



# The KAP Alert

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Victoria Inn, Brandon, MB



July 3, 2009

## Attention Farmers

The KAP Grains, Oilseeds, and Pulses Committee met this week in Winnipeg. Two of the many issues discussed were 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.

## Producers Must Benefit from

### Activities

**Monday, June 29:** The Grains, Oilseeds, and Pulses Committee met at the KAP office.

**Thursday, July 2:** President Ian Wishart, VP Robert McLean, GM Yvonne Rideout, and Policy Analyst James Battershill met with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities at the KAP office.

### Other Events

**July 7-10 and 13-17:** Crop Diagnostic School at the Ian N. Morrison Research Farm, Carman, MB. The School is designed to refine the diagnostic skills of agronomists, producers and people involved in field scouting and assessing crop health. A

# Innovation Initiatives

*News Release July 3, 2009*

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) welcomes the federal and provincial announcement regarding Innovation Funding under Growing Forward. The \$39 million investment in initiatives related to technology, methods, and new products is much needed in order for agriculture to advance as an industry.

KAP is pleased that both levels of government are working together to encourage innovation in agriculture, but asks that the programs under the Innovation Fund are designed to ensure the maximum benefit goes back to producers.

"We're encouraged that the governments of Canada and Manitoba are moving ahead with Growing Forward, but it's important that producers benefit from the dollars spent to promote the industry," said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

The fund includes an Industry Innovation Suite focused on helping farmers and others develop new products and processes through the Agri-Food Research and Development Initiative (ARDI) and other programs. It also includes a Strategic Innovation Suite which offers a program to help form business alliances to take advantage of opportunities. The suite will also support research at the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute (PAMI).

While the announcement is another tool in the toolbox for producers, there are challenges facing many sectors of the industry that need immediate attention.

"These programs could provide some excellent opportunities when the

total of 6 CCA credits are available. Registration fee is \$160 per person. To register call 745-5663. [Website](#)

**July 8:** Soils Tour in Southwest Manitoba - Every year the Manitoba Soil Science Society Inc. (MSSS) holds a one-day bus tour in a designated area, stopping at several sites to examine the soils and discuss formation, uses, challenges, and limitations of those particular soils. The 2009 tour of southwestern Manitoba offers an exciting opportunity for the MSSS to join with the Soil Conservation Council of Canada (SCCC) to host the event. Highlights of the tour include the Manitoba Zero-Tillage Research Association farm north of Brandon, potato production on sandy soils near Shilo, nutrient and water management challenges near Carberry, and research projects at the Canada-Manitoba Crop Diversification Centre at Portage. Buses leave at 7:45 a.m. from The Forks

rough economic times of some sectors are behind us," said Wishart.

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1-866-367-3276 [www.ruralstress.ca](http://www.ruralstress.ca)



## Member Benefits Corner

Summer is here and like many Manitobans, you may be thinking of taking a trip outside of the province. Before you go, you should answer these questions: Do you have proper travel coverage?



Are you covered for an emergency ambulance ride in Manitoba? Emergency ambulance service in Manitoba and most other provinces are not covered under a provincial health program and is a user pay system.

Even with government covered health services, problems can arise. Although Manitoba has agreements with all Canadian provinces (except Quebec) to allow physicians to bill your provincial health plan, some physicians choose to bill you directly which causes an immediate out of pocket expense. In addition, there may medical costs that are not covered in Manitoba, or the medical service in another province may be at a higher cost than the same service in Manitoba. This can be a problem as Manitoba will only reimburse you for the standard rate for the same medical service in Manitoba.

In addition, another problem that can easily



in Winnipeg, with a pick-up stop in Portage at 9:00 a.m. Brandon area participants can join in at the farm directly. For more information and registration forms, visit the MSSS [website](#).

**July 13-16:** Canadian Special Crops Association annual convention, The Fairmont Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB. [Website](#)

**July 15:** Manitoba holistic management summer pasture tour for managers and clubs. Call Jo-Lene at 825-3512.

Upcoming AgriStability Deadlines  
From [www.agr.gc.ca](http://www.agr.gc.ca)

AgriStability Program [Link](#)

### September 30, 2009

\* Deadline to submit the 2008 AgriStability/AgriInvest Harmonized Form without penalty.

### December 31, 2009

\* Deadline to submit the 2008

occur is when a person says they are going to another place in Canada but will be driving through the U.S. for a couple of hours, a day, or sometimes longer. This is a huge risk due to the high costs of medical costs in the U.S.

To make things simple for members, KAP and The Co-operators have designed the "Core Plan". The Core Plan provides for:

- Out-of-Province 100% emergency worldwide travel coverage with multiple trips and any one trip being a maximum of 30 days.
- In-Province 100% coverage for ambulance (ground and air) as well as semi-private hospital coverage.
- Anywhere in the world, your family has access to the world services of Best Doctors, which is affiliated with Harvard Medical School. For information on this program [click here](#).

This plan starts at \$126/year for a single person under age 50. The plan is a guaranteed issue and does not have any medical questions. Simply apply and you are covered starting the first day of the month following receipt of your fully completed application.

Once enrolled, coverage does not terminate until age 70. However, you must enroll prior to age 65. Examples of prices, for ages 50 to 59, for both smokers and non-smokers is single (\$132/year), couples (\$231/year) and family (\$276/year). This is less than 1/3 of the cost of 1 ambulance ride!

For more information [\[click here\]](#).

## Benefits Reminder

Until the end of June, KAP members can take advantage of 0% interest under the new PAT/Inc./Trimble EZ Lease program for new equipment

AgriStability/AgriInvest Harmonized Form with penalty.

\*\*If you miss the September 30, 2009 deadline, you can still submit the form until December 31, 2009 with a \$500/month reduction to your payment.

### **2010 AgriStability Deadlines**

#### **March 31, 2010**

\* 2009 Interim Payment Application deadline.

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over \$3,000. The program allows KAP members to repay the cost of their new equipment in three equal semi-annual payments and enjoy 0% interest.

The program applies to these Trimble® Agriculture equipment in Manitoba:

- AgGPS EZ-Guide 250 and 500 lightbar guidance systems
- AgGPS EZ-Boom® System and AgGPS 332 receivers
- EZ-Products and AgGPS receiver accessories and cables

For a complete list of conditions and eligibility [[click here](#)] or call toll free 1-866-531-2887.

For all other Member Benefits [[click here](#)], call 1-866-527-0123 or [email](#).

## **Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards**

Celebrate sustainability champions and share their success stories!

To recognize Manitobans who embrace the spirit and principles of sustainable development, the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development established the Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards. The Awards recognize and honour people, projects, and ideas that successfully apply the Principles and Guidelines of Sustainable Development into concrete and lasting achievements.

Applications and nominations are being accepted for the 2009 Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards until Friday, July 10, 2009.

Submit an Application or  
Nomination [here](#).

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