



# The KAP Alert

## KAP Brings the Voice of Manitoba's Farmers to the CFA

Keystone Agricultural Producers' Management Team returned from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture's Semi-Annual Meeting in Kelowna, BC., last week with positive results for Manitoba producers.

KAP brought forward four resolutions, which were all passed by the CFA membership. The resolutions focused on drainage, crop insurance, onsite wastewater management, and crops under the Canada Grain Act.

The theme of the meeting was "Restoring Profitability to the Farm Gate." Discussions focused on the crisis in the pork sector, the environment, trade and WTO negotiations, COOL, producer payment security mechanisms, and food safety and traceability.

For more information on the meeting, please see the CFA news release below.

## CFA's Semi-Annual Meeting

*The KAP Alert was not published last week due to the long weekend. We apologize for any inconvenience.*

### Activities

**Tuesday, July 28 to Thursday July 30:** President Ian Wishart, VP Robert McLean, VP Rob Brunel, and GM Yvonne Rideout attended the Canadian Federation of Agriculture Semi-Annual Meeting in Kelowna, B.C.

#### *This week:*

**Tuesday, August 4:** The Executive met at the KAP office.

**Wednesday, August 5:** The Business Risk Management Committee met at the KAP office.

**Thursday, August 6:** VP Robert McLean and Policy Analyst James

## fuels discussion on Restoring Profitability to the Farm Gate

*CFA News Release July 30, 2009*

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture ([CFA](#)) met this week in Kelowna, BC for its 2009 Semi-Annual Meeting. The meeting brought together farm leaders from across Canada, representing all commodities and regions, to discuss issues and challenges, propose workable solutions, and build new partnerships that will strengthen the agriculture industry as a whole. The theme of this year's meeting was "Restoring Profitability to the Farm Gate."

"CFA's Semi-Annual is a time for members to gather midway through the year to re-evaluate priorities and refine strategies," said Laurent Pellerin, CFA President. "In addition to the important work done at the committee level, members heard from a wide variety of speakers and engaged in discussions on key issues affecting the agri-food sector."

One of these key issues is the urgent situation facing the livestock and in particular the hog sector. Members heard from Jurgen Preugschas, CPC chair, on the status of the sector's proposed transition plan and immediate next steps.

Canadian farm leaders were pleased to have the opportunity to hear from the newly elected Steve Thomson, Minister of



Battershill attended a meeting in Holland, MB., regarding the Rathwell rail line.

**Friday, August 7:** President Ian Wishart and Policy Analyst James Battershill met with John Knubley, Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada at the KAP office.

### Other Events

**August 7 - 9:** Winkler (Stanley) Fair

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**August 8:** Teulon Fair

**August 10 - 14:** Canadian Cattlemen's Association national meeting, semi-annual convention, Travelodge Regina, Regina, SK.  
[Website](#)

**August 12:** Organic Field Day, University of Manitoba Glenlea Research Farm, 20 miles south of Winnipeg on Highway 75. View Manitoba's oldest crop rotation study and Canada's oldest organic cropping plots. Contact Joanne Thiessen-Martens at 474-6236.

**August 13 - 14:** Saskatchewan Organic Producers Association Annual Crop Tour, Yorkton, SK. Touring Yorkton area farms as well as Grain Millers Canada facility. For details contact Harvey at 306-746-

Agriculture for British Columbia, and President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Mayor Basil Stewart. CFA members committed to working closely with the FCM in implementing its recently released report, "Wake Up Call: The National Vision and Voice We Need for Rural Canada."

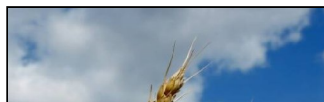
Attendees also engaged in a lively discussion with Roger Larson of the Canadian Fertilizer Institute on competitive pricing and mergers. Larry Ruud made a presentation regarding One Earth Farms, a large corporate farm that will include cattle ranching and grain and oilseed cultivation in the Canadian prairie provinces in partnership with First Nations.

Other highlights included a panel discussion on Climate Change which featured discussions by Dale Enerson, Director of the Carbon Credit Program at NFU, Karen Haugen-Kozyra from Climate Change Central, Emily MacNair, Climate Action Initiative Coordinator from B.C. Agriculture and Food, and Dean Stinson O'Gorman, Manager of Canada's Offset System for Greenhouse Gases for Environment Canada.

CFA members expressed reservations with key components of the government's plan, particularly the 25-year liability requirement for no-till projects and noted by contrast the user-friendly approach of the NFU program in the United States. CFA looks forward to commenting on the government's documents to ensure the carbon offset program works for farmers.

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**August 13 - 15:** Grunthal (Hanover) Fair

**August 15:** Kelwood Fair

**August 14 - 16:** Roblin Fair

**August 17 – 20:** Cattle Age Verification Workshops. Pre-Registration is required. Workshops: August 17 in Neepawa, call 476-7020; August 18 in Hamiota, call 764-3010; August 20 in Russell, call 773-5130.

**September 5:** Dauphin Agricultural Heritage Club Threshing Day. Features binding, stooking, threshing demonstrations, equipment displays, horse competitions, old time music, and food. Phone 638-7632.

**September 11 - 13:** Beausejour Fair & Rodeo

### Member Benefits Corner

It pays to be a KAP member! We are pleased to offer a comprehensive benefits program to our members in addition to the ongoing policy work that we do on your behalf. For more information, please call our Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123 or check out the website [here](#).

and Pulses Committee recently discussed important issues related to licensed facilities and deregistered varieties. The committee decided to provide links to information on both of these for your use.

When delivering your product, do due diligence by checking to ensure that the facility you're delivering to is licensed by the Canadian Grain Commission as required under the Canada Grain Act. Upon licensing, the elevator or grain dealer must provide security to the CGC which is in turn used to compensate producers in the event that they are not paid when they deliver to a licensed company. To view an updated list of licensed facilities, please visit the CGC [website](#).

Please check the CFIA [website](#) if you are unsure if a certain variety is registered in Canada. There is also a link to see what varieties may be on the list for deregistration.

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