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The KAP Alert

January 8, 2010

KAP Annual Meeting

January 27 - 29, 2010

KAP's Annual Meeting is your major policy-setting event for the year, and will bring together farmer delegates from across the province to learn, debate, and decide on the future of agricultural policy.



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.

[Click for Complete Agenda](#)

Important Hotel Reservation Information

Book Your Hotel Room Today!

KAP's Annual Meeting will be held at the Delta Winnipeg. We ask delegates to book their rooms immediately as the



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***Visit the KAP booth at Manitoba Ag Days January 19 - 21, at the Keystone Centre in Brandon! Booth #218 in the UCT Pavilion.

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

rooms in the block won't last long. Call toll free 1-888-890-3222 or register online.

Last Chance to Register for the Spousal Event

If you'd like to attend the KAP Spousal Event, please fax your form back by Monday, January 8 (deadline has been extended).

The Spousal Event, hosted by Alma Kennedy, will kick off on Thursday, January 28 at 12:00 p.m. The afternoon includes a lunch at the Delta Winnipeg and an interactive tour of the Canadian Grains Institute. Please contact KAP ASAP at 697-1140 for more information.



Just for Young Farmers 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

Christine at KAP at 697-1140 or kap@kap.mb.ca.

Activities

Tuesday, January 5: GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a Manitoba Canadian Agricultural Safety Week Launch Committee conference call. President Ian Wishart attended an International Institute for Sustainable Development meeting. President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout met with Mike Cancade, Acting Director for Regional Affairs for MP Vic Toews.

Wednesday, January 6: VP Rob Brunel attended the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers' Annual Meeting in Edmonton (Wed to Thurs).

Thursday, January 7: President Ian Wishart and Policy Analyst James Battershill met with MP for Selkirk-Interlake James Bezan in Selkirk. President Ian Wishart, Executive Member Weldon Newton, and GM

individual's responsibility).

On Thursday, the YFC hosts several engaging sessions including:

David Drozd, Grain Market Outlook; “Where are prices heading next? Volatility = Opportunity!” Are you doing all you can to take advantage of marketing and pricing opportunities? Gain insight on how to take advantage of marketing and pricing opportunities during volatile markets from Ag-Chieve Corporation’s Senior Grain Market Analyst, David Drozd. *Sponsored by Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC).*

Kendra J. Ulmer, RN, BSN, What Did You Say? How to Prevent Noise Induced Hearing Loss, session and hearing clinic. *Sponsored by the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba.*

Derwyn Hammond, Agronomy Specialist, Manitoba Region Canola Council of Canada, Growing Canola - What We Learned in 2009.

Matthew Mozdzen, MASC Lending Representative, MASC Young Farmer Programs.

Cory Brasch, PAT Inc., The Latest on GPS.

Martin Douma, Oakwood Dairy, Finding Workers for Family-run Operations.

**Don Dewar, Western Grains Research Foundation Endowment Fund.
and more!**

All young farmers are also invited to attend the KAP Banquet at 6:00 p.m.

Yvonne Rideout met with Brett Eckstein, Executive Director of Tire Stewardship Manitoba.

Friday, January 8: VP Rob Brunel attended the Prairie Farm Leaders meeting in Edmonton. President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a Canadian Federation of Agriculture Board conference call to discuss a National Food Strategy.

Events

January 10: Manitoba Stock Dog Association AGM, Eriksdale Community Centre, Eriksdale. [Website](#)

January 11 - 14: Western Canadian Crop Production Show, Prairieland Park, Saskatoon, SK. [Website](#)

January 12 - 16: North American Beekeeping Conference, Orlando, Florida. Theme: "Keeping the hive alive." [Website](#)

January 19 - 21, 2010:

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

Young Farmer? Free Lunch at Manitoba Ag Days!

PLEASE PASS ON TO ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED!

The Keystone Agricultural Producers Young Farmers Committee hosts this annual event to bring together young farmers for networking and an opportunity to hear about what KAP and the YFC is doing for producers.



WHEN: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Agri-Marketing Centre in the Upper City Square of the Keystone Centre (near the junction of the two Main Streets across from the main entrance to the UCT Pavilion).

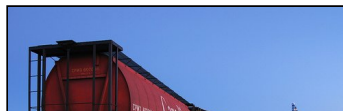
LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN ATTEND!

Ship Grain by Rail?

Please Read This!

Federal Rail Freight Service Review

KAP is preparing a submission for the Federal Rail Freight Service



Manitoba Ag Days,
Keystone Centre,
Brandon. [Website](#)

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January 19 - 22: Banff Pork Seminar, Banff, AB. [Website](#)

January 20: CWB Breakfast at Manitoba Ag Days, 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., Brandon Curling Club (Upper Lounge), 75-18th St., Brandon. Join your CWB farm business reps for breakfast at Manitoba Ag Days. Bruce Burnett, CWB director of weather and market analysis, will provide a market and weather outlook for 2010. No tickets required. [Website](#)

January 20: Faculty of

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.

KAP Hits the Airwaves

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.

Agricultural and Food Sciences Seminar Series, "Feeding Strategies for Healthy Cows," with Dr. Kees Plaizier, Department of Animal Science. Seminar at 3:30 p.m. in the Carolyn Sifton Lecture Theatre, 130 Agriculture Building, UofM, Winnipeg. Call 474-6026 for info.

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 Annette Allen at Annette.allen@gov.mb.ca*



880 CKLQ Today's Best Country in
Brandon
Listen at 12:28 p.m.

Member Benefits Corner

Protecting Farm Seniors Living on their Own

[Stop in and see the unit at KAP booth at Ag Days!](#)

Given the choice, most seniors with physical or medical challenges prefer to live independently in their own homes. While that's not always possible, for many this dream can be more of a reality with a new service called SafeHome, offered through ProTELEC Alarms for KAP Members and their family.



This program includes an emergency button on a watch or pendant which can be pressed in the event of a medical emergency such as a fall or other crippling event.

When pressed, ProTELEC will respond immediately (24/7) based on your customization. You can be contacted first to determine the problem and the needed course of action, or an ambulance can be dispatched immediately and loved ones notified.



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](#)

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

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[CLICK HERE](#) for more information, email kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca or call Annie Gladu at 1-877-387-4730.

Benefits Reminder

If you still have not ordered your complimentary DVD copy of Farm Estate Planning Seminar, please email kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca or call 1-866-787-2826.

The DVD shows the presentations by Stino Scaletta, Tax Specialist with MNP (Meyers Norris Penny) Doug Markewich Farm Estate Planning Specialist with Daystar Financial, and Dave Watson, Partner with The Wealth Planning Group.

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.

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

Our Past To Manage Our Present And Conserve Our Future, Winnipeg Convention Centre, Winnipeg. One of the most important gatherings 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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