

The **KAP Alert**

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Wishart to Speak at World Farm Congress in Poland

Leaders from the [Canadian Federation of Agriculture](#) (CFA) are proud to represent Canada's diverse agriculture sector as delegates at next week's World Congress of the [International Federation of Agricultural Producers](#) (IFAP). With an agenda designed around the theme 'Working together for Profitability, Sustainability and Development,' congress participants will share views and exchange ideas on an array of key issues, including:

- Food security and the shortage of affordable food affecting vulnerable populations
- Climate change and the future of agriculture
- Managing risks related to market volatility
- Investing in agriculture to reduce rural poverty
- The status of WTO negotiations

KAP President Ian Wishart is one of the CFA's delegates to this event, and will be speaking to the Grains & Oilseeds group on the current rise in grain prices, and what it means for Western Canadian farmers and their farming practices.

The congress also marks a major turning point for one of Canada's most respected farm leaders: Jack Wilkinson. Having held the post as IFAP President for nearly 10 years, and served as CFA President for six years, Wilkinson will be stepping down from a much-acclaimed career as a farm leader. Wilkinson has nearly 25 years of working with farm groups—work which has led him through all parts of the world.

Member Benefits Corner: Leasing & EFPs

Leasing has always been a great way to have new equipment without putting out all the cash in the beginning. If your farm is looking at new bins or equipment through the Environmental Farm Plan BMPs, you can choose to lease bins or equipment. This can help cash-flow, since only the first payment is required and you are still eligible for your 30% cost-share.

Members have asked if they can lease and access BMPs, and the answer is yes. Much like if you were purchasing the equipment, it's important to wait until your application has been fully approved before moving ahead with the lease.

Please call if you have any questions in regards to leasing, whether it be for a BMP-eligible item or not. Our member benefits program with National Leasing program offers cash coupons off of your first lease payment. and 0.5% cash rebate off of the total lease cost ! To find our more, call Paula Hartfiel with [National Leasing](#) at 1-866-478-8293, e-mail kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca or go to www.kap.mb.ca/member_benefits.html.

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KAP Activities

Monday, May 26: President Ian Wishart presented information about carbon offset opportunities in agriculture to BDO Dunwoody in Portage la Prairie. GM Yvonne Rideout met with representatives from [Pulse Canada](#) on Bill C-39.

Tuesday, May 27: President Wishart attended a two-day national consultation on [Growing Forward](#) in Winnipeg.

Wednesday, May 28: President Wishart attended the Lake Winnipeg Leaders' Forum in Winnipeg. Communications Officer Lenore Kowalchuk met with the editorial board of *Farming for Tomorrow* magazine to discuss features for their next issue, and also participated in a [CFA](#) conference call on food sovereignty.

Thursday, May 29: President Wishart & VP Rob Brunel met with [PFRA](#) Director General Jamshed Merchant and Jim Tokarchuk to discuss *Growing Forward*, BMPs, and other agri-environmental issues. President Wishart traveled to Warsaw, Poland to speak at the [International Federation of Agricultural Producers'](#) World Congress.

Attention, Young Farmers!

KAP's Young Farmers Committee is offering five registrations for the upcoming Provincial Farm Grazing Tour, which takes place July 23 - 24 in Portage. If you'd like to register as a YFC delegate, please [contact us](#) as soon as possible. If you'd like to keep updated on important news like this, please [subscribe to the YFC newsletter](#).

Clubroot in Canola

Looking for information on clubroot in canola? Go to [clubroot.ca](#) for the latest scoop on the disease, and for links to provincial and other industry information. The site was developed by the [Canola Council of Canada](#) and other partners. It features sections to give a general overview of the disease, how to identify it (and where it's been found), prevention methods, and information on how to manage fields if they become affected.

KAP Klassic Golf Tourney

Don't forget: The deadline to register for the 7th Annual KAP Klassic Golf Tournament is June 10. Pros & duffers alike will enjoy our event, which takes place on June 27 in Portage la Prairie. Follow the link for [complete details](#), or contact [Kathy](#) at the KAP office at 697-1140.

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