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The KAP Alert

January 15, 2010

KAP at Manitoba Ag Days

Meet Keystone Agricultural Producers representatives at the 33rd edition of **Manitoba Ag Days**, January 19-21, 2010 at the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

Over 30,000 farmers attend the show annually, with visitors from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and North Dakota.



Ag Days offers around 500 agricultural exhibits, the Inventor's Showcase, seminars, and more. Topics on the program for this year include: Agri-Energy, Crop and Livestock Outlook, Economic Outlook, Machinery, Organics, Agronomy and Fertility, Farm Women's Business, Taxes and Finance, and forages and special crops.

Stop by to learn about



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KAP Membership

Membership renewals for 2010 have been sent out and we encourage members to pay. You may now pay using a credit card on the KAP website using

[PayPal](#)

Looking for your EFP Certificate?

If you are a producer who has misplaced your Environmental Farm Plan Statement of Completion and you need another copy, please contact Christine at KAP at 697-1140 or kap@kap.mb.ca.

Activities

Monday, January 11: GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a Canadian Agricultural Safety Week Launch Committee conference call.

KAP's **Member Benefits** Program and chat with Dennis Petaski, Director, Member Benefits and Services at STRATA Benefits Consulting Inc.

Visit the KAP booth in the **UCT Pavilion** booths 218 & 219. Hours are 9:00 to 5:00 daily and admission and parking are free at the Keystone Centre. **Manitoba Ag Days** – where the ag year begins!

KAP is proud to partner with Agriculture in the Classroom as one of the participating booths for the Amazing Agriculture Race!



Young Farmer Lunch at Manitoba Ag Days

The Keystone Agricultural Producers Young Farmers Committee hosts this annual event to bring together young



farmers for networking and an opportunity to hear about what KAP and the YFC is doing for producers.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Agri-Marketing Centre in the Upper City Square of the Keystone Centre (near the junction of the two Main Streets across from the main entrance to the UCT Pavilion).

LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN ATTEND!

Tuesday, January 12: President Ian Wishart, GM Yvonne Rideout, and Policy Analyst James Battershill met with Hon. Steve Ashton, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation.

Wednesday, January 13: VP Rob Brunel, GM Yvonne Rideout, and Policy Analyst James Battershill participated in an Environment Committee conference call.

Thursday, January 14: President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout met with Candice Hoepfner, MP for Portage-Lisgar. President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout attended a business risk management consultation hosted by Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Stan Struthers, and Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives.

Friday, January 15: GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a Canadian Agricultural Safety Week Launch Committee conference call.

Events

January 19 - 21, 2010: Manitoba Ag Days, Keystone Centre, Brandon. [Website](#)

Attention Farmers: Budget 2010 Consultations

The Manitoba government is seeking your input. These pre-budget consultations will give producers and all Manitobans the chance to provide input on what should be covered in the budget.



KAP encourages producers to attend one of the following sessions:

January 19: Seine River Banquet Hall, 80 Arena Rd., Ste. Anne (bilingual presentation) at 7 p.m.

January 20: Caribbean Cultural Centre, 1100 Fife St., Winnipeg at 7 p.m.

January 21: Bronx Park Community Club, 720 Henderson Hwy., Winnipeg at 7 p.m.

January 25: Salon A, Keystone Centre, Brandon at 9:30 a.m.

January 25: Portuguese Cultural Centre, 659 Young St., Winnipeg at 7 p.m.

January 26: Holy Eucharist Parish Hall, 500 Pacific Ave., Selkirk at 7 p.m.

January 29: The Golden Agers Club, The Kin Centre, 324 Ross

January 19: Keystone Agricultural Producers Young Farmers Committee Free Lunch at Ag Days, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Agri-Marketing Centre in the Upper City Square of the Keystone Centre (near the junction of the two Main Streets across from the main entrance to the UCT Pavilion), Brandon. [Facebook group](#)

January 19 - 22: Banff Pork Seminar, Banff, AB. [Website](#)

January 20: CWB Breakfast at Manitoba Ag Days, 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., Brandon Curling Club (Upper Lounge), 75-18th St., Brandon. Join your CWB farm business reps for breakfast at Manitoba Ag Days. Bruce Burnett, CWB director of weather and market analysis, will provide a market and weather outlook for 2010. No tickets required. [Website](#)

January 20: Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Seminar Series, "Feeding Strategies for Healthy Cows," with Dr. Kees Plaizier, Department of Animal Science. Seminar at 3:30 p.m. in the Carolyn Sifton Lecture Theatre, 130 Agriculture Building, UofM, Winnipeg. Call 474-6026 for info.

Ave., The Pas at 1:30 p.m.

January 29: Legion Room, Veterans Community Hall, 119 Sixth Ave. North, Swan River at 7 p.m.

Share your view on the budget by emailing minfin@leg.gov.mb.ca or send a letter to the Minister of Finance at Budget Consultations, Room 103, Legislative Building, 450 Broadway, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8.

KAP Annual Meeting

January 27 - 29, 2010

The Annual Meeting is being held at the Delta Winnipeg. For more information or to register, please contact us at (204) 697-1140 or kap@kap.mb.ca.

Important Hotel Reservation Information

Book Your Hotel Room Today!

KAP's Annual Meeting will be held at the Delta Winnipeg. We ask delegates to book their rooms immediately as the rooms in the block won't last long. Call toll free 1-888-890-3222 or register online.



