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# The **KAP Alert**

*Bringing you the Voice of Manitoba Farmers*

## Get Set for KAP's Annual Meeting

KAP's Annual Meeting is our major policy-setting event for the year, and will bring together farmer delegates from across the province to learn, debate, and decide on the future of agricultural policy.



This year KAP celebrates 25 years as the Voice of Manitoba Farmers, and we invite you to join us to mark this milestone.

The Annual Meeting is being held at the Delta Winnipeg. For more information or to register, please contact us at (204) 697-1140 or [kap@kap.mb.ca](mailto:kap@kap.mb.ca).

### Important Hotel Reservation Information

As of today, hotel rooms are no longer available at the Delta Winnipeg. We advise delegates who require accommodations to book at the [Best Western Charterhouse Hotel](#) - Downtown Winnipeg. Please let the Charterhouse know you are booking

NEW! You may now pay your KAP membership by using a credit card on the KAP website using [PayPal](#)

### LAST CALL for your photos!

Earlier this year KAP asked you to send us your photos from any past KAP events to use in a slideshow at the Annual Meeting. Photos from the 80s and 90s would be great to have for our slideshow! Please scan and email them [here](#)

### Manitoba Ag Days

Visit KAP's booth at Manitoba Ag Days January 20, 21 and 22, 2009 at the

through Keystone Agricultural Producers. The rate they are offering KAP is \$119.99 per night.

**Contact information:**

Best Western Charterhouse Hotel

330 York Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R3C 0N9

Toll-free 1-800-782-0175

(204) 942-0101

[www.bwcharterhouse.com](http://www.bwcharterhouse.com)

**Complete Agenda**

Delta Winnipeg January 28 – 30, 2009

**Wednesday, January 28**

11:00 am Registration

1:00 pm Call to Order & O Canada

Introduction of Chairs

1:10 pm State of the Industry Address

~ Ian Wishart, President

1:30 pm Greetings from the Province

~ Honourable Rosann Wowchuk, Minister, MAFRI

2:00 pm Ratification of the Agenda

Ratification of the Resolutions Procedure

Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting

General Manager's Report ~ Yvonne Rideout

Keystone Centre in Brandon. Members of the KAP Executive will be on hand to discuss Ag issues from 9am to 5pm daily. Attention Young Farmers: Join KAP for a FREE LUNCH on Wednesday, January 21 as we gather to talk about issues that are important to you. The event will be held in Salon A of the Keystone Centre from 11:30 pm to 1:00 pm. See you there!

**KAP Activities**

Monday, Jan. 5:

VP Robert McLean and Policy Analyst James Battershill met with Dr. Allan Preston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Manitoba Agriculture Food and Rural Initiatives, Dr. Wayne Lees, Chief Veterinary Officer for the Province of Manitoba, et al to discuss premise ID and tracking and traceability.

2:30 pm Auditor's Report ~ Meyers Norris Penny

2:45 pm Refreshment Break

3:00 pm On the National Scene with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture

~ Laurent Pellerin, 1st Vice President

3:45 pm Resolutions

5:00 pm Election of President

5:15 pm Commodity Group Meeting

#### **Thursday, January 29**

7:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am Ratification of the Elections Procedure

Appointment of Elections Chair

1st Call for Nominations for Vice President

9:00 am Concurrent Sessions

A) Young Farmers Session: Marketing Strategies

~ David Drozd (Ag-Chieve)

B) Retirement and Estate Planning for Farmers

~ Gord Schellenberg (The Wealth Planning Group)

~ Doug Markewich (Daystar Financial)



Tuesday, Jan. 6:

Tuesday to Wednesday - President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout attended the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers' Annual Meeting in Edmonton.

Wednesday, Jan. 7:

Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended a meeting with Craig Kelman & Associates representative Cheryl Parisien to discuss the Manitoba Farmers' Voice.

Wednesday to Thursday - Executive Member Weldon Newton attended the National Agri-Environmental Standards Initiative Workshop in Winnipeg.

Thursday, Jan. 8:

President Ian Wishart attended the Western Canadian Farm Leaders Meeting in Edmonton.

C) Improving Energy Efficiency on the Farm

~ Denis St. George (Manitoba Hydro)

~ Harvey Chorney (Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute)

10:00 am Refreshment Break

10:30 am Resolutions

11:45 am Lunch

12:45 pm 2nd Call for Nominations for Vice President

1:00 pm Keynote Speaker: Jack Wilkinson  
(right), Former President International  
Federation of Agricultural Producers



1:45 pm KAP Policy Overview with  
Committee Chairs

2:45 pm Refreshment Break

3:00 pm Share What You See in Agriculture Contest Finalist  
Presentations

3:45 pm 3rd Call for Nominations & Election of Vice President  
1st Call for Nominations for Vice President

6:00 pm Cocktails & Banquet

Greetings from the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

Greetings from the Province

Acknowledgements of Retiring Executive & Former Presidents

Announcement of Contest Winners

Keynote Speech ~ Jack Wilkinson

Friday, Jan. 9:

GM Yvonne Rideout and  
Policy Analyst James  
Battershill participated in  
a CFA conference call  
regarding food  
sovereignty.

