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The KAP Alert



May 7, 2010

Trade Barriers Cost Producers

Commentary by Ian Wishart, KAP President

The unsettled times in the flax industry appear far from over. Despite best efforts from industry players such as grower associations, shippers and processors, it appears uncertain whether the exacting standards of producing a product containing no genetically modified organisms (GMO) markers can be met consistently.



This leaves producers facing substantially lower than cost pricing and

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feelings of uncertainty, frustration, and dissatisfaction. This situation led to a resolution at KAP's General Council calling for an examination of a potential consumer boycott of European Union (EU) products. Realistically, it is unlikely that anything can be done to change the minds of millions of EU consumers that any GMO products are "genetic monstrosities" that somehow—we are not sure how—will cause health issues or worse.

This is just another barrier in a series of technical trade barriers that continue to plague agriculture and continue to cost producers, and in this case some processors, many millions of dollars.

All we seem to be able to do is continue to try to meet the virtually impossible quality standards from a market that is probably already consuming products with GMO inputs from other sectors. Hard to accept, but even harder to change.

Consumers in the EU have been sold a bill of goods by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) pushing the GMO bogeyman, probably the same NGOs that a decade ago shut out beef that used hormones in production. You have to wonder if they have consumers' best interests at heart.

In other news, we hear that plant breeders in Alberta are starting work on another GMO flax. We hope it doesn't interfere with any other market.

Struggles Continue for Interlake Farmers

News Release May 3, 2010

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is calling on the federal and provincial governments to ensure business risk management programs work for producers who have been affected by excess moisture,

Activities

Monday, May 3:

GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a Prairie Farm Organizations General Managers conference call. GM Yvonne Rideout met with the Workers Compensation Board.

Tuesday, May 4:

GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a National Food Strategy Working Group conference call. President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout met with Barry Todd, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives. GM Yvonne Rideout met with Doug Wright of The Co-

specifically in the Interlake region of Manitoba at this time.

The \$2.5 million in assistance announced last week for north Interlake producers through AgriRecovery is inadequate for the need in the region, and it is only a start to rebuilding lost equity. It was KAP's hope that the method of payment for this funding would not exclude any producers in the region who have experienced hardship due to excess moisture conditions.

"It's clear AgriRecovery is not working well for producers," said Ian Wishart, KAP President. "We need adequate programs that respond in a timely manner as producers in the affected areas have experienced a drain on financial and human resources for multiple years."

With the high costs of field work and weed control, it is difficult for producers to properly recover the fields for seeding with the amount of funding that has been offered.

"When you add up the costs, fifteen dollars per acre would only cover one pass of the tractor and cultivator across a field," said Wishart.

KAP would like to work with both levels of government to ensure current and future assistance programs meet the needs of producers, including AgriRecovery and other programs such as AgriStability and the Advance Payments Program.

Congratulations Vice President Brunel

KAP Vice President **Rob Brunel** was recognized for his outstanding contributions to Manitoba's agricultural community with a Certificate of Merit from the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the School of

operators.

Wednesday, May 5: VP Doug Chorney attended a Manitoba Employers Council meeting with the Workers Compensation Board. GM Yvonne Rideout met with the Manitoba Executive Group Network.

Thursday, May 6: President Ian Wishart attended a Manitoba Chicken Working Group meeting. GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a Canadian Federation of Agriculture Board conference call.

Friday, May 7: The Agri-Energy Sub-committee met at the KAP office. GM Yvonne Rideout met with Roxanne Roels, Manitoba Pulse

Agriculture Diploma Graduation on April 30, 2010. [Read more from the University of Manitoba website](#)

Congratulations to VP Brunel on his accomplishment!



Spring Road Restrictions Lifted

News Release from the Government of Manitoba: [SPRING ROAD RESTRICTIONS LIFTED EARLIER THAN USUAL AS A RESULT OF WEATHER](#)

Golf With KAP!
9th Annual KAP Klassic Golf Tournament

Growers
Association
Executive
Director, to work
on a producer
payment security
mechanism
discussion
document.

