



# The KAP Alert

March 26, 2010

## Budget 2010: Farmers Will Feel the Side Effects

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While the province's 2010 budget offers some positives for agriculture, by and large it will have more money flowing out of producers' pockets with new fees and departmental funding cuts.



Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is disappointed to learn Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives is one of the most deeply cut departments under this budget.

"In general, this is not an agriculture friendly budget," said Ian Wishart, KAP President. "At a time when revenues are down, costs are up and deficits are the order of the day, we just hope Manitoba can recover as quickly as possible."

The province announced extra fees for farmers on land transfers, a new levy on the transfer of the value of quotas and an increase on Crown land user fees. KAP believes extra fees are not the way to move forward as

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### KAP Membership

Membership renewals for 2010 have been sent out and we encourage members to pay. You may now pay using a credit card on the KAP website using [PayPal](#).

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If you are a producer who has misplaced your Environmental Farm Plan Statement of Completion and you need another copy, please contact Christine at KAP at 697-1140 or [kap@kap.mb.ca](mailto:kap@kap.mb.ca).

they become a burden on producers and have a negative affect on the industry into the future.

“We recognize that the province is on a tight budget, but fees on agriculture are not usually positive in terms of the overall economy,” said Wishart. “These types of fees will also put additional costs on beginning farmers or those expanding their family farm operations.”

KAP is interested in more details from the province regarding the fees as well as changes to AgrilInvest. KAP’s main concern is that Manitoba farmers maintain a level playing field with other provinces.

The government did not commit to increase the Farmland School Tax Rebate up from 75 per cent, and KAP would like to see this change happen in 2011. KAP will continue to lobby for education tax to be removed from all property, including farm production buildings.

KAP would like to thank the province for recognizing producers in the Interlake region, who were hit hard by excess moisture conditions. KAP looks forward to further announcements on funding for these producers. KAP was pleased about the province’s commitment to focus on drainage, particularly in the Interlake. The announcement on funding to help producers deal with extra costs related to nutrient management regulations is also positive. In addition, funding for a hemp fibre processing facility in the Parkland region is also welcome news for producers.

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## Activities

### **Monday, March 22:**

VP Rob Brunel, Executive Member Sean Gryba, Young Farmer Executive members, and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn met with MASC representatives in Portage to discuss young farmer programming. Executive Member Glenn Young and GM Yvonne Rideout attended The Co-operators’ Spring Regional Meeting. President Ian Wishart attended a Climate Change Connection Steering Committee meeting.

### **Tuesday, March 23:**


VP Doug Chorney attended the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan annual meeting in Regina (Tuesday to Wednesday).

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President Ian Wishart  
and Policy Analyst  
James Battershill  
attended Question  
Period and the  
release of Budget  
2010 at the Manitoba  
Legislative Building.

**Wednesday, March  
24:** Executive  
Member Weldon  
Newton attended a  
Tire Stewardship of  
Manitoba Advisory  
Committee meeting.  
President Ian Wishart  
attended a Manitoba  
Conservation Districts  
Association meeting  
in Portage.

**Thursday, March 25:**  
VP Doug Chorney  
attended a Manitoba  
Biomaterials  
Consortium  
Stakeholders meeting.  
GM Yvonne Rideout  
and VP Rob Brunel  
participated in a  
Producer Payment  
Security Mechanism  
Steering Committee  
meeting. GM Yvonne  
Rideout participated in  
a Prairie Farm  
Organizations  
General Managers'  
meeting.



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## 2010 Spring Road Restrictions

Please be advised that the 2010 Spring Road Restrictions will be implemented in:

**Zone 1 effective 6:00 a.m. Thursday, March 18, 2010; and**  
**Zone 2 effective 6:00 a.m. Thursday, March 25, 2010.**

Spring road restrictions in both zones will be concluded May 31, 2010.

For information regarding Spring Road Restrictions go to [www.gov.mb.ca/mit/srr](http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/srr) or call the Road Information Line at (204)945-3704 or 1-877-627-6237. Please check regularly for updates. To speak to a Permit Agent, please call Permit Services at (204)945-3961 or toll free at 1-877-812-0009.

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## Member Benefits Corner

***Discount at Mark's Work Wearhouse***

### **Friday, March 26:**

GM Yvonne Rideout participated in an Individualized Area Based Insurance Steering Committee conference call. President Ian Wishart, VP Rob Brunel, VP Doug Chorney, GM Yvonne Rideout, and Policy Analyst James Battershill met with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to discuss shared issues. President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout met with Brian Lemon, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Regional Director, to discuss business risk management.

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### **Events**

#### **March 29 - April 3:**

Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB.  
[Website](#)

**April 8:** KAP General

Mark's Work Wearhouse discount cards are available. KAP members will receive the discount card that will be included in the regular monthly mailings. Members can also cut out the coupon [click here](#) and print!. *(Note: one coupon must be printed for each sales transaction)*



### **PHSP Program**

The new PHSP program through [Serre Financial](#) is an excellent way to reduce your health, dental, prescription drugs and dental expenses. With a farmer who is personally in the 35% tax bracket, the program can provide net savings of \$400 on \$1,000 of medical expenses.

For more information, please call Karley Middleton at 1-866-527-0123 or email [kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca](mailto:kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca).

**For information on any of our benefits programs, call our Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123, or go to our website, or email us.**

## Free Insect Guide for Vegetable Producers

Bayer CropScience is offering vegetable growers across Canada a tool to help correctly identify 39 of the most common insects affecting the productivity of vegetable field crops.



***A Field Guide to Vegetable Insects*** includes full-colour photos of 39 insect pests, and keys for identification, crops affected and management notes.

Council, Canad Inns  
Portage la Prairie.

**April 16-18:** Equine Educational Weekend Horse3 (Head\*Heart\*Hooves), Keystone Centre, Brandon. [Website](#)

**June 16 - 18:** Western Canada Farm Progress Show, Evraz Place, Regina, SK. [Website](#)

The guide can be ordered at no charge at:

[www.BayerCropScience.ca/VegInsectGuide](http://www.BayerCropScience.ca/VegInsectGuide) or by calling 1-888-283-6847.

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