



# The KAP Alert

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## KAP on the Provincial Budget

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The provincial budget leaves farmers with a sense of déjà vu after no commitments were announced on the financial crisis facing hog and cattle producers, and few details were provided on incentives regarding environmental issues such as nutrient management. KAP is eager to learn more about government funding to help farmers reach compliance on nutrient management regulations, given that Bill 17 (The Environmental



Amendment Act) has already had a devastating impact on hog producers and the future of that sector. Photo above: Vice President Rob Brunel is interviewed by CJOB's Richard Cloutier.

“As we outlined in our pre-budget document, we'd like to see the province address the critical economic downturn livestock producers are facing,” said Rob Brunel, KAP Vice President. “On the nutrient management announcement, we look forward to working with the government to ensure

Notice: General Council will be held Thursday, April 9 at Canad Inns Portage la Prairie from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The session will feature a presentation from the Canadian Grain Commission on changes to the Canada Grain Act. Observers are welcome.

### Activities

#### Monday, March 23:

The Livestock Committee held a conference call. President Ian Wishart was in Brandon to speak to students at Assiniboine

any funding created through this budget will meet the needs of producers.”

KAP had hoped to see a budget announcement on a land restoration program to assist all producers with land affected by excess moisture conditions in the summer of 2008. KAP will continue to work on this issue for producers in the Interlake and other parts of the province who are experiencing hardship heading into the next crop year.

The Farmland School Tax Rebate increase to 75 per cent was expected for 2009, but it is a positive step for producers. KAP would like to see the province remove the education tax from all property, including farmland and production buildings. KAP recognizes the potential benefit of doubling the Riparian Tax Credit, though there are questions on the criteria for accessing the program. KAP will wait to learn more about this initiative and others that have been launched.

“Basically this was a typical Manitoba budget with its steady course and no dramatic shifts, said Brunel. “Most of it was not a big surprise.”

KAP is interested in further budget details on resources for Manitobans who will be affected by severe flooding this spring.

KAP released its budget checklist during the province’s pre-budget consultations. It includes recommendations focused on issues such as farm income, education financing, Growing Forward, environment, taxation, and transportation. [Farm Viability—Moving Forward](#) is available under New at KAP at [www.kap.mb.ca](http://www.kap.mb.ca).

[2009 Provincial Budget Information](#)

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## Producers Eligible for Special Permits

Community  
College.

### **Tuesday, March 24:**

President Ian Wishart, VP Robert McLean, GM Yvonne Rideout, and Policy Analyst James Battershill met with the MAFRI Policy Analysis and Knowledge Centre.

### **Wednesday, March 25:**

President Ian Wishart spoke at Saskatchewan's Natural Capital: Exploring Ecological Goods and Services Symposium in Regina. The Transportation Committee met at the KAP office. VP Rob Brunel and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended the Government of Manitoba Budget 2009 announcement at the Manitoba Legislative

Spring Road Restrictions are now in effect. Producers operating in areas which may be affected by flooding this spring can apply for a Spring Road Restriction Permit. This permit will assist the movement of grains, oilseeds and livestock out of your area if flood waters threaten your operation.

To apply for a permit, please contact Motor Carrier Permits and Development for more detailed information Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at one of these numbers: 945-8030, 945-3961, or toll free 1-877-812-0009.



## Flood Plan Information Available

The [Canadian Agricultural Safety Association](#) (CASA) would like to remind farmers about a handbook which is a reference for planning for natural disasters such as floods. Farm emergency plans, checklists and fact sheets are included.

Planning for and Responding to Disasters in Canada

[English](#)

[French](#)

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## Discover Agriculture in the City

Keystone Agricultural Producers representatives had the



Building.

### Thursday, March 26:

The Grains, Oilseeds and Pulses Committee met at the KAP office. Policy Analyst James Battershill attended a Ducks Unlimited meeting on watershed planning.

### Friday, March 27:

The Rural Development Committee met at the KAP office.

## Other Events

**March 30 - April 4:** Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB.

[Website](#)

**April 4:** Rare Breeds Canada AGM, Canad Inn, Brandon, MB.

[Website](#)

**April 11 - 12:** Keystone Alpaca Classic, Keystone

chance to talk with hundreds of people about what “the farm” means to “the city” last week at The Forks during Discover Agriculture in the City.

The KAP booth was staffed by enthusiastic volunteers during the three-day event, which was an opportunity for those living in urban areas to explore and discover the important role agriculture plays in their lives. Visitors to The Forks were treated



to food demonstrations and interactive displays. Other highlights included an Agriculture in the Classroom Breakfast for guests from a Winnipeg school and government officials, as well as The Great Manitoba Food Fight - Forks Edition. Special thanks to volunteers President Ian Wishart, Vice President Robert McLean, Vice President Rob Brunel, Executive Member Doug Chorney, Executive Member Sean Gryba, Executive Member Chuck Fossay, and District Member Ed Rempel for their time and energy. Photo Above: Sean Gryba at the KAP booth as the CWB's Maureen Fitzhenry drops by.

KAP was proud to be one of the partner organizations involved in Ag in the City, and would like to thank Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for hosting an outstanding event. Photo: Doug Chorney chats with a visitor.



For more information on Discover Agriculture in the City [click here](#).

