



The KAP Alert

August 28, 2009

Interlake Producers in Crisis

News Release August 27, 2009

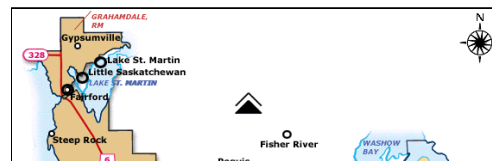
Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is concerned about the effectiveness of traditional safety nets such as AgriStability in the excess moisture situation that is affecting producers in the Interlake.

Producers throughout the region were hoping for reasonable weather conditions this season, but instead suffered serious losses in what has turned out to be a multi-year disaster.

"They haven't been able to use some of the long term programs that were designed because of continued excess moisture problems," said Ian Wishart, KAP President. "These programs just don't work for back to back disasters like this."

KAP would like to work with the federal and provincial governments on revising the short term programs that were put in place for last year's excess moisture disaster as well as the long term programs, making sure they work for multi-year disasters.

"This year it's a somewhat smaller area of



Activities

Wednesday, August 26:
President Wishart was interviewed by CKX TV in Brandon.

Friday, August 28: VP Robert McLean and Policy Analyst James Battershill participated in a Growing Forward Food Safety Suite Cattle Steering Committee meeting.

Events

September 5: Dauphin Agricultural Heritage Club Threshing Day. Features binding, stooking, threshing demonstrations, equipment displays, horse competitions, old time music, and food. Phone 638-7632.

September 11 - 13:
Beausejour Fair & Rodeo.

October 3: Roland Pumpkin

the Interlake that is affected, but the damage is just as bad as it was in previous years,” said Wishart. “The crops that did get sowed are now drowned out, hay is further behind than it was at this time last year, and there will be a need for livestock feed.”

Heavy rainfall over the past few weeks made it impossible for many producers to travel to fields and pastures. Some producers have indicated they can not see themselves getting a crop in next year because of land conditions, but the hope is that they will be able to continue on.

KAP calls on the federal and provincial governments to make necessary changes to the existing safety net programs to ensure they perform for producers and their farm businesses.

Manitobans are heading back to school, back to work, and back into grocery stores to re-establish their regular meal routines. Everyone is talking about the price of food, and Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) wants consumers to know how much of their food dollar goes back to the farmer.

Farmers' Share '09 Study to be Released

KAP will host a media event next week with results from the 2009 Farmers' Share study which examines a week's worth of meals for a family of four and identifies the farmers' share of the profits.



Fair. [Website](#)

October 15: KAP General Council, Canad Inn Portage la Prairie.

October 23 - 25: Wheat City Stampede, Keystone Centre, Brandon.

November 5 - 8: Manitoba Livestock Expo, Keystone Centre, Brandon. [Website](#)

January 19 - 21, 2010: Manitoba Ag Days, Keystone Centre, Brandon. [Website](#)

Media will be provided with background information at the event as well as interesting visuals as the study's groceries will be on display. Following the event, all of the groceries will be donated to Winnipeg Harvest. Watch for pictures from the event in the next KAP Alert.

Member Benefits Corner

Save on Your Parts and Tool Supplies!

Need some harvest parts? Remember that KAP members receive discounts from Acklands-Grainger. And now with their new stores in Steinbach and Winkler, Acklands-Grainger has 14 locations in Manitoba.



For fall specials [[click here](#)], or simply call a branch and ask for group code 253321 (or simply "the KAP Discount.")

Branch Phone Numbers

Branch:	Telephone:
Brandon	727-3301
Dauphin	638-4811
Flin Flon	687-3451
Portage	856-2400
Selkirk	482-6158
Steinbach	326-9009
Swan River	734-3481
The Pas	623-6451

Thompson 677-4561
Winkler 325-0007
Winnipeg (17 Terracon Place) 944-7777
Winnipeg (1075 Keewatin St.) 944-3808
Winnipeg (199 St. James St.) 944-3850
Winnipeg (19 Scurfield Blvd.) 944-3811

Benefits Reminder

Want to reduce this year's health expenses?

Use the KAP Group Health Services program to decrease all of your health expenses. For an information package on this valuable program, call 1-866-996-7477.

Do you have farm employees?

Do you want to provide them with access to a Group RRSP? Or a group insurance program? Call the KAP Benefits line for an information package at 1-866-527-0123.

After harvest, is one of your objectives to put in place an effective estate and/or retirement plan?

For professional advice in tax-effective and strategic farm estate and retirement planning, call our Benefits line 1-866-527-0123, ext. 2.

For information on other benefits programs, please call our Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123, or go to our website [[click here](#)], or email kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca

By participating in these programs, KAP members provide further strength to KAP in improving its benefits programs for farmers.

Think Safety This Harvest

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) reminds Manitoba's farm families to focus on safety during this upcoming busy season. While the rush of harvest puts a number of pressures on farmers, we need to take the time and care to protect our most important resources—the people who live and work on the farm.

KAP asks all farmers to think about whether the decisions they make are the safest choice. Fatigue is a major contributing factor to injury, so farmers can take an important safety precaution by ensuring that they, their families, and other farm workers are well-rested and that they take adequate breaks.

As farmers travel to and from their fields, there will also be an increase in slow-moving agricultural vehicles on Manitoba's highways. KAP asks motorists to be aware of these vehicles, to slow down, and to take the time and space needed to pass safely. For their part, farmers should make sure that all of the necessary markers and reflectors are clear on their equipment and visible to other drivers.

You're receiving this email from KAP to keep you updated on Manitoba's agricultural news & events. You may have contacted us directly to subscribe, opted in from our web site, or entered one of our draws.

[Unsubscribe](mailto:communications@kap.mb.ca) communications@kap.mb.ca from this list.

Our mailing address is:
Keystone Agricultural Producers
203-1700 Ellice Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0B1

[Add us to your address book](#)

Copyright (C) 2009 Keystone Agricultural Producers All rights reserved.

[Forward](#) this email to a friend
[Update your profile](#)