.

Now, amid protest that has been orderly but has unfortunately begun to generate insults and hyperbole, the NDP may feel it cannot back down.

Here is some advice for the Alberta government: when you find yourself in a hole, stop digging. Stop the legislative procedure on Bill 6, undertake consultation and build some agreement on effective ways to improve farm safety and farm worker protection.

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

CRAIG'S VIEW



DAIRY PROTECTIONS

At one point (a supply managed dairy industry) won't be sustainable, and the need for investment will be huge and I don't know how it will play out without any collective strategy for dairy farmers.

BERTRAND MONTEL
ANALYST
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CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS

Ag sector wants Trudeau to stand up for Canada on trade

CAPITAL LETTERS



KELSEY JOHNSON

Prime minister Justin Trudeau's plan to improve relations with the United States just got bit more complicated.

The World Trade Organization ruled Dec. 7 that Canada can impose more than \$1 billion in retaliatory tariffs against the U.S., its largest trading partner, for damages caused by country-of-origin labelling.

Those tariffs, the Canadian Cattlemen's Association's John Masswohl said Dec. 7, could be in place as soon as Dec. 21.

It means the new Canadian government has two weeks to convince its southern neighbour to repeal a policy that's been at the heart of a protracted trade dispute

for nearly eight years.

International trade minister Chrystia Freeland was choosing her words carefully in the lead up to the WTO decision, refusing to say whether the government was even preparing a retaliatory tariff package.

Agriculture minister Lawrence MacAulay has insisted that the Americans "follow the rules," but he, too, has opted for softer language, saying in an interview with iPolitics in November that Canada would retaliate "if all else fails."

"It's not what we want to do, but if we were forced to do it, it's something that we would likely have to do," MacAulay said.

It's a far cry from the Gerry Ritz and Ed Fast days under the Conservatives, when the agriculture and trade ministers pushed hard for the full repeal of COOL.

Ritz once referred to the Americans as "schoolyard bullies," saying in an interview with Reuters "it's hard to have respect for the stance the Americans are taking on TPP when you look in the rearview mir-

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LAWRENCE MACAULAY
FEDERAL AGRICULTURE MINISTER



ror and you've got (country of origin labelling) staring at you."

The NDP would later accuse Ritz of starting his own personal trade war.

A trade war with the U.S. is probably the last thing Trudeau wants these days.

With the prime minister already committed to ending Canada's air strike mission against ISIS and a softwood lumber trade agreement that needs to be renegotiated, Trudeau is already trading carefully when it comes to his relationship with the U.S. administration.

Having to impose retaliatory tariffs at the same time likely won't make things easier.

In a joint statement Dec. 7, MacAulay and Freeland called on the U.S. Senate to follow the House of Representatives' lead and repeal COOL.

"If the U.S. Senate does not take immediate action to repeal COOL for beef and pork, Canada will quickly take steps to retaliate," the statement reads.

"Canada continues to work with our partners in the United States, and in the U.S. Senate, to urge the

full repeal of the discriminatory COOL policy for beef and pork."

Neither minister specified a timeline for Canada's retaliation.

It's the strongest language the two ministers have presented thus far. Whether it will be enough to convince the Americans remains to be seen, but at least one Conservative MP isn't holding his breath.

Asked whether he thought the U.S. Senate would repeal COOL before Canada took steps to retaliate, Conservative MP and former cattle rancher James Bezan said Canada will have to take the lead.

"It's just all been a shell game down in the U.S. administration, and that has not helped their cattle industry or the hog industry in any ways, means or form," Bezan said.

"We have to step up and bring forward the tariffs and countervail those products in the United States so that they finally wake up and smell the coffee."

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& OPEN FORUM

CLIMATE IMPACT

Agriculture focuses on environment

BY GARTH WHYTE
& GORDON BACON

Feeding the world with climate smart agriculture has been a long-standing priority for Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector.

Agriculture was not part of the agenda at the climate change summit in Paris, but prime minister Justin Trudeau can be proud of the important role that Canadian agriculture is playing in meeting challenges related to the environment and food security.

Canadian agriculture is already focused on implementing innovative strategies for environmental stewardship.

The industry has readily implemented climate smart agriculture with innovative practices, which have made our industry more productive while minimizing impacts on the environment.

The country's farmers are living proof that the world can produce more food while maintaining the resource base needed to produce that food. They are also ready to improve productivity while minimizing their impact on the environment.

Global crop production must increase by 70 percent to feed nine billion people by 2050. Meeting the demand for nutritious food will require the efficient use of valuable resources.

The per capita demand for calories and protein rises as global populations become more affluent. Feeding all the people in the world remains one of our greatest



Canadian farmers are adopting practices that improve input efficiency, reduce greenhouse gases and protect the environment. | FILE PHOTO

challenges and will require a collaboration of all players in a resilient, complex and competitive food system.

Replenishing the nutrients used by the crop each year with fertilizer ensures the production of sustainable food.

Canadian farmers are adopting innovative and science-based methods by applying fertilizer using the 4R Nutrient Stewardship standards of right source, right rate, right time and right place.

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reduce greenhouse gas emissions from nitrogen fertilizer use by 15 to 25 percent. It allows producers to grow more food using existing farmland and ensuring the protection of the environment and the production of safe food for consumers.

Small-holder farms in Africa and other developing regions can use 4R Nutrient Stewardship to significantly change and improve growing conditions.

Canadian farmers are also a global leader in producing and exporting pulse crops. They make a

major contribution to global food security by exporting to more than 150 countries when local production is insufficient to meet demand.

Lentils, beans, peas and chickpeas provide a variety of benefits to the world:

- contribute calories and protein
- improve health outcomes in undernourished and overnourished populations
- improve sustainability by decreasing agricultural greenhouse gas emissions, improving soil health and improving the overall productivity of agricultural systems.

The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization declared 2015 the International Year of Soils and 2016 the International Year of Pulses. The declarations signaled a shared vision for food production systems that are sustainable and contribute positively to food security and nutrition.

Canada is a world leader in soil conservation and pulse production, and the country's agricultural industry has joined the FAO in celebrating these international years.

The industry is uniquely positioned to become not only a source of food for Canada and the world but also to be a leader in the quest for solutions that contribute to ensuring a food system that offers food for healthy people and a healthy planet.

Garth Whyte is president and chief executive officer of Fertilizer Canada and Gordon Bacon is CEO of Pulse Canada.

TAKING CONTROL

Is it luck or good management?

EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK



MICHAEL RAINE
MANAGING EDITOR

What does farm management mean to you? Is it managing inputs, land, marketing, labour, assets, time?

Yes, yes it is.

Farms can be successful, even though they are poorly managed in many of these areas. And well managed farms can be financial failures. It is the nature of farming that a big piece of luck is generally required for success, especially in the dry land grains and oilseeds business.

Most farms are operated by couples or individuals who are related. Often that big 12,000 acre corporate farm is really four couples and an individual or two, averaging 2,400 acres per person. Older members of the group often own or rent a few more acres than the younger partners, which tends to shift over time.

The farm grows a little at a time, but often doesn't get any bigger than it has to be to provide a living for its members. This is largely because of risk or other management restrictions and a reliance on shared risk and luck.

Luck management is what allows most dry land crop producers to remain in business and in farming.

I am a true believer that you make your luck. You have to have some lentils in the rotation when they top 50 cents per bushel. You need to grow a big canola crop even when the price is likely going to be \$8.75 per bu., and it ends up being \$10.50.

Farmers who had a couple hundred cows five years ago weren't feeling all that lucky. They do today.

A quarter section of alfalfa might not have paid its way three years ago, but a crop this year was a different story. If you owned land in 2007 and still have it, it likely tripled in price. None of these things were predicted.

Managing luck starts with managing as many things that can be controlled as possible.

I just spent time with members of Farm Management Canada at their annual conference. They are farmers interested in making their own luck or making the most of the luck they get. I felt lucky by the end of it.

I am thinking of buying 500 cows this year. Now, if a couple of hundred cattle producers are feeling lucky, they could each pony up a few bucks and send it to me, in exchange for me not doing that. Generally if I'm getting out, you should get in. If I am buying, sell.

I sometimes fail to manage my luck effectively, especially with cattle. Just saying.

PULSE GROUP PROPOSAL

Levy funds should encourage accountability

HURSH ON AG



KEVIN HURSH

A resolution on the agenda for the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers annual general meeting in January could make for a lively debate that goes beyond pulse crops and Saskatchewan.

The resolution reads:

"Whereas the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers checkoff is the only provincial grain levy that is not refundable, whereas a refundable levy helps to ensure directors are accountable to their members, whereas individual farmers should have the right to determine the best use of their dollars, be it resolved that the board of Saskatchewan Pulse Growers ask the provincial government to amend its regulations to make its checkoff refundable."

There are strong arguments on both sides of this debate.

On one hand, why should levies that go toward varietal development, market promotion and agronomic research be refundable? All growers of the crop benefit whether they take a refund or not. You don't have an opportunity to opt out of paying taxes.

Pulse crops in Saskatchewan are an incredible success story, and a large part of the credit has to go to the producers who supported a levy in 1983, well before any of the other levies were in place.

On the other hand, why should pulse crops in Saskatchewan be treated differently than other crops, particularly when the pulse levy is much higher than most others?

The pulse levy is one percent of gross sales, and \$13 million was collected in 2012-13. As well, the organization reported more than \$24 million in assets, mostly in investments.

The current price of lentils, and to a lesser extent field peas, means levy revenue will be high this year. Most lentil crops are generating

gross returns of \$500 an acre or more, which produces a levy of \$5 an acre. A thousand acres of lentils is easily \$5,000 in non-refundable levy.

Contrast this with SaskCanola, where the levy is a flat 75 cents a tonne. An average canola crop of 34 bushels an acre (.77 tonnes) generates a levy of just \$1.35 an acre. The levy contribution would average \$1,350 for a producer with 1,000 acres of canola.

SaskCanola generated \$5.7 million in the last fiscal year that was reported. It was less than half what Saskatchewan Pulse Growers raised, despite canola being grown on a much larger acreage.

As well, SaskCanola had to make refunds of \$304,000 to producers who asked for their money back, which was five percent of the money that was collected.

It should be noted that Saskatchewan Pulse Growers has funded the development of most of the pulse crop varieties that producers now grow.

Varietal development in the canola sector happens within the private sector with the cost and a

profit margin attached to the price of seed that producers buy every year.

Most of the producers who regularly request refunds don't go to annual meetings or read annual reports and commodity newsletters. They don't deserve our sympathy.

However, there can also be well-informed conscientious objectors who oppose how their levy dollars are being spent, and these producers deserve consideration.

Some observers, such as Dean Klippenstine of MNP, say producers should be able to pull their levy money, but the "refund" would go to a charity such as the food bank.

Another idea is that a producer could choose to reallocate their levy to a different crop. This could be a novel way to approach the refundable versus non-refundable debate, which would encourage accountability rather than encourage freeloaders.

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OPEN FORUM

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FARMERS KNOW SAFETY

To the Editor:

Alberta farmers know that investment in safety pays dividends. They know that accidents damage people and their families — our most important partners — and it means down time for all.

Farmers recognize that the impacts of an accident are much more costly in many ways than the cost of an effective workplace safety program. This is why so many Alberta agricultural employers have already invested in compre-

hensive training and employee insurance and support initiatives on their own.

Their solutions provide better workplace safety performance and reduce lost time due to injury — and when an unfortunate accident does occur, provide better insurance coverage and benefits for employees than what is provided by the proposed government enforced WCB coverages.

Employees know this, and when these employees hear safety messages from their employers, they also hear, “Be careful, because we care about you.”

The relationship works.

But Bill 6 is about much more than just addressing farm safety through implementation of mandatory WCB. Bill 6 addresses other components of occupational health and safety, as well as employment standards and labour relations — all of which directly impact how agricultural operations manage their business.

The legislation appears to be an attempt to regulate and standardize employment benefits for agriculture’s highly irregular work environment.

The opening of the “Bill 6 — Pan-

dora’s Box” discussion presents an opportunity for the agricultural industry to review the specific needs of both, agricultural employees and employers. Through an open discussion with all involved, an opportunity exists to identify the needs and components of an effective employee-employer relationship that meets the unique aspects of the agricultural operating arena.

Lets’ applaud the government for bringing this forward; but then again applaud only if the process to conduct this review and enhancement is with a fully engaged agricultural community in an open and informed process.

This is not how the process has gone to date.

Word has it that the legislation is about to get second reading, so perhaps the train has already left the station. There are good ideas out there that have yet to be heard and presented for all to hear and consider.

The information meetings being held across Alberta are now fully booked — no more attendees allowed — and lots more want in. Producers are only now beginning to comprehend what is being proposed in Bill 6. The needed information has not been provided — nor the time to study, evaluate and contribute in a meaningful way as to how to design and support an effective solution.

The racing of incomplete legislation and regulations without proper study and the industry’s involvement runs the risk of poor design and unsupported implementation. All producers should let their MLAs know their opinions now.

Alberta producers are requesting that the legislation to implement Bill 6 be deferred to a time when a more appropriate solution has been developed with input from all stakeholders and for a time when it is ready.

Dave Plett CEO
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AGRIBITION A SUCCESS

To the Editor:

I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all that contributed to a successful 2015 Agribition.

This year’s show experience was successful on many fronts — the shows and sales were some of the best we have seen, the trade show was bustling all week, event attendance was strong, and gate attendance exceeded expectations.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Some thoughtful comments on the controversial Bill 6

PRODUCER ONLINE



PAUL YANKO

The outcry over the Alberta government's proposals to change farm labour standards continues to rile our readers online.

However, the knee-jerk reactions that were so prominent when Bill 6 was first introduced have given way to more reasoned thought.

A reader named Paul writes: "(I) was able to attend the meeting held in Bassano. One area of concern among many is (whether) Hutterites will or will not be exempt. The fact is Hutterites have not asked to be exempt if this bill goes, (which we hope it wouldn't). What this would do is create a double standard amongst farmers, which in any society is bad for relations. Give everybody what's theirs, fair is fair. Who asked for Bill 6 anyway?"

Reader Neil Batchelor said he was trying to inject a little humour into the issue when he shared his list illustrating how the urban-rural divide has never been greater:

"... the realization that we as an agriculture industry are no longer understood by the average consumer-voter is coming a bit too late for some of this legislation.... Their values go something like this:

"1. Technology is good in every industry except agricultural bioscience, where it is evil.

"2. Commercial (large scale) farming is intrinsically evil because any large corporate entity is evil

and takes advantage of the common person through greed and avarice.

"3. Small-holding farms located in sunny idyllic valleys, with free-range chickens, border collies, stone buildings and talking pigs that are never actually turned into pork are good, and all farms should be this way....

"6. Modern genetic modification in any form will send you to hell directly and instantly with no form of recourse or reprieve. Achieving the same result through cross-breeding/pollination is OK because it takes longer and is there-

fore 'natural.'"

A reader named Joe added his thoughts on the matter:

"I am surprised how people outside the farming community feel the need to dictate how things within the farming community should be done without consulting the actual people involved. No one is asking to deny safety to farm workers. The farming community is simply asking to be involved and have input in the process."

One day future politicians will look at this as a textbook case of how not to roll out new legislation.

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Once again, the media provided excellent coverage.

Special thanks to the 400 plus volunteers that give their time willingly to make everyone's experience rewarding and enjoyable. We couldn't do it without you.

As we plan for future shows, we look forward to the exciting opportunities offered by the new International Trade Centre facility.

Stewart Stone
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WALL FACES COMPETITION

To the Editor:

Premier Brad Wall is again blowing his own horn and spreading propaganda through his slick advertising campaign about his good work in managing the Saskatchewan economy.

When he won the election eight years ago, he fell into booming times in Saskatchewan and this wasn't of his doing. The previous government left him about \$2 billion to work with.

Also, people were moving into Saskatchewan because of cheap farmland and housing. This influx helped cause prices of these two items to skyrocket.

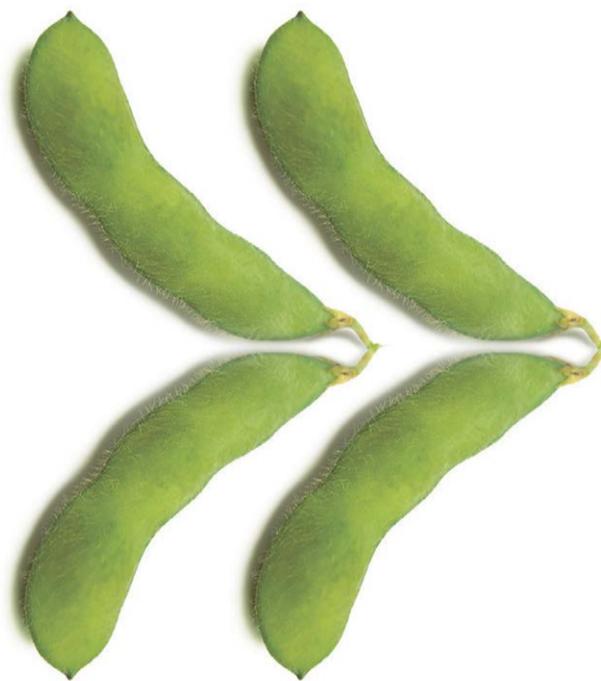
Times have now changed. Wall has to deal with the reality of managing the Saskatchewan economy by borrowing money, selling land and liquor stores and P3 projects to help balance the books. It has been stated that the Saskatchewan government is running a \$2-million deficit per day now.

We only have to look back to the days of former premier Grant Devine to remember when Saskatchewan was in large debt position — which we are still paying.

Wall is following too closely in the footsteps of the former Harper federal government: ignorance, dubious projects such as the Regina bypass project, and foolish ideology.

Wall need not worry about the NDP. There is a new hidden competition called Progressive Conservatives that could put this government into a minority position.

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HEALTH

Panel finds no link between glyphosate, cancer

BY ROBERT ARNASON
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A panel of epidemiologists and toxicologists think the World Health Organization is wrong about glyphosate.

Sixteen experts from Canada, the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom and elsewhere reviewed the scientific literature on glyphosate and cancer.

After months of evaluating studies, the panel decided there's no evidence that glyphosate causes cancer.

"None of the results from a very large database, using different methodologies, provides evidence of, or a potential mechanism for,

SUMMARY OF INTERTEK PANEL FINDINGS:

- Glyphosate doesn't cause cancer in lab rats.
- Glyphosate is not genotoxic, meaning it doesn't cause cellular damage or mutations.
- Credible, high quality epidemiological studies do not show a link between glyphosate exposure and cancer.

human carcinogenesis," they said in document released Dec. 7.

Glyphosate, the most popular herbicide in the world, is the active ingredient in Roundup, a Monsanto product.

The panel's conclusion contradicts a World Health Organization report from earlier this year.

In March, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) reviewed scientific studies on glyphosate and determined the herbicide probably causes cancer in humans.

The IARC finding was a surprise because regulatory agencies around the globe have concluded that glyphosate is not a carcinogen.

In response, Monsanto hired Intertek Scientific & Regulatory Consultancy to study the matter. Intertek assembled a panel to review the IARC findings.

The panel members, including

University of Guelph toxicologist Keith Solomon, said IARC relied too heavily on questionable studies.

"IARC's equivalent working groups' reviews suffered from significant weaknesses such as selectivity in the choice of data reviewed, failure to use all relevant biologic information... and failure to use weight-of-evidence (WOE) evaluations."

David Garabrant, a University of Michigan epidemiologist and panel member, was part of a group that evaluated studies looking at glyphosate exposure and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and multiple myeloma.

He said the Intertek panel and IARC reviewed similar studies, but

the Intertek experts gave less weight to research in which subjects are interviewed after a cancer diagnosis.

"The concern, always present in a case control study, is whether you can re-construct that past information accurately," Garabrant said.

"People with cancer wonder why they got it.... What did I eat... what chemicals were I exposed to? There's always concern... about reporting bias."

Garabrant and the Intertek panel relied on a De Roos study from 2005, in which more than 50,000 pesticide applicators in Iowa and North Carolina documented their exposure to glyphosate prior to any sort of diagnosis.

De Roos determined that glyphosate exposure was not associated with incidence of cancer.

"We felt that study was far more reliable than the other studies," Garabrant said.

"We think the limitations of the other studies made them not good indicators of... the relative risk."

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WEATHER

El Nino could mean early spring

BY KAREN BRIERE
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MOOSE JAW, Sask. — The warm, dry weather that most of the Prairies are enjoying is exactly what forecasters expected, says David Phillips, Canada's senior climatologist.

"Clearly this is an El Nino kind of a situation," he told reporters at the Prairie Oat Growers Association's annual meeting. "Typically it comes at this time of the year."

There have been seven super El Ninos since 1950, and this is one is likely to be the Godzilla of them all, he said. It has been 18 years since the last one in 1997-98.

El Ninos come when Pacific Ocean temperatures warm to at least half a degree above normal. This year, the temperatures are 3.1 degrees higher than normal, he said.

This doesn't mean winter is cancelled, Phillips said. There will be cold days and there will be snow — there is an 85 to 95 percent chance of a white Christmas in Saskatchewan — but winter is already shorter than it usually is.

He also said farmers shouldn't be too concerned about a drier winter because winter precipitation accounts for only 20 percent of annual precipitation.

It could mean getting into fields earlier and fewer flooding issues for grain farmers. Ranchers might be able to graze longer.

However, Phillips said there are no guarantees.

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ALBERTA LEGISLATION

Lack of consultation on farm workers bill angers ag sector

Producers want Bill 6 killed and discussions held

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

The convoy of tractors, combines and trucks rolled into Lethbridge Dec. 3 clad with "Kill Bill 6" placards.

The southern Alberta farmers gathered at a local hotel for a meeting about the bill, also known as the Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, which the government announced last month and said it intends to pass before year end. Farmers said during the pre-meeting rally that they want the government to stop or delay the bill and undertake more consultation with those it will affect.

"It's really hard to regulate a farm, that's what I feel," said local farmer Tony Bos.

"I'm all for safety. We like to have good rules and regulations. We have no problem with that. But give us the rules and regulations first and then put them into law. That's the biggest thing for me."

Jake Meyer, a cattle producer from Welling, Alta., agreed.

"I think the consultation, if it would have been done in a more timely manner, would have been just fine. But the timing is absolutely incorrect because the bill's already been (written) so the consultation is null and void."



RICK PASKAL
FEEDLOT OWNER

Rick Paskal, owner of large feedlots in the region, said he objected to the way government characterized farm safety.

"A couple disturbing things, as far as I'm concerned, is this connotation by our government of the day that family farms are not operated in a safe manner. It's disturbing to farmers in general. I think that's one of the major things here."

David McKinstry, a grain farmer from Oyen, Alta., was succinct in his view.

"They have to kill Bill 6. They have to start over, hit the reset button. They have to address each issue individually and then have rational discussions, workshops, online polls, whatever."

However, labour minister Lori Sigurdson rejected that suggestion.

"We still have a full year to work out the technical requirements, the legislation. That's show it works. You pass the act and then you work out the technical requirements," she said in an interview before the meeting.

"We still have a considerable amount of time and unfortunately, and I'll take responsibility for that, that's not been communicated very well. So there is a significant amount

of time for us to work with farmers and ranchers to get this right."

Sigurdson said she recognized that the government has lost farmer trust over the issue but added it is sincere in its desire to draft legislation that reflects the needs of agriculture.

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A few people who attended the rally continued their protest on the streets of Lethbridge after the Dec. 3 meeting. Many commuters honked their horns in response. | BARB GLEN PHOTO

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RISK MANAGEMENT

CFA ponders AgriStability changes to improve coverage

In 2007, 75 percent of revenue was protected, compared to 64 percent in 2012, which caused a decline in participation

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

Declining participation in AgriStability indicates a need to revamp business risk management programs for the next Growing Forward agreement, says the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Scott Ross, director of BRM policy at the CFA, told the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan annual meeting that members have identified a number of concerns about the existing programs.

Chief among them is that changes made to AgriStability for Growing

Forward 2 have led to declining participation, particularly by smaller, more diversified operations that don't see benefits from the program.

The changes included lowering the payment trigger from 85 percent to 70 percent and limiting reference margins.

"The notion that your program year margin is going to be limited by your allowable expenses has created a whole series of consequences and problems, not only in turning an already very complex program into something that's incomprehensible to most people but also creating some strange



SCOTT ROSS
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

business decision making incentives around what you should and shouldn't be doing on your farm," Ross said.

He said some of the decline could

be attributed to fewer farmers, but the bottom line is AgriStability covers less market revenue. Seventy-five percent of revenue was protected in 2007 and 64 percent by 2012.

"A lot more agricultural production is at risk and is not being covered by this program," Ross said.

CFA members have said they want an improved AgriStability to be the backbone of BRM programs, he said. However, they also want AgriInvest to be more than a rainy day fund and for AgriRecovery to cover multi-year disasters rather than just one year. Producers want AgriInsurance improved as well,

particularly in situations where crop insurance payments have been made for decades but are no longer supportive after one flood.

Ross said AgriInvest could be used more strategically to mitigate risk.

CFA is developing a policy document that will encompass what members want in Growing Forward 3.

A draft calls for improved AgriStability and the removal of reference margin limits.

"The concept behind it was to prevent AgriStability paying producers who are in profitable situations," Ross said.

"What we found was that it was a bit of a sledgehammer where a scalpel was needed and that the targeting was a bit off and sent some strange signals to producers."

CFA wants to work with government to make sure the next version of the program doesn't have the same unintended consequences.

