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# The KAP Alert



April 30, 2010

## Seed Technology Agreements: Read Your Contracts

At the April General Council meeting the following resolution was passed:

### Seed Technology Agreements

**THAT** KAP remind members to take care in reading any contracts they are required to sign when purchasing seeds and farm chemicals; further,

**THAT** KAP lobby the federal government and appropriate national agriculture industry groups, including the Canadian Canola Growers Association, to investigate the anticompetitive nature of seed use contracts; further,

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### KAP

#### Membership

You may now pay your membership by credit card on the KAP website using **PayPal**.

#### Looking for your EFP

#### Certificate?

If you are a producer who has misplaced your Environmental Farm Plan Statement of Completion and you need another copy, please contact Christine at KAP at 697-1140 or [kap@kap.mb.ca](mailto:kap@kap.mb.ca).

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#### Activities

**THAT** KAP lobby the federal government and appropriate national agriculture industry groups, including the Canadian Canola Growers Association, to investigate the onerous financial implications to farmers of seed use contracts.

KAP's Grains, Oilseeds and Pulses Committee discussed possible actions for this resolution and felt that unless there were alternatives for contracts that suit both the company and producer needs, what other options do we have?

**We ask farmers to please read the contracts and ensure that they know what they are signing and the implications of any contracts.**

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## foodManitoba Event

The foodManitoba Group (TfMG) hosted an intimate Government Appreciation Event at The Food Studio in Winnipeg to celebrate 20 years of Great Tastes of Manitoba (GTOM) television series and to highlight the value of the long-time partnership between TfMG and Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives.



Special guests included Gerald Huebner, Director, GO Teams and Mavis McPhail, Manager, Urban GO Team. The afternoon included a Manitoba-made food sampling, a cooking demo and speeches. Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn participated in the event as KAP became a

**Monday, April 26:** VP Doug Chorney attended a meeting with supply management commodity groups and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives Stan Struthers. President Ian Wishart was in Ottawa and met with MP Wayne Easter, Liberal Agriculture Critic, Duncan Hamilton, Assistant to Larry Miller, Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food; and Brian Storseth, member of the Agriculture and Agri-Food Committee to discuss farm income, transportation, rural development and environmental issues. President Ian Wishart and Policy Analyst James Battershill participated in a Canadian Federation of Agriculture Carbon Aggregation Working Group meeting.

**Tuesday, April 27:** President Ian Wishart attended the Canadian Federation of

member of TfMG in November 2009.

## 9th Annual KAP Klassic Golf Tournament

**June 18, 2010 - 12:00 p.m. Shot Gun Start**

### **The Meadows at East St.**

#### **Paul Golf Course**

(Located on McGregor Farm Road)

COST: \$80.00

**INCLUDES:** GREEN FEES,  
GOLF CART AND DINNER.



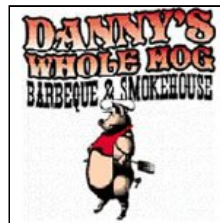
**TO REGISTER:** PLEASE SEND PAYMENT WITH REGISTRATION FORM TO THE KAP OFFICE BY JUNE 5, 2010.

**COME OUT FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GREAT COMPETITION!**

Danny's Whole Hog BBQ will be held at the golf course (meal-only tickets available).

*\*Two weeks cancellation required for a full refund*

*\*Payment must accompany your registration form to be registered*



Agriculture board meeting in Ottawa (Tuesday and Wednesday). VP Doug Chorney attended the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce Manitoba Leaders Series featuring Hugh McFadyen, Leader of the Official Opposition. Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended The foodManitoba Group's Government Appreciation Event.

**Thursday, April 29:** President Ian Wishart and Executive Member Kyle Foster presented at the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food session on Young Farmers and the Future of Farming in Canada in Portage la Prairie.

**Friday, April 30:** VP Rob Brunel attended the 131st Annual Spring Convocation for the School of Agriculture's Diploma in Agriculture program at the University of Manitoba.

Manitoba Farm and Rural Stress Line  
1-866-367-3276 www.ruralstress.ca



## CFA Photo Contest and Awards

Join the [Canadian Federation of Agriculture](#) in celebrating its 75th anniversary by taking part in the CFA's Photo Contest: *The face of farming* OR by submitting an entry for the [CFA Agricultural Awards](#).