Centre, Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

### Winnipeg Chapter

#### Delta Waterfowl Dinner



DELTA WATERFOWL

Thursday, April 9  
Social 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Canad Inns Polo Park  
1405 St. Matthews Avenue

For tickets and information call Fran at 956-7766.

#### Manitoba Forage and Grassland Strategic Workshop and Manitoba Forage Council Annual Meeting

April 8: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the William Glesby Centre, 11-2nd Street N.E.,

## KAP Recognized for Working for Manitoba Farmers

KAP was given special recognition for celebrating 25 years as an organization and for the work it has done on behalf of farmers during Members' Statements in Manitoba's Third Session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature. Agriculture Critic and MLA for Lakeside, Ralph Eichler, congratulated KAP and noted KAP has "played a fundamental role in the development of agricultural policy in Manitoba, has worked to become an advocate for farmers and commodity groups in the province of Manitoba." KAP appreciates this kind acknowledgment, and thanks Mr. Eichler for the statement.

To view the full statement in Hansard, [click here](#).



## U of M Farmer Opinion Research Survey

Researchers at the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba are working on a farmer research project, and they need your help.

Dr. Paul Earl and Elliot Sims are conducting research looking into the disappearance of the Prairie Grain Cooperatives from the time that UGG "went private," selling



Portage la Prairie.

Would you like to learn more about the issues and opportunities facing the Manitoba forage and grassland sector and provide your input on its future direction?

The Manitoba Forage Council is hoping to gain input from participants representing a broad cross section of the forage and grassland industry.

Ian Wishart, forage producer and KAP President will speak on the "The Future Role of Forage and Grassland in Sustainable Agriculture."

Registration is FREE. The deadline is March 31, 2009. Lunch will be provided.

shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange, until Agricore United was bought by Sask Pool in 2007. They are examining why these changes occurred, and how farmers' views of the co-ops changed over the last couple of decades.

As part of this effort, they have developed a short web survey to discover farmer's opinions and attitudes towards issues in the Western Canada grain and transportation industry. The survey includes 25 one line multiple choice questions. Please answer the survey by [clicking here](#).

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Elliot Sims at 871-2413.

## Member Benefits Corner

Spring is, believe it or not, just around the corner! With spring comes the rush of spring work and getting things ready for seeding. Unfortunately, along with the rush of everything accidents can occur. And although every accident is preventable, it is important that we do have the right coverage in place to assist us and our family members.

The KAP 24-hour accidental death and dismemberment program provides excellent coverage in case of an unexpected injury that causes a permanent loss of or loss of use of certain parts of the body.

This program provides guaranteed coverage with no medical questions, for people under age 65 (coverage goes up to age 70). It includes 24-hour coverage on and off the farm for the insured and their family. There is also employee coverage.



[Email](#) or phone 726-9393 to register.

### Growing Forward Information Sessions

Information sessions on the new suite of Business Risk Management Programs, including AgriInvest and AgriStability, are being held in Manitoba.

*Information  
Sessions:*

**Pilot Mound:**  
March 31, 7:00pm  
- 9:00pm Legion  
Hall

**Carman:** April 1,  
7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Community Hall

### Provincial Land Use Policies Review

The province is updating its land-use policies and is seeking input from

Members only coverage of \$500,000 is available for only \$360/year.

As an example of items that are covered with this program, if within 12 months of an accident the injury results in the loss of, or permanent and total loss of use of any of the following, the per cent of the principal sum as noted below, shall be paid out under the program:

Loss of	% of Principal Sum	Loss of	% of Principal Sum
Life	100%	One Hand	66 2/3%
Both Hands	100%	One Foot	66 2/3%
Both Feet	100%	Entire Sight of One Eye	66 2/3%
Entire Sight of Both Eyes	100%	Speech or Hearing	66 2/3%
One Hand and One Foot	100%	Four Fingers of Either Hand	33 1/3%
One Hand and the Entire Sight of One Eye	100%	All Toes of One Foot	25%
One Foot and the Entire Sight of One Eye	100%	Thumb and Index Finger of Either Hand	33 1/3%
Speech and Hearing	100%	Hearing in One Ear	33 1/3%
One Arm	75%	<b>Quadriplegia</b>	<b>200%</b>
One Leg	75%	<b>Paraplegia</b>	<b>200%</b>
		<b>Hemiplegia</b>	<b>200%</b>

To enroll [click here](#).

For more information, or other benefit programs, please call our Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123, or go to our website by [clicking here](#).

## Happy Birthday!

Best wishes go out to Vice President Rob Brunel

the public.  
Workshops will be held around the province.  
Consultation materials including the draft policies are available by [clicking here](#). To provide feedback, email [plups@gov.mb.ca](mailto:plups@gov.mb.ca).

Consultations will take place between April 20 to May 7. To see the full schedule, [click here](#). Land-use policies are expected to be finalized in the fall of 2009.

### KAP In Net News

Pay farmers for Ecological Goods & Services  
[Kevin Hursh on Agriculture](#)

KAP Likes Parts Of Budget  
[Portageonline.com](http://Portageonline.com)

CGC security to remain pending

for a very Happy Birthday from everyone at KAP!



Above: Rob blows out his birthday candles  
as GM Yvonne Rideout looks on.

other ideas: Ritz  
[Eastern Edition  
Country Guide](#)

Manitoba  
businesses don't  
expect flooding to  
sink profits  
[Winnipeg Free  
Press](#)

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