



The KAP Alert

January 22, 2010

Manitoba Ag Days Wraps Up

This week over 36,000 people attended Manitoba's premier agriculture event—Manitoba Ag Days in Brandon. KAP had the privilege of hosting a booth from January 19 to 21 in the UCT Pavilion and met with producers and guests from across the province and beyond.



President Ian Wishart and Vice President Rob Brunel took the opportunity to meet with government representatives while in Brandon, and also enjoyed connecting with producers on timely issues and sharing information about KAP's upcoming annual meeting. KAP's Member Benefits Consultant, Dennis Petaski, Director, Member Benefits and Services at STRATA Benefits Consulting was also at the Ag Days booth to provide information on the outstanding benefits program for KAP members.

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KAP Membership

Membership renewals for 2010 have been sent out and we encourage members to 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.

Activities

Monday, January 18: GM Yvonne Rideout met with Carman Read, Agriculture Consultant with C&N Partners Inc. to discuss producer payment security mechanisms.

Vice President Rob Brunel, Executive Member Sean Gryba, and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn organized another successful Young Farmers Committee Free Lunch with over 100 producers in attendance.



Agriculture Minister, Hon. Stan Struthers, joined the young farmers and shared greetings from the province. The YFC would like to thank the Minister and his staff for attending this exciting event. Special thanks to Bill Teerhuis, Trade Specialist with Manitoba Trade and Investment, Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade, for his wonderful support and the opportunity to hold the Young Farmers Lunch in the Agri-Marketing Centre each year.



KAP would like to acknowledge the following volunteers for their time and energy at Ag Days: Paul Gregory, Sean Gryba, Chuck Fossay, Ed Rempel, Justin Jenner, Walt Finlay, Doug Chorney, and Keith Gardner. Special thanks to Keith for packing up the booth two years in a row! Thank you for your support!

KAP was proud to



Tuesday, January 19: Executive Member Doug Chorney and Policy Analyst James Battershill attended an ATV Stakeholder meeting. President Ian Wishart and VP Rob Brunel met with Deputy Minister of Agriculture Barry Todd in Brandon. President Ian Wishart, VP Rob Brunel, Executive Member Sean Gryba, Executive Member Chuck Fossay, District 10 Board Member Paul Gregory and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn represented KAP at Manitoba Ag Days. VP Rob Brunel, Executive Member Sean Gryba, and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn hosted KAP's Young Farmers Committee Lunch at Manitoba Ag Days.

Wednesday, January 20: GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a Prairie Farm Leaders General Managers conference call. Executive Member Doug Chorney attended a Manitoba Employers Council meeting. President Ian Wishart, VP Rob Brunel, Executive Member Chuck Fossay, Commodity Group Representative Ed Rempel, and District 9 Chair Justin Jenner represented KAP at Manitoba Ag Days.

Thursday, January 21: President Ian Wishart met with Keystone Processors and Meyers Norris Penny. President Ian Wishart, VP

partner with *Agriculture in the Classroom* as one of the participating booths for the Amazing Agriculture Race!

KAP Annual Meeting

January 27 - 29, 2010

The Annual Meeting is being held at the Delta Winnipeg. For more information or to register, please contact us at (204) 697-1140 or kap@kap.mb.ca. [FULL AGENDA](#)

Young Farmers Committee Annual Meeting

January 28, 2010

Keystone Agricultural Producers' Young Farmers Committee is gearing up for its annual meeting in conjunction with KAP's, and we invite all young farmers to join us for this exciting event.



There is no cost for registration for young farmers (under 40) which includes meals and a banquet ticket (accommodations are the individual's responsibility). [FULL AGENDA](#)

Please contact Kristen for more information at communications@kap.mb.ca.

Rob Brunel, Executive Member
Doug Chorney, Executive Member
Keith Gardner, and District 7 Board Member Walter Finlay represented KAP at Manitoba Ag Days.

Friday, January 22: GM Yvonne Rideout and Policy Analyst James Battershill met with the Resolutions Committee via conference call. GM Yvonne Rideout attended an Education Tax Coalition meeting. President Ian Wishart and Policy Analyst James Battershill participated in a Growing Forward - Food Safety Cattle Steering Committee conference call.

Events

Budget 2010 Consultations: The Manitoba government is seeking your input. These pre-budget consultations will give producers and all Manitobans the chance to provide input on what should be covered in the budget.

KAP encourages producers to attend one of the following sessions:

January 25: Salon A, Keystone Centre, Brandon at 9:30 a.m.

January 25: Portuguese Cultural Centre, 659 Young St., Winnipeg at 7 p.m.

