



The KAP Alert

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Agricultural Energy Expansion Must-Haves

KAP Commentary July 24

The expanding renewable energy sector offers incredible opportunities for Manitoba producers. What we need now are the right policy tools and information on diversifying into new agricultural based energy solutions such as biomass, wind power, and renewable fuels.



KAP recently updated a policy paper regarding agricultural energy, which outlines our vision for the development of renewable energy industries in Manitoba. KAP highlights biodiesel, biomass, ethanol, and wind and solar energy as sectors farmers and rural communities should be encouraged to participate in. In order to ensure we benefit from our investments into agricultural energy, there must be farmer ownership and policies in place to facilitate that ownership. This is necessary if we want to see benefits go back to our local communities. The provincial government can support our

Activities

Monday, July 20:
Agri-Energy Sub-Committee Chair Doug Chorney and Policy Analyst James Battershill met with MAFRI to discuss funding for committee related projects.

Tuesday, July 21:
President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a conference call regarding the Agricultural Flexibility Fund.

Friday, July 24:
President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout met with Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation.

Other Events

new energy initiatives by creating effective policies, programs and incentives. When farmers invest in new ventures, we help improve the province's competitiveness with other regions and marketplaces.

If Manitobans would like to see more development of wind and solar energy in rural communities, farmers and rural residents need access to accurate information from the government to help us make decisions related to land use contracts for energy production. Manitoba Hydro has a role to play—it should work on the development of a standardized purchase price system for renewable energy production. Also, an emphasis on small-scale megawatt projects would offer more opportunities for farmers and communities to be active participants in energy production.

Taking a look at biofuel initiatives, farmers are encouraged by the technological advancements in ethanol and biodiesel production such as cellulosic ethanol that expands the range of crops producers can grow as feedstock. The government can further the expansion of this market by implementing standards to ensure products meet quality standards demanded by a range of customers.

Biomass offers some exciting opportunities for farmers, but the market demand needs to increase in order for farmers to invest in it. If Manitoba Hydro generating plants in Selkirk and Brandon were converted to biomass burning plants, this could increase the level of demand for biomass. This initiative would offer additional environmental benefits and should be investigated by the province.



July 24 - 26:

Northwest Round-Up and Exhibition, Swan River, MB. [Website](#)

July 24 - 26: Arborg Fair and Rodeo, Arborg, MB. [Website](#)

July 24 - 26: Manitoba Sunflower Festival, Altona, MB. [Website](#)

July 24 - 26: Pipestone-Albert 100th Anniversary Agricultural Fair, Reston, MB.

July 24 - 26: Plumas Fair, Plumas, MB.

July 25: 127th Springfield Country Fair, Dugald, MB. [Website](#)

To July 26: Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion and Stampede, Austin, MB. [Website](#)

July 28 - 30: Canadian Federation of Agriculture Semi-Annual Meeting, Kelowna, B.C.

As farmers, we know there is potential for the expansion of agricultural energy production in this province. The government and relevant stakeholders must take the initiative to look at these opportunities and prioritize funding for ventures which could boost producers' profitability and Manitoba's green economy.

KAP's Agricultural Energy policy paper is available online at www.kap.mb.ca.

Tax Deferral Good News for Livestock Producers

News Release July 22

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) appreciates the announcement regarding 2009 federal tax deferrals on breeding livestock. The tax deferral is a tool producers in designated areas can use to lessen the financial burden caused by excess moisture conditions in the spring. Many affected producers are still facing challenges due to excess moisture in 2008.

The one-year deferral on income on the sale of breeding livestock will allow producers to build up their stock in the following year. The federal government announced that producers in four areas may be eligible for the tax deferral including the Rural Municipalities of Armstrong, Bifrost, Fisher, and Gimli.



"We're pleased to see the government announce the tax deferral at this point in the year, rather than later," said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

July 29: Tractor Safety Training for Women, Killarney, MB. Call 523-5260 for more info.

July 31 - August 1: Birtle Fair, Birtle, MB.

August 12: Glenlea Organic Field Tour, Glenlea Long-term Rotation site. Call 747-6236 for info.