## Other Events

January 11-12 2009:  
Manitoba Forage Seed  
Association alfalfa and  
forage seed conference,  
Victoria Inn, 1808  
Wellington Ave.,  
Winnipeg. [Website](#)

January 20-22, 2009:  
Manitoba Ag Days,  
Keystone Centre,  
Brandon. [Website](#)

January 27, 2009:  
Parkland Ranchers'  
Seminar, Ste. Rose  
Community Hall, Ste. Rose  
du Lac. Register by calling  
(204) 447-4030.

January 28 - 30, 2009:

**Friday, January 30**

7:30 am Breakfast

8:45 am Resolutions

9:45 am What the US Farm Bill Holds for Canadian & US Farmers

~ Robert Carlson, President, North Dakota Farmers Union

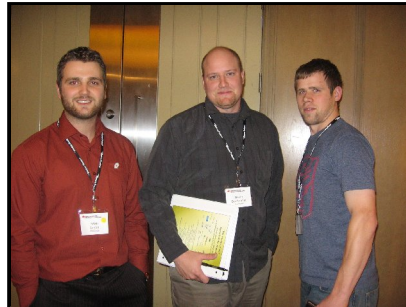
11:00 am 3rd Call for Nominations & Election of Vice President Resolutions & Appointment of Auditor

11:30 am President's Closing Remarks & Adjournment

## Just for Young Farmers

Young Farmers Committee Annual Meeting  
January 28-29, 2009

Keystone Agricultural Producers' Young Farmers Committee is gearing up for its annual meeting in conjunction with KAP's 25th, and we invite all young farmers to join us for this exciting event.



There is no cost for registration for young farmers (under 40) which includes meals and a banquet ticket (accommodations are the individual's responsibility).

KAP Annual Meeting and KAP Young Farmer's Committee Meeting, Delta Hotel, Winnipeg.

February 11-12, 2009: Manitoba Special Crops Symposium, Winnipeg Convention Centre, Winnipeg. [Website](#)

Young farmers are invited to the annual **Bearpit Session** on Wednesday evening to discuss priority areas, and ask questions of invited guests (government and others). At the same time, this is also an opportunity for these guests to get feedback from young farmers about important ag issues.

On Thursday, the YFC hosts several engaging sessions on topics such as:

- Price & Marketing Trends for Crops
- Discussing the “Undiscussabull” – Succession Plans
- Your Farm & Our Environment
- Managing Your Farm for Growth & Innovation
- Research and Innovation to Your Farm Gate *and more!*

Young Farmers will join the KAP Meeting for keynote speakers, a resolution debate, and breakout sessions.

Complete Agenda

Delta Winnipeg ~ January 28 – 29, 2009

**Wednesday, January 28**

5:30 – 7:00 pm Bearpit Session

**Thursday, January 29**

7:30 am Breakfast

8:45 am Opening Comments: About KAP & the Young Farmers Committee

9:00 am Price & Marketing Trends for Crops

~ David Drozd, Ag-Chieve

10:00 am Refreshment Break

10:30 am Policy-Making in Action: Join the KAP Meeting for Resolutions Debate

11:45 am Luncheon Speaker: Discuss the "Undiscussabull"  
~ Elaine Froese, Seeds of Encouragement

1:00 pm Agriculture Around the World & At Home (KAP Session)  
~ Keynote Speaker: Jack Wilkinson, Former President  
International Federation of Agricultural Producers

1:45 pm Your Farm & Our Environment: How to Make It Work  
~ Bob Sopuck, Delta Waterfowl Foundation  
~ Leloni Scott, MAFRI Agri-Environment Branch ~ Manitoba  
Habitat Heritage Corporation

2:45 pm Refreshment Break

3:00 pm Plan to Manage Your Farm for Growth & Innovation  
~ Terry Betker, Meyers Norris Penny

3:45 pm Research & Innovation to Your Farm Gate  
~ Michael Trevan, Dean, University of Manitoba

4:30 pm Evaluation & Closing Comments

6:00 pm KAP's 25th Anniversary Banquet

All young farmers are also invited to attend the KAP meeting on Friday morning to learn about the impacts of the US Farm Bill, presented by Robert Carlson, President of the North Dakota

Farmers Union.

## Member Benefits Corner

### Farm Property Insurance

As KAP is a member owner of **the co-operators**, preferred group pricing is available on all your farm property insurance needs.



For a personalized no-obligation quote, call our Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123 or [e-mail](#)

#### Travel Insurance –

planning a winter vacation and require travel insurance?

Consider the KAP member economical Core plan with annual travel, as well as in-province ambulance

and Best Doctors program. Alternatively, single trip vacation prices start at only \$1.75/day for age 55-59. For more information or a no-obligation quote, call our Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123 or [e-mail](#)



**GPS Systems** – KAP members receive preferred pricing plus a 2% cash rebate on all purchases through PAT Inc. in Killarney. The January special, which ends Jan.



30/09 or while quantities last, offers: 2 - EZ Guide Plus Lightbars for only \$2050, and you are also eligible for an EZ Steer for only \$3550. In addition your KAP Member [2% cash rebate](#) applies. [\[Click Here\]](#) to find out more, or call PAT Inc at 1-866-531-2887.

**Canad Inns** – spending a weekend in Brandon, Winnipeg, Portage or Grand Forks? Remember to ask for and save with the KAP rates when you make a booking. Call 1-866-527-0123 for more details or book on-line - [Click Here](#) and use the KAP group code 1010



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