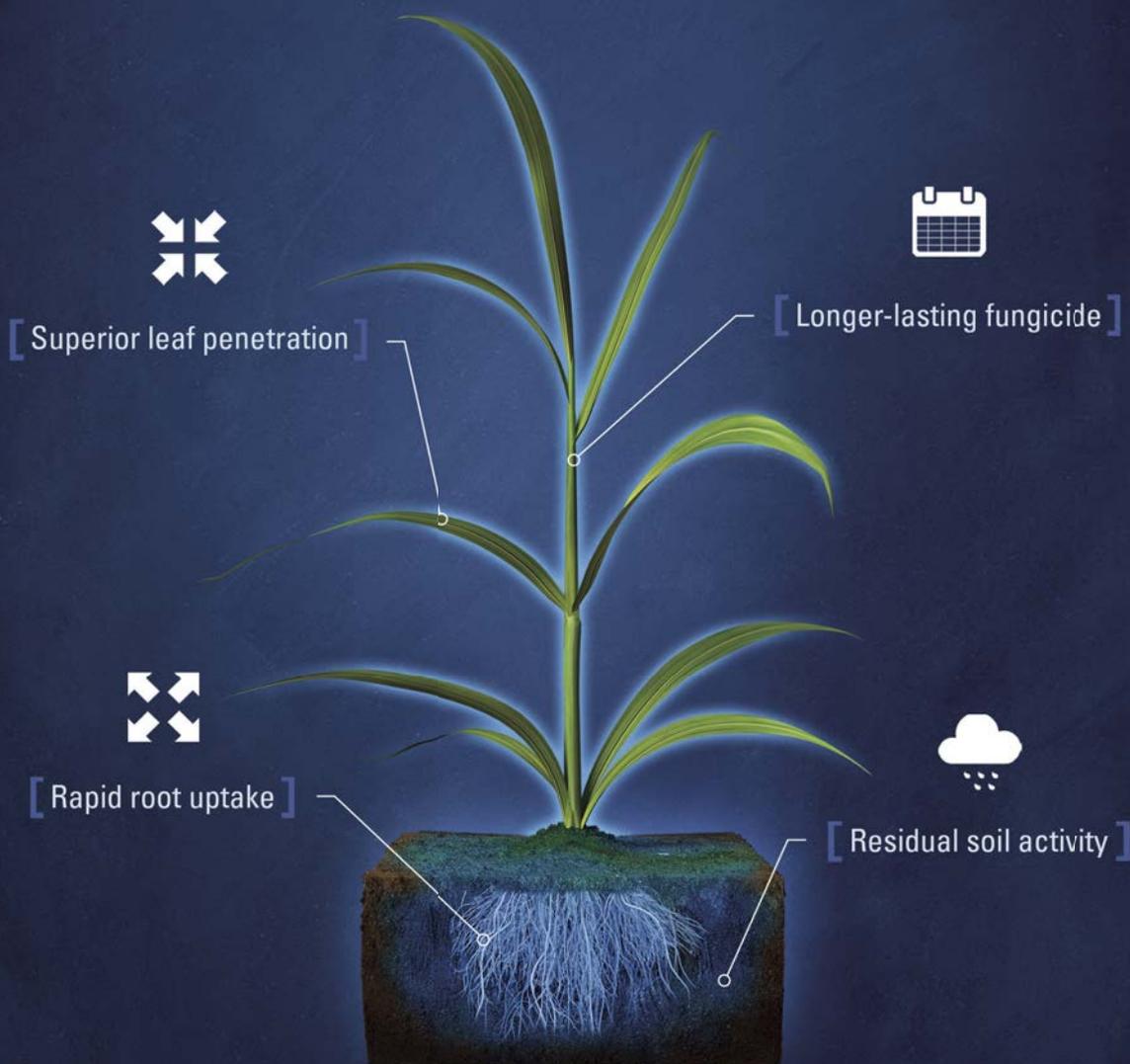
Members also want beginning farmers to be able to participate in BRM programs more easily. Suggestions include waiving AgriStability fees, an AgriInvest kick-start contribution similar to what existing participants received, and premium credits for insurance.

Ross said the organization intends to have a final policy document available at the CFA annual meeting in February. After that, it wants to work more formally with other agricultural organizations to make sure everyone is on the same page.

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APAS ELECTION

Sask. producers association elects officials

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

Norm Hall from Wynard has been re-elected president of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan.

Todd Lewis from the Rural Municipality of Lajord and Donovan Block from the RM of Leroy were elected vice-presidents.

The elections took place at the APAS annual meeting in Regina Dec. 1-3.

Also elected to the board of directors were:

- District 1: Arlynn Kurtz of Fertile Belt and Marion McBride of Moosomin
- District 2: Lewis and Terry Anthony of Baildon
- District 3: Don Connick of Carmichael and Dorothy Weetman of Saskatchewan Landing
- District 4: Hall and Ian Boxall of Connaught
- District 5: Block and Mickey Palfy of Viscount
- District 6: Jeff Simpson of Grandview and Jeremy Welter of Mariposa

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LOOKING THEIR BEST



Agribition grand champion Simmental bull Kop Spartan 113A from Kopp Farms and High Country Cattle Services in Breton, Alta., requires some coaxing to be at his 2,735 pound best during the RBC Beef Supreme Challenge at Canadian Western Agribition. | MICHAEL RAINE PHOTO

GRAIN HANDLING

Churchill owner wants to sell port

Omnitrax also looking for buyer for railway

BY BRIAN CROSS
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

The Port of Churchill, which includes Canada's most northerly grain export terminal, is for sale.

Merv Tweed, president of OmniTrax Canada, confirmed that the company is looking for a buyer for the port as well as Hudson Bay Rail (HBR), the company that owns and operates the railway line between Churchill and the Pas, Man.

Tweed said OmniTrax has received interest from potential buyers.

"The two businesses will be sold together," he said.

"We're hoping to have something done, at least papered to some degree, by the end of the year."

Tweed said reduced grain volumes and high operating costs were two factors that influenced the company's decision to sell.

Grain shipments through the port of Churchill were down sharply this year, the result of a late harvest and fluctuating commodity prices that prompted farmers to delay grain sales and deliveries.

The costs associated with operat-

ing a railway that serves a number of small remote communities were also prohibitive.

"After a period of time, we've come to realize that Hudson Bay Rail not only (serves Churchill) for grain ... but it also serves a lot of communities along the rail line and ... the costs of doing that just become unreal at times," he said.

"We've built a lot of efficiencies into our operations and we've made a lot of changes for the positive, but we just think that it's time that someone else maybe takes a chance and takes a look at it."

Tweed said if a deal to sell the assets cannot be negotiated, the company will explore all options, including closures of the port facility, the rail line or both, he added.

Sinclair Harrison, president of the Hudson Bay Route Association, said until recently, OmniTrax and grain shippers were optimistic about the facility's future.

However, the momentum appears to have been derailed by low grain volumes this year.

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RESEARCH

New U of S researcher studies asexual seed

BY ASHLEY ROBINSON
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The University of Saskatchewan's Global Institute for Food Security has hired its first research leader.

Tim Sharbel was leading a research group in Germany when the university approached him two years about becoming the institute's Research Chair in Seed Biology.

"It's a huge opportunity," he said. "Basically it enables me to expand and do more things in my research field, and of course that's an extremely exciting proposition."

Sharbel, originally from Montreal, received his undergraduate and graduate degrees at McGill University before moving to Germany to obtain his PhD with the Max Planck Society. From there he worked as a research scientist before spending the last 10 years building his research group at the Leibniz Institute.

He is a world leader in research for asexual seed formation, or apomixis, and his group's research focuses on enabling plants to breed asexually instead of requiring cross-pollination.

"The idea would be that if you could turn sex off, then the farmer would buy the seed one time and then proliferate those plants forever and ever without ever having to buy seeds anymore," Sharbel said.

This would allow companies to focus on developing more crop varieties that are better suited to certain growing conditions.

"Because of this, we could greatly



TIM SHARBEL
GLOBAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD SECURITY

utilize a lot more biodiversity in the world," he said.

Sharbel and his research group have formed an international company, and he plans to hire more people in Saskatoon.

"Being in Saskatoon means as we develop this technology, we'll be able to spin it off to local farmers and companies that are all in the Saskatoon area as well," he said.

Sharbel said he wants to get to know the university's undergraduate students and use his connections in Europe to facilitate exchanges for them with those in Europe and Africa.

"What we're aiming for is scientific success, academic success and career success," he said.

"You want to be working on the careers of people and then finally really helping both on the local and global scales in the agricultural level."

Sharbel will also work as a plant sciences professor in the university's agriculture college.

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WEATHER

It's not your imagination: winters are really getting warmer

BY BARB GLEN
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The older generation is fond of noting that prairie winters used to be a lot colder.

Data shows those folks are right. Stefan Kienzle, a hydrologist and chair of the University of Lethbridge geography department, has studied 60 years worth of

climate data from 1950 to 2010.

"We don't get very cold winters anymore," Kienzle told those at the Nov. 24-25 Alberta Irrigation Projects Association water conference.

Given the audience and location, he focused on Alberta data, where the mean annual temperature shows a gradual warming trend over the past 60 years.

There are fewer days when the

temperature is below -20 C. In the 1950s, southern Albertans could expect to experience about 32 days of -20 weather, but now it's only 15.

Average winter temperatures have increased by four to five degrees in the region, but temperatures in spring, summer and fall show only slight increases, Kienzle said.

However, the growing season has lengthened by two to three weeks

over the past 60 years because of a reduction in frost days.

Kienzle said the number of consecutive days without precipitation has been stable in the past six decades, but the number of days with temperatures over 25 C has increased.

Southern Albertans can now expect 14 more days of 25 C weather in summer compared to 60 years ago.

Kienzle extracted the data from federal government climate station information originating with the National Land and Water Information Service. He augmented it with some of his own data.

Additional Alberta data can be found at www.albertaclimate-records.com.

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FEATHER PAINTING

Lucille Scott draws inspiration for her unique artwork from the natural world around her and from her Metis grandmothers. | Page 21



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MEMBERS FORUM

Science reigns at 4-H conference

4-Hers explored topics as varied as mobile technology and building businesses based on biotechnology

BY DEBORAH SPROAT
FREELANCE WRITER

REGINA — 4-H members, like many youth, look to their smartphones, computers and other technology to discover the world around them.

At the 4-H Members Forum, held in Regina in late November, conference rooms buzzed with discussions on a range of topics from using mobile technology to engage others and build support for a cause to building a business based on technology.

They also looked at harnessing the power of geographic information systems (GIS) computer programs to record what's going on in the world.

Dale Zak, founder of OneStory, said individuals can take on challenges and make a difference if they combine their talents and work together. The smartphone can be a powerful tool.

"In our pockets, we have devices that are incredibly powerful," he said. "These devices are more than just telephones. They are a way of accessing information, sharing information and communicating with others around the world."

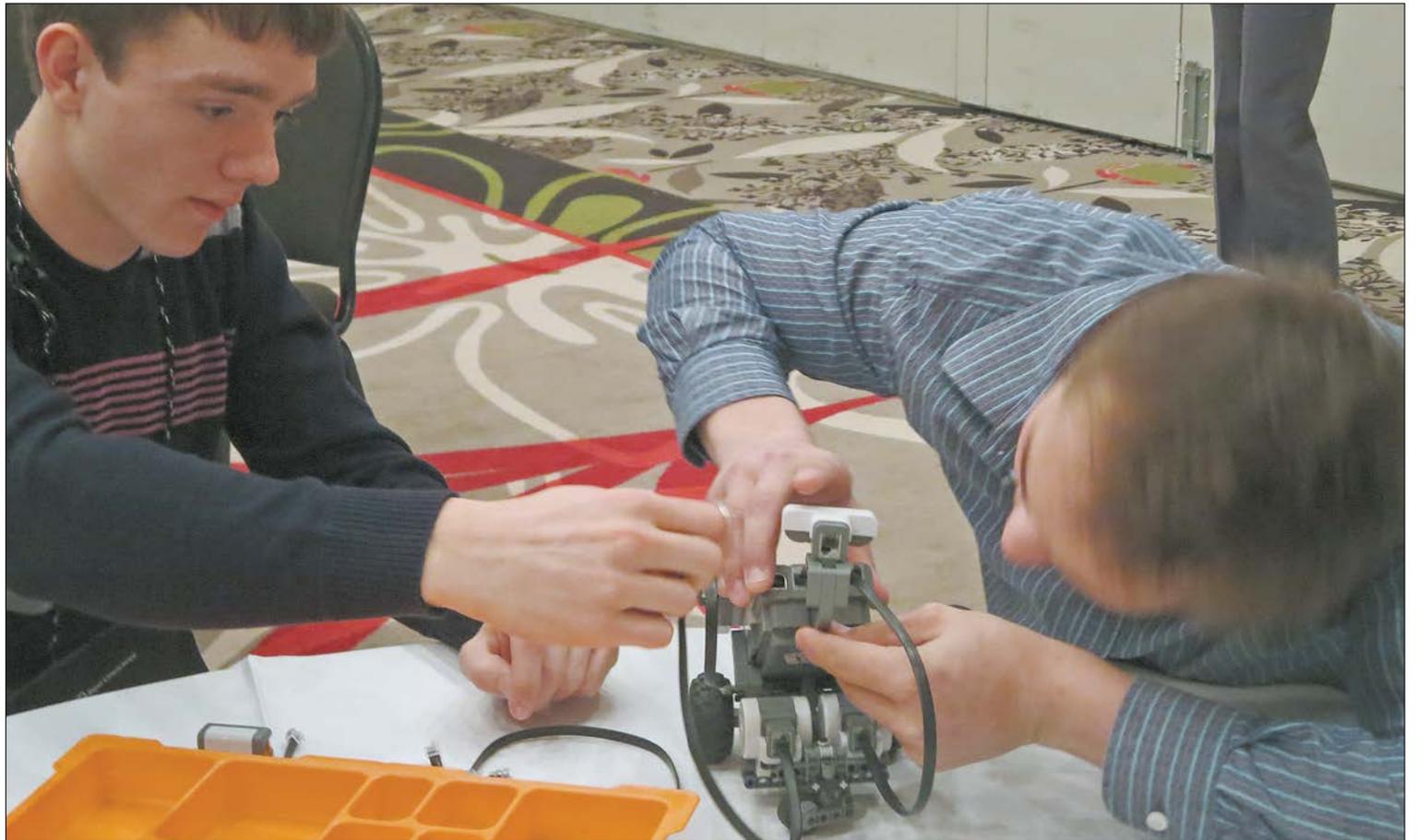
To be effective, groups should follow a problem-solving process that begins with defining the problem, then thinking of practical solutions and only then identifying the appropriate technology to use, he said.

In the workshop, members identified problems that concern them and discussed how they could collaborate.

One group identified farm safety as an issue, but expressed concerns about Bill 6, new farm safety legislation recently introduced by the Alberta government, and what they saw as a lack of understanding of farm life.

They saw a solution in approaching elected officials, possibly by calling a community meeting, and explaining that there are two sides to the story.

They suggested that young people would be most effective in conveying this message, and that



Participants in the 4-H Members Forum built and programmed an NXT Lego Mindstorms robot as part of an exercise to show them the role engineers play in the development of technology related to space science. | DEBORAH SPROAT PHOTO

Facebook and other social media would be a good way of letting people know about the meetings.

"The younger generation have a powerful voice. We can stand up and say this is what we need," said Alberta 4-Her Sarah Eigner.

This sentiment was echoed by Nova Scotia 4-H member Melanie DeLong, who said it's important to "let the government know that youth is still interested in farming ... overregulation will make the farms go away."

In a separate workshop, entrepreneurs Brendan Turner of FarmLead.com and Ian Meir of Agrimatics described how their ideas for new technology have grown into thriving businesses.

FarmLead applies mobile and online technology to trade in com-

modities, something Turner said grew out of a desire to find an easier way for his family to market the crops they grow on their farm near Foam Lake, Sask.

He said the exercise of calling potential buyers and taking into consideration protein, moisture and other factors was cumbersome.

"To maximize opportunity, the only way is to put your grain before as many buyers as possible," Turner said.

His company developed an online and mobile grain marketplace where farmers and grain buyers can list the products they want to sell or buy, carry out negotiations and finalize deals.

It now has more than 3,000 growers and 16 million acres registered.

Meir, a professional engineer and computer scientist who grew up on a farm near Melfort, Sask., gave up his engineering job to go into business because he and his partner saw potential for developing technology around smartphones and tablets.

The result was Agrimatics technology that is mounted on a grain cart and communicates wirelessly with a smartphone or tablet, allowing farmers to track the amount of grain produced. A second product, mounted on a feed mixer, helps cattle producers manage rations.

All members attending the forum were introduced to the app Collector, which they can use to collect data with their smartphones or tablets, and then create maps using ArcGIS software to display the data.

Esri, the company behind ArcGIS

software, and 4-H Canada are exploring making the software available to 4-H clubs in Canada.

Esri resource developer Hayleigh Conway said 4-H clubs in the United States have already been using GIS in their projects for several years.

In other workshops, members built Lego robots and learned about the role engineers play in developing technology for the space program, created their own flying devices and learned about the launching of high altitude balloons into near-space to gather environmental data that is then shared with high school and post-secondary students.

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Food first for athletes

It's all about regular, well-balanced meals

BY DEBORAH SPROAT
FREELANCE WRITER

REGINA — Young athletes trying to push themselves to a higher level of performance can be enticed by news of the latest diet trend or advertisements for supplements on social media.

Heather Tulloch, a consultant dietitian with the Sports Medicine and Science Council of Saskatchewan, said athletes can get optimum nutrition by eating regular, well-balanced meals.

"My real message is food first," she told a sports nutrition workshop at the national 4-H Members Forum held in Regina during Canadian Western Agribition.

"Choosing and eating whole foods is the nutritional foundation for all athletes."

Tulloch said carbohydrates are the main source of fuel for athletes before an activity. They get a bad rap but that message is really directed at people who are concerned about losing weight.

Carbohydrates are found in many foods, including potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkins and corn, grain products, milk and alternatives, lentils and chickpeas.

She recommended using the plate model when putting together a meal. Cover one-half of the plate with vegetables, with lots of colour and variety, one-quarter with grains and starches and one-quarter with protein.

Tulloch said in an interview that young athletes are vulnerable to what they see or read in the media, and they need to know that the meals their mom or dad cooks for them are OK.

For example, she said there is a lot of talk about getting protein from protein powder, but she said athletes can easily get the protein they need by eating a balanced diet.

She said protein powder is no more effective, is expensive and can even be a source of substances banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Tulloch said it is important to know the difference between a dietitian, who will have a university degree and be registered with a provincial regulatory body, and a nutritionist who may not have these qualifications.

All dietitians are nutritionists, but not every nutritionist is a dietitian, she said.

THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO RACE



Brynn Nigh, above, leaps over bales in the straw bale hurdles during the Barnyard Olympics at the Wetaskiwin District 4-H fun day Nov. 28 in Wetaskiwin, Alta. Jack Willows, left, rolls a tire up a hill during an event at the Battle Lake Centre in Westeros, Alta. Other events included calf sled relay, salt block shot put and pitchfork javelin. | MARY MACARTHUR PHOTOS

4-H

Apps help 4-H members keep better records

BY DEBORAH SPROAT
FREELANCE WRITER

REGINA — Gone are the days of trying to remember the latest stats on your 4-H calf until you get a chance to write it all down.

Now 4-H members can just reach for their smartphones and record the information on the spot, using an app especially designed for this purpose.

The 4-H Livestock Record Keeping App, developed for U.S. 4-H, was one of several apps featured in a workshop at the national 4-H Members Forum in Regina in

November.

The word app stands for application, a small computer program typically downloaded to a mobile device.

Emily Brown, 4-H Canada program manager, said the idea behind the apps workshop was to demonstrate some of the new tools 4-H members can access and get them thinking of ways to use those tools in their meetings and projects.

She said apps might open a new world of activities for members who have been in 4-H a long time.

Members had the opportunity to try a broad range of apps, including:

- 4-H Livestock Record Keeping would allow 4-H members to keep track of livestock project information on their smartphones, then export the information to be used in reports or spreadsheets.
- Leafsnap uses visual recognition software to help identify tree species, while Merlin Bird ID helps identify birds instantly.
- Using Post-it plus, participants in a meeting can capture an image of the Post-it notes on a board, then reorganize and add to them, and merge the revised board with others.
- IceBreakers suggests quick fun activities for meetings, workshops and events.
- Geology Sample Collector can be used to track and document geology fieldwork, incorporating images, videos, audio recordings, etc.
- DairyCents provides quick calculations of income over feed costs and price comparisons of various forages, grains and commodities.
- Quilting Calc includes eight essential quilting calculators.
- Handyman Calculator is a complete construction calculator.

WORKS OF ART

Artist selects unique 'canvas'

Painting on feathers requires patience and self-control, but customers like the result

BY KAREN MORRISON
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Lucille Scott paints what she grew up with but does so on a unique canvas of goose feathers.

"I love painting wildlife, scenics," she said.

Her father was a labourer who moved his family from farm to farm before settling into one of their own in 1972 near Big River, Sask.

As an adult, the self-taught artist lived on a rural acreage and later moved to Debden, Sask., where she had an art gallery in her home for a short time.

Scott's Metis grandmothers also had unique skills: one created intricate bead work designs on moccasins and the other made paper rose decorations.

"They influenced me with both of their wonderful artistic talents," she said, citing how she grew up creating animal cutouts for play.

She moved from painting on stones to feathers and quickly learned how to first prime her delicate canvas with acrylic paint.

She said it can difficult to capture the details needed to do portraits on feathers.

"If it's too small, you can't make out what it would be," she said.

"You have to paint in a certain direction and keep the plume from getting messed up."

Patience and self-control are

required with her craft, she added. Scott treats and trims feather quills after the laborious process of extracting the feathers from a bag full of goose wings.

"I get blisters plucking feathers," she said.

Once complete, the feather scene is mounted and framed in old barn boards for a rustic finish.

She sells her pieces in venues such as the Western Development Museum's gift store and annual Christmas craft fair at prices ranging from \$60 to \$80 and up.

Only a few of her pieces were left on the shelves of the Saskatoon gift shop in Saskatoon last month.

Louise Dahlen, manager of the WDM gift shop, called the art unique.

"It's so different," she said. "It interests people because they've never seen anything like it before."

Scott enjoys thinking about where her pieces end up and the happiness they bring to people.

"It's a good, peaceful feeling," she said.

"It feels really good. It's fulfilling."

She takes a break from her art by working a few shifts at a restaurant in Debden each week.

"Being an artist, you become a hermit and tend to dive into your work and that's where you stay," she said.

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Lucille Scott mounts and frames her painted feathers on old barn boards. | KAREN MORRISON PHOTO



Artists paint what they know, and in Scott's case it's often scenes from nature. | LUCILLE SCOTT PHOTOS

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CHRISTMAS

It's important to eat well to sleep well over the holidays

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Keep yourself in good shape for the holiday overindulgences by eating and sleeping well.

That may be easier said than done but Alysa Dobson with SleepWell Consulting Inc. suggests you start by examining your food and drink choices.

"Avoiding caffeine and alcohol near bedtime will lead to a more restorative sleep. These substances keep the brain's alerting system turned on and these effects can last for up to nine hours," she said.

For afternoon coffee time, try decaffeinated or herbal tea. Peppermint tea after meals soothes the stomach and chamomile before bed relaxes you.

While an alcoholic nightcap makes you sleepy initially, it has a rebound effect that can interfere with sleep and wake you up in the middle of the night often thirsty for water.

Sipping water throughout the day should help to keep you hydrated and your body operating smoothly.

Dobson advises completing dinner at least two hours before bedtime to avoid heartburn and acid reflux. Settling comfortably into sleep is also important.

"It's during the sleep cycles in the first part of the night that our bodies benefit from the human growth hormone, which is essential for our vitality and necessary to feeling rested," she said.

For more information, visit www.sleepwellbaby.ca.

For holiday menus, aim for simple and delicious and enjoy sweets in moderation. Certain food choices will also contribute to our body maintaining a relaxed state and restful sleep.

SWEET CRANBERRY TURKEY

Impress your guests with this easy but elegant turkey dish without the preparation of a whole bird. Turkey fillets are becoming more widely available and offer the amino acid tryptophan, a component of the brain chemical serotonin that gets converted into the sleep inducing hormone melatonin. A turkey dinner can lead to quality sleep.

6 turkey breast fillets	
1 c. Catalina or French dressing	250 mL
1 can whole cranberry sauce	375 mL
1 1/2 c. chopped onion	60 mL
1/4 tsp. paprika salt and pepper to taste	1 mL
2 tbsp. chicken bouillon granules (or one cube crushed)	30 mL

Grease the slow cooker. Place the turkey breast fillets in the bottom. Combine the dressing, cranberry sauce, onion, paprika, salt, pepper and bouillon. Spread over the turkey, then turn to cover both sides of the meat. Cook on high for about four hours or on low for six until turkey is cooked through and juicy. Serves six.

Note: The dish can also be prepared in the oven. Bake at 350 F (180 C) for 1 1/2 to two hours.

Serve with a rice dish that also gives you some sleep power. You



A tart cherry cheesecake is ideal for make ahead menus. | JODIE MIROSOVSKY PHOTO

can choose plain brown rice or try this pilaf for some added nutrition and flavour. Whole grain brown rice is a complex carbohydrate that helps us produce serotonin. Simple carbohydrates such as white rice, pastas, cookies and cakes can often take away from restful nights so go green with a spinach, kale or lettuce salad.

BROWN RICE AND LENTIL PILAF

Barbara Sanderson shared this recipe many years ago.