Upcoming AgriStability Deadlines

From www.agr.gc.ca

AgriStability Program

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

KAP lobbied the federal and provincial governments for months in 2008 and 2009 to expand the tax deferral (Section 80.3 of the Income Tax Act) to include excess moisture situations, which were previously only to be used for producers affected by drought.

“The expanded deferral is proving to be valuable because it gives livestock producers another option to consider when they’re making decisions about their winter feed supplies,” said Wishart.

Breeding herds must have been reduced by at least 15 per cent in order for producers to defer income. Producers may contact a Canada Revenue Agency Tax Services office for information on the deferral and 2009 income tax returns.



Online Petition for Pork Industry Support

Sign an online petition to deliver a message to Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz in regard to fiscal support for the Canadian Pork Industry.



The petition can be found at: www.petitiononline.com/canpork/petition.html

Attention Farmers

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.

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KAP in Net News

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.

World's Longest Barbecue

What if you threw a party and everyone came? You'd have the World's Longest Barbecue, the biggest food event in Canadian history.

[Click for poster](#)

Date: Saturday August 1, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. – any time zone

Location: Anywhere in the world.

The Cause: The World's Longest Barbecue

This is our chance to show our unconditional support to all the extraordinary men and women across the



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Country Guide

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The Interlake Spectator

KAP likes tax deferral measure [LINK](#)
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Waterlogged Man. ranchers offered tax deferrals [LINK](#)
CountryGuide

The Waiting Game [LINK](#)
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nation who put healthy, delicious food on our tables.

The Plan: Invite some friends over, fire up the grill and taste the true Flavours of Canada. Simply shop from your own region and throw a party that celebrates the farmers, fishers, brew masters and vintners of Canada. Sure, you can kiss the cook but the real star of the show is our fabulous local food.

Count yourself in! Log onto www.foodday.ca and post your menu. While you're there, check out what other Canadians are cooking. You might be surprised what we grow. So pick a menu, invite your friends and let the celebration begin!

Member Benefits Corner

Farm Property Insurance Program for Members

Looking for a new quote on your farm insurance? The farm group program through The Co-operators offers members unique



features like an enhanced endorsement worth approximately \$200 for only \$25! Included in this endorsement are additional coverages such as up to \$250,000 coverage for newly-acquired or built buildings, and/or new additions to existing buildings for up to 30 days, allowances for debris removal, firefighting expenses, and fire coverage (maximum limits apply) for fences, corrals and insured farm produce.

In addition, if the farm group plan has a good loss ration (below 53 per



cent), plan members will be eligible to share its savings on a 50/50 basis with The Co-operators.

With an attractive group program and The Co-operators' strong reputation in claims service, it's worth getting a free no-obligation quote.

Members simply need to contact their local Co-operators agent in their area. To locate the nearest Co-operators agent, please go to www.cooperators.ca or call KAP's member benefits program at 1-866-527-0123, ext. 1.

KAP members who are currently policyholders of The Co-operators simply need to advise their agent that they are a KAP member, and will be eligible to add the additional group endorsement and be eligible for the loss experience discount.

Benefits Reminder

Need to relax before harvest starts? Remember the preferred pricing you receive as a KAP member at [Canada Inns](#). Receive preferred rates at all of their locations in Winnipeg (Club Regent, Polo Park, Garden City, Fort Gary, Transcona, Windsor Park) as well as their locations in Portage la Prairie and Brandon. This also includes the special \$69 Sundays. For reservations, call 1-866-527-0123, ext 5. and ask for the "KAP rate".

Or relax at the luxurious [Delta Hotel](#) in Winnipeg! For reservations, please call toll-free 1-888-311-4990.



And if you need a car rental, KAP members receive preferred rates at National Car and Truck Rental. To make a reservation, call National Car and Truck Rental at 1-800-227-7368 (group-code 3712998) or book online at www.kap.mb.ca.

Have health expenses? Use the KAP Group Health Services program to reduce all of your health expenses. Call for an information package on this valuable program today at 1-866-527-0123.

By participating in these programs, KAP members provide further strength to KAP in improving this and other benefit program for farmers.

Pic from the Farm





Above: Two men cut hay...the old fashioned way! Taken near Sarto, MB., by Kristen Lucyshyn.

If you have a picture from around the farm you'd like to share in the KAP Alert, please email it to communications@kap.mb.ca. Have a great weekend!

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