



The KAP Alert

November 13, 2009

Attend Your KAP District Meeting

Please join us at these producer meetings to talk about what's important to YOUR operation! For more information, call the KAP office at 697-1140. All producers are welcome.



RESCHEDULED District 3 Annual Meeting

**NEW DATE Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009
1:30 p.m.**

University of Manitoba Carman Facility
Carman, MB.

District 5 Annual Meeting

Monday, Nov. 23, 2009 7:30 p.m.
Garson Community Hall
Garson, MB.

Guest Speaker: Dennis Petaski of STRATA on KAP Member Benefits

District 6 Annual Meeting

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KAP Membership

Membership renewals for 2009 have been sent out and we encourage members to pre-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, November 9:
President Ian Wishart

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Portage Fair Board Office
Portage la Prairie, MB.

District 8 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009 7:30 p.m.
Binscarth Drop-In Centre
Binscarth, MB.

District 9 Annual Meeting

Monday, Nov. 16, 2009 7:30 p.m.
Minnedosa Ukrainian Hall
Minnedosa, MB.

District 10 Annual Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009 7:30 p.m.
Arborg Senior Citizens Club
Arborg, MB.

District 11 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009 7:30 p.m.
Gilbert Plains Legion
Gilbert Plains, MB.

District 12 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009 12:30 p.m.
Westwood Inn
Swan River, MB.



Hog Farm Transition Program

attended the Lake Manitoba Stewardship Board meeting in Portage. GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a Prairie Farm Leaders General Manager's conference call. President Ian Wishart, VP Robert McLean and Policy Analyst James Battershill attended the District 2 annual meeting in Mariapolis.

Tuesday, November 10:

VP Robert McLean and Policy Analyst James Battershill attended the 2009 Farm Safety and Health Seminar in Morden. GM Yvonne Rideout attended the Buy Local meeting. President Ian Wishart, VP Robert McLean and Policy Analyst James Battershill attended the District 1 annual meeting in Deloraine.

Wednesday to Friday:

Executive Member and Workplace and Employment Committee Chair Doug Chorney attended the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association 2009 conference and AGM in Fredericton, NB.

PRODUCERS: A hotline has been set up to provide assistance for the Hog Farm Transition Program at 1-888-368-4023. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time.



Email: hftp@welchllp.com
Fax: 1-888-334-6618

PROGRAM INFO

DEADLINE TO ORDER DECEMBER 1, 2009!

Pre-Order Your KAP History Book Today!

Twenty-five Years as the Voice of Manitoba Farmers

Own a piece of Manitoba's agricultural history! KAP's History Book provides a great way to commemorate a milestone in the



history of the policy organization built by and for Manitoba farmers. More than a collection of facts and photos, this book brings farm policy

Thursday, November 12:

President Ian Wishart and Policy Analyst James Battershill attended a Growing Forward Food Safety Cattle Steering Committee meeting.

Friday, November 13:

President Ian Wishart, VP Robert McLean, and GM Yvonne Rideout attended the District 4 annual meeting in Steinbach.

Events

November 17 - 18:

Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance convention, Winnipeg. [Website](#)

November 21:

Public Forum on Interlake farming issues with Manitoba Liberal Leader Jon Gerrard, 1:00 p.m., Arborg Senior's Centre Club Hall, 444 Recreation Centre Rd, Arborg. For more information please call (204) 988-9380.

November 21 - 28:

Canadian Western Agribition, Regina, SK. [Website](#)

November 30, December

1 - 2: 2009 Manitoba

to life through the stories of KAP members and leaders spanning a quarter-century in our province.

Pre-Sales Offer: Pre-order this soft-cover book for \$25 (includes shipping).

****SPECIAL OFFER**** Manitoba producers are invited to list their name or farm name in the book as supporters of KAP. Include your name in KAP's History Book for \$75 (includes one copy of the book shipped straight to you).

KAP also welcomes ***corporate sponsors*** to partner with us as we present KAP's history.

Sponsorship Levels

\$2500+

Your company name will be featured on the acknowledgement page at the beginning of the book along with your company logo. Your company name will also appear at the back of the book on our sponsorship page.

\$1000 – \$2499

Your company name and small logo will appear on our sponsorship page at the back of the book.

\$500 – \$999

Your company name will be acknowledged on our sponsorship page at the back of the book.

For more information, please contact KAP at 697-1140 or kap@kap.mb.ca.

Grazing School "On the Cutting Edge," Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

December 2: KAP's 6th Annual Farmer Appreciation Day.

December 7 - 9: The 34th Manitoba Conservation Districts Association Convention and Tradeshow, Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB. Theme: "Our Environment: The Co\$t of Doing Nothing" with a kick off on Monday evening at the Tradeshow Reception. [Website](#)

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

The Value Chain Manitoba Initiative Workshop for Producers, Processors, Retailers and Restaurateurs

November 19, 2009:
Learn how to identify

Member Benefits Corner

More savings on your parts and tool supplies just by being a KAP member!