1 tbsp. oil	15 mL
1 tbsp. butter	15 mL
1/4 c. chopped of each:	
carrots, mushrooms and onions	60 mL

1 1/3 c. long grain brown rice	325 mL
1/3 c. lentils	75 mL
1 tsp. thyme	5 mL
2 1/4 c. chicken stock	560 mL
1 1/2 c. water	375 mL
1 tsp. salt	5 mL

Add the oil and butter to a slow cooker or casserole dish depending on your method of cooking. Add the remaining ingredients and stir to combine. Cover and cook on high for three hours in a slow cooker or in the oven at 350 F (180 C) for approximately one hour or until rice and lentils are tender. Makes six cups (1.5 L).

Cherries are a natural source of the hormone melatonin, a sleep aid. Use frozen fruit such as sour prairie cherries to top your holiday dessert or sip on some cherry.

TART CHERRY CHEESECAKE

This festive red dessert combines some frozen cherries with some pie filling and Greek yogurt. This unbaked dessert is ideal for those make ahead menus.

Crust

1 1/4 c. graham cracker crumbs	300 mL
1/4 c. butter or margarine, softened	60 mL

Filling

8 oz. soft cream cheese	250 g
3/4 c. icing sugar	175 mL
1 tsp. vanilla	5 mL
1 c. whipped cream	250 mL
1/2 c. Greek vanilla yogurt	125 mL

Topping

21 oz. canned cherry pie filling	620 mL
3/4 c. tart cherries	175 mL

Mix together the graham crumbs and butter. Press into the bottom and sides of a pie plate.

In a mixing bowl, beat the whipping cream until stiff. In a separate bowl, beat the cream cheese and sugar together until smooth. Gently fold in prepared whipped cream and Greek yogurt into the cream cheese mixture until well combined. Spread carefully over the graham crust and smooth the top.

Refrigerate for at least three

hours or until firm. Mix together the pie filling and tart cherries and place in a covered bowl. Before serving, spread the cherry mix filling over the top. Chill until ready to serve. Serves six large or eight small slices. Source: www.allrecipes.com.

SIMMERING CHERRY SAUCE

2 c. frozen cherries	500 mL
1/3 c. sugar	75 mL
1/4 c. water	60 mL
1 tbsp. cornstarch	15 mL
1/8 tsp. cinnamon	0.5 mL

In a saucepan over medium heat, cook all ingredients about six minutes until the sauce thickens slightly. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Spoon over vanilla ice cream, frozen yogurt or Greek yogurt. Sprinkle with toppings such as shaved dark chocolate or nuts/seeds.

Serving a treat that combines oats and ginger can offer protection from the effects of a sugar buzz.

1/2 c. butter at room temperature	125 mL
1/2 c. sugar	125 mL
1/4 c. molasses	60 mL
1 tbsp. oil	15 mL
1 egg	
1/2 tsp. vanilla	2 mL
1 c. + 2 tbsp. flour	250 mL + 30 mL
1 c. oats	250 mL
1 tsp. baking soda	5 mL
1/2 tsp. salt	2 mL
1/2 tsp. each cinnamon and ground cloves	2 mL
1 tsp. ground ginger	5 mL

Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C).

In a mixing bowl, cream the butter with the sugar. Add the molasses, oil, egg and vanilla, blend.

In a separate bowl, combine the flour, oats, soda, salt and spices. Slowly stir together with the wet mixture until thoroughly combined.

Scoop onto a prepared cookie sheet and bake for nine minutes. Cool and enjoy.

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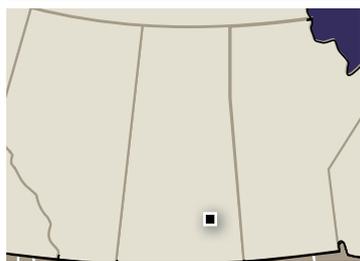
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BY **CHRISTALEE FROESE**
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MONTMARTRE, Sask. — Clayton and Carrie Kotylak have witnessed first-hand the impact that farming has on the world.

They volunteered in developing countries with Habitat for Humanity, and they know that what they produce feeds the world.

"While in Jordan, I ate with families and they were eating lentils and peas and I was thinking, 'this probably came from my area of the world,'" said Carrie, who travelled to Jordan in the summer of 2013 to build a house with Habitat for Humanity.

"I think it's eye-opening in that you go and see the people in underdeveloped countries who are looking for sources of protein and nutrients and we are in the position to provide that."

Clayton volunteered to go to Nepal during the Christmas break last year. He and 14 other Canadians worked for two weeks to construct a house.

Clayton said the most surprising thing he witnessed was the lack of agricultural knowledge in the rural community.

"Having weed-free crops and healthy productive animals was just not something they're educated in and they're paying the price socially," said Clayton.

Both Clayton and Carrie said the trips changed their view of farm life, making them grateful for the abundance of food, shelter and knowledge in Canada.

"We now realize we won the social lottery here, and while that doesn't mean we have to give our products away, we do need to give back and pay it forward," said Carrie, who studies international business at the University of Regina.

The Kotylaks will continue to be mixed farmers because their land best suits that kind of operation. And while current trends are leaning toward more acres, the couple is focused on having a well-rounded operation rather than a larger one.

"For me, I farm because I love the land, regardless what it's producing and I produce what is best suited, whether it's grain or livestock or pulse crops," said Clayton.

To effectively operate their 2,500-acre operation, which includes 125



ABOVE: Chloe, left, Clayton and Carrie Kotylak and employee Mike Hutchings check their cows.

BELOW: Clayton closes a gate on his 2,500-acre farm. | CHRISTALEE FROESE PHOTOS



head of commercial cattle, they employed a United Kingdom resident for an eight-month period in 2014. This year, the Kotylaks sponsored another worker due to the shortage of local labourers.

"We always realized that we needed more manpower, but our labour pool in southeast Saskatchewan was almost non-existent and we don't have sons or anybody of the right age or interests to help us out," said Carrie.

The family, which includes 14- and 23-year-old daughters, built a spare apartment above their detached garage several years ago with immigrant labour in mind.

They applied through the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program to bring an agricultural student to their farm for spring, summer and fall after Clayton met a European immigration specialist at the Farm Progress Show in Regina two years ago.

The Saskatchewan couple plans to continue volunteer work but is also focused on local initiatives.

Carrie is the former chair of the Regina YWCA women of distinction fundraising committee and both she and Clayton actively lobby governments to make access to international agricultural workers simpler for farmers.

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AGRIBITION

Pint-size producer at home in the cattle ring

Nine-year-old Kriselly may be small, but she's not afraid of large cattle or her older competition

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REGINA — Learning proper grooming techniques and animal care for a big event like Canadian Western Agribition is a life-long tutorial for nine-year-old Kriselly Webber.

The cattle business is a big part of her world at Midale, Sask., where she lives with her parents, Kelly and Kristy, and 13-year-old sister Ashtyn.

Webber was involved with 4-H and the junior Hereford program before she started school and has gained considerable knowledge working with cattle and the public. A natural in the show ring, she has gained enough skill that she was named grand champion junior showman at Agribition.

The youngster is full of confidence and charm and admits she likes to win, especially when the competition looks tough and the other competitors are older.

"I feel proud of myself because I beat them," she said.

Webber has won numerous showmanship events, in which young people are judged on their ability to present an animal before a judge. Showmanship is more than just parading animals. It pro-

vides an opportunity to develop leadership and communication skills and gain an appreciation about livestock, their care and life cycles.

"I like grooming and showing, but the most part I like is working with them because we raise them and they have calves every year," she said.

Her family has 65 Hereford and Charolais cows, but she admits she favours the red and white faced Herefords and hopes to be a rancher one day. She has her own herd of five.

She did not have time to rest on her laurels during Agribition. Everybody pulls on their overalls and shares the work when show and sale days roll around. Her mother and sister wash the cattle while she and her father groom them.

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Kriselly Webber may not be as tall as the cattle she works with, but she's right at home in the barns and the show ring. | ROBIN BOOKER PHOTO

AGRIBITION

Livestock producers use antibiotics responsibly: vet

Leigh Rosengren said producers would be derelict if they didn't use medication to treat their animals when they're sick

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

Most consumers should understand that livestock producers must use antibiotics to treat sick animals, said Dr. Leigh Rosengren.

The veterinarian and owner of Rosengren Epidemiology Consulting told producers at Canadian Western Agribition that they also need to understand that antimicrobial resistance is a health threat.

"We're hearing a lot of negative media right now, particularly coming from food marketers, about antibiotic use in meat animals," she

said in an interview.

"It is not strictly media hype."

Rosengren said producers have a responsibility to be good stewards when using antibiotics to treat sick animals and should work closely with their veterinarians to make sure their treatment protocols treat the animal and are responsible from a public health perspective.

"Personally I believe most producers are very responsible with antibiotics, but as the human health sector has recognized, there's always room for improvement," Rosengren said.

It's a long way from the farm to the fork so the actual hazard or risk posed from antibiotic use on farm is infinitesimally small to the consumer.

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She recommended that producers keep records of antibiotic use and participate in quality assur-

ance programs.

Communication is key. Consumers understand that they treat sick people with antibiotics and livestock producers do the same. They should be transparent about what they do on their farms, said Rosengren.

"It's a long way from the farm to the fork so the actual hazard or risk posed from antibiotic use on farm is infinitesimally small to the consumer," she said.

"The potential for resistant bacteria from an animal to actually make a consumer ill and then have an antibiotic not work in that con-

sumer, the odds are one in many millions so the consumer should understand that," she said.

Consumer interest in issues of animal welfare, antibiotic resistance and other real or perceived threats is not likely to go away.

Being defensive in the face of media hype hasn't helped livestock producers, she said. She added that the human health sector is also taking a close look at its antibiotic use and practices.

"We're all in this together," she said.

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LOTS OF WATCHING AT AGRIBITION



Canadian Western Agribition wrapped up for another year following a week of exhibitions, demonstrations and livestock shows and sales, like this one, the RBC Beef Supreme Challenge Nov. 28. | MICHAEL RAINE PHOTO

AGRIBITION

Dairy goats return to warm reception

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

Sandy Larocque was back in the Canadian Western Agribition show ring last month and loving it.

After a 12-year absence, dairy goat breeds returned to the event in a small but significant way. Just five breeders participated, but Larocque said interest was strong.

"It was unbelievable," she said as the goat events concluded.

"Yesterday we couldn't even walk up and down the aisles in the barn."

Goats usually draw crowds of people charmed by their personalities and antics. This year's Agribition included the Boer, commercial, dairy and a young producers' show.

Larocque said she wasn't exactly sure why the dairy show faded away a dozen years ago.

"I think one of the reasons was that a lot of our breeders that were very active in showing at that time were retiring and selling their herds," she said.



Sandy Larocque, right, helped bring back the dairy goat show to Canadian Western Agribition. Also in the ring is Sydney Flemming. Both are from Sifton, Man. | KAREN BRIERE PHOTO

"It's also hard for dairy. You have to plan that you're going to show at Agribition because it is in November and a lot of producers that breed goats for breeding dry them up, so it's a planning thing."

This year's event included Larocque from Sifton, Man., and four Saskatchewan breeders.

She expects more participation next year as people learn the show is back.

Four dairy breeds were on exhibit: Lamancha, Saanen, Nubian and Toggenburg.

Larocque keeps Lamanchas because she said they are a good fit for Manitoba winters.

"They have lots of shelter and lots of dry straw, but there's no barn to go in," she said.

"Every day they have to go outside to eat. They have to go outside to drink. It's -40 with the wind where we are, and those goats are out there eating and drinking, so they're very hardy."

She produces breeding stock and warns that a dairy operation would be more challenging.

Fluid milk is available in some stores, but it comes from either Alberta or British Columbia.

There is no processing plant in Saskatchewan or Manitoba, and the options for dairy producing volume are limited.

She believes a processor could do well, considering the demand.

"For the last six to eight months I

have at least five phone calls a week from people looking for fluid milk."

People are also looking for ice cream, yogurt and other products made from goat milk.

"I truly believe there's enough breeders out there that would build their herds up to be a good number to be able to ship milk to a plant so that someone could package the fluid milk, make cheese, make yogurt, make ice cream, but it's the cost of building the plant that's so high," she said.

"There's untapped potential."

Larocque exhibited the supreme champion purebred female, Triple CZelda, after the same doe won the grand champion title in the Lamancha division.

The grand champion doe in all other purebred classes was Winsannie MX Cosmo from Winsannie of Davin, Sask.

The grand champion buck, all other breeds, was South West Wind Caleb from Winsannie.

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AGRIBITION

Prices reflect strong sector at Agribition sheep sale

Saskatchewan breeders are diversifying into new breeds, such as the Ile de France breed that made its debut at the Regina show this year

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

Strong sale prices at Canadian Western Agribition indicate the overall health of the sheep sector, says the president of the Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders Association.

Nathan Trowell said the average per lot was up \$150 over last year.

The 71 lots in the sale totalled \$36,550 to average \$514.79.

The average was boosted by the high-seller, Ward 87A, a two-year-old Suffolk ram consigned by Patty Smith of Rocking S Ranch in Nokomis, Sask., and sold to the Morinville Colony in Alberta for \$2,350.

Trowell said it was good to see several head sell for \$1,000 or more.

"That speaks to the quality," he said.

"The industry is in good health."

He also said Saskatchewan breeders are looking at different breeds and diversifying. For example, two Ile de France rams from Karen Bannow of Georgella Farms in Southey, Sask., each sold for \$1,000. This was the first time the breed had been to the Agribition show and sale ring.

Canadian Arcott sheep, which are also new to the province, topped the show ring. Rolly Bateman of Braebank Stock Farm from Pilger, Sask., showed the supreme ram, Sheep Trax Benny 392B, which sold for \$1,050, while the supreme ewe was Braebank Granddaughter, a yearling with lamb Czarina at foot.

Trowell said breeders are improving genetics with more selective breeding, embryo transplants and semen imports.

He also said commercial lamb prices are up, which was reflected in the sale. The top selling commercial ewe sold for \$500, but prices started at \$200. Market lambs sold between \$200 and \$600.

In the show ring, the grand champion ewe of the Any Other Breed show was DBD Bunny 72B from Double Bar D Farms at Grenfell, Sask. The Govan Ranch from Englefeld showed the reserve, Star Light, and the grand champion ram, Ranger. The reserve ram was Georgella F93C from Georgella Farms.

Bateman's supreme winners topped the Canadian Arcott classes. The Govan Ranch showed both reserve ewe, Braebank Caprice 49C, and reserve ram, Ben Nevis.

Prairie Rose Dorsets of Drake, Sask., showed the grand champion ewe, Prairie Rose 59C, while Bateman showed the reserve, Braebank Constance.

The top Suffolk ewe was Mastine Barbie 7A from Furze Farms of Maryfield, Sask. Flying F Ranch of Weyburn, Sask., showed the reserve, Flying F Nellie. The Rocking S showed the top two rams, Rocking S Angus 7B and Rocking S Trump 1C.

In the Katahdin show, which was held with the other breeds this year, Mish Katahdins of Glenavon, Sask., exhibited all the champions. The ewe winners were JJCM C27 and C100 while the rams were JJCM C110 and A401.

In the commercial show, the Govan Ranch showed the grand champion ewe while Clinton Wiens of Drake had the reserve.

Kim and Diane MacDougall of Regina had the top pen of commercial ewes, while Double L Farms of Fox Valley, Sask., exhibited the reserve.

In the market lamb show, the Lewis family of Kirkella, Man., showed the grand champion. Double L Farms showed the reserve.



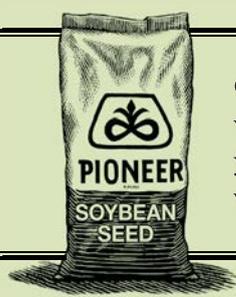
Karen Bannow of Georgella Farms at Southey, Sask., with the grand champion Ile de France ram. | KAREN BRIERE PHOTO

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RESEARCH

Hackathon will explore ag technology

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The University of Saskatchewan is taking an interdisciplinary approach to agricultural innovation.

Emerging Agriculture, a three-day hackathon planned for Jan. 9-11, will bring together students from engineering, computer science and agricultural backgrounds so that they can come up with new and innovative technologies for agriculture.

"The goal is to foster some collaboration between a bunch of different students from all the colleges across campus here in Saskatoon, as well as our goal is to attract other colleges from across Canada," said Rory Nussbaumer, chair of the hackathon planning committee.

Last year's hackathon was in November, but this year it will be held in conjunction with the Crop Production Show in Saskatoon, which will be held January 11-14.

"It's the weekend right before Crop Production Show and we partnered with them to offer admission to see all of their speakers, events and it just allows people from out of town to create a lot more networking opportunities," Nussbaumer said.

The event will start with a pitch meeting on the evening of Jan. 9, in which groups of three to six people will be formed. The groups will then hack for the rest of the night.

Jan. 10 will be dedicated to hacking with a mini case competition, and Jan. 11 the students will finish up their projects and present them to the judges.

"It's a really long three days but it's a lot of fun," Nussbaumer said.

The top prizes for the weekend include consulting work from companies in Saskatoon as well as trophies.

The hackathon is open to students, industry professionals and spectators.

Anyone with an idea for new technology for the hackathon can log onto Emerging Agriculture's website and post it on the idea wall. These ideas will then be installed on an actual four by six foot wall, which is currently located at a variety of high traffic areas on the university campus. Following the hackathon it will be displayed at Emerging Agriculture's booth at the Crop Production Show.

The hackathon is also meant to be a networking event, and this year the planning committee has added more opportunities.

Last year's event left a lasting impression on participants.

Erik Tetland, a U of S physics major, was on last year's winning team, which made an indoor mini greenhouse that can completely take care of itself.

"It was solving the problem of people who don't know how to grow plants but want to grow plants in their house," Tetland said.

He found the networking aspect of the hackathon beneficial.

"All in all it's just a good place to kind of talk to the right people to understand what the industry is like and what's going on," Tetland said.

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AGRIBITION

Stock dog tears through competition

Belle and her handler, Steve Rosvold, won the championship trials with a time of 1:55

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

Belle the stock dog added to her already impressive resume when she and handler Steve Rosvold won the championship trials at Canadian Western Agribition Nov. 26.

Belle manoeuvred three sheep through a chute and into a pen in just 1:55. Competitors are allowed four minutes.

She received a meat-filled bone for her efforts.

"That was her buckle," laughed Rosvold, who will keep the buckle he won for his part in the competition.

He figures the prize money has

already been spent.

Belle is just three but has already made her mark on the competition circuit.

"She's going to defend her title at the Denver Stock Show in January, and she's the reigning National Cattle Dog Association nursery champion, which she won in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in June," Rosvold said.

She will defend that title, too.

Rosvold has been attending Agribition for six years, and the win fulfilled a dream, he said. He brought three dogs this year and wasn't surprised that Belle did well.

"Of the three, she probably has just a lot more feel and read on her stock," he said. "That's what these sheep needed."

Belle works with cattle and sheep on Rosvold's Floating S Ranch near Ethelbert, Man., where he breeds dogs and custom trains them, but Belle prefers cattle.

She will be the female foundation of the operation but is still young and is more valuable in competition.

"I'm a big believer in not breeding something until they've proven themselves," Rosvold said.

"There's lots of run-of-the-mill dogs out there. We have a waiting list and when I feel she's ready, (she

will breed)."

Rounding out the top placings at Agribition were Forsyth Campbell and Meg from Eriksdale, Man., in 3:36, and Peter Gonnet and Bob of Outlook, Sask., and Norm Sommer and Lexi of Pleasantdale, Sask., both in four minutes.

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BISON

Mycoplasma bovis more likely in large herds

Researchers found bison farms in Alberta were 22 times more likely to have the disease than those in other provinces



BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

A study to determine the prevalence of mycoplasma bovis in bison has found two clusters in Alberta and on the Saskatchewan-Manitoba border over the past five years.

Researchers at the University of Saskatchewan and University of Calgary's veterinary schools have been examining the disease, which has devastated individual bison herds, particularly in Alberta.

Ana Bras of the U of C said 467 producers were selected for a telephone survey in 2013 and 2014 to determine prevalence.

Of those, 33 in Manitoba, 71 in Saskatchewan, 75 in Alberta and 23 in British Columbia responded

"What we saw was that out of the 202 producers, 12 actually had a mycoplasma outbreak in the last five years," Bras told the Canadian Bison Association's annual conference in Regina last week.

These were lab confirmed positive tests between April 2009 and 2015.

"Operations located in Alberta were 22 times more likely to be affected than operations in other provinces," Bras said.

As well, larger farms were more affected.

"For every 100 head increase in

herd size, the odds of being an affected herd increased one-and-a-half times," she said.

Increasing herd size is associated with the number of weaned calves, and operations bringing in calves were most affected, she added.

Work to determine clinical expression and risk factors for M. bovis was also done through a telephone interview and an Alberta mortality study.

Forty-nine participated in this part of the research: 17 had affected herds and 32 were unaffected.

Bras said the symptoms include lameness, reluctance to move, swollen joints, difficulty breathing, coughing, loss of body condition and reproductive problems. At least four symptoms must be present to be considered affected.

For example, she said poor body condition was present in all the affected herds but was also common in unaffected herds.

However, swollen joints were observed in 94 percent of affected herds versus just nine percent in the others, and breathing difficulties were seen in 82 percent versus six percent.

Bras said the survey found that clinical signs appeared one to 96 weeks after the first case was identified. Confirmation is obtained post-mortem.

The average was 12 weeks.

"Most of our affected herds actually introduced new animals before this first case was diagnosed," she said. "These new animals were healthy when they arrived but later developed signs."

She said it isn't known whether they were already infected and the stress of moving encouraged the disease to progress or if they were infected during transportation.

"What we do know is that these new animals were introduced two to 32 weeks and an average eight weeks before diagnosis," Bras said.

The study has also found that cows are more affected than yearlings, and the death rate is high.

Producers have tried antibiotics, isolation and keeping closed herds, but those measures are perceived to be ineffective. The disease has recurred in 11 of 17 herds, sometimes up to four years after the first outbreak.

Stress, transport, mixing and biosecurity are considered the main risk factors. Feedlots are seven times more likely to be affected.

Bras also said producers who regularly rent trailers or use trailers from other farms are 15 times more likely to see the disease occur.

"There are studies that show that mycoplasma can survive in manure, in straw, in steel for many days," Bras said.

"If these trailers were not well cleaned, that could be an issue."

The research has also found that affected herds were seven times more likely to be vaccinated, but Dr. Murray Woodbury of the U of S's Western College of Veterinary Medicine said that's likely because of animals being into herds.

As well, Woodbury said cattle vaccines don't work well in bison and no bison vaccine trials are underway.

Biosecurity measures and close monitoring of bison herds are the best control methods, Bras said.

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Clusters of the disease were detected in Alberta and on the Saskatchewan-Manitoba border. | FILE PHOTO

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CO-OPERATIVES

Sask Pool proposed merging agricultural co-ops in 1965

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: DEC. 12, 1940

Dr. John R. Mohler of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry in the United States told the U.S. Live Stock Sanitary Association that a plan was being developed to officially recognize vaccination as a way to control Bang's disease.

W.D. Albright, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Sub-Station in Beaverlodge, Alta., in northwestern Alberta said it was time for farmers to consider building rabbit fences to control snowshoe rabbits as the population hit its cyclical peak. The research station had been experimenting with a variety of fence designs to prevent the pesky rabbits from destroying bush homesteaders' garden plots.



Doreen Wiens of Valleybrook Gardens in Abbotsford, B.C., participated in a horticultural convention and trade show in Saskatoon in November 1984. | FILE PHOTO

50 YEARS AGO: DEC. 9, 1965

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool president Charles Gibbings proposed amalgamating the three prairie pools, United Grain Growers and Federated Co-operatives into a mammoth regional co-operative. However, the leaders of the other grain co-operatives were, as *The Western Producer* wrote, "cautious in their comments."

W.C. McNamara, chief commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, said the country's west coast ports would have to be greatly improved if Canadian grain export opportunities were to be fully developed. He specifically argued for increasing the port of Vancouver's capacity to 30 million bushels a month from 20 million bu. and making grain movement a round-the-year capacity operation.

25 YEARS AGO: DEC. 13, 1990

A four year effort to negotiate liberalization of global trade rules all but collapsed in Brussels as the result of a bitter dispute over agriculture trade. Ministers of trade and agriculture from more than 100 countries agreed to have their bureaucrats try one more time to find enough common ground to allow a political deal by February. With no new General

Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, there were predictions of increased tensions, a heightened trade war between the United States and the European Union and more political instability in the world.

Captivity proved to be too much for Francis the pig, who had escaped from a slaughterhouse in Red Deer in July and then captured the public's imagination as he spent the summer and fall on the lam. Alas, two days after he was caught in a farm field west of Red Deer, Francis died.

10 YEARS AGO: DEC. 8, 2005

Oat checkoffs remained elusive on the Prairies. Progress was being made in Saskatchewan, but Alberta producers weren't interested and tough rules in Manitoba resulted in two failed votes in three years. "Your lack of interest in a producer organization to further grow the industry is your greatest risk," Dennis Galbraith of Can-Oat Milling in Portage la Prairie, Man., told growers.

Saskatchewan's education tax revolt was growing as the number of rural municipalities refusing to pay the education portion of property tax collected on farmland increased to 50 from 17 three weeks earlier.

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THE ANALYSTS' SIDE

The big squeeze

Canada's international trade deal with Europe and an as-yet unapproved agreement with the Trans-Pacific Partnership have raised serious questions about the future of the supply management sectors in Canada. Dairy, poultry and egg producers have been protected by the system of production quotas and high tariffs for decades. These articles explore the dairy industry's thinking and the way ahead. | **BY ED WHITE, WINNIPEG BUREAU**

WHENECONOMISTS look at Canada's dairy industry, they see a tightening vise that will keep squeezing farmers until few are left in business.

