



The KAP Alert

July 10, 2009

KAP General Council July 14, 2009
Victoria Inn, Brandon, MB



Support Manitoba Pork Producers

KAP Commentary July 6, 2009

By Ian Wishart, KAP President

The Manitoba pork industry is in a state of crisis. Several factors have had a negative impact on producers including a higher Canadian dollar, the implementation of U.S. mandatory country of origin labeling (COOL), a continual rise in feed costs, and concerns over H1N1—which are not based on science.

The pork industry contributes significantly to our economy in Manitoba and across the entire country. This is a valuable industry not only from an agriculture production perspective, but from the 70,000 jobs it provides in Canada and associated processing. It is hard to comprehend billions of dollars being put into the manufacturing sector and nothing for agriculture—even forestry is getting help.

Activities

Monday, July 6: The Transportation Committee met via conference call.

Tuesday, July 7: The Livestock Committee met via conference call. GM Yvonne Rideout, Executive Member Doug Chorney, and Commodity Group Members Doug Connery and Gary Sloik met with WCB at the KAP office. President Ian Wishart attended a District 10 meeting.

Wednesday, July 8: President Ian Wishart attended the Canadian Federation of Agriculture roundtable with federal and provincial agriculture ministers in Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (Wednesday to Thursday).

Thursday, July 9: VP Rob Brunel presented at the National Stewardship and Conservation Conference:

The federal and provincial agriculture ministers will meet at their annual conference July 9-10, 2009, and it is critical that they use that opportunity to come up with a plan which will immediately get cash to suffering pork producers.

It's important to support the hard-hit hog sector during this time of crisis, not only as government, but as consumers. We all need to remember that when it comes to the safety of eating pork, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) make it clear that influenza, including H1N1, is not a foodborne disease and that properly cooked pork is safe. So fire up the barbeque, pick pork, and support pork producers.

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KAP General Council Next Week

Keystone Agricultural Producers is holding its next General Council on July 14 in Brandon. 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.

WHAT: KAP General Council Meeting
WHEN: Tuesday, July 14, 2009, 9:30 a.m.
WHERE: Victoria Inn, Brandon, MB.

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

Strengthening Stewardship - Investing at Every Step, in Calgary, AB.

Other Events

July 13-17: Crop Diagnostic School at the Ian N. Morrison Research Farm, Carman, MB. The School is designed to refine the diagnostic skills of agronomists, producers and people involved in field scouting and assessing crop health. A total of 6 CCA credits are available. Registration fee is \$160 per person. To register call 745-5663.

[Website](#)

July 13-16: Canadian Special Crops Association annual convention, The Fairmont Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB.

[Website](#)

July 15: Manitoba holistic management summer pasture tour for managers and clubs. Call Jo-Lene at 825-3512.

July 21: Prairie Oat Breeding Consortium meeting and tour, AAFC Cereal Research Centre, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB. Call 983-1460 or [email](#) for info.

July 22: Manitoba Special Crops summer tour, AAFC

farmers and rural communities.

At 10:50 a.m., KAP will host guest speaker Bob Hyde of Scott Wolfe Management to discuss Producer Payment Security Mechanisms.

A complete agenda is available from the KAP office. All producers, observers, and media are welcome to attend.

Attention Farmers

The KAP Grains, Oilseeds, and Pulses Committee met last week in Winnipeg. Two of the many issues discussed were 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 may be on the list for deregistration.

Member Benefits Corner

NEW! Acklands Grainger Hot Summer Flyer

The 2009 Acklands Grainger Hot Summer Flyer has arrived and

Morden Research Station,
Morden, MB. For more info call
Manitoba Pulse Growers
Association at 745-6488,
Manitoba Corn Growers
Association at 745-6661, or
National Sunflower Association
of Canada at 745-6776.

July 23: Carman Organic Field
Tours, University of Manitoba
Ian N. Morrison Research
Farm, Carman, MB. Call 474-
6236 or [email](#) for info.

KAP in Net News

Traceability Matters
[LINK](#)
www.portagedailygraphic.com

Barn fires prompt Manitoba to
develop farm building codes
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Local pork producers battling
hard times
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Reminder:

Upcoming AgriStability Deadlines

From www.agr.gc.ca

AgriStability Program [link](#)

September 30, 2009

* Deadline to submit the 2008 AgriStability/AgriInvest Harmonized Form without penalty.

December 31, 2009

* Deadline to submit the 2008 AgriStability/AgriInvest Harmonized Form with penalty.

**If you miss the September 30, 2009 deadline, you can still submit the form until December 31, 2009 with a \$500/month reduction to your payment.

2010 AgriStability Deadlines

March 31, 2010

* 2009 Interim Payment Application deadline.

September 30, 2010

* Deadline to submit the 2009 AgriStability/AgrilInvest Harmonized Form without penalty.

December 31, 2010

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