



# The KAP Alert

December 4, 2009

## Farmer Appreciation Day

KAP members and MLAs gathered at the Legislative Building yesterday for KAP's 6th Annual Farmer Appreciation Day. Over 70 people attended speeches from the province and opposition parties as well as a lunch featuring a selection of locally produced food.

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger addressed guests and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives Stan Struthers also provided greetings. Other speakers included Progressive Conservative Agriculture Critic Ralph Eichler and Liberal Leader Dr. Jon Gerrard.

KAP's Commodity Group Members and Executive Members joined MLAs following lunch to discuss issues that are important to Manitoba's farm families such as education tax on property, rail line preservation, environmental goods and services programming, supporting young farmers, and disaster assistance.

## Photos from The Leg

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### BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM TODAY!

KAP's Annual Meeting will be held **January 27-29** at the [Delta](#) Winnipeg. We ask delegates to book their rooms *immediately* as the rooms in the block won't last long. Call toll free 1-888-890-3222 or register [online](#).

### KAP Membership

Membership renewals for 2010 have been sent out and we encourage members to pre-pay. You may now pay using a 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).



Left to Right: Premier Greg Selinger and President Ian Wishart



Left to Right: GM Yvonne Rideout (Emcee) and President Ian Wishart

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## Activities

**Monday, November 30:** President Ian Wishart, Executive Member Weldon Newton, and Policy Analyst James Battershill attended the Achieving Manure Phosphorus Balance in Manitoba Workshop. Executive Member Keith Gardner attended the Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Council Producer Forum in Brandon. President Ian Wishart and Policy Analyst James Battershill attended the Speech from the Throne at the Manitoba Legislative Building.

**Tuesday, December 1:** President Ian Wishart and Executive Member Weldon Newton attended the Achieving Manure Phosphorus Balance Workshop.

**Wednesday, December 2:** The Executive met at the KAP office. KAP hosted its 6th Annual Farmer Appreciation Day at the Manitoba Legislative Building. President Ian Wishart attended the launch of the Canadian Wheat Board's weather information network WeatherBug. President Ian Wishart attended the Manitoba Chicken Producers Open House.

**Thursday, December 3:** VP Robert McLean attended the Winter



Above: Agriculture Minister Stan Struthers



Above: PC Agriculture Critic Ralph Eichler

Midterm Meeting of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan in Regina. President Ian Wishart and Policy Analyst James Battershill met with the Office of the Auditor General to discuss the state of food safety systems in the province. President Ian Wishart attended the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba Annual Meeting Banquet.

**Friday, December 4:** President Ian Wishart spoke at the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba Annual Meeting.

## Events

**December 5:** Keystone Klassic 21st Annual Sale, Keystone Centre, Brandon.

**December 7 - 9:** The 34th Manitoba Conservation Districts Association Convention and Tradeshow, Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB. Theme: "Our Environment: The Co\$t of Doing Nothing" with a kick off on Monday evening at the Tradeshow Reception. [Website](#)

**December 9:** Manitoba Seed Growers Association 2009 Genetic Expo and Annual Meeting, Victoria Inn, Winnipeg. [Website](#)

**December 15-16:** Manitoba Agronomists Conference 2009, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg. [Website](#)



Above: Liberal Leader Jon Gerrard



Above: President Wishart flanked by Premier Selinger and Minister Struthers

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

**April 16-18:** Equine Educational Weekend Horse3 (Head\*Heart\*Hooves), Keystone Centre, Brandon. [Website](#)

### **Attend an Open House for the Bipole III Transmission Project**

Manitoba Hydro is presenting the alternative routes for the Bipole III transmission project and KAP encourages producers to attend their regional Open House. Please see the schedule below.

***All Open Houses will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.***

**December 7:** ELM CREEK, Community Hall

**December 8:** OAKBANK, Oakbank Baptist Church

**December 9:** STEINBACH, Steinbach Legion Community Hall

**December 10:** WINNIPEG, Holiday Inn South

**December 15:** THOMPSON, St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church

**December 16:** GILLAM, Recreation Centre

If you would like more information about Biopole III project go to



Above (left to right): FoodManitoba representatives Laura Dickie and Ellen Pruden present the new Great Tastes of Manitoba Cookbook to President Wishart.



Above: KAP Executive Members George Matheson and Dan Penner chat with Minister Struthers over lunch.

[www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/bipoleIII](http://www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/bipoleIII)  
or email [bipole3@hydro.mb.ca](mailto:bipole3@hydro.mb.ca).

