



The KAP Alert

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Watch for Slow-Moving Farm Vehicles

KAP Commentary by Ian Wishart

Summer may not be here yet, but people are definitely getting out and getting active. Wherever you go in Manitoba over the next few



weeks, you're going to see an increased number of vehicles on the road. Farmers will be out there too as we continue to work on seeding our crops. We'd like to remind everyone to be extra cautious when encountering farm equipment on roadways because one accident is too many.

We use roads and highways to get to our fields, and that means you may see our slow-moving vehicles traveling on your route from time to time. The best advice when approaching our vehicles is to slow right down, and make sure it's safe before you pass us. Considering that tractors are travelling less than 40 kilometres per hour on the

Activities

Tuesday, May 19: Executive Member Doug Chorney attended a Manitoba Employers' Council meeting. Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended a Manitoba Rural Adaptation Council Ag Awareness Committee visioning session.

Thursday, May 21: Executive Member Doug Chorney was interviewed by CityTV at his farm on the topic of seeding progress in Manitoba.

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 and funds for Winnipeg Harvest and rural food banks registered with the Manitoba

road, you must be sure to decrease your speed immediately when you see our slow-moving vehicle signs and lights. Farm safety campaigns remind producers to “Be Seen and Be Safe,” and we do our best to light up our vehicles while displaying the required safety signage. All we ask is that you watch for us on the road.

It's important for everyone to remember the dangers of being distracted by cell phones and other mobile devices while driving. If you aren't paying attention to the road you're not going to see farm machinery and other vehicles ahead—and you may only have seconds before a collision occurs.

We know many drivers just see farm vehicles as an obstacle to pass, but we're on the highway because we're out working trying to make a living producing food for your table, not to be an annoyance. This is a very busy time on the roads, and that can sometimes make driving a daunting experience. We hope everyone will take a moment to consider what it's like to be in the tractor seat.

Hit the Links with KAP!

Keystone Agricultural Producers invites its members and friends to join us for The 8th Annual KAP Classic 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.



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 2-6: International Wheat Quality Conference, Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon, SK. [Website](#)

June 3-7: Manitoba Summer Fair, Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

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

July 13-16: Canadian Special Crops Association annual convention, The Fairmont Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB. [Website](#)

Manitoba Farm Mentorship

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.

Member Benefits Corner

The KAP Long Distance program provides calls between members and family enrolled in the program for only 2.5¢ per minute! This program is provided by West Can Telecommunications, a 100 per cent Manitoba owned company.

All other calls are only 3.9¢ per minute for direct-dial long distance calls throughout Canada and to the U.S. 24 hours a day.

This same rate (3.9¢ per minute) applies for toll-free inbound calls (i.e. a 1-866 number that rings on your home phone or cell phone).



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](#).

KAP in Net News

Feed aid programs expanded in Manitoba
Grainews.ca

Stay off fields, KAP tells ATV drivers
The Western Producer Online

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To set-up a toll-free number on your landline or cell phone, there is a one-time set-up fee of only \$4.95, but no monthly or annual subscription fee to have the number.

The program also includes competitive direct dial international calling (no plan fee). Subscribers also receive a Canada/US calling card with a preferred rate of 12¢ per minute (no plan fee).

And, of course, this is a no-contract, no-commitment program with no fees for joining or leaving the program.

As a special for new member sign-up to the program (until June 30, 2009), a \$5 credit to your bill will be provided. If you are already a plan member and you refer a new subscriber you will also receive a \$5 credit for each new referral to the program.

For more information, call Michelle at 1-800-665-0384, e-mail kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca or [\[click here\]](#). To enroll, [\[click here\]](#)

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