They also see no national plan to escape the vise.

"What I'm thinking is missing is a dairy farming strategy for Canada," said Montreal analyst Bertrand Montel of Ceressys.

"Even if supply management was preserved in TPP negotiations, I'm still not thinking it's enough to ensure that dairy farms will still be successful businesses over the next 10 to 15 years."

Indeed, mere survival for most farmers is in jeopardy if the industry doesn't relieve the crushing pressure of the vise they are now trapped in: That pressure comes from:

- A stagnant domestic market.
- Increasing imports of milk components for processing.
- A ban on most exports of Canadian dairy products.
- High debt on dairy farms from purchasing quota.
- A significant need for capital for farms to modernize and expand so they can produce milk at world-competitive prices.

Those elements create a bedeviling equation that vexes economists who study the sector and are trying to find a simple way to escape the problems they see ahead.

They don't believe Canada can continue protecting supply management as it is today because the decades-old system is already undermined by escalating imports of milk components that are not blocked by supply management regulations.

"If you did nothing, it would be

crushed under the weight of non-fat solids," said Al Mussell of Agri-Food Economic Systems in Guelph, Ont.

"Canadian dairy policy will have to evolve a little bit like other countries that ... export freely. We're going to have to go in their direction because the imports are just piling up."

All Canadian farm sectors have been under pressure from world markets in recent decades, forcing producers to either produce their commodities at a world-competitive price or leave the industry. There is only a small fraction remaining of the farmers who were active in Canada a few decades ago.

Most sectors responded by focusing on selling high quality products on world markets. As a result, the tiny domestic market is not a major issue.

Canadian pork, beef and crops are some of the world's highest quality and most sought-after agricultural commodities. High-volume, low-margin sales allow free market farmers to survive.

However, the situation is starkly different for Canada's supply-managed industries. They are almost entirely focused on the small Canadian market and generally produce food at higher than world prices.

The system has produced a relatively stable farm sector, but farmer numbers have still plummeted.

Supply managed sectors have not been ravaged by the periodic crises of the free market sectors, but the stagnant domestic market and an inability to grow through exports has forced farmers to expand within a tightly controlled system.

Some have sold out their quota at high prices and others have expanded by borrowing hundreds of thousands of dollars to buy quota.

Those investment mathematics worked as long as high quota prices could be covered by ongoing guaranteed profitability, but a series of setbacks have ruined the math.

Canadian dairy farmers tried to expand by exporting surplus milk products, but free market competitors such as the United States and New Zealand complained to the World Trade Organization, and Canada agreed to stop exporting most dairy products in exchange for being able to retain supply management.

At the same time, the industry discovered that some products, such as "milk protein isolates," were not covered by Canada's supply management import barriers,



Even if supply management was preserved in TPP negotiations, I'm still not thinking it's enough to ensure that dairy farms will still be successful businesses over the next 10 to 15 years.

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so processors began bringing in more from the U.S.

The Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement will now allow other countries to export them as well.

The flood of milk protein isolates has undermined Canada's carefully balanced dairy system.

"Canada is exceptionally sensitive to access for non-fat solid products because our own market is so far out of balance now," said Mussell.

Most dairy value and its pricing comes from butterfat content, but getting value from the leftover skim milk proteins and other elements is essential for farmer profitability.

The displacement of more expensive Canadian product by imported milk protein isolates has resulted in a build-up of surplus milk components, which are sometimes fed to animals rather than used for higher value food products.

Mussell said some people believe the MPI market is already saturated, but he doubts it will remain that way.

"What confidence do we have that (processors) won't find a way to innovate?" said Mussell.

"I worry that over time people will just get better and better at using this stuff, and this could be a big deal."

Ontario's farmers responded this year by developing a milk products strategy that preserves the high prices for butterfat but offers processors non-fat ingredients at world prices.

The intention is to displace imports of foreign MPIs to preserve as much value as possible in domestic milk.

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Canadian dairy policy will have to evolve a little bit like other countries that ... export freely. We're going to have to go in their direction because the imports are just piling up.

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THE FARMERS' SIDE

Dairy farmers undaunted amid threats to supply management

ECONOMISTS OFTEN SEE a dire future for Canadian dairy farming, but asking producers about it will reveal a lot of sunshine punching through the clouds of gloom.

"I'm very positive," said dairy farmer Matt Plett from Blumenort, Man. "I have more confidence for the future for our kids than I did five years ago, when all this TPP talk started."

That's an attitude shared by dairy farmer Ken Vandeburg of Dewdney, B.C.

"I think the future of dairy farming in Canada is rosy," said Vandeburg.

"I'm very positive about it."

Some economists see worrying trends leading to a stagnating and declining industry that will result in an atrophied dairy sector with little economic impact for Canada.

But to many farmers, the future today is no more grim than at any time in the past, and they feel more confident now that they think they can finally see the shape of the future.

Dairy farmers say they know what they'll be dealing with now that the Trans Pacific Partnership and Canada-European Union free trade talks are completed and the deals finalized.

"TPP was looming and as long as it was ongoing, there was a threat and a real fear, but now that it's behind us, we can plan around it," said Plett, who has recently bought more quota and increased his operation to three milkings per day.

"We're on a steady growth path."

He sees high-efficiency and high quality as his best defences against increased competition in coming years.

To farmers like Plett, it's not ideal to see foreign dairy processors receive more access to Canada's protected domestic market, but the small amounts of

access aren't as big as many feared. And with Canada-EU and TPP almost completed, there's not much else in trade to worry about.

"We have a trade agreement now with everyone that wanted our (supply management) system gone. We've been able to hold it intact. There are no other big trade deals looming," said Plett.

Vandeburg doesn't think the trade deals will force him to give up on high-volume milk production. He has gone from 100 cows to 400 since buying his farm from his father 12 years ago and hopes to see his young sons stay in the business.

"I would love to see them in the industry," said Vandeburg, who notes that right now the 11-year-old and nine-year-old are more interested in becoming hockey and soccer stars.

However, it won't be the same business he operates today, which isn't the same one he took over from his father.

Vandeburg is in the middle of switching to organic milk production as a way to target the booming urban market that values local and organic production.

That's not a market easily displaced by cheap foreign imports of skim milk components, which Ontario milk producers such as Peter Dowling of Kingston have been taking steps to counter.

Dowling is also focused on organic milk production, but rather than following Vandeburg's commitment to high-volume production, he's spreading out his risks and keeping dairy as just one component of a mixed farm.

"We're fairly diversified here," said Dowling, whose farm employs him, his wife, a son and a daughter. They are producing a variety of commodities, but similar to Vandeburg are focusing on nearby urban populations that want fresh foods.

"Local is growing in our area."

Apart from a 25-cow organic dairy operation, which he humorously describes as "a third of a herd," the farm has a grass-fed beef cattle herd and a farm-to-consumer direct vegetable sales and delivery service.

"It's all value-added," said Dowling. "It'd be harder (to do this direct-to-consumer model) in more remote areas."

Each province has its own regulations, unique dairy farming culture and independent market dynamics.

Some have small land bases but big city populations, offering the potential of a lucrative nearby market for fresh dairy products.

Others, like those on the Prairies, have large land bases and the ability to easily expand but little local consumer demand potential.

Economists say farmers will need to adapt to face the realities of increasing imports, stagnant domestic demand and a virtual ban on exporting dairy products.

Vandeburg said dairy farming has always been challenged by foreign competitors, domestic critics and the never-ending pressures of agricultural evolution.

However, that's what has made dairy farmers resolute in the face of situations that have economists fretting: they have grown used to surmounting challenges by doubling down on their commitment to farming.

"You've got cows and problems and all this debt and trade deals, and sometimes you wake up and go 'wow,'" Vandeburg said.

"But you've got to be positive. If you're going to get up every day and be negative, you shouldn't be in farming."

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DAIRY FARMER, DEWDNEY, B.C.



THE BIG SQUEEZE

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Some farmers and dairy industry players are trying to develop this approach as a national strategy. It might even be possible to export more Canadian dairy products if they are sold at world prices.

However, Montel said fissures are appearing between provincial industries, and he worries a culture clash is coming.

Quebec's industry is much less technologically advanced, with tie-stall barns still dominant, and farmers there appear to be resolutely opposed to compromises such as the Ontario approach.

"That tension will only grow in Quebec," Montel said.

"At one point it won't be sustainable, and the need for investment will be huge and I don't know how it will play out without any collective strategy for dairy farmers."

He said producers in Alberta and British Columbia appear to be more progressive, so they might follow the Ontario lead, but that will just exacerbate the culture clash between Quebec and the major English Canadian dairy industries.

"If dairy farmers do not engage in some kind of long-term vision, it may lead to the opposite (of what uncompromising farmers want)," he said.

"Instead of having a thriving business, especially in Quebec, it would be to have a stagnating or declining business."

Sylvain Charlebois, a professor with the University of Guelph's Food Institute, thinks supply management is unraveling slowly, but change might become unstoppable.

"The shift has already started.... There seems to be an underground shifting," he said, noting the Ontario development.

"I don't see how dairy producers actually would have a choice but to change."

Charlebois said he sees supply management at least weakening, and perhaps disappearing, as world pressures come to bear even more and as farmers try to find a way out. Even with the supply management system in place, elements such as quota will begin to lose



Canadian dairy farmers could evolve under the protection of supply management for a few years and emerge in a way that allows them to survive in the free market if the system disappears, says one expert. | FILE PHOTO

I don't see how dairy producers actually would have a choice but to change.

SYLVAIN CHARLEBOIS
UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

value if they can't offer profitability.

"The quota system will start to erode slowly as we move forward because of that external pressure," said Charlebois.

He thinks Canadian dairy farmers can evolve under the protection of supply management for a few years and hopefully emerge if it disappears in a way that allows them to survive in the free market.

Milk prices have already fallen in the past year because of Ontario's milk products approach, and that's not necessarily bad. Farmers need

to expose themselves to world prices and place more importance on the industry's top producers.

"Instead of looking at averages (when setting milk prices), you might want to look at top performers and use them as a benchmark as an incentive for farmers to become more competitive," said Charlebois.

"We're not competitive. We need to address that right away because if we are to open up our borders, we're just not ready.... If you really provide incentives to dairy farmers to become more competitive, they'll move. Some won't and some will leave because they can't keep up, and that's totally fine."

Montel said he sees no reason why Canadian dairy producers can't be as efficient and low-cost as any producers in the world.

He believes some already are.

"My guess is that at least 60 percent of milk production is already

produced by farmers that could easily be competitive with the U.S.," he said.

"Maybe 75 percent (is produced) by farms that could become competitive with adequate support" for debt-load reduction and new capital for expansion and modernization.

Mussell said he also believes Canadian producers can become as efficient as foreign farmers, but they need to begin working on it now if they want to avoid losing everything. Ontario has made good steps, but others need to consider following the province's lead. If they do, perhaps even the fundamentals of supply management can be saved.

"If we do this effectively, we can continue to have a milk supply management system and it could provide for somewhat higher returns and greater stability than some of our competitors, but we

have to do this right," said Mussell.

"It's something we must do, but there shouldn't be any pretence here that this will be a pleasant process. It won't."

Montel said time is critically short, and changes need to begin now or farmers will be hit by shocks in the future.

Canada's system is provincially based and federally defined, so sorting through provincial complications while formulating a national strategy isn't going to be easy.

"What is missing (right now) is a long-term goal for the dairy farmers, such as in 10 to 15 years that we are cost-competitive with the U.S.," said Montel.

"A vision and a strategy to advance that vision — as long as this is not in place, I think the fate of supply management is in question when we look 10 to 15 years ahead."

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Alberta Agriculture's Publications Office suggests the following publications as possible Christmas gifts.

- *The Alberta Forage Manual* is a 350-page book describing forage species and their growth habits. There are sections on forage pest insects and diseases with in-depth discussion of these problems in forage crops.

- *The Beef Cow-Calf Manual* is a 282 page book containing current information for cow-calf producers. It has sections on genetics, economics, calf management, nutrition and feeding, animal health, pests, handling facilities and fencing, and herd management.

- *Beekeeping in Western Canada* provides information needed to successfully manage honeybees. Readers will learn about the spring management of bees, winter feeding, honey extraction, honeybee health and marketing beeswax, pollen and honey.

AGRIBITION NAMES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Canadian Western Agribition has awarded this year's \$2,500 post-secondary scholarships to students with a history of involvement in the show.

Here are the winners:

- Breanna Anderson of Swan River, Man., is in a master's program at the University of Saskatchewan focusing on refining corn grazing recommendations.
- Megan Bergsveinson from Alameda, Sask., is a fourth-year agriculture student at the U of S pursuing a career in large animal medicine.
- Raelynne Rosso from Moose Jaw will study animal science at Lakeland College next fall.

As well, the Barry Andrew Family Scholarship presented \$1,500 to Jake Rawluk of Moosehorn, Man., who is studying agribusiness and crop technology at Lakeland College.

The William M. Farley Memorial Scholarship, which recognizes students who volunteered at Agribition, went to Matt Bates of Cameron, Ont. He attends the University of Guelph's animal science program and is planning a career in large animal veterinary medicine.

LIVESTOCK PIONEERS TO ENTER SASK. AG HALL OF FAME

Three men well known in the livestock sector will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame later this year.

The announcement was made at Canadian Western Agribition Nov. 27.

Going into the hall posthumously are Barry Andrew, one of the founders of Agribition and a cattle and grain farmer from north of Regina, and Dr. Byrnie Rothwell, a veterinarian who had a long career with Agriculture Canada, volunteered with many industry organizations and was dedicated to equine welfare.

Florian Possberg is recognized for his work to develop the province's hog industry, as well as his work at the provincial and national association levels.

Three more nominees will be announced at Cropsphere, which is scheduled for Jan. 11-13 in Saskatoon.

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NEW FARMERS

Lack of capital tough on young farmers

The National Farmers Union calls for new ideas to make it easier for beginning producers to get started

BY JEFFREY CARTER
FOR THE WESTERN PRODUCER

DRESDEN, Ont. — A National Farmers Union survey shows that 70 percent of young, beginning farmers are from non-farm backgrounds.

Youth president Ayla Fenton told the organization's annual conference in London, Ont., that 75 percent of established farmers looking to retire makes for interesting dynamics.

"I've been working on organic farms and I've been with the National Farmers Union for a few years. A lot of young people are coming into farming with an understanding of what's wrong with industrial agriculture," she said.

"Most of the new farmers are going into areas that involve niche markets, like honey or wild harvesting or organic vegetable production — that's a big one."

Fenton was part of an NFU committee that worked with Julia

Laforge, a PhD candidate at the University of Manitoba, to conduct a survey of 1,300 young farmers.

She plans to eventually buy her own farm but said the lack of access to capital and high land prices are major challenges to that goal.

NFU president Jan Slomp said young farmers can be limited in how they farm if they don't own their own land.

He related the experience of a young woman from the Maritimes who approached six lenders, including Farm Credit Canada, before finding a small community-based lender willing to finance her.

Slomp said it's an issue all Canadians should be concerned about: young people have limited means and lack access to sufficient capital, while a large percentage of established farmers are looking to retire.

Government has a role, he added, using the example of his son, who moved to Quebec where farmland prices are much lower than in eastern Ontario.

He said the Quebec government enforces a policy that discourages speculative farmland purchases.

Farmland values should reflect their true production value rather than what they might be worth in a few years or if non-farm development is a possibility, he added.

Hilary Moore, the NFU's new vice-president of policy who operates a non-certified, 100-acre organic farm in Lanark County in eastern Ontario with her husband, said maintaining the existing agricultural land base and infrastructure such as abattoirs and commercial kitchen space is necessary to the success of small farm operations.

Hard work and perseverance are need for success, she added.

"Out of the percentage of young potential farmers, I would estimate that 10 to 20 percent will carry on. That's great," she said.

"The other 80 percent can be out there advocating."

Slomp said fair returns for today's farmers and those of the future

should be the priority for Canada's farm organizations, but it requires a unique and separate voice.

"Our ultimate interest is that we have a healthy bottom line, and that does not always mean being on a team with the companies that supply us with chemicals and fertilizers," Slomp said.

"I'm not looking to fight that, but I don't want to be a part of it. Ultimately, our interests are not the same."

He said Canada's farm leaders should consider the example of U.S. organization's such as the National Farmers Organization and the National Family Farm Coalition. A co-operative approach to the industry is important, but farm organizations should make the interests of their members the top priority.

"We're living in times when the power of these corporations is obvious," he said.

"We need to limit our dependence on these companies."



Ayla Fenton, the National Farmers Union's youth president, wants to eventually buy her own farm. | JEFFREY CARTER PHOTO

HEMP

Red tape costing hemp producers billions: industry group

COMMODITY NEWS SERVICE CANADA

WINNIPEG — Government regulations are costing Canadian hemp producers a potential billion dollar market opportunity, says an industry group.

Canadian hemp farmers are permitted to use only certain parts of the plant: the stock and seeds.

Kim Shukla, executive director of

the Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance, said that means farmers are missing out in the market.

Shukla said the alliance is pushing for reform and is hopeful that a new federal government has the potential to bring change.

Hemp plants contain low levels of the psychoactive ingredient THC, about .3 percent. Marijuana plants typically contain more than five

percent of THC.

The parts of the plant that cannot be harvested also contain cannabinoids such as cannabidiol (CBD), which can treat schizophrenia, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder, according to Dr. Steve Laviolette of the University of Western Ontario.

"While we are struggling and fighting against these archaic regu-

lations, other countries are beginning to really come on as powerhouses," Shukla said.

There is a strong market demand for hemp, but the Canadian industry has struggled with its ability to process product and move it through the channel.

Shukla names a 2013 fire at a major hemp processor as a setback. The processor wasn't able to

work at full capacity until 2014. She said next year's acreage will likely stay static at about 100,000 acres.

"So we can begin to manage some of our processing challenges, and as more processors come on board, and as more folks are involved in the marketplace, we're looking forward to 2017."

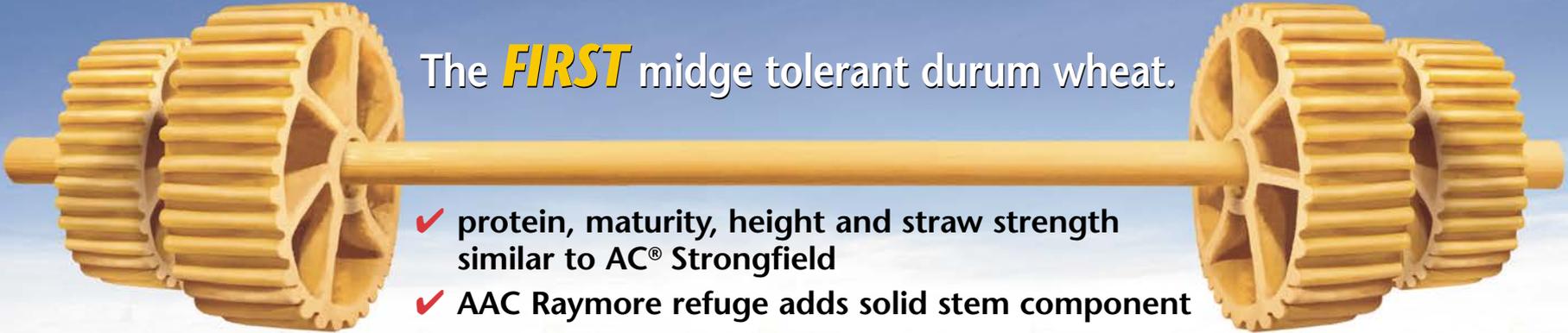
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ECONOMIC OUTPUT

Irrigation turns water into money in Alberta

A new report finds the province's irrigation industry contributed \$3.6 billion to GDP and \$2.4 billion in labour income

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Water makes things grow, which is exactly what it has done for Alberta's economy, according to a 2015 report on the value of the province's irrigation systems.

The one million acres under irrigation generate \$1.4 billion in direct sales of crops and livestock. It means 4.7 percent of the provin-

cial cultivated land base generates 19 percent of total provincial sales.

Brent Paterson of Paterson Earth and Water Consulting compiled the study and shared key findings Nov. 25 with those attending the Alberta Irrigation Projects Association water conference.

"Alberta's irrigation industry handily generated about \$3.6 billion to the provincial GDP, \$2.4 billion in labour income and about

56,000 jobs," said Paterson.

"In terms of agricultural processing, irrigation related agricultural processing generated about \$2 billion total sales, which is about 18 percent of the total provincial processing sales. Irrigation related processing provided about \$1.7 billion to the provincial GDP, \$1 billion in labour income and about 17,000 jobs."

The study examined data from 2000-11 and assessed irrigation's impacts in terms of direct and indirect effect, processing, recreation, hydro-electrical production and habitat.

Paterson told the AIPA that figures show production on irrigated land was seven times higher than on dry land in the 10-year period under study.

"It's important to recognize that was a time frame, 2000 to 2011, was one of the wetter time frames that we've seen in a number of years, and so the crop production in terms of dry land was actually higher than perhaps you would consider on an average basis," he said.

"So I'm thinking we're being somewhat conservative in terms of our analysis."

Every cubic metre of water delivered through the irrigation system generated \$3 to the province's gross domestic product and \$2 in labour income, according to study data.

Climate change could allow more crop diversification and higher yields and also attract more food processors to the region, but models indicate summer water flow in rivers is likely to be lower.

Models also suggest more precipitation and runoff may occur in winter, when irrigation districts are not typically capturing water.

"I think that's going to be a real challenge for the irrigation com-

munity," Paterson said.

He said more water storage and a long-term drought strategy would be in irrigators' best interests because drought intensity and duration may increase as the climate changes.

The full report, *Economic Value of Irrigation in Alberta*, is available on the AIPA website at www.aipa.ca.

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Production on irrigated land was seven times higher than on dry land in the 10-year period looked at by the study. | FILE PHOTO

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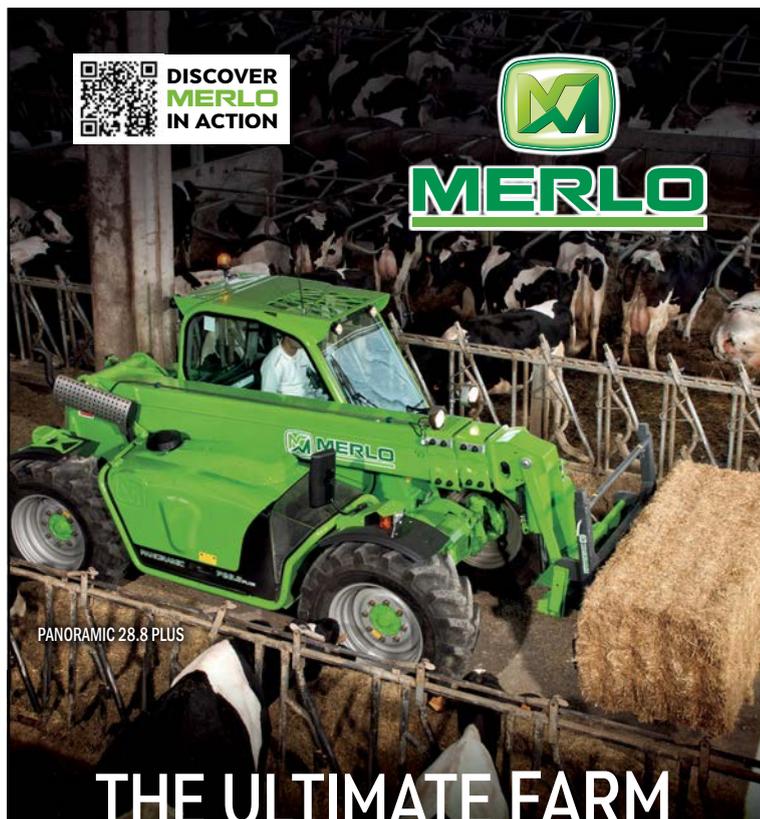


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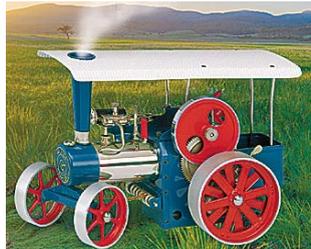
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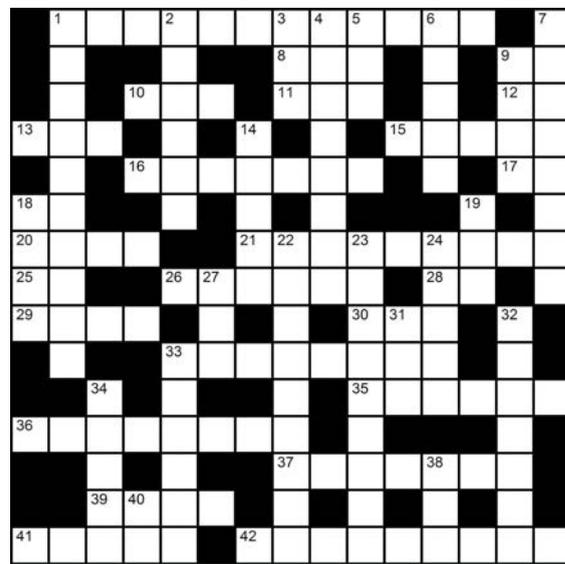
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- Film starring Gene Wilder and Jill Clayburgh
 - He became a substitute teacher after being kicked out of a rock band in *School of Rock* (2 words)
 - Graynor or Meyers
 - Svenson or Hopkins
 - She starred in *She's Out of My League*
 - Jean-___ Picard
 - ___ Education
 - Evil Under the ___*
 - Film starring Will Smith and Margot Robbie
 - Real last name of Shelley Winters
 - ___ *Better Blues*
 - And ___ It Goes*
 - TV station Ron Burgundy is the anchorman for
 - He's known as Dead Body Guy (2 words)
 - She played one of the doctors on House's team
 - He played Oddjob in *Goldfinger*
 - Initials of the first actress to receive the illustrious Order of Culture from the Emperor of Japan in 2000
 - ___ Park
 - Abbreviation on a TV remote
 - Name of Big Guy Beck's mansion on *Filthy Rich* (2 words)
 - Kenzie and Arcieri
 - She played Charmaine Bucco on *The Sopranos*
 - She played Val Toriello on *The Nanny*
 - Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. who specializes in weapons technology
- DOWN**
- Karl Malden's real last name
 - ___ A. Fox
 - My Gal ___*
 - Fahrenheit 45* director
 - Young who played Dr. Zhang Lee on *Alias*
 - Academy Award winner for the cinematography of *An American in Paris*
 - Bond's first personal secretary
 - Creator of Oz
 - He played Stanwyck's son Nick on *The Big Valley*
 - lone from England
 - James Bond's housekeeper
 - Lords of Dogtown* director
 - 1933 film that won three Academy Awards
 - Palmer from Germany
 - Olivia d'___
 - Olsen who was the founder of Nordisk Film
 - He played Finnick Odair in *The Hunger Games* films
 - Lady and the Tramp* dog
 - Neve Campbell film (with *The*)
 - TV alien
 - Clara Bow film

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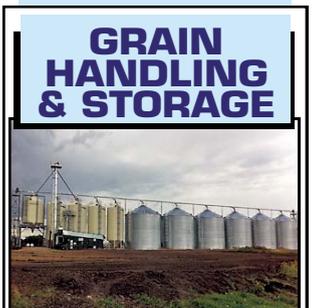
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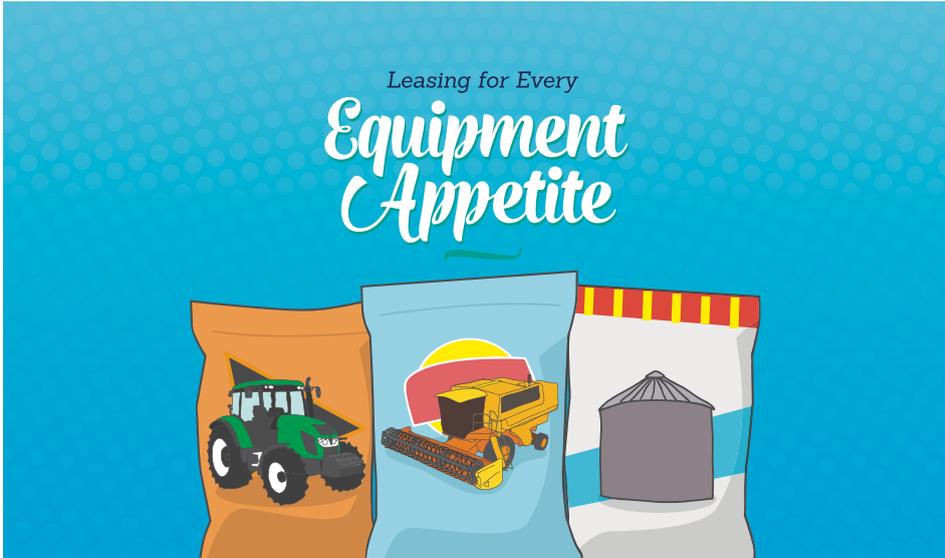
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2014 CASE 8230 combine. Duals, 16' pick-up, 500 Sep. hours. Plus 2012 MacDon header, 40'. Canada West Harvest Centre, 1-844-806-2300, Emerald Park, SK.