Ship Grain by Rail?

Federal Rail Freight Service Review

KAP is preparing a submission for the Federal Rail Freight Service Review and we would like input from members. The service review submissions are intended to identify the nature and extent of service issues with CN and CP.



We are also being encouraged to offer recommendations for possible solutions to the ongoing issues. While it is typically the elevator that deals with the railways directly, KAP wants to hear two things from producers:

1. How have issues at the elevator with poor rail service (cars not arriving on time, not being delivered on time, not being properly maintained) affected your business as a farmer? Any specific examples are welcome.
2. For any producers who have shipped producer cars in the past three years, what issues have you come across in dealing directly with the railways?

Please get in touch with James Battershill ASAP at the KAP office either by phone at 697-1140 or by email policy@kap.mb.ca.

January 26: Holy Eucharist Parish Hall, 500 Pacific Ave., Selkirk at 7 p.m.

January 29: The Golden Agers Club, The Kin Centre, 324 Ross Ave., The Pas at 1:30 p.m.

January 29: Legion Room, Veterans Community Hall, 119 Sixth Ave. North, Swan River at 7 p.m.

Share your view on the budget by emailing minfin@leg.gov.mb.ca or send a letter to the Minister of Finance at Budget Consultations, Room 103, Legislative Building, 450 Broadway, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8.

February 3, 2010: Canadian Farm Business Management Council Value Plus Workshop, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Roblin Community Centre. *This one day workshop covers the full How2 gambit and process of identifying value added ideas through to their validation in the marketplace. Participants learn how to brainstorm for new ideas, how to develop them and then how to test them with the target market. The workshop also explores over a dozen case studies of real farm businesses that have found new ways to increase the value for their farm operations moving them to new levels of success. Contact*

KAP On the Air

Tune in to news for and about farmers from Keystone Agricultural Producers. It's called the **KAP Minute** and you can hear it 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
920 AM 93.1 FM

CFRY 920AM and 93.1FM Real Country Radio in Portage La Prairie
[Listen](#) at 12:48 p.m.

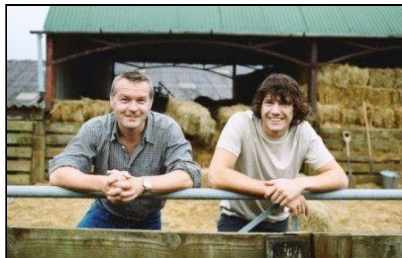
CKLQ
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880 CKLQ Today's Best Country in Brandon
[Listen](#) at 12:28 p.m.

Member Benefits Corner

Is Your Farm Estate Plan Up-to-Date?

There is a Free Farm Estate DVD available for KAP members. You can order your free DVD by calling 1-866-787-2826 or [email](#).



Annette Allen at Annette.allen@gov.mb.ca or 204-937-7030 for more information.
[Website](#)

February 3 - 4: Manitoba Swine Seminar, Victoria Inn, Winnipeg. The 2010 Manitoba Swine Seminar will focus on "sharing ideas and information for efficient pork production." Some of the highlights are: maximizing sow longevity, farrowing management, myths and misconceptions regarding nutrition, the national swine traceability program PigTrace and the development of the Australian pig industry. [Website](#)

- [Registration Form](#)
- [Brochure](#)

February 10 - 11: Manitoba Special Crops Symposium, Winnipeg Convention Centre, Winnipeg. Featuring speakers on corn, sunflowers, edible beans and soybeans, a tradeshow and 2010 Annual General Meetings for MCGA, NSAC, and MPGA. [Website](#)

February 25 – 27: The 9th Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference, Patterns of Change: Learning From Our Past To Manage Our Present And Conserve Our Future, Winnipeg Convention Centre, Winnipeg. One of the most important gatherings

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

By participating in these programs, KAP members provide further strength to KAP by improving its benefits programs for farmers.

devoted to landscape and wildlife conservation in western Canada. The conference will bring together decision-makers, researchers and community and grass-roots groups along with farmers, ranchers, Aboriginal groups and other private citizens who have an abiding interest in sustaining prairie land, water, plants and animals. [Website](#)

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

Check out these upcoming Value Chain Manitoba Events!

Module 4: Partnering & Collaboration: How to Approach Retailers
January 28, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Various rural video conference locations available.

Module 5: Understanding Category Management
February 18, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Various rural video conference locations available.

Module 6: Product Development: Are You Market Ready?
March 18, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Various rural video conference locations available.

Registration is free for all workshops. For more information or to download a registration form visit www.valuechainmb.ca or call 1-800-216-9767.

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