



The KAP Alert

March 6, 2009

Flood Assistance for Manitoba Producers

Keystone Agricultural Producers attended an Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada news conference yesterday at the Greenwood Inn regarding announcements for Manitoba producers who experienced excess moisture in 2008. Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz outlined three initiatives which will help take the financial burden off of cattle producers in the Interlake and Westlake areas. Manitoba Agriculture Minister Rosann Wowchuk and MP for Selkirk-Interlake James Bezan also attended the announcement.

KAP Activities

Tuesday, Feb. 3: The policy synopsis committee met at the KAP office. President Ian Wishart, VP Robert McLean, and Policy Analyst James Battershill attended a National Farmed Animal Health Strategy meeting.

Wednesday, Feb. 4: President Ian Wishart, VP Rob Brunel, and GM Yvonne Rideout met with MASC in Portage la Prairie.

Thursday, Feb. 5: VP Rob Brunel and GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a Producer Payment Security Steering Committee meeting. President Ian Wishart, GM Yvonne Rideout, and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended an AAFC news conference featuring Minister Gerry Ritz. President Ian Wishart spoke at the Manitoba Farm Writers and Broadcasters AGM and Dinner.



Above (Left to Right): MP James Bezan, Minister Gerry Ritz, and Minister Rosann Wowchuk.

Announcements include:

*from AAFC releases

**A tax deferral to allow eligible producers in designated areas to defer a portion of the income from the sale of breeding livestock for one year as they replenish breeding stock in the following year. This change gives producers across Canada access to tax deferrals for flooding that match the tax deferrals they have previously had access to for drought.*

**Manitoba Forage Restoration Program – Producers can apply for payments of up to \$40 per acre to re-establish forage crops, forage seed fields and pasture affected by flooding in the fall of 2008.*

**Manitoba Livestock Feed Assistance Program – Cattle producers can receive a payment of \$70 per head for breeding stock to help cover the cost of feed. Other breeding stock are also eligible and per-head payments will vary based on the type of animal.*

Friday, Feb. 6: The management team met at the KAP office.



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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, along with partner organizations such as KAP, will be at Forks Market on the following dates:

President Wishart and General Manager Yvonne Rideout also had the opportunity to meet with Minister Ritz following the announcement. KAP will continue to work on the issue to lobby for additional assistance for those producers affected by flooding in 2008.



Above (Left to Right): The Hon. Gerry Ritz and KAP President Ian Wishart

KAP Applauds Assistance for Manitoba Producers

News Release March 5, 2009

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) would like to thank the federal government for taking leadership on one of KAP's ongoing lobby efforts—assistance for producers affected by excess moisture in the summer of 2008. In particular, KAP has called for the expansion of the one-year tax deferral on livestock to include excess moisture situations.

The announcement released yesterday by Minister of Agriculture

Friday, March 20 from 9:30am to 9:00pm;
Saturday, March 21 from 9:30am to 6:30pm; and
Sunday, March 22 from 9:30am to 6:30pm.

Check out the [website here](#).

Other Events

March 10: Canola College 2009, Gallagher Centre, Yorkton, SK. [Website](#)

March 10 - 11: Manitoba Egg Producers AGM, Victoria Inn, Winnipeg, MB. [Website](#)

March 11: Kickstart Your Food Product Idea Workshop, Roblin Community Centre, Roblin, MB. Contact Annette Allen at 937-7030 or annette.allen@gov.mb.ca.

March 10 -12: Canola Council of Canada Convention, Sheraton Centre, Toronto, ON. [Website](#)

March 10-12: CREW: Canadian Renewable Energy Workshop, Regina Inn, Regina, SK. [Website](#)

March 14: Manitoba Organic Alliance inaugural meeting - "The Future of Organic Food," Headingley Community Centre, Headingley, MB. Contact Jackie at 239-3362

Gerry Ritz recognizes the need for flood situations to be acknowledged under the tax deferral, which previously only allowed producers affected by drought a one-year deferral on income on the sale of breeding livestock.

"We're very pleased to have obtained this outcome for KAP's cattle producer members who were hit hard by the flooding in the Interlake and other areas of the province," said Ian Wishart, KAP President. "Back in September we put the idea to change the deferral on the table, and we lobbied the federal and provincial governments for months. It's encouraging to see this result."

KAP applauds the federal and provincial governments for the announcements regarding feed assistance and forage restoration. KAP believes there is a need to include damage to annual crop fields as well as forage, and will continue to work on this issue.

KAP passed three [resolutions](#) on assistance for producers affected by excess moisture conditions at its annual meeting in January. All three resolutions went on to pass at the national level at the Canadian Federation of Agriculture annual meeting in February.

"There is more to be done to recognize the plight of Manitoba producers who are facing challenges due to the flooding last year, and KAP will continue to work hard on this issue."

KAP also applauds the federal government for designating areas in the southwest corner of Manitoba as drought areas in order for producers to be eligible for the tax deferral.

Additional Information

To view the government releases, click

[GOVERNMENTS DELIVER URGENT HELP FOR FLOODED](#)

March 16: Free Corn Silage Seminar, Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre. Sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred, MAFRI, and the Interlake Holstein Dairy Club. Call 886-2696.

March 19: Manitoba Rural Adaptation Council AGM - "Agriculture as a solution provider," Victoria Inn, Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

March 30 - April 4: Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

KAP Net News

Click on links to recent stories that KAP is mentioned in from Internet sources.

[KAP resolutions passed at Ottawa meeting](#)

Source: CJOB

[\\$22-M plan targets flooded farmers](#)

[Payments for buying feed, reseeding sodden pastures](#)

Source: Winnipeg Free Press

[Tax deferrals expanded to flooded ranches](#)

Source: Alberta Farmer Express, Farm Business Communications

[KAP Pushes For Better](#)

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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA DELIVERS FOR FLOODED LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

More information about the tax deferral will soon be available through the [Canada Revenue Agency](#).

Member Benefits Corner

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enhanced endorsement that can be added to your policy – for only \$25. This endorsement could typically cost up to \$200/year. It's yours for only \$25 and offers members increased policy limits.

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