2011 CASE 9120. Duals, Pro 600 monitor, 1040 hrs. Plus 3016 PU, \$285,000. Canada West Harvest Centre, 844-806-2300, Emerald Park, SK.

2009 CASE/IH 7120, 900 tires, 2016 PU header, field ready, \$200,000; 2013 FD75 MacDon 30' flex header with pea auger, \$85,000. A.E. Chicoine Farm Equipment, 306-449-2255, Storthoaks, SK.

MASSEY FERGUSON 9790 combine with Swathmaster pickup. Agco straight cut header. Canada West Harvest Centre, 1-844-806-2300, Emerald Park, SK.

2008 CASE AFX 8010. Duals, GPS, AFS 600 Monitor, 1568 hrs., field ready, \$210,000. Canada West Harvest Centre, 1-844-806-2300, Emerald Park, SK.

2010 CASE/IH 7088, 1110 eng/910 spreader hrs. Stock# 015078, \$185,500. www.redheadequipment.ca 888-576-5561, Swift Current, SK.

2011 CASE 7120, duals, GPS, yield monitor, 985 hrs., great condition, \$199,000. Canada West Harvest Centre, 844-806-2300, Emerald Park, SK.

2013 LEXION 760TT, (CLAAS) 4 WD, 253 Separator hours. Canada West Harvest Centre. Phone: 1-844-806-2300, Emerald Park, SK.

2010 CASE IH 7120 Stock # 018563, \$210,000. Saskatoon, SK. 888-788-8007, www.redheadequipment.ca

2007 CASE AFX 8010 duals, GPS, AHH, AFS, 600 monitor, 1707 hours, field ready, \$195,000. Canada West Harvest Centre, 1-844-806-2300, Emerald Park, SK.

2009 CASE/IH 7088, 1278 eng./1050 rotor hrs. Stock #015349. \$169,500. www.redheadequipment.ca 800-219-8867, Swift Current, SK.

2006 2388, 700 threshing hrs., 900 eng., Redlight service the past 3 years, mint condition, shedded, \$128,000. 780-554-3572, Sherwood Park, AB.

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2003 CASE IH 2388, 2828 eng./2242 rotor hrs. Stock # 0273218C, \$79,000. 1-888-492-8542, Lloydminster, SK. www.redheadequipment.ca

2014 CASE 8230 combine. Duals, 16' pick-up, 488.4 Separator hours. Canada West Harvest Centre. Phone: 1-844-806-2300, Emerald Park, SK.

2003 CASE/IH AFX8010 Pro 600 Monitor, c/w 2016 PU header, Stock #016932. \$119,000. 888-788-8007, Saskatoon, SK. www.redheadequipment.ca

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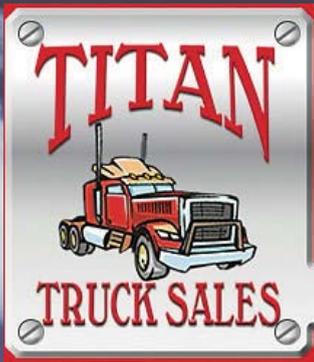
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- 2010 Case IH 7088 Combine**-800 Singles, Lateral Tilt, Ext Wear Rotor, 24' Unload Auger, AFS GPS, HID Lights, Yield & Moisture Monitor, Pro600, 1110 Engine Hours, 910 Spreader Hours, Stk: 015078 **\$185,500 (SC)**
- 2009 Case IH 7088 Combine** - 800 Singles, Lateral Tilt, AFX Rotor, Chopper, 1278 Engine Hours, 1050 Rotor Hours, Stk: 015349 **\$169,500 (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 (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 (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 (SC)**
- 2004 Case IH 8010 Combine** - Duals, Lateral Tilt, HID Lights, Long Auger, Fine Cut Chopper, Pro 600 Monitor, 2800 Engine Hours, 2000 Rotor Hours, Stk: 015278..... **\$129,500 (SC)**
- 2003 Case IH AFX 8010 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 (SK)**
- 2010 Case IH AFX 9120 Combine** - 520/85R42 157A8 R1w, 540/65R30 Li 150 R1w, Adj Steering Axle, Hd Planet W/O Diff L, Std Feeder Face, 30" Platform Ext, 10.4" Axle Ext, Manual Mirrors, Powerplus CVT FDR, Extended Wear, Stk: 016820 **\$189,000 (LL)**

HEADERS

- 2012 CA2152 Draper Header** - 35Ft Spare Knife D60/Fd70, AHHC Comp Pkg, CA20 Transition Filler Kit, D60/FD70 Rock Ret Kit 30/35, Lodged Crop Finger Kit, Trans Pan, Stk: 08495A **\$69,000 (LL)**
- 2010 Case IH 2020 Header** - 35ft double knife drive, Pick Up Reel, Stk: 017099 **\$25,900 (SC)**
- 2008 Case IH 2162 Header** - 40 Ft, Single Knife, Cross Auger, Stk: 014640.. **\$58,000 (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, Cray Air Reel, No Transport, Stk: 017943 **\$33,750 (SC)**
- 2001 Honey Bee SP30 Header** - 30 Ft, U-II Reel, Transport, Cross Auger, Stk: 018240 **\$23,000 (SC)**
- 2013 Honey Bee SP36 Header**-Pickup Reel, Upper Cross Auger, Hyd Tilt, Double Knife, Transport, Stk: 018094 **\$49,500 (SC)**
- 1996 Honey Bee SP36 Header** - 36 Ft, U2 Pick Up Reel, New Knife And Guards, Transport, Stk: 013341 **\$15,500 (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 (PA)**
- 2012 John Deere 635F Header** - 35 Ft, Pickup reel, Flex Header, Stk: 015527 **\$39,500 (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 (PA)**
- 2013 Case IH 2162 Header** - 45 Ft, Slow Speed Transport, Upper Cross Auger, AFX adapter, Stk: 016108..... **\$89,500 (SC)**

TRACTORS

- 2012 John Deere 9510R Tractor**-800/70R38, Starfire 30000, GS3 Color Touch Monitor, JDLink, Premium Radio /W XM, Hi Flow Hydraulic Pump (78 GPM), Premium HID Light Package, Rear Suitcase & Rear Wheel Weights, Stk: MEA41003 **\$315,300 (ME)**
- 2012 JD 9510R Tractor** - 520/85R46 Triples, PTO, 5 Hydraulic Outlets, High Capacity Pump 78 GPM, Autoguide Ready, Diff Locks, Stk: 017050..... **\$329,000 (LL)**

- 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 (SC)**
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- 2011 Case IH 3240 Sprayer** - 100 Ft, No Aim, Pro 700, 372, Shedded, 380 Tires, Good Sprayer, 500 Hours, Stk: 018307 **\$218,000 (SC)**
- 2009 Case IH 4420 Sprayer** - Aim Command, 120 Ft Boom, Autoboomb, Accuboom, Ag Leader Monitor, GPS, Fenders, 650 Michelin Tires, Stk: 016596..... **\$239,500 (SC)**
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- 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 (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 (ES)**
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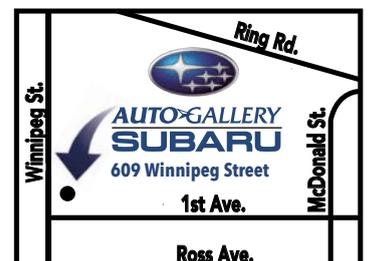
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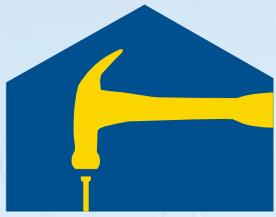


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2004 JD 9760 STS, 2062 hrs, GreenStar, auto HHC, reel speed, factory chopper, pickups available, w/warranty, \$92,800. 1-800-667-4515. www.combineworld.com

2008 JD 4895 30' w/633 hours, GreenStar ready, nice header, overall very good cond., with warranty, \$64,800. 1-800-667-4515. www.combineworld.com

1998 JD 9610, 2653 hrs, GreenStar, auto HHC, reel spd., 2 spd. cyl., XL hopper ext., w/warranty, 48,800. Headers available. 1-800-667-4515. www.combineworld.com

2000 JD 9650 STS, Contour-Master, 18.4x42 duals, Y&M, \$48,000. Call Mike 204-745-7690, Greenland Equipment at Carman, MB.

2001 JD 9750 VSFH, fine cut chopper, 20' unload auger, \$52,000. Call Don 204-325-3465, Greenland Equipment at Carman, MB.

JD 7720 TITAN II, 3884 hrs., newer rub bars, Concave, feeder chain, dual range cyl., chaff spreader, chopper, 212 PU, exc. shape, tires good, \$13,000 OBO. Earl Grey, SK., call 306-939-4403 or 306-726-7516.

2009 JD 9870 STS, 990 hrs., 615 header, AHHC, long auger, FCC, Command Center, \$175,000. 306-252-2227, Kenaston, SK.

2005 JD 9760 STS, 1821 hrs, GreenStar, auto HHC, reel speed, chopper, good tires, really clean combine w/warranty, \$99,800. 1-800-667-4515. www.combineworld.com

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JD 9750 STS, 1630 sep. hours, 2 Greenlights in last 150 hrs, \$33,000 spent, GPS ready with wheel kit, \$110,000 OBO. 403-634-3500, Lethbridge, AB.

2012 JD S680, c/w 615 PU header, F&A lateral tilt, long auger, GS3 Command Centre, Harvest Smart Pro drive, 500 hrs., \$295,000. 2009 936 JD draper header, \$25,000 OBO. 306-252-2227, Kenaston, SK

2013 JD 615P pickup header, overall 8.5/10, trades wanted, \$24,800. 1-800-667-4515. www.combineworld.com

9650 JD COMBINE, long auger, 14' PU, chaff spreader, 2500 hrs., \$52,000. 306-786-6510, Rhein, SK.

JD 9600 c/w 914 header, chaff spreader, hopper topper, 3904 sep. hrs, \$27,000. 930 straight cut available. 403-328-6851, Lethbridge, AB.

MASSEY FERGUSON 4181

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COMBINE ACCESSORIES

COMBINE HEADERS 4199

2011 CASE/IH 3020, 35', single knife, Cray air reel. No Transport, Stock #017943, \$33,750. 1-888-576-5561, Swift Current, SK. www.redheadequipment.ca

2012 CA2152 DRAPER header 35', spare knife, D60/Fd70. Stock #08495A. \$69,000. www.redheadequipment.ca or 888-492-8542, Lloydminster, SK.

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MACDON 40' FD70 header, good cond., with AFx, or JD adapter, \$44,900. Call 204-324-6298, Altona, MB.

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2014 MADON D65-D unused, 40', factory transport, auto HHC, hydraulic tilt, JD, CNH, Lexion completion, \$74,800. 1-800-667-4515. www.combineworld.com

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2013 HONEYBEE SP36 header, PU Reel, Hyd. tilt, Double knife, Transport, Stock #018094, \$49,500. 1-888-576-5561, Swift Current, SK. www.redheadequipment.ca

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2001 HONEYBEE SP30 header, 30', U-II PU reel, Transport, Cross auger, Stock #018240, \$23,000. 1-888-576-5561, Swift Current, SK. www.redheadequipment.ca

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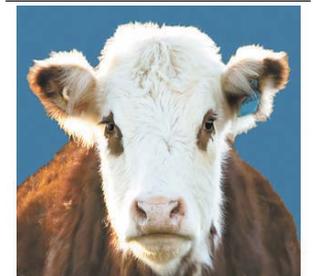
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FOR RENT: 3 quarters grainland, RM of Ponass Lake #367, NE-11-37-13, NW-11-37-13, SW-10-37-13. Inquiry text to: 306-690-6786. See details at: http://community.bidwin.org/post/grainland-for-rent-ponass-lake. Rose Valley, SK. robingliu@hotmail.com

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RM OF CANAAN: Approx. 160 acres of farmland. John Cave, Edge Realty Ltd., 306-773-7379. www.farmsask.com

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RM OF GRANT #372, 30 miles east of Saskatoon off Hwy #5. SE 29-37-28-W2, 153 acres, 82 cult. 54,700. assessment. MLS®556060 \$152,000. Garry Frie, Royal LePage Saskatoon, SK. 639-480-7254

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AGRIBITION

Feelings of nostalgia waft through Agribition

Long-time participants say the atmosphere of the old barns will be hard to replace as they are slated for demolition

BY KAREN BRIERE
REGINA BUREAU

There was something in the air at Canadian Western Agribition this year and it wasn't just the smell of livestock.

You could feel it in the barns and see it on faces. It was in snatches of overheard conversation.

It was the bittersweetness of the last show in some of the landmark Evraz Place buildings that have hosted Agribition for 45 years.

Everyone was talking about it. The good, the bad and the ugly of the Auditorium, Exhibition Stadium, the Winter Fair building, the Harlton, Pasqua and Prairie barns, the Annex and the six other barns that would be demolished as soon as the 2015 show wound up.

It's not the leaky roofs, inadequate plumbing and poor ventilation that people will miss, but what they found inside the walls at shows and sales.

"The atmosphere is going to be hard to replace," said past-president Reed Andrew of Regina, whose father was among the founders of the event and who has attended all 45 shows.

"I was 14 at my first Agribition. I remember sitting way up at the top (of the Auditorium) and it was packed right full for the sale of champions. That is going to be hard to replace."

But a new \$37 million International Trade Centre, a modern, flexible building that will connect the remaining buildings at Evraz Place, will replace the old facilities in time for the 2017 show. Just how the 2016 event will roll out has yet to be determined.

The grounds already look different than they did in 1971, when Evraz Place still had a racetrack and grandstand.

"There was barn row, as we know today, Harlton, Pasqua, Annex, Winter Fair and Stadium," Andrew said. "The Prairie (building) wasn't even there, there was an open space. They were the old exhibition barns and that was the core of it."

The Stadium was built in 1919 and most of the other buildings were put up in the 1950s and '60s.

Entries for the first show were much higher than expected and a row of horse barns then located south of the Harlton Barn were pressed into service.

"I remember the volunteers and staff building eight-by-eight panels to put up for a tunnel, and there was this tunnel all the way down probably half a dozen horse barns," Andrew said.

Tents housed cattle in some years.

The commercial cattle show began under the old racetrack because the commercial cattle barn wasn't yet built.

"There was a time they actually chased the cattle over to the Stadium to have a show, by horseback," he said.

The Stadium, then Regina's primary arena, was the main venue for shows and the rodeo. This was before the Agridome, now known as the Brandt Centre, was built in the later '70s and became the centerpiece for a time.

"I remember one year in the Sta-

dium, the Shorthorn show had to stop so they could have the rodeo and then at midnight they came back and finished the Shorthorn show," Andrew said.

And then there's the Swamp, located behind the stands on the east side of the Stadium. The paint has been peeling off the beer garden walls for years and possibly the only things that have changed are beer prices and the implementation of a smoking ban.

Some might say "what happens in the Swamp, stays in the Swamp," but it was also the site of many a business deal.

Grant Alexander of Weyburn, Sask., has shown at every Agribition.

"There was a lot of business deals done around those little tables in there," he said. "When I heard they were knocking this all down I thought they should get a national historic site for the Swamp."

He remembers the days of the tents and how no one complained because they wanted the show to succeed.

"These buildings hold a lot of memories," he said, standing in the Stadium after the Shorthorn show. "These barns might be old but they've been part of our lives for a long time, even before Agribition started."

"I can remember as a little kid coming to Regina Bull Sale in some of these same buildings."

He and Andrew spent one year fitting 28 head of cattle for exhibitors.

"Grant and I spent all day in the wash rack underneath the auditorium," Andrew said. "We were young people and were in the industry. You had the opportunity to do anything you wanted."

Alexander spent 10 years on the Agribition board and several of those on the executive.

"I've been feeling it all week," he said of the air of nostalgia. "One thing that has stayed the same right from the first show is the atmosphere and just the positive feeling in the barns even when cattle prices were in the tank."

Younger and more recent exhibitors may never have the same attachment to the buildings, but there are countless stories of what young people found inside these buildings.

Many a courtship began at the show — one year a wedding ceremony took place in the Stadium — and there are married couples who still return, with their children and their livestock.

There were five generations of Harltons working at the show this year.

Merle Thomason of Bethune, Sask., is the third generation. The Harlton Barn was built in 1965 and named for her grandfather, Charlie Harlton.

"I don't think we have a picture that he wasn't standing in front of it," she laughed. "We were all very proud of it."

She said the family had to attend the show. It was tradition.

"I remember when Agribition started and my dad coming home on the train and telling us we could have just as good a show (as the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto)," she said.



Agribition past-president Reed Andrew has seen a lot of history pass through the doors of the old barns and Stadium. He will find himself in new surroundings next year. | MICHAEL RAINE PHOTO

Her memories of being in the Harlton Barn are of the camaraderie.

"The sheep held half the barn and the swine held half and just the great friendships we formed," she said.

Recognition of the Harlton barn, and the other buildings that will soon be taken down, is likely to come in the form of a collection of pictures, said Evraz Place chief executive officer Mark Allan.

And for all the reminiscing that went on during the recent show, most are ready for the change.

"In my situation, Dad being a founder, it's kind of in my genes," Andrew said. "We lived and breathed Agribition. It's really rewarding to see where it was and where it's going."

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A scene from Agribition in the old Regina Exhibition Association's Auditorium. Several buildings on the Evraz Place grounds have been demolished already or are scheduled to be taken down. | FILE PHOTO

SHEEP

Genetic improvements have lasting legacy

Breeding sheep with greater disease resistance instead of treating symptoms could benefit animal welfare, food supply

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

RED DEER — Understanding sheep DNA could result in healthier, stronger animals.

“Genetics have a lot of advantages over our traditional approaches. Unlike changes in management, genetics are permanent and cumulative,” said Susan Schoenian, a sheep and goat specialist from the University of Maryland.

Breeding animals with greater disease resistance instead of treating symptoms with antibiotics and dewormers could be a great advantage to animal welfare and the food supply, she told the Alberta Sheep Symposium held in Red Deer earlier this fall.

“If we are able to select sheep that are footrot resistant, more parasite resistant, we are going to improve the welfare of our animals, not to mention our bottom line,” she said.

“Anything we can do that is going to reduce the use of antibiotics and anthelmintics is going to be beneficial.”

Parasite resistance to commonly used dewormers called anthelmintics is a worldwide problem, but the industry would benefit tremendously if breeding rams and ewes carried resistance.

“Every country in the world is probably looking at identifying genetic markers for parasite resistance,” she said.

Resistance may be found in a particular breed, and researchers are attempting to isolate them and figure out how they can fight off common parasites.

“Maybe there are some breeds that are more resistant than we don’t know about,” she said.

It is important to understand that there is a difference between resisting the impact of worms and tolerating them.

Resistance is an animal’s ability to resist or limit infection and parasites that establish, reproduce and survive in the body.

Resilience is the ability of the host to tolerate parasitic infections, maintain health, thrive, grow and reproduce. It is less heritable than resistance.

Parasite resistance could be up to 40 percent heritable, but the ability to fight off other diseases or certain



Selecting for disease resistance involves a number of genes, but it may be worth pursuing if the condition is serious enough. | FILE PHOTO

physical problems is less so. Some conditions could be lessened with more accurate genetic selection, but the phenotypic data needs to be collected before genomic work can be pursued.

“We lack a lot of that data,” Schoenian said.

Selecting for disease resistance involves a number of genes, but it may be worth pursuing if the condition is serious enough.

“I think lots of diseases have a genetic component, but lots of times we don’t know. It is difficult to measure,” she said.

There are significant genetic differences between breeds, but there are also as many differences among the individuals in a single breed to resist disease.

Crossbreeding to improve health and productivity provides hybrid vigour because it takes advantage of the strengths of different breeds.

Survivability in a cross-bred lamb is 10 percent higher than a purebred lamb. Select the best rams possible when trying to improve a herd because they have more genetic impact.

Costs need to be considered. A good ewe with valuable production traits may have to be culled to get rid of a disease such as ovine progressive pneumonia.

OPP or maedi-visna is a viral, incurable, slow acting wasting disease that affects sheep worldwide. It targets the immune system and is spread via colostrum and direct contact.

Researchers have discovered a gene that affects OPP susceptibility, which could offer an alternative approach to getting rid of this disease.

Footrot is one of the most common bacterial diseases affecting sheep worldwide and is the pri-

mary reason for culling animals. It is costly to treat and difficult to eradicate. It is also an animal welfare concern because it is painful and lambs fail to thrive.

Footrot is common in warm, moist environments, and it may be more difficult to find resistance because there are many strains of the disease.

Researchers in New Zealand have identified a genetic marker for footrot resistance that is commercially available. The research also found that animals resistant to footrot also appeared resistant to parasites. However, the same test did not appear to work well when tried in the United Kingdom.

Mastitis is inflammation of the mammary gland, usually caused by a bacterial infection. It is important mainly in dairy and other intensively managed flocks. It is the primary reason for culling ewes

and can contribute to lamb mortality.

Somatic cell counts are low to moderately heritable, so selecting for resistance to mastitis is possible. Selection for good udder conformation traits may also help reduce incidence of mastitis.

Respiratory disease is another common cause of death.

Differences in susceptibility to respiratory disease have been documented in cattle. New Zealand research speculates selection could strengthen the immune system by breeding for disease and parasite resistance.

Lambing ease is a heritable trait, and expected progeny differences are available. Dystocia is a primary cause of death in lambs up to three days of age. It also contributes to ewe deaths.

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WEATHER

World Bank attempts to protect Africa from climate change

BARCELONA, Spain (Thomson Reuters Foundation) — The World Bank wants to direct more funding into efforts to help African countries withstand climate change and boost their clean energy production.

The \$16 billion Africa Climate Business Plan identifies investments that will make the continent’s people, land, water and cities more resilient to droughts, floods, storms and rising seas, increase access to green energy and strengthen early warning systems.

World Bank Group president Jim Yong Kim said sub-Saharan Africa is “highly vulnerable to climate shocks,” which could have deep

effects on areas as varied as child stunting, malaria and food price increases.

“This plan identifies concrete steps that African governments can take to ensure that their countries will not lose hard won gains in economic growth and poverty reduction, and they can offer some protection from climate change,” he added.

