



# The KAP Alert

November 20, 2009

## Attention Producers

### PROVINCE EXTENDS REQUIREMENT FOR CROP RESIDUE BURNING PERMITS

*Government News Release November 19, 2009*

Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI) advises, as a result of the unusually late fall season, the province today extended the requirement for permits to burn crop residue to Dec. 4. Previously, the requirement for permits ended on Nov. 15.

Under the permit program, authorization is required for daytime burning of crop residue. Authorizations are issued for certain hours and in certain areas of the province based on weather, moisture and favourable smoke dispersion conditions. Night burning is banned year-round.

Burning permit forms and information are available by calling the toll-free information line at 1-800-265-1233. Service is available in French and English. Information is also available from MAFRI GO offices and on the Internet at [www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture](http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture) under Manitoba Crop Residue Burning Program.

Manitoba's controlled burning program is part of the Burning of Crop Residue and Non-crop Herbage Regulation. The program was introduced to protect public health and safety while allowing farmers to deal with

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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\*\*](#)

difficult straw management problems.

Many producers use alternative methods of dealing with crop residue and information on that topic is available at [www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/soilwater/soil/fbd09s07.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/soilwater/soil/fbd09s07.html). Producers are encouraged to contact their local agricultural office for information and advice on crop residue burning.

Stubble burning regulations are enforced by environment officers and the RCMP. Failure to follow the regulations could result in fines of over \$2,000. Through the Growing Forward program, incentives have been established to encourage farmers to move away from the practice of stubble burning.



## Farmers Must Use Good Judgement When Burning

*KAP Release November 19, 2009*

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) strongly urges producers to follow best management practices when burning crop residue and to do their best to minimize the impact on the environment.

KAP recognizes that the crop residue burning happening in Manitoba does not usually occur at this time of year and that it is due to the type of growing year producers have experienced.

"We know the wet weather over this past season did not allow some farmers time to incorporate crop residue back into the soil, and that environmental conditions have made it necessary to burn," said Rob

### 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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### Attend Your KAP District Meeting

Please join us at these producer meetings to talk about what's important to YOUR operation! For more information, call the KAP office at 697-1140. All producers are welcome.

#### RESCHEDULED District 3 Annual Meeting

NEW DATE Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009 1:30 p.m.

Brunel, KAP Vice President. "As farmers we are sympathetic to the concerns of those in areas that may be affected by stubble burning and we don't want lingering smoke to result."

KAP encourages producers to follow important guidelines for burning crop residue including ensuring that fires are supervised at all times, ensuring smoke will not create an unreasonable hazard to health or highway safety, and making sure fireguards are in place to prevent the spread of fires.

"We all must use good judgement when burning and ensure that we act responsibly so that burning remains available as an option," said Brunel.

KAP continues to work with the provincial government to address this important issue and has two representatives on the crop residue burning advisory committee.

## Show Me the Money

*By KAP President Ian Wishart November 20, 2009*

The work Keystone Agricultural Producers, Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan, and Wild Rose Agricultural Producers conducted in 2008 and 2009 on the "farmers' share" of the consumer dollar that goes back to the farm gate keeps coming up in conversation as it has had several positive results.



The study has helped consumers better understand what the farmer gets from their food dollar. Also, looking at some of the numbers regarding the share producers receive on red meats—around 22 per cent—and knowing producers are getting substantially less for these commodities these days

University of Manitoba  
Carman Facility  
Carman, MB.

### **District 5 Annual Meeting**

Monday, Nov. 23,  
2009 7:30 p.m.  
Garson Community  
Hall  
Garson, MB.  
Guest Speaker:  
Dennis Petaski of  
STRATA on KAP  
Member Benefits

### **District 6 Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, Nov. 25,  
2009 7:00 p.m.  
Portage Fair Board  
Office  
Portage la Prairie, MB.

### **District 10 Annual Meeting**

Thursday, Nov. 26,  
2009 7:30 p.m.  
Arborg Senior Citizens  
Club  
Arborg, MB.

