

The KAP Alert

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Wheat Class Declaration System

As of August 1, a new declaration system will be introduced for western Canadian wheat. This is resulting from the removal of KVD as a registration requirement for all western Canadian wheat classes.

This means that the system will be switching to a non-visual identification system, so everyone in the grain industry will be adopting new procedures to comply.

Starting on August 1, all elevators and grain dealers will require all producers to complete and sign a *Declaration of Eligibility for the Class* form for the upcoming crop year before

delivering. If a producer has hired a commercial trucker or another party to deliver, then a completed declaration form must already be on file.

By signing this form, farmers are confirming that their deliveries will only contain varieties that fall under the class of wheat for which they're being paid.

If you'd like to see a sample of this declaration form, visit the Canadian Grain Commission's web site at www.grainscanada.gc.ca.

Member Benefits Corner

Traveling this summer? Need a rental car? If so, remember to use your KAP group ID, at National Car Rental. KAP member and Vice-President Robert McLean was pleasantly surprised when he provided the KAP group ID to National for a 10-day rental that he and his family planned last summer. **He had his price lowered by \$270!** The savings are enough to cover two years of his KAP membership.

Booking early often means better pricing, especially in the summer. Earlier in the season, the inventory of cars is higher so the price is lower. Even short rentals over weekend travel might be more economical than taking your own vehicle, especially when you consider the extra mileage on your vehicle, wear and tear, and possible gas savings with newer cars.

If booking well in advance, weekend rates can be as low as only \$25/day for a full size vehicle, like an Impala. Also remember, if your credit

card does not offer rental car insurance, then it's likely better to take out an Autopac rental policy in advance, rather than paying for the insurance at the rental counter.

It's easy to make your booking, by calling 1-800-227-7368 or online at www.nationalcar.ca. Remember to use your group ID – 3712998. National has locations throughout Canada and the US.

KAP members requiring a truck at home this summer can also take advantage of the **New Big Wheel Truck Rate through National Rental**. A full selection of trucks are available and members can rent by the day, week or even month. **For more information or to book, please call the Winnipeg Truck Reservation Line 1-800-627-7777, and quote group code 3712998.**

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News & Events

Railway Costing Review Needed

At KAP's General Council meeting last week, delegates were active participants in a discussion about rail transportation, which was led by guest speakers from Quorum Corporation, MA-FRI, and the CWB.

Delegates talked about the lack of service, rail line preservation, and the high cost of transportation. KAP is part of an ongoing campaign calling for a full costing review for the rail industry - and farmers have an opportunity to speak up as well.

A costing review is needed to make sure that farmers are paying a fair & accurate price for rail service. To speak up, go to <http://cfa-fca.ca/pages/emailer.php> and send an e-postcard today.

Camp Wannakumbac Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Since 1948, generations of young people have gone to Camp Wannakumbac and created life-long memories. As a proud sponsor of the Camp, KAP is pleased to congratulate them on their 60th anniversary.

To celebrate, Camp Wannakumbac is holding a family camp & open house from August 1 - 4. For more information, visit their web site at www.wannakumbac.com or call (204) 848-2380.

Join the World's Longest BBQ

Canadian author Anita Stewart is calling on all Canadians to join in on the World's Longest BBQ on Saturday, August 2 in support of all the men and women who are responsible for putting food on our tables.

Invite friends & family to celebrate the Canadian farmer by grilling great foods that are sourced locally, from Manitoba, or from across Canada. BBQers are also encouraged to go to www.flavoursofCanada.ca to register, post their menu, and read about other BBQs being held across Canada.

KAP Activities

Monday, July 14: KAP's commodity group members met in Winnipeg to discuss current issues.

Wednesday, July 16: GM Yvonne Rideout met with representatives from the grains, pulses, and special crops sectors to discuss the launch of an initiative that will look for alternatives to bonding.

Thursday, July 17: President Ian Wishart & GM Yvonne Rideout attended a workshop on the ongoing WTO negotiations that was hosted by Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives. VP Robert McLean attended the CWB's Farm Leaders meeting in Regina.