The plan outlines measures for fast-tracking adaptation to climate change, which would cost US\$10.7 billion from 2016-20.

They include helping 10 million farmers adopt resource-efficient techniques and harder crop vari-

eties, improving water management in the Niger, Lake Chad and Zambezi basins, reducing coastal erosion, strengthening flood protection and restoring degraded land and forests.

The plan said the African region requires \$5 to \$10 billion a year to prepare for global warming of 2 C, which could rise to \$20 to \$50 billion by mid-century.

However, experts say pledges from 170 countries to curb their planet-warming emissions would still permit global average temperatures to increase by 2.7 to 3.7 C from pre-industrial times, suggesting adaptation costs will be higher.

Levels of funding for adaptation in Africa amount to an annual \$3 billion at most, “which is negligible considering the needs,” the World Bank plan said.

The bank said its plan’s emphasis on climate adaptation fitted priorities expressed by African states in their national action plans submitted as a basis for a climate change deal that is hoped to be reached at the United Nations summit in Paris.

Funding for climate action is likely to be a sticking point at the UN negotiations. Developed countries are reluctant to commit to increasing the \$100 billion a year they have promised to mobilize for

poorer nations worldwide by 2020, when a new agreement would take effect.

The World Bank plan also aims to invest in boosting solar, hydro and geothermal generation capacity and provide five million off-grid consumers with access to modern energy services by 2023, when the funding would have produced results.

The cost of that part of the plan is estimated at \$5.4 billion.

The bank said it expected to contribute \$5.7 billion to achieve the \$16.1 billion plan, as part of an effort to increase the share of its own financing dedicated to climate action by one-third by 2020.

ZEBRA MUSSELS

Boat inspections keep mussels out of Alberta

The province's inspectors conducted almost 22,000 watercraft inspections this year and monitored 66 water bodies

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Zebra mussels hitched a ride into Alberta on at least 11 boats this summer.

They were discovered because of the province's mandatory watercraft inspection laws, which were put in place this year to prevent the entry of invasive species.

Zebra mussels have contaminated water bodies in most of the United States and some Canadian provinces, where they wreak havoc by plugging water infrastructure and destroying aquatic ecosystems.

"We can probably say that we are still free of mussels in Alberta," Cindy Sawchuk of Alberta's environment and parks department told the Alberta Irrigation Projects Association's water conference by Skype Nov. 24.

The province's inspection and response team decontaminated the 11 boats, but the incidents showed how easily zebra mussels and their equally destructive relatives, quagga mussels, could enter the province.

Sawchuk said inspectors conducted almost 22,000 watercraft inspections this year and monitored 66 provincial water bodies. They also tracked boat traffic entering the province and found it came from 41 states, nine provinces and two territories.

She said continued vigilance is vital because some of those states and provinces have zebra mussels.

She credited the AIPA for its support in developing an Alberta team of dogs trained to detect mussels. The canines are used at border crossings into Alberta from Sas-



Inspectors such as Ngaio Richards and dog Wicket found zebra mussels on 11 boats this summer as part of Alberta's routine border inspections. | FILE PHOTO

katchewan and the United States. Dogs have been used at inspection stations for three years, the first two as pilot projects using animals from the U.S.

Alberta now has three dogs on the job, said Sawchuk. "We now have the first conservation canine program in North America."

The dogs sniff watercraft at inspection stations and sit if they detect mussel presence. Drivers of the vehicles that are towing or carrying the inspected craft are given a

"you've been sniffed" card to encourage support and future compliance with the program.

Sawchuk said greater attention will be paid to inspection along the Alberta-Saskatchewan border next year.

Saskatchewan does not have a mussel inspection or monitoring system, and zebra mussels have invaded Lake Winnipeg in Manitoba, which increases the risk they will make their way westward.

Starting in March, attention will also be paid to Canadians who spend winters in the U.S. and return in spring with their boats and other watercraft.

Nighttime border crossings are a concern, said Sawchuk. The dogs cannot work constantly, and human inspectors can miss the tiny mussels, especially at night.

"We know for a fact that boaters will purposely avoid going through our inspection stations (until) after hours so they don't have to stop."

Mandatory watercraft inspection includes kayaks and canoes, and Sawchuk said numerous travelers carrying those were chased down this year after failing to stop.

"By law, every type of watercraft has to stop if our inspection station is open," she said.

Sawchuk said only three provinces and five states remain mussel-free, which makes the risk of mussels entering Alberta high.

The key is to raise awareness of the threat and the importance of cleaning, draining and drying watercraft before entering the province.

"It is a challenge. To be honest, it's a challenge that we all face."

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ZEBRA MUSSELS

Chlorine, potash tested as possible mussel control methods

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Alberta wants to be ready for a fight if zebra and quagga mussels invade the province's water bodies.

The small, invasive species multiply rapidly and cling to boats, water infrastructure and almost anything else. They clog pipes and machinery and consume water-borne nutrients essential to fish, plants and other aquatic species.

The mussels' size and habitat make them difficult to kill.

Andrea Kalischuk, director of Alberta Agriculture's water quality branch, heads a team that is testing potash and chlorine as weapons against zebra mussels.

"Why chemical control? Well, the other options that they're using in closed systems, pipeline systems, are not going to work in our irrigation districts," Kalischuk told the Alberta Irrigation Projects Association water conference Nov. 24.

"The other thing is that... we have about 4,000 kilometres of pipelines. There's also about 4,000 km of farmer-owned lines. If we take the chemical approach and apply it through something like a fertigation approach, it should protect

those farmer main lines as well as the pipelines."

No chemicals are registered in Canada for controlling zebra mussels. Some chemicals suitable for closed water systems are approved in the United States but are unlikely to be useful in Alberta.

A biopesticide called Zequanox is expensive and scarce, and copper sulfate algaecides are toxic and can accumulate with lethal effects on other species and the ecosystem.

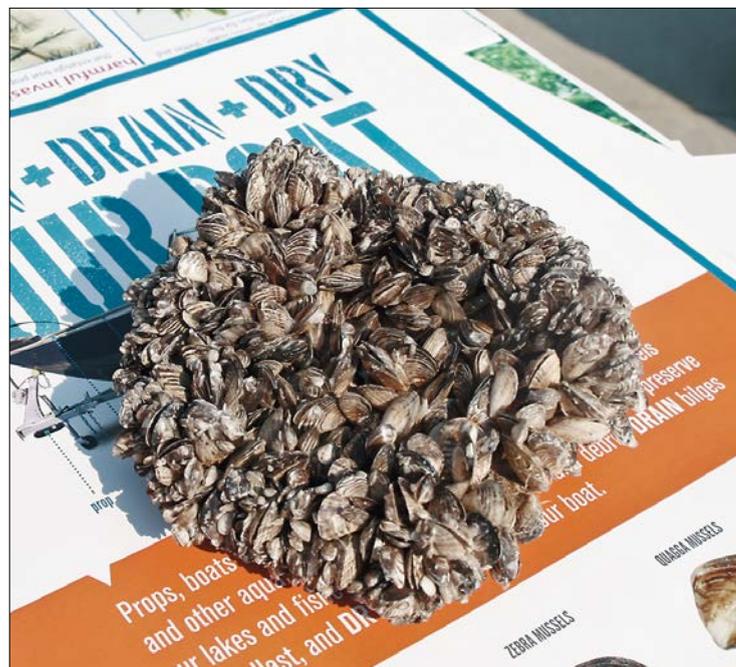
Magnacide, which is used to control weeds in water systems, causes zebra mussels to "clam up," escaping any effect.

As a result, Kalischuk's team is focusing on potash and chlorine as the likeliest options.

Potash (potassium chloride) kills mussels at 50 to 100 parts per million if they are exposed for two days. It is safe to work with and friendly to fish, plants and crops, said Kalischuk.

A much lower concentration of chlorine can kill mussels, but they would have to be exposed for 21 days to achieve 95 percent kill. Chlorine is toxic to humans, fish and plants.

Kalischuk has calculated cost of treatment at \$3.47 per acre in a



Zebra mussels are an invasive species that can clog pipes and machinery and consume water-borne nutrients. | FILE PHOTO

pipeline that, for example, serviced 23 pivots and 5,000 acres.

The cost for chlorine in the same system would be 46 cents per acre.

However, the chemical cost for potash would be nine cents per

acre if a pivot system could be shut down and held static for two days. More than one treatment might be needed in the growing season because the mussels multiply and attach quickly.

"Potash has been used successfully in both lakes and rivers. We are not aware of it being used in pipeline systems," said Kalischuk.

It was used to kill invasive mussels in Lake Winnipeg, but in a small treatment area near docks.

"The issue is if the whole lake isn't treated, then the mussels are still viable in others parts of the lake and will re-establish."

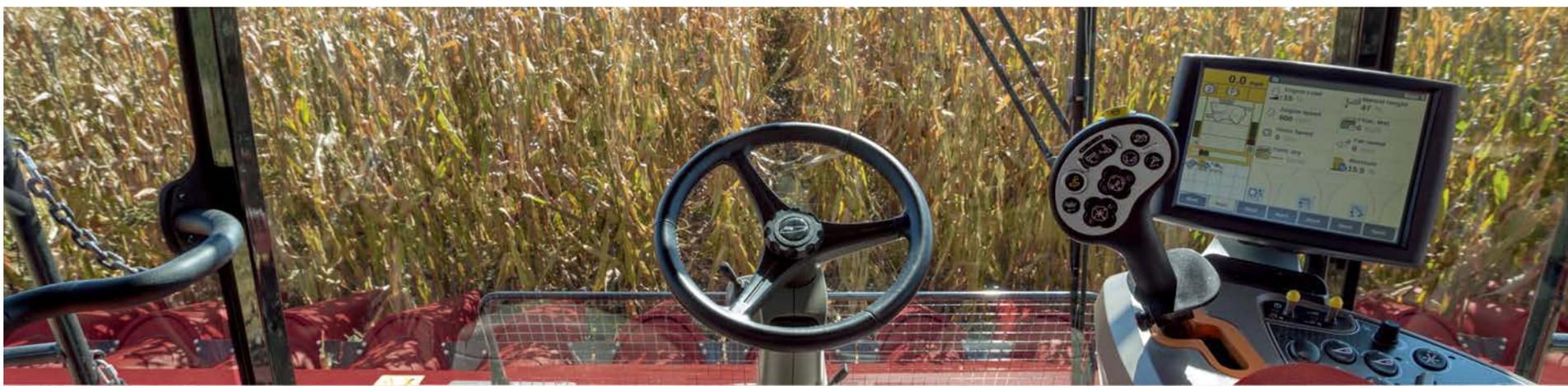
Kalischuk said the province has started the registration process for potash as a mussel control product, supported by Agrium, one of three potential suppliers.

Her team has also submitted a funding request to do more research this summer, primarily in the Eastern Irrigation District, to test potash preparation methods and pipeline injection equipment.

Researchers will also monitor the impact of potash treatment on water, soil and crop health and analyze the costs.

The southern Alberta river system is home to native species of mussels, which would be at risk if measures have to be taken against invasive types.

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Low commodity prices are causing producers to look at all costs — and inputs are on the list. | **Page 68**



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MACHINERY

New machinery lines take time, money

Small machinery makers have the ability to develop products more quickly but they must be hassle-free for dealers

BY MICHAEL RAINE
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

WINNIPEG — Short-line machinery makers need to focus on keeping their dealers happy by satisfying farmers early and often, says the former head of New Holland.

Al Ryder said equipment companies need to invest well and wisely in product development if they are going to remain profitable for the long term.

He said machinery companies should invest two to five percent of their sales in developing new products.

“Success these days is built on listening to farmers about their needs and including those growers in your product development,” he told the Agricultural Manufacturers of Canada’s annual meeting in Winnipeg last week.

David Gullacher, who runs the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute and its affiliate machinery testing operation, Westest, said it used to take seven years and \$15 million to develop a \$250,000 piece of farm equipment.

“That cycle has been getting shorter, but still has significant costs,” he said.

“Over 15 years of selling the product, you might gross \$790 million and have another \$5 million of sustaining engineering (costs) in its life cycle.”

There was a time when manufacturers could spend years in the prototype phase creating a new piece of farm equipment. Seeding gear might go to the field each spring for several years to be proven and then be released to the marketplace with a view to later improvements after producers had worked with the technology.

Ryder said machinery makers don’t do this anymore.

“You don’t want to be learning about how to improve your products through warranty claims,” he said.

Gullacher said today’s distributors are aware of the competition for dealers’ shop and salespeople time. As a result, they might not want to carry a product if it costs them time or credibility.

“Dealers don’t want any more work, especially from a short liner. Reliability: it has to go from (your plant) to their lot and off to the farmer without any fuss,” he said.

“Right now, farmers will switch from red to green and back again on a dime to get what they want when it comes to technology that can make them more efficient or profitable.... And everybody knows it.”

Ryder said the ability to quickly respond to farmers’ needs is creat-



Competition for space at dealerships means machinery makers need to produce products made reliable through testing. | FILE PHOTO

ing market opportunities that historically were harder to meet.

Gullacher said machinery builders can dramatically reduce their development and testing time by taking advantage of PAMI’s Westest program, which provides access to professional engineering and durability testing.

Westest was created through a partnership between AMC’s predecessor, the Prairie Implement Manufacturers’ Association and Manitoba Hydro, Saskatchewan Mining Association, CNH Global and John Deere.

He said the program helps short-line companies take advantage of their ability to nimbly respond to farmers’ needs and still have world class engineering and physical testing.

“And it’s yours. You have (the majority) of the board members (of Westest),” he said.

AMC president Leah Olson said members receive discounts in testing and development feeds at Westest.

“We have a formal arrangement, as of this week, that reduces costs

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DAVE GULLACHER, PAMI



for members of AMC when they use Westest’s services,” Olson said.

Westest has generated \$6.6 million in sales since 1991 and has \$700,000 in retained earnings and \$250,000 available for new product development.

Gullacher said PAMI and Westest are able to share engineering that has been tested and refined by the organization.

“We learned a lot of skills in mechatronics working with (the national defense department) in Afghanistan’s 15 years of war,” he said.

PAMI does a lot testing for large

companies such as Deere and CNH, but it also works with Manitoba’s bus industry, where two major manufacturers are looking for fuel efficiency in their designs through weight loss strategies.

PAMI and Westest can use its large labs to do force and vibration simulation.

“We can give the bus industry 20 years of (wear and stress) data in 48 hours.... We have a 1,000-horsepower dynamometer and we can test to -60 C. Cold shock and vibration are just a few of the things,” he said.

“We can bring a lot of things we have learned from DND, Deere and

CNH, for instance, without sharing their proprietary technologies, to your designs.”

A trend in equipment testing is to not test whole implements or machines but instead to lab test individual components and design strategies.

“You all will be doing more lab testing in the future,” he said.

“It is more efficient and lets you explore options at reasonable expense.”

He said the other advantage is that nearly all of the work that Westest performs is eligible for the federal government’s scientific research and experimental development tax incentive program.

“You can quite confidently submit our invoices and they will be eligible,” he said.

Westest is a not-for-profit that contracts PAMI’s facilities and infrastructure.

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The Canola Council of Canada wants to develop best management practices for crop protection products for various locations and weather conditions across Western Canada.

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AGRONOMY

Canola group wants to improve input data

Program to include crop protection data from large-scale prairie farmers to expand scope of evaluations

BY ROBIN BOOKER
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

REGINA — Farmers are now able to add results from their on-farm trials to the Canola Council of Canada’s research program.

The council’s Ultimate Canola Challenge has evaluated crop protection products in small research plots since 2013, but this year it has also incorporated data from larger-scale on-farm trials.

“We wanted to develop a protocol that can be used by growers in Western Canada to test these products and see for themselves if there is a benefit and under what conditions they would see a benefit, whether it’s yield or quality,” canola council researcher Nicole Philp told a grain forum at Canadian Western Agribition in Regina.

Alberta Agriculture helped the council develop the protocol.

“If we can have a co-ordinated effort to have multiple sites across Western Canada, then that becomes a very powerful data set,” Philp said.

“That can really give us a good picture of product performance across various geographies and various weather events throughout Western Canada.”

The protocol was developed to test the efficacy of boron treatments in canola, but it can also be used of other products, including fungicides.

The protocol describes best management practices that producers must follow, including how to manage residue and residual herbicides, and practices for establishing an acceptable number of plants per sq. metre.

They should also look for uniform fields when selecting where to perform trials.

“If you have fields that are highly variable, whether it’s low spots or hills, those types of variability can



affect the outcome of your treatments,” she said.

Avoid headlands and field edges because extra compaction and fertilizer application often occurs in those areas.

Use the same seed variety and seeding rate, depth and speed for the entire trial when testing additives.

“It’s really important to treat your field the exact same way except for your treatment,” she said.

Inputs need to be applied uniformly outside of test areas.

Soil testing is part of the best management practices and may help canola council scientists in their analysis.

Markers are helpful when examining the trial plots, even though GPS will often be used as well.

Checkstrips are a key component of the crop testing procedures and should not be on field edges or areas that are not typical of the field.

Replication is an important aspect

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CANOLA COUNCIL RESEARCHER

of any scientific analysis, and the Ultimate Canola Challenge requires participants to have multiple test plots.

This year’s participants were asked to replicate both the test and treatment strips at least twice. Next year they will be asked to have at least three test and treatment strips.

“The reason behind that is for stats,” Philp said.

“It helps us determine where there is a yield difference or a product performance difference and helps us understand a little bit

more about how the treatment will perform across different geographies and conditions.”

Participants can also randomize the test plots if they want.

“You can flip a coin and determine what strip is going to be a check strip and which is going to be a treatment,” she said.

“By replicating, and by randomizing, you’re just helping to avoid bias from management practices.”

The sprayer used in the trial needs to be wider than the swather and combine.

In-crop spraying in a variety trial or one that tests granular products during seeding should be done perpendicular to the direction of seeding. This helps ensure wheel tracks are consistent across all strips in the trial.

The check and test strips should be harvested on the same day, and all treatments should be harvested at the same speed.

Producers need to use a calibrated weigh wagon or grain cart to



Participants in the Ultimate Canola Challenge must follow protocols regarding best management practices. Next year, they will be asked to have at least three test and treatment strips to provide the best performance information possible.

measure yield.

“Make sure the combine header or swather lines up with each treatment to have full or complete harvest passes,” Philp said.

“Leave a buffer on each side. Take the combine or swather up the middle of the treatment, then come back later to swath or straight cut the buffers.”

A data collection sheet is available on the canola council’s website producers for keeping track of treatments and rates.

It also provides extra information such as soil types, previous crops and seeder style.

Weather records such as rain, hail, frost, excessive heat and humidity may also be important data points that help the canola council understand the efficacy of the product being tested.

For more information, visit www.canolacouncil.org/crop-production/ultimate-canola-challenge.

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REDUCING EXPENSES

Cutting crop inputs without cutting the crop output

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Harvest is done, and now it's time to start planning for next year.

The first task should be to revise this year's crop plan with actual costs as compared to the estimated costs and expected selling prices entered last winter.

This will give farmers a much better idea as to the financial outcome of 2015 and a clear picture of what crops made them money and which ones didn't.

If they are so lucky as to have field by field or even farm by farm data, so much the better.

What's the bottom line? In most cases, probably not as good as the previous year.

It is obvious that the latest round of high commodity prices has come and gone, part of the never-ending cycle of farming. Your father might have called it "boom and bust," but today it's more like "boom and survive."

The initial response when looking at this year's crop plan is, "I've got to cut back on expenses."

This might be true, but a surgical approach should be considered.

The first thing to do is to find cuts that cause the least damage to the bottom line. Consider postponing big machinery investments.

Another way to save money is on

seed.

Good early order seed programs are available, so take advantage of them and look at the second tier varieties or hybrids. These products will perform well if their features fit your needs.

As well, take a look at your stored seed. Do you have inventory that can be cleaned rather than buying new seed? Can you stretch the purchase of certified seed one more year? Weigh this against the cost of pedigreed seed, realizing that the price have come down from last year.

Fertilizer is one of the first places many growers look at when choosing expenses to cut. This is probably because of the size of the expense.

And of course, the largest expense when it comes to fertilizer is nitrogen. However, before cutting the nitrogen rate, take a deep breath and step back. This is the place you definitely should not, in most cases, cut.

Nitrogen is the input that has the greatest impact on yield and the bottom line. In fact, one can argue that a reduction in nitrogen makes all the other inputs cost more.

For example, let's use trial data for the black soil zone in east-central Saskatchewan and western Manitoba. Reducing nitrogen application to 90 pounds from 100 costs three bushels in yield. At \$5.50 per bu. of wheat, this equates to \$16.50 in lost revenue but a savings of \$7 in fertilizer at 70 cents per lb. (\$710 per tonne) urea.

But let's look at all the other costs.

In this example, we have reduced the overall yield by seven percent: to 42 bu. per acre from 45. On a per bushel cost, all other expenses have just risen seven percent.



It's important to balance nutrients with the bottom line, especially when looking for ways to reduce expenses. | FILE PHOTO

Variable rate nitrogen application is a way to make more efficient use of the nitrogen dollar.

It will be necessary to invest in a variable-rate controller, and it costs to get a prescription, but these costs have come down considerably in the past couple of years.

Implementing a variable rate nitrogen program requires monitoring nitrogen loss from the soil and calculating the soil's supplying power. This means monitoring the weather, taking soil nitrate tests and testing the soil for mineralizable nitrogen. Look for providers that take these factors into consideration.

There are ways to use a scalpel on your fertilizer costs.

First, conduct a five-year input-export report on phosphorus and potassium, which are stable nutrients in the soil. This report subtracts removal rates from the applied rates, which will provide a good idea of where you sit.

A positive number of more than 25 for a five year period means you may be able to shave five lb. from your application rates. A steady increase in soil test levels will verify this.

Which leads us to the fact that soil testing is still the best way to verify the needs of next year's crop. It is an expense that will increase the bottom line, whether you go with a composite field strategy or a more precise zone based program.

You may also be able to cut back on other fertilizer products.

Some of the starter or primer products on the market today may show yield responses in some conditions, but generally they have been shown to provide little or no yield benefit. A study undertaken by the Indian Head Agricultural Research Foundation and repeated at four Saskatchewan locations in 2010 and 2011 showed no yield benefit to any of the seed treatments or primers.

"While relatively inexpensive compared with many crop inputs, the results of this study on their own would not justify a recommendation to use micronutrient seed dressings, even in cases where soil tests show potential for

the applicable nutrients to be limiting," said lead researcher Chris Holzapfel.

Westco obtained similar results in the 1990s. A multi-micronutrient blend was applied to 17 sites across Western Canada without regard to soil test results. A significant yield response was found in only one of the sites.

When it comes to weed control, you probably have a pretty good handle on what weeds you're faced with, and your present program is probably working well. Depending on the spring, there may be some opportunities for spot spraying of weeds that may save money compared to a blanket application. Just remember to rotate herbicide groups to avoid resistance.

When it comes to insect problems, you should increase scouting and base treatments on areas where insect populations warrant. You can easily pay for a scout by eliminating one spray application on one field.

The same can apply to fungicides. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are still being spent on half-rate fungicides on cereals. Research has shown that this practice is at best only break even.

Scouting and the application of fungicides at the proper time will save money and get a bigger bang for the buck.

And finally, remember to avoid the temptation to farm out of the rear view mirror. Things that occurred on your farm or appeared to work for your neighbour last year may not work this year.

Unlike Albert Einstein's definition of insanity — "doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result" — we expect to and usually see a different result.

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AGRONOMY

More trials needed to determine boron benefits on canola yields

BY ROBIN BOOKER
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

REGINA — The effects of boron treatments on canola yields have been difficult for crop researchers to verify.

“Of any research that has been done by government groups or independent third parties, we’ve never been able to see a consistent yield response, or protein or oil quality improvement,” said Canola Council of Canada researcher Nicole Philp.

This year, the canola council studied boron within its Ultimate Canola Challenge framework to better understand the plant nutrient.

It used small plot trials at Scott, Sask., Portage la Prairie, Man., and Beaverlodge, Alta., as well as large

plot producer trials.

The trials applied Nexus at five percent flower, MicroBolt at the four to six leaf stage and an Omex product called SuperB at five percent flower.

“For this year, there was no significant difference between any of the boron treatments compared to the check that had no boron applied,” Philp said.

The producer trials were conducted at Rapid City, Man., Innisfail and Penhold in Alberta, and Nipawin, Fairlight and Medstead in Saskatchewan.

The untreated check sometimes yielded higher than the boron treated strip, while in other locations the boron trial out-yielded the check.

The coefficient of variation (CV), which shows the reliability of the

trial, had a CV of four, which indicates a reliable trial. The lower the number, the more reliable the trial.

“For variety trials, for example, if a site has a CV of over 15, it’s not considered reliable,” Philp said. “With a CV of four, I’m pretty happy with the reliability of the data.”

The least significant difference (LSD) measure indicates whether the treatment results in a significant yield difference.

“If your yield treatment (had a LSD) greater than 1.87 bushels per acre, then we can say, ‘yes, there was a significant yield response here.’ Nipawan was the only site with a significant yield difference,” Philp said.

“(We) need to look at the soil test and to get the producer to do it again next year to see if they can repeat the

results. Just to give us more confidence as to why there was such a significant yield difference.”

She said boron is inexpensive, but producers may want to reconsider applying it if it’s not paying off economically.

It is an essential micronutrient for plant production, and canola has a higher requirement than wheat and barley.

Philp said boron deficiency is an issue globally, but it is rare in Western Canada. It often occurs in patches rather than the entire field.

