



The KAP Alert

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News for Hog Producers

Hog producers have been waiting for a response from the federal government on aid to help them through the current economic crisis in the sector. They'll get an answer tomorrow.

Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz will be in Manitoba to make an announcement on new tools producers can use to restructure their businesses or exit the industry. According to an AAFC media notice, the announcement will also include investments to "help the industry take advantage of new market opportunities."

KAP President Ian Wishart will be in attendance at the media event on behalf of Manitoba producers along with Canadian Federation of Agriculture President Laurent Pellerin.

KAP will provide information on the announcement in a news release and as part of a special cover story on the crisis in the hog sector in the September 2009 edition of the Manitoba Farmers' Voice magazine.

Information on tomorrow's announcement will be posted on the AAFC website at www.agr.gc.ca.

Activities

Monday, August 10: VP Robert McLean and Policy Analyst James Battershill participated in a meeting at the KAP office to discuss railway revenue cap related issues.

Events

To August 15: Grunthal (Hanover) Fair

August 15: Kelwood Fair

August 14 - 16: Roblin Fair

August 17 - 20: Cattle Age Verification Workshops. Pre-Registration is required. Workshops: August 17 in Neepawa, call 476-7020; August 18 in Hamiota, call 764-3010; August 20 in Russell, call 773-5130.

September 5: Dauphin Agricultural Heritage Club Threshing Day. Features binding,

KAP looks forward to seeing useful tools developed for hog producers who are experiencing extreme hardship at this time. Producers are encouraged to contact the KAP office at 697-1140 or President Ian Wishart at 856-6964 if you require information or assistance from KAP.

Member Benefits Corner

The KAP Long Distance program continues to provide benefits!

How can a residential toll-free number help me?

You can take advantage of the residential toll-free service that allows family members to call home from any phone in Canada or the U.S. at only 3.9¢/minute. Even from pay phones, there is no 50¢ required when calling a toll-free number. Great when away on vacation, business or for students at university.



Are you on a time-restricted plan that charges you a higher fee when calling during daytime hours?

You can take advantage of this program and call anytime to anywhere in Canada or the US at 3.9 ¢/minute and reduce your annual long distance charges.

What is your monthly long distance fee or monthly

stocking, threshing demonstrations, equipment displays, horse competitions, old time music, and food. Phone 638-7632.

September 11 - 13: Beausejour Fair & Rodeo

Attention Farmers

The KAP Grains, Oilseeds, and Pulses Committee recently discussed important issues related to licensed facilities and deregistered varieties. The committee decided to provide links to information on both of these for your use.

When delivering your product, do due diligence by checking to ensure that the facility you're delivering to is licensed by the Canadian Grain Commission as required under the Canada Grain Act. Upon licensing, the elevator or grain dealer must provide security to the CGC which is in turn used to compensate producers in the event that they are not paid when they deliver to a licensed company. To view an updated list of licensed facilities, please visit the CGC [website](#).

Please check the CFIA [website](#) if you are unsure if a certain variety is registered in Canada. There is also a link to see what varieties

plan fee?

You need to look at your bill closely, as most programs are \$2.95/month or higher. With the KAP program, the long distance network fee is only \$1.25/month and there is no plan fee, and no monthly fee for residential toll-free numbers. This rate has remained constant and has not increased as we have seen with other companies.

Do you get annoyed when you use your calling card and you get charged a \$1.00 transaction fee for each call you make?

With the KAP program, there is no transaction fee for the Canada/US calling card. You are only charged 12¢/min. for all calls to and in the U.S. and Canada, 24 hours a day!

Do you call family members on a regular basis?

With the KAP program, there is a group rate of only 2.5¢/minute. So, if family members you call are also on the program, everyone can enjoy this low rate--24/7.

For more information or to join the KAP program, please call the KAP Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123, or go to www.kap.mb.ca.

For all other Member Benefits – [\[click here\]](#), call 1-866-527-0123 or [email](#).

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