Events

May 13-15:
Manitoba
Women's Institute
2010 Centennial
Jubilee, Southern
Manitoba
Conference
Centre, Morris,
MB. The
Manitoba
Women's Institute
is celebrating its
100th Birthday
and everyone is
invited! Tours,
Workshops,
Speakers, Social
Time and more.
Speakers include:
Honourable Flora
MacDonald -
stateswoman,
visionary,
humanitarian;
Doug Hevenor -
CEO International

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



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*Payment must accompany your registration form to be registered

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KAP Minute

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[This week's KAP Minute](#)

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Women's
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call Liz at 204-
853-2007 or
email
mbwi@mts.net.
[Website](#)

May 19:

Agribusiness and
Agricultural
Economics
Seminar Series,
"Agricultural
Outlook 2010: 13
Conversations
About One Thing"
with Brian
Oleson, Room
252 Agriculture
Building (Dean's
Conference
Room), University
of Manitoba.
Seminar to begin
at 2:45 pm.
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be available at
2:30 pm, and all

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Member Benefits Corner

Importance of Farm Accident Insurance

Knowing the ins-and-outs about life insurance is vital when it comes to looking after family needs in the event of a loss of life. However, there is usually little awareness and coverage in place if a person had a tragic accident, and although harsh to imagine, survived as a quadriplegic.



are welcome to attend.

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

KAP in Net News

Not Enough For
Interlake
[Portage Online](#)

Funding
disappoints
producers
[The Selkirk Journal](#)

Farm safety
important as
seeding begins
[CJOB News](#)

Most people don't realize how considerably less expensive **accident insurance** is when compared to life insurance. With the KAP group program, there are no medical questions. Program highlights are:

- Only \$18.00 per year per \$25,000 unit.
- Members can receive the maximum coverage of \$500,000 for less than a \$1.00/day (ie annual premium of only \$360!)
- The program also includes Fractures and Dislocations benefits.

If you prefer an accident program that provides more coverage on less severe accidents, KAP members also have access to a more comprehensive Farm Accident program. Highlights of this program include:

- Units of \$10,000 or \$15,000 each.

Comprehensive coverage includes:

- Fractures: payments range from \$100 for fracture of a toe or finger to \$500 or greater for fracture of the skull, five or more ribs, pelvis, thighbone, knee bone, and lower leg bones. Included are a variety of fractures that receive a benefit of between \$100 to \$500.
- Dislocations: benefits range from \$50 to \$375 for dislocations of finger, wrist, elbow, foot, ankle, knee, or hip.
- Severance of tendons: benefits range from \$125 to \$375
- Burns: benefits from \$75 to \$200
- Sprains: \$75 (cast required)
- Back Injury: \$600 (surgical intervention required)
- Hospital Cash: \$25.00/day for the \$10,000 coverage plan or \$50.00/day for the \$15,000 coverage plan
- Internal Injuries: range from \$120 to \$650 (ruptured spleen)

Annual Premiums are \$48.80/year for the \$10,000 coverage plan and \$72.80/year for the \$15,000 coverage plan.

All benefits paid are non-taxable.

If you would like information, call 1-866-527-0123, ext 1., or email kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca.

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 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)*

PHSP Program

Remember to claim your medical expenses through your PHSP program prior to filing this year's tax. If you wish to open up an account for your 2010 medical expenses [CLICK HERE](#).

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.

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](#).



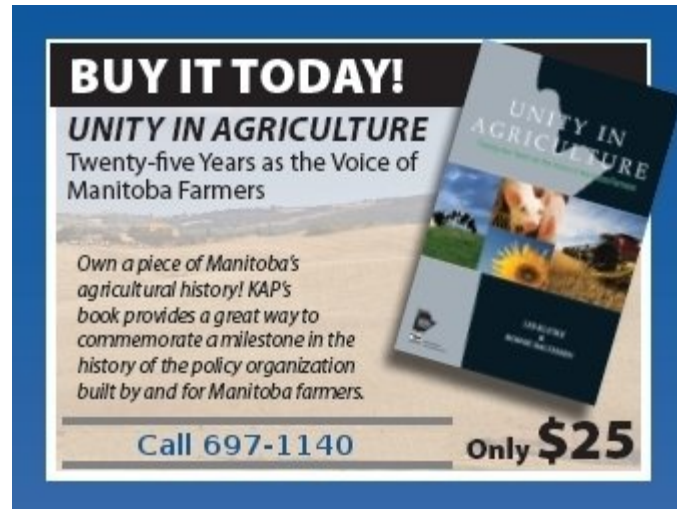
Product of Canada and Made in Canada Labelling

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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