Young Farmers Committee Annual Meeting

January 28, 2010

February 3, 2010: Canadian Farm Business Management Council Value Plus Workshop, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Roblin Community Centre. *This one day workshop covers the full How2 gambit and process of identifying value added ideas through to their validation in the marketplace. Participants learn how to brainstorm for new ideas, how to develop them and then how to test them with the target market. The workshop also explores over a dozen case studies of real farm businesses that have found new ways to increase the value for their farm operations moving them to new levels of success.* Contact Annette Allen at Annette.allen@gov.mb.ca or 204-937-7030 for more information. [Website](#)

February 3 - 4: Manitoba Swine Seminar, Victoria Inn, Winnipeg. The 2010 Manitoba Swine Seminar will focus on "sharing ideas and information for efficient pork production." Some of the highlights are: maximizing sow longevity, farrowing management, myths and misconceptions regarding nutrition, the national swine traceability program PigTrace and the development of the Australian pig industry. [Website](#)

Keystone Agricultural Producers' Young Farmers Committee is gearing up for its annual meeting in conjunction with KAP's, and we invite all young farmers to join us for this exciting event.



There is no cost for registration for young farmers (under 40) which includes meals and a banquet ticket (accommodations are the individual's responsibility).

Please contact Kristen for more information at communications@kap.mb.ca.

Ship Grain by Rail? Federal Rail Freight Service Review

KAP is preparing a submission for the Federal Rail Freight Service Review and we would like input from members. The service review submissions are intended to identify the nature and extent of service issues with CN and CP.



We are also being encouraged to offer recommendations for possible solutions to the ongoing issues. While it is typically the elevator that deals with the railways directly, KAP wants to hear

- [Registration Form](#)
- [Brochure](#)

February 10 - 11: Manitoba Special Crops Symposium, Winnipeg Convention Centre, Winnipeg. Featuring speakers on corn, sunflowers, edible beans and soybeans, a tradeshow and 2010 Annual General Meetings for MCGA, NSAC, and MPGA. [Website](#)

February 25 – 27: The 9th Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference, Patterns of Change: Learning From Our Past To Manage Our Present And Conserve Our Future, Winnipeg Convention Centre, Winnipeg. One of the most important gatherings devoted to landscape and wildlife conservation in western Canada. The conference will bring together decision-makers, researchers and community and grass-roots groups along with farmers, ranchers, Aboriginal groups and other private citizens who have an abiding interest in sustaining prairie land, water, plants and animals. [Website](#)

April 16-18: Equine Educational Weekend Horse3 (Head*Heart*Hooves), Keystone Centre, Brandon. [Website](#)

two things from producers:

1. How have issues at the elevator with poor rail service (cars not arriving on time, not being delivered on time, not being properly maintained) affected your business as a farmer? Any specific examples are welcome.
2. For any producers who have shipped producer cars in the past three years, what issues have you come across in dealing directly with the railways?

Please get in touch with James Battershill ASAP at the KAP office either by phone at 697-1140 or by email policy@kap.mb.ca.

KAP Hits the Airwaves

Tune in to news for and about farmers from Keystone Agricultural Producers. It's called the **KAP Minute** and you can hear it every Thursday on 3 stations in Manitoba!

CFAM
Radio 950

CFAM Radio 950 Community Service Radio in Altona
[Listen](#) at 12:56 p.m.

CFRY
920 AM 93.1 FM

CFRY 920AM and 93.1FM Real Country Radio in Portage La Prairie
[Listen](#) at 12:48 p.m.

CKLQ
880

880 CKLQ Today's Best Country in Brandon
[Listen](#) at 12:28 p.m.

Check out these upcoming Value Chain Manitoba Events!

Module 4: Partnering & Collaboration: How to Approach Retailers
January 28, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Various rural video conference locations available.

Module 5: Understanding Category Management
February 18, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Various rural video conference locations available.

Module 6: Product Development: Are You Market Ready?
March 18, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Various rural video conference locations available.

Registration is free for all workshops. For more information or to download a registration form visit www.valuechainmb.ca or call 1-800-216-9767.

KAP in Net News

Province must adapt to weather

Member Benefits Corner Visit Us at Ag Days!

Interested in the NEW Private Health Services Program?

Stop by the KAP booth and find out how the new PHSP program can help you!

It is not an insurance program, but a special allowance in the Income Tax Act. If you pay income tax, a PHSP program will save you more than the traditional Medical Expense Tax Credit.



Directors of a Farm Corporation can use the program to reimburse themselves for personal medical expenses--tax free--through the program. Overall savings for a farmer in a 35% personal tax bracket would be almost \$400 on \$1,000 of medical expenses!

Stop by and receive a full information package! Or, call Karley Middleton at 1-866-996-7477 or email kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca.

Have a loved one that lives alone and/or is medically challenged who should have a medical alert

extremes: report
[Winnipeg Free Press](#)

KAP President Looks At 2009
[PortageOnline.com](#)

system?

Stop by the booth and we'll show you a live unit and demonstration of the new safe 24/7 monitoring program that includes a waterproof emergency



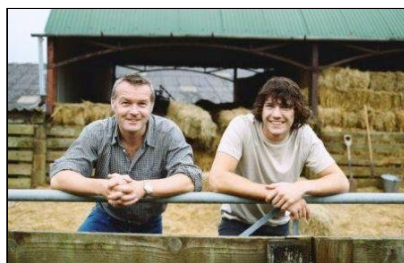
button, on a watch or pendant, which can be pressed in the event of a medical emergency such as a fall or other crippling event.

When pressed, there is an immediate response (within seconds) and calls are set-up based on your personal customization. Stop by and see how it works! Or for info call Annie Gladu at 1-877-387-4730 or email kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca.



Is Your Farm Estate Plan Up-to-Date?

Stop by the booth and find out how the KAP Member Benefits Program works. There is a Free Farm Estate DVD available to you. You can order your free DVD by calling 1-866-787-2826, or email kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca.



For information on any of our benefits programs, call our Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123, or go to our [website](#), or [email](#) us.

By participating in these programs, KAP members provide further strength to KAP by improving its benefits programs for farmers.

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