



# The KAP Alert

July 17, 2009

## Producers Welcome Environment, Food Safety, and Business Skills Funding

News Release July 16, 2009

Keystone Agricultural Producers welcomes the latest federal and provincial Growing Forward announcement regarding funding for the suites related to business skills, food safety, and the environment.

KAP supports what the governments have done regarding the announcements for these three areas.

The Business Skills Suite includes \$4.5 million for programs to help farmers and others involved in agri-business develop their business management practices. Under the Food Safety Suite, \$15.8 million will go toward implementing food safety systems and funding traceability infrastructure. The Environment Suite includes \$29.8 million in funding for programs related to Environmental Farm Plans and Beneficial Management Practices.

"Farmers are operating in an ever-changing marketplace and we need to have programs available so we can improve our business skills, ensure

### Activities

**Tuesday, July 14:** KAP's General Council met in Brandon.

**Wednesday, July 15:** Policy Analyst James Battershill attended a Federal/Provincial/Territorial/Industry Foot-and-Mouth Disease Workshop (Wednesday to Thursday).

**Thursday, July 16:** VP Robert McLean attended a CWB Farm Leaders Meeting in Saskatoon. President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout attended an EG&S Stakeholder Knowledge Group meeting, President Wishart presented on ALUS.

### Other Events

**July 20:** A prayer meeting by and for hog producers, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Niverville Heritage Centre. All welcome. For more info, [click here](#) or see the [poster](#). Or call Sheldon Falk (Hespeler Hog Farms) 377-4936.

environmental sustainability, and participate in food safety systems," said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

KAP believes the major focus of the programming must be to make sure as many of these dollars as possible directly benefit producers.

On the environment side, Environmental Farm Plans have been extremely popular with producers and we have been looking for continuance on this for some time. KAP looks forward to more details on the Environmental Action Program which will cover Environmental Farm Plans. Producers are encouraged to see action on food safety programming and will continue to support the need to move ahead with food safety while ensuring the full costs are not borne by producers.

"When it comes to food safety and environmental programs, we believe the funding should cover off some of the farmer's obligations and costs," said Wishart.

KAP looks forward to more details on the programs under these Growing Forward suites.

Manitoba Farm and Rural Stress Line  
1-866-367-3276 [www.ruralstress.ca](http://www.ruralstress.ca)



## KAP Goes Global

Global TV's Jeff Keele stopped by the KAP office today to interview President Ian Wishart on excess moisture claims for



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

**July 22:** Manitoba Special Crops summer tour, AAFC 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](mailto:info@carmanorganic.com) for info.

## Upcoming AgriStability Deadlines

From [www.agr.gc.ca](http://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

2009, which add up to over \$21 million.

Keele also interviewed KAP Member Brian Chorney at his farm in East Selkirk. Watch Global TV evening news at 6:00 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. to catch the interviews.

## KAP Sets Policy at General Council

**News Release July 15, 2009**

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) delegates from across the province met in Brandon on July 14 to learn more about emerging issues in agriculture, and to set direction for the organization. The following resolutions were passed, and are now KAP policy:

### *Drainage Improvement*

THAT KAP lobby the federal and provincial governments to enter into a cost share agreement with a local improvement fee on farmland taxes to assist with drainage improvement outlined in the Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

### *Cash Advance*

THAT KAP lobby Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) to allow the option of producers being allowed to report on either a half or full section basis if the land is farmed by the same producer and is under same crop insurance classification.

### *Agri-Energy*

THAT KAP adopt the amendments made to the Agricultural Energy Policy Paper by the Agri-Energy Sub-Committee. (For a copy of the paper, please [email](#) the KAP office.)

### *Onsite Wastewater Management*

with a \$500/month reduction to your payment.

### *2010 AgriStability Deadlines*

#### **March 31, 2010**

\* 2009 Interim Payment Application deadline.

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### **KAP in Net News**

**Too wet, chilly to seed** [LINK](#)  
[www.winnipegfreepress.com](http://www.winnipegfreepress.com)

**Hog Producers Talk Shop at KAP Meeting** [LINK](#)  
[www.ckxvtv.com](http://www.ckxvtv.com)

**Heavy rain hurts farmers in parts of Manitoba** [LINK](#)  
[www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca)

**KAP Presents To Ministers** [LINK](#)  
[www.portageonline.com](http://www.portageonline.com)

THAT KAP lobby the provincial government for the continued use of wastewater ejectors in areas where suitable conditions and adequate land base exist so that the environmental impact is minimal.

***Additional Crops Under The Canada Grain Act***

THAT KAP ask the federal government for the inclusion of other crops, such as canary seed, under the Canada Grain Act.

## GC in Pictures

***Below:*** Members of General Council heard a presentation on Producer Payment Security Mechanisms featuring Bob Hyde of Scott Wolfe Management.



Chair of the Manitoba Pork Council, Karl Kynoch, spoke to delegates about the pork industry crisis and is seen below during an interview with CKX TV.

Payment Methods Discussed At  
KAP Meeting [LINK](#)  
[www.portageonline.com](http://www.portageonline.com)



KAP President Ian Wishart chats with Robert Arnason of The Western Producer.



District 4 Board Member and General Council representative Les Felsch

speaks during the resolutions session.



District 6 Board Member and Manitoba Canola Growers representative Ed Rempel is interviewed by CKX.



GC delegates listen in to the resolutions debates.



*The next General Council is tentatively scheduled for October 15, 2009 in Portage la Prairie.*

## 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 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 features 16 pages of great product savings. From small to big ticket items, they've got you covered. Check out your copy [HERE](#) and start saving today.



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