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## Activities

**Monday, November 16:** President Ian Wishart, VP Robert McLean, and GM

has raised the question: If the consumer pays more and the farmer gets less, where does the money go?

Our food chains are often long and complicated in these sectors and others, and it is very difficult to determine if they are operating in an efficient manner.

Similar numbers on the farmer's share are hard to find for other jurisdictions such as Brazil and Australia, and they are often difficult to compare. But it seems that the percentage of the consumer dollar producers in those countries get may be substantially higher. Clearly, every producer would like to know the answers as we all prefer to get our returns from the marketplace.

Also, the federal government has been funding "value chain roundtables" in many sectors for about five years. Maybe it's time to hear more from the groups involved about problems and opportunities in these sectors.



Taking a look at tracking and tracing through value chains, if we as producers go to the trouble of participating in full tracking and tracing for our food products right through to the consumer, we are probably going to want to track the dollars as well!

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

Manitoba Hydro is presenting the alternative routes for the Bipole III



Yvonne Rideout met with Hon. Stan Struthers, Manitoba Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives, to discuss agricultural issues that KAP is working on. President Ian Wishart, VP Rob Brunel, and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended the District 9 annual meeting in Minnedosa.

### **Tuesday, November**

**17:** President Ian Wishart, VP Rob Brunel, and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended the District 8 annual meeting in Binscarth.

### **Wednesday, November 18:**

President Ian Wishart, VP Rob Brunel, and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended the District 12 annual meeting in Swan River and the District 11 meeting in Gilbert Plains. Policy Analyst James Battershill

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.

- November 23:** DAUPHIN, Watson Art Centre
- November 24:** MCCREARY, Legion Hall
- November 30:** NEEPAWA, Legion Hall
- December 1:** LANGRUTH, Langruth Hall
- December 2:** SHOAL LAKE, Community Hall
- December 2:** FLIN FLON, Victoria Inn
- December 3:** PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Army & Navy Hall
- December 3:** THE PAS, Wescana Inn
- 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 [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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## Order Your KAP History Book Today!

### *\*SPECIAL OFFER\**

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



attended the Manitoba Rural Adaptation Council's Appreciation Evening.

### **Thursday, November**

**19:** President Ian Wishart spoke at Balancing the Bottom Line, a conference presented by the Canadian Association of Farm Advisors, the Farm Leadership Council, and the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. Executive Members Glenn Young and Chuck Fossay attended The Co-operators Regional Meeting. Executive Member and Workplace and Employment Chair Doug Chorney and GM Yvonne Rideout met with the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba. GM Yvonne Rideout attended the Manitoba Egg Farmers Open House.

### **Friday, November 20:**

President Ian Wishart participated in a

for \$75 (includes one copy of the book shipped directly to you).

Own a piece of Manitoba's agricultural history! KAP's History Book provides a great way to commemorate a milestone in the history of the policy organization built by and for Manitoba farmers. More than a collection of facts and photos, this book brings farm policy to life through the stories of KAP members and leaders spanning a quarter-century in our province.

***Pre-Sales Offer: Pre-order this soft-cover book for \$25 (includes shipping).***

**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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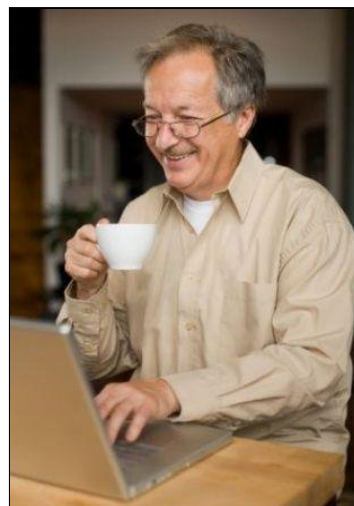
## Member Benefits Corner

### Effective Farm Estate Planning Webinar Monday, December 7, 2009

#### How will the Farm Estate Planning Webinar work?

The Effective Farm Estate Planning Webinar will be held on December 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. We have had a number of questions from members on how the webinar will work such as:

- How will members be able to ask questions of the presenters--MNP, Daystar and The Wealth Planning



Canadian Federation of Agriculture Board of Directors conference call to discuss a national strategy for the future of food.