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### Events

**June 16 - 18:** Western Canada Farm Progress Show, Evraz Place, Regina, SK. [Website](#)

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### Recent Government Announcements

Federal/Provincial Governments Direct More Than \$2.5 Million to Help Interlake Producers Launch 2010 Crop Year


Canada's Economic Action Plan Investing in Manitoba Red Meat Industry

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## KAP Minute

The KAP Minute is news for and about farmers from  
Keystone Agricultural Producers.

 This week's KAP Minute

Tune in to the KAP Minute every Thursday on 3 stations in  
Manitoba!

**CFAM**  
Radio 950

CFAM Radio 950 Community Service  
Radio in Altona  
Listen at 12:56 p.m.



CFRY 920AM and 93.1FM Real Country  
Radio in Portage La Prairie  
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880 CKLQ Today's Best Country in  
Brandon  
[Listen](#) at 12:28 p.m.

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## Member Benefits Corner

### Travel coverage for you, your family and your employees!

#### Travel safe this summer

Whether you are travelling out of province this summer on vacation, going to an auction sale in North Dakota, or outside of the province for any reason,

having the proper travel coverage can save you tens of thousands of dollars. All it takes is a simple car accident with an emergency trip to the hospital, and the costs can soar.



That's where the **KAP Core Plan**, an enhanced emergency travel plan through The Co-operators can provide both the necessary coverage you require in an emergency situation and that peace of mind knowing that you, your family and/or your employees have proper coverage in place. This is for both accident and illness.

The Core Plan with its unique enhanced coverage provides:

- Air and ground ambulance coverage while in your province of residence
- The professional services of the second medical opinion provided by [Best Doctors](#)
- A comprehensive **100% worldwide emergency travel plan** when outside your home province

**Very competitive annual rates are available.**

*\*Applicants must be in the program prior to age 65 to remain eligible to age 70.*

**The Core program** provides **100% guaranteed coverage** with no medical questions and maximum coverage up to \$1 million for each incident.

There is a maximum of 30-days of coverage for each trip out of province (no limit on the number of trips). If a longer stay is required, top-up insurance can be purchased. The pre-existing clause is only 90 days, not the usual 180 days.

**The Core program** provides coverage to age 70, after which The Co-operators allow you to switch over, with no medical questions, to an individual plan. Other insurance carriers also have plans that allow you to roll-over from a group plan with no medical questions.

KAP Members can also have a **Private Health Services Plan (PHSP)**, which can run complimentary with the Core Plan. This allows expenses not covered by the Core plan to be submitted through the PHSP and be written off as a **100% business deduction**. And this becomes a 100% non-taxable benefit for plan participants.

If you would like an information package on the Core Plan and/or PHSP, call 1-866-527-0123, ext 1., or email [kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca](mailto:kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca).

[Apply for the Core Plan here.](#)

# Benefits Reminder

## ACER Computers

Through an arrangement with [ACER computers](#), KAP members now have access to preferred pricing on select Acer netbooks, laptops, desktops and screens, including Acer's new "Touchscreen."

The current promotion features 2 netbooks (starting at \$339), 2 laptops (starting at \$669), 1 desk top (\$629), one widescreen 22" monitor (\$169) and their new 23" Touchscreen monitor (\$349).

The units can be shipped to you, or alternatively they can also be picked up in Winnipeg.

[Click Here](#) to see these specials and the computer specifications.

Acer will be changing these specials based on our feedback provided to them. If you would like to see some different configurations, please email [kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca](mailto:kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca) with your suggestion.

## Discount at Mark's Work Wearhouse

Mark's Work Wearhouse discount cards are being mailed out with the regular KAP mailings to members. Members can also cut out the coupon [click here](#) and print!. *(Note: one coupon must be printed for each sales transaction)*

**For information on any of our benefits programs, call our Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123, go to our website, or email us.**

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## Product of Canada and Made in Canada Labelling

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is holding an online consumer consultation on "Product of Canada" and "Made in Canada" labelling requirements. The consultation will be available until May 16, 2010.



To provide your input, [click here](#).

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