



The KAP Alert

March 20, 2009

KAP On the Go

It's been a full week of meetings with government, industry, and media. KAP has been dealing with several important issues including an ecological goods and services program, Bill 7 – Food Safety Act, Bill 2 – Animal Care Act, and the flood outlook for Manitoba.

Members of the management team have been seen around The Leg throughout the week meeting with Premier Gary Doer, Leader of the Official Opposition Hugh McFadyen, and Leader of the Liberal Party Dr. Jon Gerrard.

KAP also attended the 5th Annual Agriculture Awareness Day hosted by Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives.

The March 17 event definitely had a “green” spin to it with St. Patrick's Day sharing the calendar date. In fact, in a speech by Dr. Gerrard, KAP President Ian



Notice: General Council will be held Thursday, April 9 at Canad Inns Portage la Prairie from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The session will feature a presentation from the Canadian Grain Commission on changes to the Canada Grain Act. Observers are welcome.

Activities

Monday, March 16:

President Ian Wishart spoke at an International Institute for Sustainable Development meeting, Policy Analyst James Battershill also attended. The Workplace and Employment Committee met at the KAP office.

Tuesday, March 17:

VP Robert McLean and Executive Member Glenn Young attended The Co-operators regional meeting. President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout met with the Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party Dr. Jon Gerrard. President Wishart and GM Rideout met with Premier Gary Doer. President Wishart, GM Rideout and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended MAFRI Ag

Wishart was saluted for his green focus and the successful development of the ecological goods and services program ALUS.

Photo Above: Agriculture Minister Rosann Wowchuk and Ian Wishart at Agriculture Awareness Day.

KAP representatives were featured in top stories by major news outlets including stories on the flood forecast with Global Winnipeg and The Winnipeg Free Press. President Ian Wishart also appeared on CJOB 68 with Richard Cloutier to talk supply management.

Watch for the KAP Alert next week when provincial issues are in the spotlight with the start of the third session of Manitoba's legislature and a look at the 2009 budget.

Photo Below: Doug Chorney is interviewed by Global TV reporter Jeff Keele.



Spring Road Restrictions

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation has announced the

Awareness Day at the Manitoba Legislative Building. VP Robert McLean presented to the Legislative Committee on Bill 2, The Animal Care Act. Policy Analyst James Battershill also attended the session. President Wishart participated in a panel at the Brandon Chamber of Commerce Provincial Budget Public Forum in Brandon.

Wednesday, March 18:

President Ian Wishart attended The Frontier Centre For Public Policy's Opportunity of the Commons: Agriculture's New Frontier. President Wishart joined the event's guest speaker Dr. Sylvain Charlebois, to discuss supply management on Richard Cloutier Reports with Richard Cloutier on CJOB 68. Executive Member Chuck Fossay attended a Grain Food Safety Workshop. The Environment Committee met at the KAP office. President Wishart, GM Yvonne Rideout and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn met with Hugh McFadyen, Manitoba's Leader of the Official Opposition, and Ralph Eichler, MLA for Lakeside. President Wishart met with the Manitoba Pork Council.

Thursday, March 19:

President Ian Wishart attended the Manitoba Rural Adaptation Council Annual Meeting in Brandon. The Farm Inputs Committee met via conference call.

Friday, March 20:

implementation of Spring Road Restrictions. Special permits to transport grain and livestock while restrictions are in effect are available to producers in areas where potential flooding could affect operations. For more information contact your [MAFRI GO office](#).



The 2009 Spring Road Restrictions will be implemented in Zone 1 effective 6:00 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2009. Spring Road Restrictions will be implemented in Zone 2 effective 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2009. The end date for both zones will be May 31, 2009.

Information regarding Spring Road Restrictions may be obtained by:

- fax (204) 945-6499
- on the Internet at www.gov.mb.ca/mit/srr/index.html
- by calling the Road Information Line at (204) 945-3704, or 1-877-627-6237.

