



# The KAP Alert

April 3, 2009

## KAP General Council to Meet

Keystone Agricultural Producers is holding its next General Council on Thursday, April 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Canad Inns Portage la Prairie. This meeting is one of KAP's major policy setting events with delegates from across the province in attendance to debate resolutions and receive updates on important agricultural issues.



A full agenda is planned with KAP's committees providing updates on their recent activities covering a wide range of issues affecting farmers and rural communities.

At 11:00 a.m., KAP will host guest speaker Elwin Hermanson, Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Grain Commission, to discuss Bill C 13 – Changes to the Canada Grain Act.

A complete agenda will be available from the KAP office on April 6. All producers, observers, and media are welcome to attend.

### Activities

**Tuesday, March 31:**

The Business Risk Management Committee met at the KAP office.

**Wednesday, April 1:**

Commodity Group Members met at the KAP office.

**Thursday, April 2:**

The Member Benefits Committee held a conference call.

**Friday, April 3:**

VP Rob Brunel and GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a Producer Payment Security Program meeting at the KAP office. President Ian Wishart attended the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair Dinner.

### Other Events

**April 4:** Final day of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair,

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## Fill Out KAP's Fuel and Fertilizer Price Survey

KAP has conducted a fuel and fertilizer price survey every spring for the last few years. Your input is extremely important, and appreciated.



***FILL OUT AND WIN!***

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE SURVEY

If you fill out your survey and send it to KAP, you will be entered into a draw for a chance to win one of THREE prizes including:

- 1-Year FREE subscription to ProFARMER - \$400 value
- Waiver of sign-up fees for Olympia Trust Health Spending Account - \$375 value
- National Leasing Emergency Travel Kit with Hoodie - \$100 value

**Deadline: Friday, April 17th**

Please return the survey to the KAP office by fax (204) 697-1109, or email [communications@kap.mb.ca](mailto:communications@kap.mb.ca)

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## Responsible Burning a Must

Keystone Agricultural Producers urges farmers across the province to be extremely careful this spring when it comes to crop residue

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

**April 4:** Rare Breeds Canada AGM, Canad Inn, Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

**April 11 - 12:** Keystone Alpaca Classic, Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

**April 8:** Manitoba Forage and Grassland Strategic Workshop and Manitoba Forage Council Annual Meeting, William Glesby Centre, 11-2nd Street N.E., Portage la Prairie, MB. Ian Wishart, forage producer and KAP President will speak on the "The Future Role of Forage and Grassland in Sustainable Agriculture." [Email](#)

**April 14:** Winter Wheat Survival Workshop, Provincial Building, Beausejour, MB. Call 268-6094 for info.

**April 15:** Seminar: "Advances in Water Management Thinking Outside the Box!" Carolyn Sifton Lecture Theatre, 130 Agriculture Building, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB. Call 474-

burning. The rules on burning are there for a reason, and it's every farmer's job to follow them. If we don't, we may see regulations brought in.



According to the province, daytime burning of crop residues and non-crop herbage is permitted from sunrise to sunset of each day through to July 31, 2009. Nighttime burning of crop residues is banned year-round.

Remember to follow safe burning practices such as adequate fire-guarding and proper supervision. Smoke must not obscure any public roadway or create problems for neighboring residents.

Stubble burning is a necessary tool for some farmers in the province so we all need to ensure that we act responsibly so that it remains available as an option. Illegal burning can cause severe health and visibility problems, and may result in a ban on all burning across the province.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the Manitoba Crop Residue Burning Program.

## Provincial Land Use Policies Review

The province is updating its land-use policies and is seeking input from the public. Workshops will be held around the province. Consultation



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**April 21:** Manitoba Conservation Districts Information Day, Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB. [Email](#)

**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](#)

### Winnipeg Chapter Delta Waterfowl Dinner



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.

### Spring Road Restrictions

Spring Road Restrictions are now in effect. Special

materials including the draft policies are available by clicking [here](#). To provide feedback, [click to email](#).

Consultations will take place between April 20 to May 7. Land-use policies are expected to be finalized in the fall of 2009.

### ***Schedule***

**April 20:** 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Gilbert Plains Community Centre (Curling Hall), 101 Complex Drive.

**April 21:** 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Shoal Lake Community Hall, 315 The Drive.

**April 22:** 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Souris Glenwood Memorial Complex (Kirkup Lounge), 32 - 3rd Avenue West.

**April 23:** 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Carman United Place Hall, 134 - 1st Street SW.

**April 27:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Norwood Hotel (Promenade Room A), 112 Marion, Winnipeg.

**April 30:** 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thompson Regional Community Centre (Mary Fenske Boardroom - C.A. Nesbitt Arena).

**May 4:** 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fraserwood Hall (new hall).

**May 7:** 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Brokenhead River Community Hall, 320 Veterans Lane, Beausejour.

To reserve your spot at a public workshop call 945-2150 or [email](#).

You are also welcome to share views and suggestions on the draft of

permits to transport grain and livestock while restrictions are available to producers in areas where potential flooding could affect operations. For more information contact your MAFRI GO office.

The end date for Zone 1 and Zone 2 will be May 31, 2009.

Information regarding Spring Road Restrictions may be obtained by fax at (204) 945-6499, or by calling the Road Information Line at 1-877-627-6237.

### **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 [email us](#) or call our Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123.

the proposed Provincial Land Use Policies by forwarding written comments to the address, fax or email below by **May 8, 2009**.

Provincial Land Use Policies Review  
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Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs  
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Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4  
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