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Leafcutter producers looking for disaster aid

[Lac Du Bonnet Leader](#)

Organizations Disappointed With Speech

[Portageonline.com](#)

Tough Sell

[DiscoverFoothills.com](#)

Using Wind To Make Fertilizer

[Portageonline.com](#)

Prairie grain still moving despite CN Rail strike

[The Star Phoenix](#)



Above (clockwise left to right): Executive Member Steve Siemens, MLA for Carman Blaine Pedersen, KAP VP Robert McLean, and Minister of Justice Andrew Swan.

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## Faces of Farming Celebrated at The Leg

Release: December 2, 2009

Most Manitobans may not know the farmers who grow their food, but today the Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) will join Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) and representatives of Manitoba's farming community to highlight the faces of farming and explore opportunities and challenges in agriculture.

At 11:30 a.m., Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) will kick off its annual Farmer Appreciation Day at the Manitoba Legislative Building. MLAs, farmers, and agricultural groups will gather to take in messages from the province and opposition parties and producers will provide an outlook on what it's like to farm in Manitoba.

"Each year we look forward to hosting Farmer Appreciation Day

and we value this opportunity to communicate with Manitoba MLAs because the future of agriculture relies on governments that consider the needs of farmers and our operations when developing programs and policies," said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

"Manitobans are fortunate to have access to an abundance of high-quality foods and agricultural products thanks to our hard-working farm families," said Premier Greg Selinger. "We are pleased to celebrate this special day with our partners at KAP by demonstrating our appreciation of the contributions agriculture makes to our lives and showing our willingness to work with farmers to help them meet their challenges as they farm for the future."

This is KAP's 6th annual Farmer Appreciation Day, with over 70 people expected to take part in the event. A special activity has been planned which will offer MLAs the chance to meet farmers and hear about the benefits of farming in certain areas of the province and what the government can do to help farmers grow their businesses. FoodManitoba will also make a presentation regarding the new Great Tastes of Manitoba Cookbook.

## Agriculture in the Throne Speech

**Release: December 1, 2009**

Manitoba's speech from the throne was delivered on November 30 with an emphasis on responding to economic challenges in Manitoba. Producers were pleased to see the government reaffirm commitments to those in the Interlake region, as well as the announcement regarding changes to the Sustainable Development Act, specifically incorporating the economic

valuation of environmental goods and services.

“We’re pleased to see there is a focus on getting some additional drainage in the Interlake and we hope there will be a commitment to carry programs for that region into the future as needed,” said Ian Wishart, KAP President. “We’re also pleased that the province recognizes the importance of investment into environmental goods and services programming, and we look forward to more details on the government’s plan.”

KAP is disappointed hog producers did not receive any new support for overcoming economic challenges in their sector.

“Hog producers are in a dire situation and it’s critical that the province recognizes and adequately addresses this issue,” said Wishart.

On the issue of transportation, KAP is pleased to see an announcement on upgrades to roads and bridges connecting rural communities in 2010, but KAP encourages the government to allocate more dollars to infrastructure.

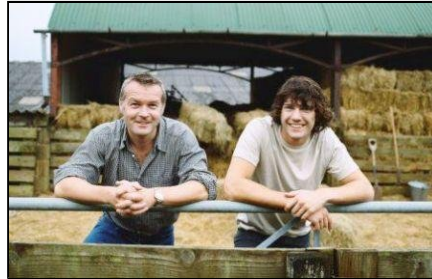
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## **Farm Estate Planning Webinar Registration Deadlines**

**Friday December 4th 4:00 p.m. (by phone or email)  
Monday, December 7 9:00 a.m. (by online  
registration only)**

***Is your Farm Estate plan in place? Do you have all of your  
farm estate planning concerns addressed?***

If you would like to learn more about unique strategies and options for farm estate and succession planning,



**[register](#)** for the Farm Estate Webinar!

The Webinar will take place Monday, December 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Presentations focusing on unique strategies to address a wide range of farm estate planning matters will be hosted by [Doug Markewich](#) with Daystar Financial, [Stino Scaletta](#), with Meyers Norris Penny and [Dave Watson](#) with The Wealth Planning Group.

For more information and to register please call 1-866-787-2826, email [kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca](mailto:kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca) by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4.

The deadline for online registering only is Monday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m. [Register online here](#).

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

**PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE.  
REGISTER FOR THE FARM ESTATE WEBINAR  
TODAY!**

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## LAST CHANCE to get your name into the KAP History Book!

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Manitoba producers are invited to list their name or farm



name in the book as supporters of KAP. Include your name in KAP's History Book for \$75 (includes one copy of the book shipped directly to you).

***Please let us know this weekend if you want to be included.***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO ORDER, CALL KAP AT 204-697-1140 OR EMAIL [KAP@KAP.MB.CA](mailto:KAP@KAP.MB.CA).**

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