[News Release From the Manitoba Government](#)

Foodies, Techies, and Farmers at The Forks

Manitoba farmers are joining in on the fun at The Forks this

VP Robert McLean, Executive Members Doug Chorney and Sean Gryba, and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended Agriculture in the City at The Forks Market. GM Yvonne Rideout attended a Manitoba Pork Council HR Committee meeting. President Ian Wishart, GM Yvonne Rideout and VP Robert McLean met with Conservation Minister Stan Struthers.

Other Events

March 21: Woodlot Association of Manitoba AGM, 1270 Sturgeon Road, Winnipeg, MB. Call Allan at 467-8648 or email ajwebb@mts.net

March 30 - April 4: Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

April 4: Rare Breeds Canada AGM, Canad Inn, Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

April 11 - 12: Keystone Alpaca Classic, Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

Manitoba Forage and Grassland Strategic Workshop and Manitoba Forage Council Annual Meeting

Wednesday April 8, 2009; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the William Glesby Centre, 11-2nd Street N.E., Portage la Prairie.

weekend for Discover Agriculture in the City, a free event which will invite visitors to taste, touch and see what is happening in agriculture.

Keystone Agricultural Producers will feature a booth staffed by farmers during the agriculture celebration, which runs from March 20 to 22. KAP invites the public to stop by to share a view on the world of agriculture in a brief survey and to enter to win a large model Case IH tractor and other Ag in the City prizes.

Interactive displays and daily presentations on the main stage will keep the whole family entertained with opportunities to learn about where food comes from, and how agriculture is leading development in science, technology and environmental sustainability.

Don't miss The Great Manitoba Food Fight – Forks Edition on Friday at 1 p.m. which will feature new food products being pitched to a panel of judges. Food lovers will also enjoy cooking demonstrations from Winnipeg chefs Saturday and Sunday, ongoing from noon to 4 pm.

Discover Agriculture in the City is organized by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada with Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives, Agriculture in the Classroom, Keystone Agricultural Producers, Manitoba Canola Growers Association and Manitoba Egg Producers.



Would you like to learn more about the issues and opportunities facing the Manitoba forage and grassland sector and provide your input on its future direction?

The Manitoba Forage Council is hoping to gain input from participants representing a broad cross section of the forage and grassland industry.

Ian Wishart, forage producer and KAP President will speak on the “The Future Role of Forage and Grassland in Sustainable Agriculture.”

Registration is FREE. The deadline is March 31, 2009. Lunch will be provided.

Email: mfc@mbforagecouncil.mb.ca
Phone: (204) 726-9393
Fax (204) 726-9703

Growing Forward Information Sessions

Information sessions on the new suite of Business Risk Management Programs, including AgriInvest and AgriStability, are being held in Manitoba. Representatives will also be available to meet with producers for one-on-one consultations.

Representatives will answer questions from producers about AgriInvest and AgriStability, and

For a full list of participating organizations, please visit:

www.agr.gc.ca/aginthecity.

Learn. Explore. Discover!

- New food products
- The secret life of bees
- Live renewable energy demonstrations
- Crops that can improve your health

Come to the Forks Market

March 20 - 22, 2009

Friday: 9:30am – 9:00pm

Saturday and Sunday: 9:30am – 6:30pm

Farm Tractor Roll Over Protective Structure Certification

Some new and used agricultural tractors equipped with roll over protective structures (ROPS) are being offered for sale in Manitoba without verifiable manufacturer's standards that the ROPS has been designed to protect the operator in the



provide tips for completing the 2008 harmonized form.

Locations and dates for Business Risk Management Program Information Sessions and individual appointments are listed below and can also be found by clicking www.agr.gc.ca/agriinvest and www.agr.gc.ca/agristability

Information Sessions:

Ashern: March 23, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Royal Canadian Legion

Dauphin: March 25, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Dauphin Recreation Complex

Pilot Mound: March 31, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Legion Hall

Carman: April 1, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Community Hall

KAP In Net News

Flood expected to cover one million acres

[Winnipeg Free Press](#)

Pre-Budget Talks Draws Large Crowd

[CKX Television](#)

KAP Wants Farmers Involved In Emission Discussion

www.portageonline.com

Wishart returns from his trip to

event the equipment overturns.

