



The KAP Alert

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KAP Welcomes Flood Assistance Program Expansion

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Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is encouraged by the federal and provincial announcement on the expansion of the Manitoba Forage Restoration and Feed Assistance Program. Eligible producers who were affected by excess moisture in 2008 in the RMs of Dauphin, Ochre River, Ste. Rose du Lac, Glenella, McCreary, Lakeview, Woodlands, St. Andrews, and Rockwood will now be able to apply for assistance.

"We're pleased to see this expansion and we hope it will help those producers who are still facing challenges related to re-establishing forage crops and pasture as well as covering the costs of feed for breeding stock," said Ian Wishart, KAP President.



The Manitoba Forage Restoration and Feed Assistance Program

Activities

Monday, May 11: President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout met with Nancy Allan, Minister of Labour and Immigration. President Wishart and GM Rideout attended the Manitoba Pork Council Pick Pork BBQ at the Manitoba Legislative Building in support of producers.

Tuesday to Wednesday: Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended a national farm safety planning workshop in Ottawa hosted by the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA).

Other Events

May 22 to June 7: Food Cycle 2009. In partnership with the Manitoba Pork Council, local bike enthusiast and avid Winnipeg Harvest supporter Ken Livingstone will cycle across Manitoba to raise food

includes the Manitoba Forage Restoration Program which allows producers with land affected by flooding in 2008 to apply for up to \$40 per acre to re-establish forage crops, forage seed fields and pasture. The other component of the programming is the Manitoba Livestock Feed Assistance Program, through which cattle producers can receive funds to help cover the cost of feed for breeding stock with payments of up to \$70 per head. Payments for other types of breeding stock are also available under the program. Producers may also be eligible for a one-year tax deferral on the sale of breeding livestock.

“The flooding this spring has created more hurdles for producers in areas that were flooded last year, and any additional assistance will hopefully help producers restore their operations and continue on this season,” said Wishart.

Producers can access more information about the Manitoba Forage Restoration and Feed Assistance Program by contacting the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) or their local MAFRI GO Centre office. Land restoration assistance for crop fields is also available to eligible producers through the province’s Disaster Financial Assistance program. For more information, contact local MAFRI GO Centre offices.

KAP Vice President Makes Hansard

There was discussion in the House of Commons this week on young farmers and retiring farmers brought about by changes to the Farm Improvements Loan



and funds for Winnipeg Harvest and rural food banks registered with the Manitoba Association of Food Banks. Livingstone will begin on the western edge of the Manitoba portion of the Trans Canada Trail and follow the trail's route - over 1,286 km - to the Manitoba/Ontario border. To find out which communities Food Cycle will visit on which dates, or how you can volunteer or donate food, contact Susan Riese at the Manitoba Pork Council (204) 235-2307 or Dana Todd at Winnipeg Harvest (204) 982-3581.

June 2-3: Trace R&D 2009, a conference on agriculture and food traceability, Fairmont Hotel, Winnipeg, MB. [Website](#)

June 17-19: Western Canada Farm Progress Show, Evraz Place, Regina, SK. [Website](#)

KAP in Net News

No clear winner seen in grain security comparison
[Canadian Cattlemen](#)

Producers deal with debris and excess moisture
[Altona Red River Valley Echo](#)

Flood waters recede as farmers hope to get seed in

Act.

Congratulations to VP Rob Brunel, Erin and Myley for getting a mention in Hansard (bolded below and [available here](#)) from Pierre Lemieux.

I want to talk about a young farm family that is part of the next generation. Robert and Erin Brunel farm with Rob's dad, Paul, in Ste. Rose, Manitoba. R.P. Brunel Inc. is a fourth-generation family farm that specializes in grain. The Brunels farm 3,000 acres. Rob and his wife, Erin, welcomed their first child, Myley, into the family in mid-November. Rob would like to continue to expand the business and eventually take over the farm completely from his father.

The Brunels dream of a future in agriculture, but realizing that dream is much easier said than done. It is not uncommon for farms today to have assets of well over \$1 million, a considerable amount for the next generation to finance. Rob says that there are programs to help young farmers out there, but he does not qualify for many of them and they are not targeted to his specific needs. He would like a program to help him proceed with his expansion plans and eventually finance the farm transfer.

Farmers like the Brunels are the future of the sector and we need programs that will help them capture that future. That is the objective of the proposed legislation we are discussing today.

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[Winnipeg Sun](#)

North America farmers cut back to cope with recession

[Reuters](#)

KAP Urges ATV Riders To Use Restraint

[PortageOnline.com](#)

Uninvited guests on farmland - It's more than rude to intrude on farmers' fields

[The Interlake Spectator](#)

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Agricultural
Producers invites
its members and
friends to join us
for **The 8th
Annual KAP
Klassic Golf
Tournament** on



Friday, June 19, 2009 at the [Carman Golf Club](#) (only 45 minutes from Winnipeg's Perimeter Highway). The cost to enter is \$75 which includes your green fees, golf cart, and dinner. Enjoy country cooking with Danny's Whole Hog BBQ following the event.

To register, please fill out the form provided [here](#). For more information contact Kathy Ulasz at finance@kap.mb.ca or 697-1140.

The deadline to register is Friday, June 5, 2009. Hope to see you there!

Interested in Biomass?

KAP's Agri-Energy Sub-Committee is looking for a producer presently using coal for heat who may be interested in converting their system to biomass. Provincial money is available to offset some of the costs associated with conversion and acquiring fuel. Please contact James at policy@kap.mb.ca or at (204) 697-1140 for more



information.

Manitoba Farm Mentorship Program

The Organic Food Council of Manitoba has just launched the Manitoba Farm Mentorship program (MFM)!

This is an exciting new program designed to connect people, land and local knowledge for a food-secure Manitoba.

There are still spaces available for this year for farmers looking to diversify or transition to an environmentally sustainable form of agriculture. MFM wants to connect you with a mentor to help you along the way. For more information please call 785-8828 or check out the [website](#).

Member Benefits Corner

It pays to be a KAP member! We are pleased to offer a comprehensive benefits program to our members in addition to the ongoing policy work that we do on your behalf. For more information, please call our Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123 or check out the website [here](#).

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