Need some harvest parts? Remember that KAP members receive discounts from **Acklands Grainger**. And now with their new stores in Steinbach and Winkler, **Acklands Grainger** has 14 locations in Manitoba.



To download a pdf of the November specials [click here](#), or call a branch and ask for group code 253321 (or "the KAP Discount"). To view the special online [click here](#).

Contact a branch today:

Brandon 727-3301
Dauphin 638-4811
Flin Flon 687-3451
Portage la Prairie 856-2400
Selkirk 482-6158
Steinbach 326-9009
Swan River 734-3481
The Pas 623-6451
Thompson 677-4561
Winkler 325-0007
Winnipeg (17 Terracon Place) 944-7777
Winnipeg (1075 Keewatin St.) 944-3808
Winnipeg (199 St. James St.) 944-3850
Winnipeg (19 Scurfield Blvd.) 944-3811

market opportunities and position your product for success at this upcoming Value Chain Manitoba Initiative (VCMI) workshop. VCMI will host **Module 3: Market Intelligence: Gathering and Planning for New Product Introductions**.

If you're planning to enter the food industry, or are already part of the industry and looking to partner with others, *you'll want to attend this workshop*.

Agricultural producers are hungry for ways to increase profits. Retailers and foodservice providers are looking for ways to differentiate themselves. Forming a value chain can be the solution to both of these challenges.

Module 3 will assist producers, entrepreneurs, food processors and business development teams to:

- better understand the marketplace,
- identify product and market opportunities,
- create successful product positioning, and

Benefits Reminder!

Farm Estate Planning Webinar

Monday December 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Enroll now! You will “see and hear” professional presentations by Meyers Norris Penny, Daystar Financial and The Wealth Planning Group, all in the comfort of your own home. We have also made arrangements for members on dial-up.

To register online, please [\[Click Here\]](#) or to register and/or receive more information, please call 1-866-787-2826 or email kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca. Once registered you will receive information confirming the webinar process--it's easy!

For more information on other benefit programs, please call our Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123, or go to our [website](#).



How much of your food is actually Canadian? Watch this video!

- learn how to work collaboratively to achieve greater success.

This workshop, facilitated by experienced food industry consultants, will be hosted at the Urban GO/MFPA office, Unit #13 – 59 Scurfield Blvd., in Winnipeg and offered at **rural video conference locations** across Manitoba including: Beausejour, Brandon, Carberry, Carman, Dauphin, Gladstone, Hamiota, Melita, Portage la Prairie, Russell, Somerset, Souris, Steinbach, Swan River, Teulon, The Pas, and Virden.

All locations, as well as registration forms, can be found on the VCMI website at www.valuechainmb.ca. Please indicate your preferred video conference location on your registration form. Fax your completed registration form to the MRAC office at 982.4794 *by Friday, Nov. 13.*

This free workshop is being offered by the VCMI team (comprised of staff from the Manitoba Rural

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Adaptation Council and Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives) and lunch is not provided.

Note: This workshop is Module 3 of the Canadian Value Chain Network series. It's not necessary to have taken Modules 1 and 2 to attend Module 3; each module stands independent from the others.

Reminder: Send in your Harvest Sample program envelopes!

Due to this year's delayed harvest, the Canadian Grain Commission is extending its deadline for the Harvest Sample program to **December 1, 2009**.

The Canadian Grain Commission's Harvest Sample program needs you to fill the postage-paid sample envelope (you may have received one in the mail) with grain from this year's crop, fill out information about the

sample on each envelope,
and mail the envelopes
back to them.

The Canadian Grain
Commission uses the
samples to create
information for the year's
Harvest Survey and crop
quality for the current year.
Producer samples are also
used to create composite
samples to make
Canadian Grain
Commission tests more
accurate.

For more information
please call 1-800-853-
6705.

Attention Canadian Organic Growers

The Organic Food Council
of Manitoba and the
Manitoba Farm Mentorship
program invite you to
attend the following three
workshops:

November 16 & 17:
Understanding the New
Organic Regime for Crop
and Livestock Producers
will be held in Brandon,

MB as part of the Eastern Prairie Organic Trade Show from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm at the Victoria Inn. You will learn about the new Organic Products Regulations, recent changes to the Canadian Organic Standards and what these changes mean for your crop rotation. The November 17th afternoon workshop will focus on the same topics as they apply to livestock producers. Registration includes course binder.

November 16: Crop Planning for the Vegetable Grower will take place from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Grandview Room (Room 534) at the University of Manitoba, Fort Garry Campus, Winnipeg. In this all-day workshop, experienced market gardener Daniel Brisebois will focus on how to create field and greenhouse planting schedules, how to order seeds so you can meet your financial goals and how to make and adapt your crop plan. An essential workshop for anyone thinking of starting

or currently running a market garden! Workshop fee includes lunch and a coupon for a free copy of COG's book Crop Planning for the Organic Vegetable Grower.

Pre-registration is necessary. To register or for more information, please call 1-888-375-7383 or register online at the Canadian Organic Growers [website](#).

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