Both agricultural equipment dealers and farm operators purchasing equipment without verifiable manufacturing standards are assuming significant liability if the ROPS fail and injury results from a rollover of the equipment. Producers and commodity groups should take note of this issue. [Click here](#) to view an information sheet on this safety risk.

U of M Farmer Opinion Research [Survey](#)

Researchers at the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba are working on a farmer research project, and they need your help.

Dr. Paul Earl and Elliot Sims are conducting research looking into the disappearance of the Prairie Grain Cooperatives from the time that UGG “went private,” selling shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange, until Agricore United was bought by Sask Pool in 2007. They are examining why these changes occurred, and how farmers’ views of the co-ops changed over the last couple of decades.

As part of this effort, they have developed a short web survey to discover farmer's opinions and attitudes towards issues in the Western Canada grain and transportation industry. The



Ottawa

[Central Plains Herald Leader](#)

Take a look at the latest **Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council Newsletter - Field Notes**.

"Finding HR solutions for agriculture across Canada." [CLICK HERE](#).

The [Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council](#) is working to generate greater awareness amongst the agriculture industries, governments, and education institutions of human resource management issues and best practices—and the Council's role in addressing these issues.

survey includes 25 one line multiple choice questions. To answer the survey, [CLICK HERE](#).

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Elliot Sims at 871-2413.

Member Benefits Corner

Last chance! Acklands Grainger 2009 Catalogue Specials

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Catalogue

Catalogue Details

The cover page features a 6 foot Fiberglass Ladder from industry leader Featherlite. This extra heavy duty ladder with a 300 lb. load rating is a great value at under \$100. It's a product that every customer could use in their facility.



Also featured on the cover is the Cutmaster® True Series™ Plasma Cutter from Thermal Dynamics®. This machine is lightweight and powerful and ideal for construction, MRO and fabrication. It is available to customers for purchase or leasing at a great price.

Page 2 features a Walter 29 Piece Drill Bit Set with quick shank design to prevent slippage. This set is ideal for keyless chucks. The SST surface treatment increases lubricity and bit life. It's a great deal at \$110.95!

There are some great tool deals included on page 3. The DeWalt® 14" Chop Saw with 15 amps and 3,800 RPM is available at a price never seen before. The Milwaukee® new lithium ion technology in an 18V Drill with a bonus Impact Driver is available for a super hot \$399.95!

Page 7 offers Compact Fluorescent Lamps at an AWESOME price from General Electric. Customers can help reduce energy costs by incorporating these bulbs into the workplace. Equal to a 60 watt incandescent bulb, these energy star rated bulbs will offer reduced energy costs, long life and also help the environment.

Page 9 features a NEW Arc Flash Protective Clothing Kit from Salisbury. The kit contains arc flash coveralls, protective faceshield unit with hard hat and chin-up, a breathable ribbed knit arc flash hood for 360 degree head protection, and a storage bag for the faceshield. These kits meet NFPA 70E Hazard Risk Category 2.

Page 11 features a 12 Bushel Knockdown Truck from Royal Basket, a NEW Acklands-Grainger vendor. Shipped in knockdown form, this basket truck is handy around many facilities. The heavy duty vinyl liner is removable for cleaning. The tough powder coated frame is durable enough for the toughest areas, and will not peel, chip or rust. Also featured on page 11 are the NEW Dakota Designs® Office Chairs offered exclusively at Acklands-Grainger. The leather construction is durable and fashionable while the high-back offers the most in comfort. It's a must have for any office or shop environment!

Page 12 features the NEW Spill Busters™ Cellulose Spill Control from Can-Ross. This line of products may be used

around all types of production equipment and machinery to contain leaks and drips at their source. The biodegradable fill allows for more disposal options.

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