#### Events

**November 21:** Public Forum on Interlake farming issues with Manitoba Liberal Leader Jon Gerrard, 1:00 p.m., Arborg Senior's Centre Club Hall, 444 Recreation Centre Rd, Arborg. For more information please call (204) 988-9380.

**November 21 - 28:** Canadian Western Agribition, Regina, SK. [Website](#)

**November 30, December 1 - 2:** 2009 Manitoba Grazing School "On the Cutting Edge," Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

**December 2:** KAP's 6th Annual Farmer Appreciation Day.

**December 7 - 9:** The 34th Manitoba

Group?

- Can the webinar work on dial-up?

To provide a better understanding to participants, here is an overview for both high-speed and dial-up users.

### **The process is really quite easy!**

#### **For High-Speed Internet Users**

First, you will have to register. You can do that either [online](#), by calling 1-866-787-2826, or emailing [kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca](mailto:kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca). Once you register, you will receive an email confirming your registration.

You will also receive reminder emails about the event, any updates you should be aware of, and how to join the webinar.

On the day of the webinar, you sign-in online through the link you received by email. You will then be provided with **TWO** options on how you would like to hear the presentations:

- Through your computer speakers (VOIP – voice over internet)
- Through your phone (note – if you have a speaker phone, that will usually provide a better sound transfer, however you will be calling a long distance number).

Once the webinar starts, you will be able to see the power point presentation on your computer (note: you do not download anything, you will simply be able to view the presentation live. You will also hear the presenters in real time (either over your computer speakers or your phone), as they make their comments and you see the slides on your computer.

***“But how do I ask questions if I’m not sure of a point the presenter is making?”***

The beauty of a webinar is that it is almost like a real meeting--apart from

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](#)

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

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### **Reminder: Send in your Harvest Sample program envelopes!**

Due to this year's  
delayed harvest, the  
Canadian Grain  
Commission is  
extending its deadline  
for the Harvest Sample  
program to **December  
1, 2009.**

The Canadian Grain  
Commission's Harvest

the face to face aspect--as you can immediately click on a button that allows you to raise your hand and type in your question in a chat-like box on your screen. Only the chairman sees your question, and at an opportune time they will ask the presenter to clarify the question raised.

Similarly, there will be questions that can be asked throughout the webinar, and the presenters will elaborate on all questions, unless we run out of time. If this occurs, the questions will be answered by email.

### For Dial-up Users

As with high-speed users, dial-up users can also register [online](#) or by calling 1-866-787-2826, or emailing [kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca](mailto:kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca).

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At 8:30 a.m. on the day of the event, dial-up users will receive an email with a PDF of the Power Point presentation. So you should ensure that you have your Adobe Reader updated on your computer. (you do not need to have Power Point). You will then need to download the PDF presentation onto your computer before 10:00 a.m. (Note: Do not try to view the presentation from the email you received during the webinar as it needs to be downloaded on your computer).

At 9:45 a.m. you should dial-up and sign-in online (temporarily if you only have one phone line) as you will receive the phone access codes for the webinar. Simply write down the access codes and disconnect from the internet. Call in using the phone access codes and start to follow along on the PDF Power Point presentation, as you hear the presenters on your phone.

***“How will I be able to ask questions?”***

Sample program needs you to fill the postage-paid sample envelope (you may have received one in the mail) with grain from this year's crop, fill out information about the sample on each envelope, and mail the envelopes back to them.

The Canadian Grain Commission uses the samples to create information for the year's Harvest Survey and crop quality for the current year. Producer samples are also used to create composite samples to make Canadian Grain Commission tests more accurate.

For more information please call 1-800-853-6705.

- If you have a dedicated fax line, fax your question to 1-866-984-9460.
- If you have two phone lines, you can remain on your dial-up connection with one, and simply email your question to [kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca](mailto:kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca).
- With your cell phone you can text a message to [kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca](mailto:kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca).

**If this is your first webinar, don't worry, we've made everything easy for you to participate!**

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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).

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

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