Soil organic matter is the primary source of boron in western Canadian soil. Boron deficiency can occur in sandy soil with low organic matter and in higher pH soil.

“Boron does have some mobility in the soils, but it does need water to

be able to move into that root zone,” Philp said. “Saturated fields can actually tie up boron, or it can be leached in some of the sandier soils, or in fields with high levels of calcium or potassium.”

Signs of boron deficiency include:

- reddened leaves that are cupping in the pre-bolting stage
- a reddish tint to some pods in late flowering to early podding stage, with pale flowers
- aborted or poorly developed pods in later stage canola, as well as dead terminal buds

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A white-tailed buck trots past a stack of bales in a field west of Okotoks, Alta. | WENDY DUDLEY PHOTO

ENVIRONMENT

Alta. committed to flood mitigation

Flood hazard mapping part of planning

BY BARB GLEN
LETHBRIDGE BUREAU

Flood mitigation has been on the Alberta government's agenda since the granddaddy flood of 2013 wreaked \$6 billion in damage to Calgary, Bragg Creek, High River and many other communities.

Millions have been spent on recovery and more will be earmarked to protect communities from future floods, said Andy Lamb of Alberta Environment and Parks.

Lamb told those at the Nov. 23 meeting of the Alberta Irrigation Projects Association that mitigation plans have seven elements:

- overall watershed management
- modelling
- management policies
- water management
- infrastructure
- erosion control
- local mitigation initiatives

"We're trying to take a systems approach" by examining each river basin system in Alberta, Lamb said. Part of that involves spending \$8.7 million on flood hazard mapping.

Lamb said the department will look at flood way development restrictions and work toward relocating operations, businesses and infrastructure that are already there.

"Once we do new mapping, those areas that previously weren't in the flood way now are, and potentially properties that previously weren't in the flood way are and under different rules. So we're also looking at things like special policy areas to try and address that issue."

More than \$200 million has been committed for erosion control measures, including bank stabilization and construction of dikes and berms.

A certification program for berms and dikes is now needed, Lamb added.

"We don't have certification program to define exactly what kind of dike we would have confidence in to be able to withstand an event."

As for community projects for flood mitigation, "we are reviewing applications as we speak for this year's allocation of funding," said Lamb.

He said there were 125 applications as of Nov. 23 for the \$30 million in available funding.

Individual home damage will continue to be addressed by the provincial disaster recovery program, amendments to emergency management plans and setting minimum standards for homes, Lamb said.

The government is also working with insurance companies to devise ways to protect property owners in flood plains.

The department's new resilience and mitigation branch is dedicated to long-term drought and flood mitigation and has 40 staff members.

Among flood-related announcements this fall were plans to build a dry dam near Springbank, flood mitigation work in Bragg Creek and Redwood Meadows, establishment of a Bow River working group, multi-year infrastructure funding for mitigation of the Highwood River in High River and multi-year river hazard studies on the Bow, Elbow, Sheep, Highwood and Peace rivers, Lamb said.

He referred to a Room for the River project that Alberta WaterSmart is investigating.

"It's not a project yet, but it's a direction we want to go."

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FARM POLICY

Bill 6 draws varied reaction from farm groups

Most groups want government to slow down in its efforts to pass farm worker safety legislation, but some support bill

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Many agricultural and rural groups in Alberta have issued public responses to Bill 6, the Alberta government's Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act. Here is a summary of their views.

ALBERTA PORK

Pork producers agree with the government's goal to improve worker and workplace safety but they want more details on what Bill 6 will entail, said communications co-ordinator Geoff Geddes.

"We need some clarification and consultation. Let's sit down and talk about it. We're both on the same page in terms of the importance of it and of the need for it, but let's just sit down and talk about it and make sure that it reflects the current situation out there."

Geddes said Alberta Pork has discussed safety with the previous provincial government and this one, and emphasizes it at its meetings. The diversity of the industry, including large representation from Hutterite colonies, must be recognized, he added.

"With colonies, it's a family business. They have a lot of family that are working at the barns. That's part of the nature of our industry, something that's a little bit unique and again reflects the diversity of our industry."

ALBERTA FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

The federation said it has met with government officials to discuss farm safety in general, but did not get into specifics.

"Specific information relating to Bill 6 was not shared with AFA prior to the announcement of plans to bring agriculture under OHS legislation and WCB regulation on Nov. 17. While that is not unusual, we had hoped for a more robust consultation prior to the legislation being announced," the AFA said Dec. 4.

The federation welcomes some of the proposed changes but noted the speed of implementation and unclear communication about the scope of legislation caused frustration.

It has posed numerous questions to government about each segment of the four-part omnibus bill. Among those it notes that "applying OH&S legislation only to operations with one or more paid workers means a majority of farm family fatalities/serious injuries would be exempt from investigation, and according to Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting, injuries and death are most frequent among owners, than family members, then paid employees."

It proposed that the legislation be deferred by at least one year, until 2017, to allow producers to plan and budget for changes.

ALBERTA CROP COMMISSIONS

The Alberta wheat, pulse, canola and barley commissions issued a joint release Nov. 30 urging the

government "to seek real consultation and for farmers to speak out on Bill 6."

They called on the government to delay implementation of the legislation and extend consultation.

Alberta Wheat Commission chair Kent Erickson said the commissions have always suggested education is a better way to enhance safety than is legislation.

Alberta Barley chair Mike Ammeter said expected discussions between government and farm groups did not take place. Alberta Pulse Growers chair Allison Ammeter said the current process "is causing fear and uncertainty to grasp the industry."

NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

NFU women's vice-president Toby Malloy said in a Dec. 4 news release that Alberta farmers, ranchers and farm workers "deserve the safety net of insurance coverage that is already legislated in other provinces."

Malloy said the labour intensive work of farming lends itself to repetitive tasks, risks and hazards, which in turn can lead to injury. Insurance coverage gives injured workers a better chance of recovery, a stable income and access to care. It can also reduce stress on farm families and preserve mental health.

ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS

ABP said it accepts the Bill 6 changes to OHS, which allow investigation of farm fatalities, injuries and complaints, but it does not support mandatory Workers Compensation Board coverage.

"We support a requirement for insurance coverage for employees but believe that farmers and ranchers should have the option of selecting the most appropriate insurance for their employees," said ABP.

It also wants to help ensure employment standards reflect the unique nature of farm and ranch work.

POTATO GROWERS OF ALBERTA

The PGA said many of its farmer members offer WCB coverage to employees and operate under safety protocols. It supports the bill's intentions to create a safer work environment and said education is key to improvement.

"We are encouraging the government to work with the agricultural community in formulating these changes rather than implementing something that will jeopardize the ability of Alberta's farms to plant and harvest their crops and deliver them to the consumer," said chair Ed Vandenberg.

WESTERN CANADIAN WHEAT GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The WCWGA asked the premier Nov. 30 to "halt the rapid movement of Bill 6 through the legislature and send it to committee for study and real consultation with Alberta farmers."

Vice-president Stephen Vandervalk said farmers have not been

properly consulted, and proposed changes need to be studied.

Secretary-treasurer Matt Sawyer said the changes are being made at "warp speed" but there are many unanswered questions on the bill's implications.

"Taking a pause and consulting Alberta farmers and ranchers before passing it so quickly is the reasonable and right thing to do," said Sawyer.

ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF MDS AND COUNTIES

The association sent a letter to jobs, skills, training and labour minister Lori Sigurdson outlining the need for government to work with the farming and ranching community on the legislation.

"The AAMDC has asked for additional time to be devoted to the consultation period to ensure Albertans and the Government of Alberta fully understand the impacts this legislation could have on small and family run farms," it said Dec. 2.

The association acknowledged the amendments to Bill 6, which were announced last week. They clarified that mandatory Workers Compensation Coverage for farm workers, as of Jan. 1, would apply only to paid employees, and that

OHS rules would apply to farms with one or more paid employees.

"The announcement of amendments to the bill was a partial win. However, we still would like to see the process slowed down and further consultations added. On this issue specifically, it is crucial that the rural voice be continually heard and recognized in this province, even if it is diverse," it said.

WESTERN FEEDLOTS LTD.

President Dave Plett issued a news release Nov. 26 that emphasized existing farm business protection of farm workers and called Bill 6 a "Pandora's box" that "appears to be an attempt to regulate and standardize employment benefits for agriculture's highly irregular work environment."

Plett said the government should be applauded for bringing the matter forward, but it should engage the agricultural community before proceeding with passage and implementation.

"Producers are only now beginning to comprehend what is being proposed in Bill 6. The needed information has not been provided, nor the time to study, evaluate and contribute in a meaningful way as to how to design and support an effective solution."

ALBERTA MILK

Mike Slomp said the group supports the government's desire to make farms safer, and it was expecting legislative changes.

"What came down is a lot more than any of us expected."

Slomp said Alberta Milk agrees that serious injuries and fatalities on farms should be investigated, so it supports the change to Occupational Health and Safety rules.

"We also support a requirement for farms to have base line insurance coverage for employees, but we do not support mandatory workers compensation. Some of our farmers have told us that a number of them have 24/7 private insurance, which they believe and their employees feel is superior because it covers them on days off and weekends."

Slomp said more consultation is needed on employment standards and the labour code.

"Cows have to be milked twice a day, 365 days a year. How does that reality, along with seeding in springtime and silaging in between rain storms, fit into hours of work?"

"We have never had that conversation and neither has the government with any farm group."



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PEOPLE'S CHOICE, AND THE WIRGAUS TOO

A Manitoba family finds success with the Gelbvieh cattle breed and recognition at Canadian Western Agribition. | **Page 74**



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AGAINST THE WIND | Ross Fritz rides into a north wind as he deals with a sudden weather change and high winds while moving 87 cows and calves to their home pasture at Jeffers' ranch west of High River, Alta. Fritz was moving his cattle last month. | MIKE STURK PHOTO

BEEF MARKETS

Low BSE testing threatens export status

Canada's failure to meet its 30,000 animals per year target could jeopardize its controlled risk status designation

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

Canada is not testing enough cattle for BSE, which could jeopardize its place in the world as a major beef exporter.

"We are not meeting our quota targets for testing, which on an international trade level looks bad," said Ian Giebelhaus of the Rimby Veterinary Clinic.

He is one of four veterinarians hired by the Alberta government to promote testing and discuss the disease implications with producers.

The fatal brain wasting disease has a slow incubation period, so it is most likely to be found in older animals.

Canada has a target of 30,000 head per year but has not reached

that in the last two of three years.

However, testing an old but healthy cow may not be as useful as checking those that are down, diseased, distressed or dead for unknown reasons.

"Those are animals that are either dead or not suitable for transport. Those are the ones that veterinarians should be sampling," Giebelhaus said.

"We actually have to test less cattle when we test the right ones," he said. "Looking for BSE in slaughter animals is essentially a waste of time. It is not just the number of animals we test, it is the type of animals we test."

Alberta has the largest cow herd, so more tests should come from the province. In addition, the Alberta program can provide a history of

BSE TESTING SINCE 2011

- **2011:** 33,458 cases, one positive
- **2012:** 27,371, no positives
- **2013:** 31,021, no positives
- **2014:** 27,604, no positives
- **Year to date:** 16,694, one positive

Source: Canadian Food Inspection Agency

the animal when they are found on farm. In many jurisdictions, dead animals with no history are tested at rendering.

A cow that has gone down on the farm and has been acting oddly is a good candidate.

The World Organization for Animal Health grants points for the types of animals tested, which can

help determine if a country has controlled or negligible risk status.

"We are the only major beef exporter in the world with controlled risk status," he said.

Canada's most recent case was found in February. A Canadian Food Inspection Agency report released Nov. 30 said contaminated feed given to the animal as a calf was the most likely cause. It was diagnosed on the farm.

"With the report on case 19 being out, people will remember it is still a relevant thing to do," said Rob McNabb of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association.

The herd is smaller and there are fewer old animals, but the surveillance must continue at the same rate.

All but one of Canada's 19 cases

were discovered on farms.

"That elevates our ability to keep it out of the food chain by finding it on the farm," McNabb said.

Some countries have closed to Canadian beef imports since February and will be reviewing the most recent CFIA report of the 19th case.

Canada continues to test to ensure its control measures are working and obtain an estimate on disease prevalence. This allows Canada to improve or maintain its status with the OIE and the international community. Canada has conducted surveillance for BSE since 1993. Testing was increased after the discovery of BSE in a home-grown cow in 2003.

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CATTLE SALE MOVES

Calgary Bull Sale moves to racetrack to reduce cost, downtown congestion

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

The Calgary Bull Sale is leaving its 116-year-old home on the city's Stampede grounds and moving out of town.

The Century Downs racetrack northeast of Calgary will host the

long running bull sale March 2-3.

"The costs of having the sale in downtown Calgary were becoming a bit prohibitive," said Neal Church of the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association.

As well, manoeuvring through busy and narrow downtown streets with trucks and trailers was a chal-

lenge for many, especially those unfamiliar with the city.

The decision to move came after last year's sale when proposals went out to various venues, including the Stampede.

The racetrack and casino opened last spring and is located near the Cross Iron Mills mall at the junc-

tion of Highway 2 and Stoney Trail in Rocky View County.

The barn is 120 metres long and offers dirt floors in the stalling area and sales ring. The wash rack and trade show area is non-slip concrete.

Replacement heifers and bulls will show March 2 and the bulls sell

the following day. A horse sale will also be held March 3.

The Calgary Bull Sale is the longest running consignment bull sale in North America and is a benchmark for other prairie bull sales.

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AGRIBITION

Teens form partnership

Ryley, Nicole and Curtis Bielecki get into the cattle business together

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
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REGINA — It can be difficult to encourage young people to continue farming, but one family has banded together as teenagers to form their own cattle company.

Ryley, Nicole and Curtis Bielecki of Paradise Hill, Sask., formed RCN Livestock in 2012 while they were in high school with the goal of competing against the adults in the Limousin business. They have found considerable support and competition from other breeders.

"They don't go easy on us," Nicole said after the Limousin sale at Cana-

dian Western Agribition, which was held Nov. 23-28 in Regina.

Their heifer calf fetched \$5,750. The siblings decided they wanted to be purebred breeders while they were still in 4-H.

Each had a grand champion during their 4-H careers, and Ryley showed the first Limousin heifer at their regional show to win grand champion.

"We always did very well," said Nicole, who is enrolled in the University of Saskatchewan's kinesiology program.

Ryley is in Grade 12 and has been accepted at Lakeland College at Vermilion, Alta., while Curtis works

off the farm.

The folks at Greenwood Limousin at Lloydminster mentored them and got them started with 15 females. They added more and keep their own heifers to build their program, which now includes 35 cows. They split the workload and travel time around busy personal lives.

Each has a favourite job. Ryley prefers calving while Nicole likes travelling and showing.

"Me and my brother do the AI work and we choose who is getting bred and to what," said Ryley.

They travel extensively to show and promote their cattle.

This year they attended the junior



Ryley, left, and Nicole Bielecki of Paradise Hill, Sask., are two-thirds of a family cattle partnership. | BARBARA DUCKWORTH PHOTO

Limousin conference at Stratford, Ont., where they had grand champion female at Olds Fall Fair, Lloydminster Stockade Roundup, Edmonton Farmfair International

and finally Agribition. In addition, Nicole sits on the Canadian Junior Limousin Association board of directors.

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AGRIBITION

Kazakhstan eyes major role in world beef

Producers look to Canada to help build herd

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
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REGINA — Kazakhstan hopes to become a major force in the world of beef with help from Canada.

"We say that Kazakhstans are the biggest beef eaters in the world, next to the wolves," said Dauren Matakbayev, general manager of the Kazakhstan Hereford Association.

The association was created in 2011 after 25,000 head of Hereford, Angus and Simmentals were imported from Canada, the United States and Australia to improve the quality of native livestock. The purebred society was set up to emulate associations in Canada.

"The chairman of the Hereford society imported cattle from Canada and he copied all the systems," Matakbayev said during Canadian Western Agribition, which was held Nov. 23-28 in Regina.

The Kazakhstan government also launched a new farm program, which allowed them to import cattle of any breed to improve local herds.

"Our government tells us there is no need to create a new bicycle, just bring the bicycle here," he said.

Matakbayev was a part of a large group touring Canadian farms, feedlots and events such as Agribition to study the systems here and adapt them to eastern European conditions.

"We are trying to understand what is more suitable for ourselves, how can we increase our productivity, what is our future going to be like," he said.

There are two million head of native Auliekol and Kazakhstan White-Faces, which are a Hereford cross with local cattle.

British cattle are favoured because the eastern European environment is similar to Western Canada, and they can adapt to almost any climate.

Kazakhstan grasslands are plentiful, and the average herd is 1,000 head.

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Lee Wirgau prepares his cattle for the show ring at Canadian Western Agribition. | BARBARA DUCKWORTH PHOTOS

AGRIBITION

Family stuck on farm show

The Wirgaus of Manitoba won the Gelbvieh people's choice award

BY BARBARA DUCKWORTH
CALGARY BUREAU

REGINA — Lee Wirgau has attended every Canadian Western Agribition since 1994.

When he and his wife Cynthia married 16 years ago, they kept up the tradition of packing up children, homework, tack boxes and a string of cattle to participate in the week-long event at Regina.

They are like many family teams at Agribition where everyone works together to prepare cattle, enter the sales and show rings and talk to guests.

This year, they won the Gelbvieh people's choice award for one of their heifers in an event called the Sweetheart Classic. It sold for \$8,000.

The also showed a Gelbvieh pair in the Supreme champion finale.

The Wirgaus live at Narcisse, Man., where their lives revolve around raising purebred Gelbviehs and supporting community activities as well as showing cattle to promote the breed.

Cynthia works part time off the farm as a licensed practical nurse, is secretary-treasurer for the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Gelbvieh Association and local agriculture society as well as a 4-H leader.

"It takes some organization to get your days figured out," said Cynthia.

Lee became president of the Canadian Gelbvieh Association earlier this year.

Their children, Ryley, 14, Brooklyn, 12, and Brady, 10, are all active in 4-H and junior programs.

Ryley plays right wing at the AAA Bantam level. Next summer, he and Lee are travelling to Finland, Estonia and Sweden on a hockey tour but Lee wants to fit in some time to visit local cattle operations.

"There could be farming hockey parents there too," he said.

The family has been in the Gelbvieh business since 1986. Lee farmed with his parents and brother where they had commercial cattle based on Charolais and Simmental genetics.

"We just wanted to change up our herd. At the time, tan calves were in demand and our cows were white.



Brady, left, Lee, Riley, Cynthia and Brooklyn Wirgau pose in the barns at this year's Agribition.

We needed tan calves," he said.

He started to research different breeds.

"This was before the internet and the only way you could find out anything was talking with people who had different breeds," he said.

Today they have about 140 commercial cattle and 60 purebred Gelbvieh. They market their bulls off the farm and are partners in the Prairie Gelbvieh Alliance that holds a sale in Moose Jaw each year.

"We have 30 years of selling bulls and we have a lot of repeat customers," he said.

Most of their cattle are the traditional red-brown colour but they do have a black herd sire because some customers were looking for that. Most are polled.

"One of the first things guys look at when they buy bulls, is, are they polled?" Cynthia said.

They also try to offer hardy cattle. They live in a harsh environment where the winter temperature dips to -40 C and summers are hot. The land is swampy where the grass can be lush, but in early summer that forage does not contain much nutrition.

"The environment has sorted those cattle out that don't work. They have to have good feet and get around," Lee said.

They also look for docile cattle. "They have to be quiet and manageable with the kids," he said.

They grow their own feed and added corn to the silage mix about

10 years ago. It grows tall and there was a bumper crop this year.

There are also challenges with wildlife, including bears, elk and sandhill cranes that eat the corn at seeding time.

The region is also home to the Narcisse Snake Dens where thousands of garter snakes overwinter in limestone caverns and come out to mate in the spring.

The farm weathered market collapses following the announcement Canada had BSE in 2003.

"It was pretty tough. Government did a little bit but we have a loan we are still paying off," Lee said.

The situation has improved in the last few years since the commercial market hit record prices and the purebred market started to turn around last year.

The Gelbvieh association has applied to the federal government to distribute orange coloured electronic ear tags to differentiate the cattle for buyers. This is similar to the green tag program used by Angus breeders or pink tags to indicate Limousin breeding.

"The tan calves get lumped in and people say they are Char-cross calves but they might be from a Gelbvieh bull-Charolais cow," he said.

The breed is also involved in genomic research and is among the first to offer genomically enhanced expected progeny differences (EPD).

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CASE STUDY

Lead toxicity endangers cattle but also food safety issue

ANIMAL HEALTH



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Lead toxicity is one of the most common toxicological events that affect beef cattle herds.

The Western College of Veterinary Medicine's disease investigation unit has worked with local veterinarians and producers to investigate these outbreaks. Here is an example of a particularly severe outbreak.

A herd of 140 cows was turned out to pasture in spring. The owner had recently acquired the use of a new pasture area for these cows. Unfortunately, the owner was unaware that old batteries had been disposed of on this pasture.

Shortly afterward, some of the cows were found dead and some were exhibiting severe neurological signs. The local veterinarian diagnosed lead toxicity, which was confirmed with blood tests from a few affected animals.

Forty cows died from lead toxicity from the acute exposure. Some animals that exhibited neurological signs did survive.

The old batteries were removed and the cows and calves were taken off pasture in fall.

The owner was concerned that some of his animals might still have high blood lead levels and did not want to send any of them to slaughter.

The local veterinarian took blood samples from all of the remaining cows and submitted the samples to the toxicology laboratory at Prairie Diagnostic Services. Six cows had blood lead levels of more than .1 part per million, which is deemed unacceptable for slaughter. Several of them did not even exhibit signs of lead toxicity at the time of the outbreak.

This has been a common finding in many of the lead toxicity outbreaks in which we have been involved. Cows that don't show clinical signs may still have high blood lead levels.

All of the calves were now in a feedlot, and the local veterinarian tested them for lead in January. None of them had blood lead levels even approaching the .1 p.p.m. cut-off level and only one had a blood lead level of .04 p.p.m.

It is interesting to note that the calf with the highest blood lead level did not have a dam with an elevated blood lead level.

Veterinarians are often asked to test animals only if they have exhibited clinical signs, but many animals may survive or show minimal clinical signs and still have unacceptable blood lead levels.

Lead is excreted in the milk, and it's possible for calves to have elevated blood lead levels if they are suckling from cows with prolonged elevated lead levels. However, there was no evidence of this occurring in this particular outbreak.

The half-life of blood lead has been reported to be variable. Some studies have suggested it is as low as 10.5 days, while other studies have calculated much higher half-life values.

The higher estimates are probably the result of particulate matter of lead remaining in the reticulum (first stomach), which allows lead to be slowly absorbed over time and prolonging the half life.

The six cows that had blood lead levels higher than .1 p.p.m. five months after exposure probably had particulate lead material in their reticulum, which caused their blood lead levels to be persistently high. Blood lead levels may not be an ideal indicator for tissue lead levels, but it is the only available test for live animals.

This investigation demonstrates the importance of testing animals for lead levels following an outbreak of lead toxicity. Animals that may appear clinically normal, or

that survived the initial clinical episode, may still have unacceptable lead levels following a prolonged period of time.

The cost of testing a large number of animals for blood lead levels can be prohibitive to a producer who have already sustained a serious economic loss with a large number of cows dying. However, the food safety implications of these exposures cannot be ignored.

Provincial funding is available in some provinces that may help with the laboratory costs for this important food safety issue.

John Campbell is head of Large Animal Clinical Sciences at the University of Saskatchewan's Western College of Veterinary Medicine.



Lead toxicity dangers can be avoided by keeping pastures clear of old batteries. | FILE PHOTO

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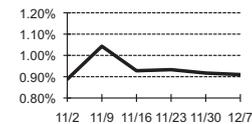
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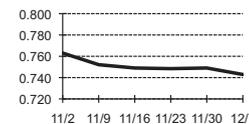
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PULSE POTENTIAL

Lentil beer shows off pulses

Industry hopes people will start thinking about the crops as ingredients in a variety of foods

BY ASHLEY ROBINSON
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Rebellion Brewing didn't know what to think last year when AGT Foods and Ingredients approached it about making a beer with lentils, but it was intrigued.

"We did a lot of research on it, what we could find, and there wasn't much done with lentils in regards to beer ... anywhere in North America or the world for that matter," said Jamie Singer, president and brew master of the Regina brewery.

AGT came up with the idea of bringing beer and lentils together because it wanted to develop more interesting and innovative food products using pulses.

"I think it's through innovative and cool projects like the Lentil Cream Ale with Rebellion that hopefully is going to raise the profile of lentils from Saskatchewan," said Omer Al-Katib, director of corporate affairs and investor relations at AGT.

The United Nations declared 2016 as International Year of Pulses and having a greater variety of pulse products on the market, even in beer, is one of the goals for the year.

AGT provided Rebellion with its King Red lentils, and after a few test batches the brewer found the right recipe with 20 percent of lentils mixed with malt barley.

The light beer has four percent alcohol content, has a pale straw colour and a haze from the proteins in the lentils.

"It's got that sort of nutty earthy taste some would say is a result of the yeast in conjunction with the lentils themselves while also giving out a bit of a citrus-like flavour in addition to the earthiness," Singer said.

Rebellion launched its Lentil Cream Ale Nov. 4 at Louis' Pub on the University of Saskatchewan campus. Distribution is currently limited to the pub and the brewery in Regina.

"We've had a lot of positive feedback, not only from the people drinking it here but from even the



Rebellion Brewing and AGT Foods and Ingredients have high hopes for the new beer. | FILE PHOTO

rural community, the farmers that actually produce this," Singer said.

"There's several that are coming in here and saying, 'hey, when can we get this out in our area?'"

One of the goals for the Canadian committee organizing events for International Year of Pulses 2016 is to encourage consumers and food processors to think of pulses not only as a whole food in soups or stews but also as an ingredient. Pulses can be milled to produce flour and further processed into components such as protein.

The committee is planning a

Pulse Ingredients Workshop Series.

The first part, called Practical Use of Pulses in Healthy Foods, will be held in Winnipeg April 26-28.

"The first part of this training series we're doing is at (the Canadian International Grains Institute) and it will be teaching the participants on the various ways of milling pulses," said Allison Ammeter, Canadian chair of International Year of Pulses 2016.

"There are several different methods you can use in order to get what you want from the pulse flour."

On Sept. 21-23, POS Bio-Sciences

and the Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre will host sessions on how to get pulses into various products.

The committee hopes that educating food processors on these topics will increase domestic demand for pulses.

"So for Canada to find a new use for lentils, it translates right down to the growers who are growing them," Ammeter said.

"It's got to impact our prices and the availability of our agronomics as we get greater demand."

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AG STOCKS NOV. 30-DEC. 4

Falling oil prices and weak November job creation in Canada pressured the loonie and Toronto stocks. Stronger job creation in the U.S. will likely lead to higher Federal Reserve interest rates. The TSX composite fell 0.1 percent, the Dow and Nasdaq rose 0.3 percent and the S&P 500 rose 0.1 percent.

Cdn. exchanges in \$Cdn. U.S. exchanges in \$U.S.

GRAIN TRADERS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
ADM	NY	35.97	36.46
AGT Food	TSX	31.84	32.35
Bunge Ltd.	NY	64.98	67.01
ConAgra Foods	NY	41.15	41.65

PRAIRIE PORTFOLIO

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Ceapro Inc.	TSXV	0.36	0.45
Cervus Equip.	TSX	14.03	14.32
Input Capital	TSXV	1.76	1.88
Rocky Mtn D'ship	TSX	6.53	6.64

FOOD PROCESSORS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Hormel Foods	NY	77.59	75.01
Maple Leaf	TSX	22.30	22.07
Premium Brands	TSX	37.68	37.91
Tyson Foods	NY	52.04	50.55

FARM EQUIPMENT MFG.

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Ag Growth Int'l	TSX	28.82	29.58
AGCO Corp.	NY	51.44	50.04
Buhler Ind.	TSX	5.55	5.70
Caterpillar Inc.	NY	69.98	71.22
CNH Industrial N.V.	NY	7.33	7.22
Deere and Co.	NY	79.59	79.09

FARM INPUT SUPPLIERS

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
Agrium	TSX	132.30	128.26
BASF	OTC	79.43	82.65
Bayer Ag	OTC	128.20	133.54
Dow Chemical	NY	53.31	52.01
Dupont	NY	67.75	67.09
BioSynt Inc.	TSXV	7.02	7.01
Monsanto	NY	97.85	95.43
Mosaic	NY	30.88	31.05
PotashCorp	TSX	25.34	26.10
Syngenta	ADR	74.20	73.60

TRANSPORTATION

NAME	EXCH	CLOSE	LAST WK
CN Rail	TSX	76.14	79.67
CPR	TSX	180.15	194.83

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CHEMICAL BRANDS

Dow sells popular herbicides Treflan and Edge to Gowan

Company insists that its sale of the products does not signal it is leaving the agricultural chemical business

BY MICHAEL RAINE
SASKATOON NEWSROOM

Chemical company Dow has sold part of its herbicide business to Gowan.

The family of herbicides, known as dinitroanilines, includes the popular products Treflan and Edge, which are produced in Canada at Dow's

Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., facility.

Dow had indicated that the company was considering selling some assets.

The technology was among the first soil applied herbicides that control small seed broadleaf weeds and grasses in crops such as canola, cereals and beans, and are also popular in the vegetable and

cotton industry.

They have a long history in Canadian agriculture and now sport registrations in 22 countries, including the U.S., Japan, Australia and parts of Europe.

Gowan officials say they believe the products have a strong presence in Canada and Europe, where they are used to control and avoid

herbicide resistance in a variety of weeds species.

Other brands include Team, Bonalan and Sonalan. The products are based on trifluralin, benfluralin and ethalfluralin chemistries.

Dow says the sale of the product line doesn't signal an exit of the agricultural chemical business for the company.

Garth Render of Gowan said distribution channels with dealers will remain in place.

Gowan is a family owned company located in Yuma, Arizona, which markets a variety of pesticides for agriculture and horticulture businesses.

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ASSET ACQUISITION

What to know when deciding whether to lease or buy

MANAGING THE FARM



STUART PERSON

Farmers often struggle when deciding whether to lease or buy.

There is no right or wrong answer, and in the end there is often little difference.

Here are some things to consider that may help decide the best way to go.

When leasing an asset, 100 percent of the payments are considered tax deductible when they are paid, although some exceptions apply in the case of a large down payment. This provides a good matching of the cash outflow to the tax deduction.

When buying an asset, the purchase is added to the appropriate pool of undepreciated capital cost (UCC) and depreciated at the respective rate for that class, with only half of the depreciation allowed in year one. There is often a mismatch of the cash outflow to the tax deduction because a purchase normally requires a 25 percent down payment and principal payments are not deductible.

The tax works out roughly the same over a five-to-seven year period for major capital purchases such as a combine, tractor or sprayer (class 10 assets, 30 percent declining balance depreciation rate allowed).

However, the timing of the deductions are not the same.

For the assets mentioned, which are class 10, farmers receive a tax advantage in the early years if they buy because the tax deduction will normally exceed the lease payment amounts for those first three years.

The scale tips the other way after about three years, and the tax deduction becomes less than the lease payment.

Producers looking for a quick tax deduction should understand that they typically get more in the short run via a purchase. They will be ahead if they find a deal where the down payment is low or nothing at all.

However, the tax deduction may never exceed the cash outflow if

they are required to make a 25 percent down payment.

Therefore, a lease may be a better option if the goal is to match cash outflow with tax deductions.

A short term lease, such as three years, is extremely attractive for tax purposes for slower depreciating items such as grain bins (class 6, a 10 percent declining balance depreciation rate allowed). It would take several years for the tax deductions to catch up to the lease under a buying scenario.

Leases are popular when acquiring bins, but there is usually an overall cost to the lease if one was to ignore the tax effects, which would make most producers decide to buy the bin.

Producers who have always

bought their assets and are now switching to a lease should be careful. The trade has to be disposed of for tax purposes, but the new asset is not added to the UCC pool, which means they could end up with a negative tax consequence in year one.

Producers who lease are often not required to make a down payment (normally 25 percent on a purchase).

As well, the lease is set up so that the payments pay the principal down to only 50 percent of the value in years one to five. Farmers who then want to buy out the lease can finance the machine over another five to seven years, giving them 10 to 12 years of financing.

There is a cost for this, but it does

spread out the cash needs. It can work well for farmers who prefer to keep their machinery for longer periods of time, but they will pay a lot of interest.

Farmers who want to run new equipment all the time can pay more cash when they factor in amortization and interest because some of the new machines do not hold their value that well. As a result, leasing may have its advantages if they can predict the value drop in that machine.

Owning is almost always going to be cheaper for farmers who like to keep machinery forever because the interest rates associated with buying are lower than for leasing.

However, watch out for those

“lease administration and other hidden fees.” When factoring those in, the interest rate can go from the advertised five percent to something much higher, in some cases closer to 12 percent.

Remember, leasing companies are in the business to make money, as are those who finance purchases. Overall, our experience is that leases generally cost more, when ignoring the tax, but that differential has been shrinking. Some financial institutions are now offering attractive leases.

A good business adviser can help farmers determine which deal is the best for them.

Stuart Person, CPA, CA, is a business adviser with MNP LLP.

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FERTILIZER

BHP cuts jobs, still plans mine

WINNIPEG (Reuters) — BHP Billiton PLC will cut 76 jobs from its Canadian potash operations because of low commodity prices.

However, work continues on sinking and lining shafts at BHP's potash mine near Jansen, Sask., according to the spokesperson.

The mine would be the world's biggest if built. Construction has continued even as existing potash producers suffer from weak prices and profits.

BHP has not yet committed the bulk of the capital needed to build Jansen.

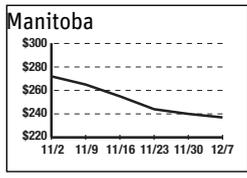
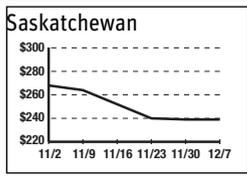
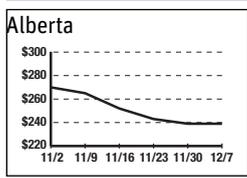
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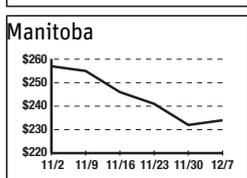
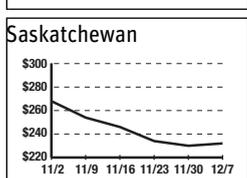
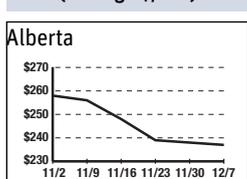
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million lb.	YTD	% change
Fed	1692.0	-2
Non-fed	232.8	-8
Total beef	1924.8	-3

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Slaughter Cattle (\$/cwt)

Grade A	Live		Previous	Year ago	Rail		Previous
	Nov. 27-Dec. 3	Nov. 20-Nov. 26			Nov. 27-Dec. 3	Nov. 20-Nov. 26	
Steers							
Alta.	160.00	157.00	180.38	180.38	257.00-264.50	265.00-268.50	265.00-268.50
Ont.	142.56-161.82	146.56-165.81	178.05	178.05	260.00-265.00	260.00-266.00	260.00-266.00
Heifers							
Alta.	156.00-160.00	n/a	157.17	157.17	257.00	n/a	n/a
Ont.	144.22-157.63	140.38-158.99	168.29	168.29	259.00-264.00	259.00-265.00	259.00-265.00

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Feeder Cattle (\$/cwt)

	Sask.				Man.				Alta.				B.C.				
	900-1000	800-900	700-800	600-700	900-1000	800-900	700-800	600-700	900-1000	800-900	700-800	600-700	900-1000	800-900	700-800	600-700	
Steers	200-210	208-220	218-233	230-248	190-207	204-220	213-234	227-250	201-216	213-222	219-232	231-249	220-239	201-216	213-222	219-232	231-249
Heifers	190-208	203-215	210-225	222-241	185-205	193-218	205-235	220-250	200-214	207-218	215-229	228-250	220-242	181-211	195-220	205-230	220-239

Average Carcass Weight

	YTD 15				YTD 14			
	Nov 28/15	Nov. 29/14	YTD 15	YTD 14	Nov 28/15	Nov. 29/14	YTD 15	YTD 14
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Steers	935	905	892	860	935	905	892	860
Heifers	857	813	820	793	857	813	820	793
Cows	721	675	723	684	721	675	723	684
Bulls	981	934	1005	930	981	934	1005	930

U.S. Cash cattle (\$/cwt)

Slaughter cattle (35-65% choice)	Steers		Heifers	
	National	Kansas	Nebraska	Nebraska (dressed)
	124.14	124.21	123.59	193.87

Feeders No. 1 (800-900 lb)

	Steers	Trend
South Dakota	148.75-170.00	-15/-20
Billings	n/a	n/a
Dodge City	163.04-167.50	n/a

Cattle / Beef Trade

	Exports		% from 2014	
	Sltr. cattle to U.S. (head)	Feeder C&C to U.S. (head)	Total beef to U.S. (tonnes)	Total beef, all nations (tonnes)
	451,858 (1)	284,239 (1)	+6.2	+1.4

Imports

	% from 2014
Sltr. cattle from U.S. (head)	n/a (2)
Feeder C&C from U.S. (head)	27,218 (2)
Total beef from U.S. (tonnes)	116,891 (4)
Total beef, all nations (tonnes)	185,435 (4)

(1) to Nov 21/15 (2) to Sept 30/15 (3) to Sept 30/15 (4) to Nov 28/15 Agriculture Canada

Cattle Slaughter

To Nov 28	Fed. inspections only	Canada	U.S.
To date 2015	2,306,517	26,095,402	
To date 2014	2,491,937	27,512,666	
% Change 15/14	-7.4	-5.2	

Chicago Futures (\$/cwt)

	Close Dec 4	Close Nov. 27	Trend	Year ago
Live Cattle				
Dec	124.28	131.83	-7.55	164.45
Feb	129.23	133.85	-4.62	164.88
Apr	129.98	134.13	-4.15	164.30
Jun	121.88	125.13	-3.25	158.53
Aug	119.85	122.98	-3.13	156.23

Feeder Cattle

	Jan	Mar	Apr	May	Aug
Jan	159.45	166.03	-6.58	234.88	234.88
Mar	157.30	163.68	-6.38	231.23	231.23
Apr	158.40	165.13	-6.73	230.93	230.93
May	158.83	165.33	-6.50	231.35	231.35
Aug	160.63	166.80	-6.17	231.83	231.83

Est. Beef Wholesale (\$/cwt)

	This wk	Last wk	Yr. ago
Montreal	n/a	n/a	n/a

Sheep (\$/lb.) & Goats (\$/head)

	Nov. 30	Nov. 23
Wool sheep		
55-69 lb	2.27-2.50	2.20-2.40
70-85 lb	1.95-2.37	1.85-2.20
86-105 lb	1.73-1.95	1.64-1.92
> 106 lb	1.60-1.70	1.60-1.70

Beaver Hill Auction Services Ltd.

	Nov. 30	Nov. 23
New lambs		
65-80 lb	2.45-2.95	2.60-2.85
80-95 lb	2.01-2.47	2.40-2.70
> 95 lb	1.85-2.25	2.12-2.30
> 110 lb	1.65-1.80	1.80-2.00
Feeder lambs	1.90-2.30	1.90-2.30
Sheep	0.90-1.20	0.90-1.20
Rams	0.90-1.15	0.90-1.15
Kids	75-130	75-130

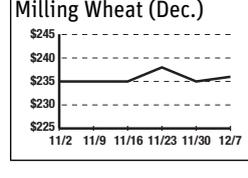
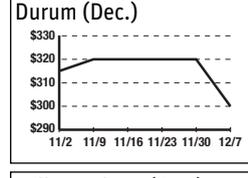
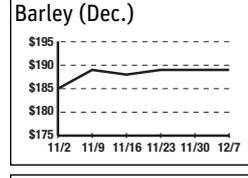
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Wool lambs <80 lb	1.70
Wool lambs 81-95 lb	1.60
Wool lambs 96-115 lb	1.50
Hair lambs <95 lb	1.50

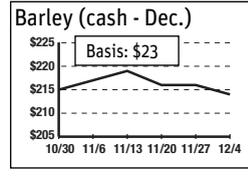
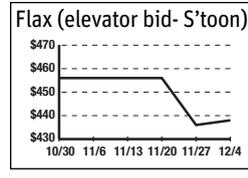
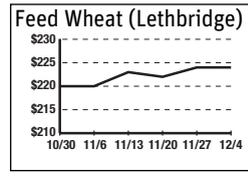
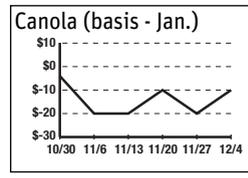
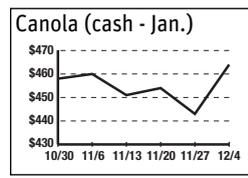
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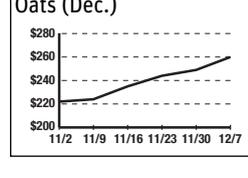
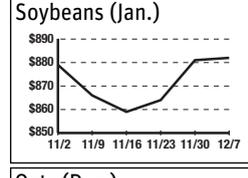
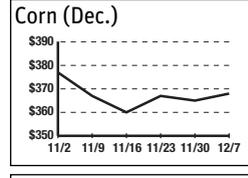


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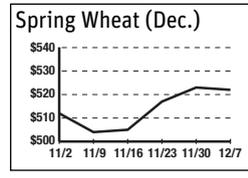


Canola and barley are basis par region. Feed wheat basis Lethbridge. Basis is best bid.

Chicago Nearby Futures (\$/100 bu.)



Minneapolis Nearby Futures (\$/100bu.)



Pulse and Special Crops

Source: STAT Publishing, which solicits bids from Maviga N.A., Legumex Walker, CGF Brokerage, Parrish & Heimbecker, Simpson Seeds and Alliance Grain Traders. Prices paid for dressed product at plant.

	Dec. 4	Nov. 27	Nov. 6
Laird lentils, No. 1 (c/lb)	61.50	60.00	55.00
Laird lentils, Xtra 3 (c/lb)	48.50	47.00	43.00
Richlea lentils, No. 1 (c/lb)	56.00	54.00	48.00
Eston lentils, No. 1 (c/lb)	50.00	50.00	44.00
Eston lentils, Xtra 3 (c/lb)	41.00	41.00	33.00
Sm. Red lentils, No. 2 (c/lb)	51.00	51.00	45.00
Sm. Red lentils, Xtra 3 (c/lb)	45.00	45.00	39.00
Peas, green No. 1 (\$/bu)	8.75	8.75	8.50
Peas, large, yellow No. 1 (\$/bu)	10.50	10.00	10.00
Peas, sm. yellow No. 2 (\$/bu)	10.50	10.00	9.30
Feed peas (\$/bu)	6.60	6.60	4.85
Maple peas (\$/bu)	10.00	10.00	10.00
Mustard, yellow, No. 1 (c/lb)	52.00	52.00	51.00
Mustard, Oriental, No. 1 (c/lb)	52.00	52.00	49.00
Mustard, Brown, No. 1 (c/lb)	36.00	36.00	36.00
Canaryseed (c/lb)	29.00	29.00	29.00
Desi chickpeas (c/lb)	27.00	27.00	27.00
Kabuli, 8mm, No. 1 (\$/mt)	771.60	771.60	771.60
Kabuli, 7mm, No. 1 (\$/mt)	507.10	507.10	507.10
B-90 ckpeas, No. 1 (\$/mt)	551.20	551.20	551.20

Cash Prices

	Dec. 2	Nov. 25	Year Ago
No. 3 Oats Saskatoon (\$/tonne)	161.35	164.15	131.18
Sfnlwr NuSun Enderlin ND (c/lb)	17.40	17.05	17.95

U.S. Grain Cash Prices (\$/bu.)

USDA	Dec. 4
No. 1 DNS (14%) Montana elevator	4.87
No. 1 DNS (13%) Montana elevator	4.54
No. 1 Durum (13%) Montana elevator	6.75
No. 1 Malt barley Montana elevator	4.80
No. 2 Feed barley Montana elevator	2.40

Grain Futures

	Dec. 7	Nov. 30	Trend	Year ago
Wpg ICE Canola (\$/tonne)				
Jan	469.40	466.20	+3.20	429.10
Mar	478.80	474.00	+4.80	426.40
May	486.80	479.80	+7.00	428.80
July	493.00	484.50	+8.50	430.80

Wpg ICE Milling Wheat (\$/tonne)

	Dec	Nov. 30	Trend	Year ago
Dec	236.00	235.00	+1.00	231.00
Mar	238.00	237.00	+1.00	239.00
May	242.00	240.00	+2.00	242.00

Wpg ICE Durum Wheat (\$/tonne)

	Dec	Nov. 30	Trend	Year ago
Dec	300.00	320.00	-20.00	356.50
Mar	305.00	325.00	-20.00	357.50

Wpg ICE Barley (\$/tonne)

	Dec	Nov. 30	Trend	Year ago
Dec	189.00	189.00	0.00	174.00
Mar	191.00	191.00	0.00	177.00

Chicago Wheat (\$/bu.)

	Dec	Nov. 30	Trend	Year ago
Dec	4.7025	4.6000	+0.1025	6.1000
Mar	4.8275	4.7550	+0.0725	5.9800
May	4.8975	4.8400	+0.0575	6.0200
Jul	4.9500	4.9275	+0.0225	6.0350

Chicago Oats (\$/bu.)

	Dec	Nov. 30	Trend	Year ago
Dec	2.5975	2.4875	+0.1100	3.0475
Mar	2.3525	2.3250	+0.0275	3.1450
May	2.3225	2.2925	+0.03	

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A white-breasted nuthatch pecks into a peanut feeder on a ranch near Millarville, Alta. The nuthatch is known for its trait of facing head-first down tree trunks as it searches for insects. | WENDY DUDLEY PHOTO



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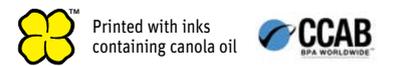
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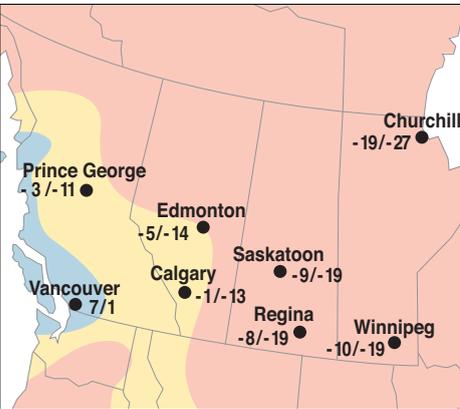
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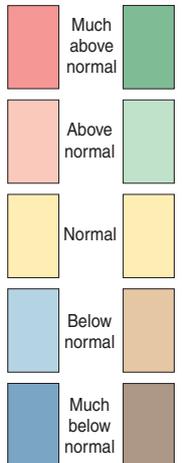
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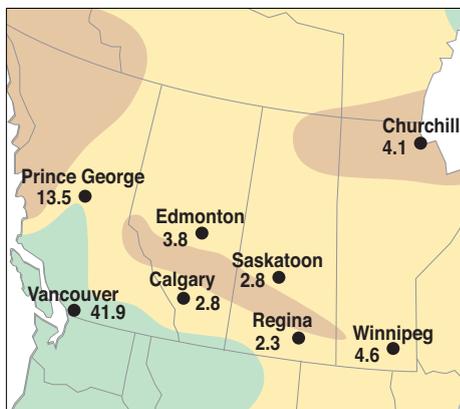


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PRECIPITATION FORECAST

Dec. 10 - 16 (in mm)



The numbers on the above maps are average temperature and precipitation figures for the forecast week, based on historical data from 1971-2000. Maps provided by WeatherTec Services: www.weatherotec.mb.ca n/a = not available; tr = trace; 1 inch = 25.4 millimetres (mm)

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER SUMMARY ENDING DEC. 6

SASKATCHEWAN

	Temperature last week		Precipitation since Nov. 1		
	High	Low	mm	mm	%
Assiniboia	10.3	-14.1	0.0	12.6	82
Broadview	8.0	-14.8	0.0	14.7	61
Eastend	7.6	-9.9	0.2	15.4	76
Estevan	8.5	-15.6	0.0	13.9	63
Kindersley	7.7	-15.2	0.3	25.1	176
Maple Creek	12.7	-15.4	0.0	22.2	119
Meadow Lake	6.2	-15.8	0.2	5.0	21
Melfort	8.9	-15.7	0.0	19.3	99
Nipawin	4.2	-17.5	0.0	20.7	94
North Battleford	6.6	-17.9	0.0	13.2	66
Prince Albert	5.0	-19.4	0.0	24.8	115
Regina	9.4	-14.6	0.0	12.3	70
Rockglen	9.8	-10.7	0.0	12.7	77
Saskatoon	6.8	-17.2	0.0	19.0	106
Swift Current	11.4	-9.8	0.0	17.2	107
Val Marie	11.4	-20.4	0.0	15.6	101
Yorkton	5.6	-14.9	0.0	30.5	128
Wynyard	6.8	-11.6	0.0	29.2	139

ALBERTA

	Temperature last week		Precipitation since Nov. 1		
	High	Low	mm	mm	%
Brooks	10.4	-16.1	0.0	8.1	56
Calgary	9.2	-8.8	0.0	9.1	62
Cold Lake	5.0	-15.3	0.6	20.9	92
Coronation	6.1	-14.9	0.0	8.4	60
Edmonton	3.4	-22.8	0.0	14.6	68
Grande Prairie	6.2	-16.2	1.2	35.2	119
High Level	-1.8	-22.4	0.0	3.2	10
Lethbridge	9.3	-11.8	0.0	14.5	84
Lloydminster	4.5	-15.3	0.0	12.4	59
Medicine Hat	11.3	-13.9	0.0	15.7	94
Milk River	8.7	-13.2	0.0	16.6	82
Peace River	5.8	-13.5	1.8	17.9	61
Pincher Creek	7.6	-11.1	0.0	19.9	55
Red Deer	6.2	-19.7	0.0	19.0	106
Stavely	11.8	-2.0	1.5	30.9	140
Vegreville	5.9	-20.1	0.0	17.5	93

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MANITOBA

	Temperature last week		Precipitation since Nov. 1		
	High	Low	mm	mm	%
Brandon	11.1	-15.1	0.0	18.4	73
Dauphin	11.5	-14.0	0.0	26.3	109
Gimli	7.1	-12.5	0.0	14.2	49
Melita	10.3	-13.4	0.0	15.2	57
Morden	14.2	-8.0	0.0	15.8	49
Portage La Prairie	11.2	-11.3	0.0	16.0	49
Swan River	6.6	-11.4	0.0	18.9	63
Winnipeg	4.1	-15.0	0.0	15.1	50

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Cranbrook	6.5	-14.6	4.9	62.5	112
Fort St. John	5.7	-15.7	9.4	25.0	73
Kamloops	8.4	-8.2	1.6	33.7	101
Kelowna	7.1	-5.4	4.1	37.8	86
Prince George	8.5	-16.5	6.1	26.5	42

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