

APAS in Action • January 2018

POLICY PRIORITIES FOR AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

APAS will be holding a one-day policy conference in Saskatoon on Tuesday, March 27. The agenda is still being finalized, but will feature experts speaking to topics selected by each of APAS' five policy committees. Full agenda and registration information will be available at www.APAS.ca.

Policy Priorities for Agriculture Conference



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Saskatoon Inn and Conference Centre

Experts and panels addressing important issues in agriculture in the areas of livestock, land and environment, young producers, grains and oilseeds, and economic trade and strategic growth.

SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS' VOICE - WINTER 2018 EDITION

The latest issue of Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice is out. It is available in the January 25th edition of the Western Producer and online at: <http://www.apas.ca/saskatchewan-farmers-voice>.

This edition features an in-depth look at the issue of access to farmland, a profile of APAS Associate Member ALUS, details from the 2017 APAS AGM, a look at the lessons learned from the October 17th wildfires and a profile of APAS Rep Danny Ottenbreit and his father Ivan, and their experience with the succession process!



FOOD EVOLUTION SCREENING

APAS is holding a free screening of the documentary 'Food Evolution' on Canada's Ag Day.

Tuesday, February 13, 2018. 5:30-7:30 PM
Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Regina
Reception to follow. Seating is available on a first come, first served basis.



FARM INPUT PRICE SURVEY

APAS is undertaking a project on price transparency in farm input markets. A key component of this project is a feasibility study examining the potential for a new, online database that producers can access to view average, up to date prices for key farm inputs. Part of this study is an online survey of Saskatchewan producers, which takes about five minutes to complete and can be found [here](#).

If you haven't already, please take the online survey and circulate the link to other Saskatchewan producers.

SASK AG DISCUSSION FORUM

APAS was very proud to partner on the Saskatchewan Ag Discussion forum, which brought together all five Sask Party leadership candidates in Regina on January 3. For two and a half hours, the candidates answered questions about their positions on numerous agricultural issues. Thank you to the candidates for participating, all who attended and everyone who was involved in organizing this event!



MEETING ATTENDANCE

January has been an extremely busy month for both internal and external meetings and events.

- The following APAS committees met:
- Grains and Oilseeds
 - Economic Trade and Strategic Growth
 - Livestock
 - Finance (Audit review)
 - Land and Environment

The Board and many of the Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program Mentees also met in Regina to review governance procedures.

- APAS sent representatives to:
- The Saskatchewan Beef Industry Conference
 - The Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association Conference
 - Western Crop Production Show
 - Saskatchewan Water Board
 - Ag Days in Brandon
 - The Co-operators winter meeting
 - Competition Bureau
 - KAP AGM - attended by APAS Vice Presidents Ian Boxall and James Vogt
 - Prairie Water Council
 - APAS President Todd Lewis participated in the Prairie Leaders Panel at the Alberta Federation of Agriculture's AGM

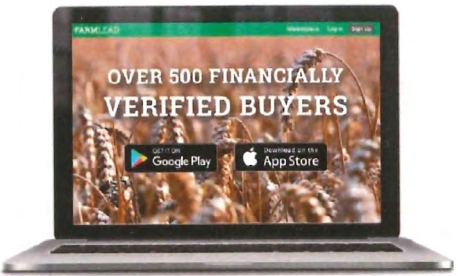
The Mentees as well as APAS staff travelled to Winnipeg to participate in CIGI's Combine to Customer program.

FARMLEAD PARTNERSHIP

FarmLead is partnering with APAS to support the APAS Youth Leadership and Mentorship program. For every farmer who registers their free FarmLead account at FarmLead.com using the referral code "APAS," FarmLead will make a \$25 donation to the Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program.

TO GROWTH

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NEW MEMBER RMS

Welcome to the RMs of Sarnia #221, Loreburn #254 and Biggar #347! Thank you for joining Saskatchewan's general farm organization.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Dustin Hoft is a new face around the APAS office. Dustin is taking over as researcher on the APAS Green Infrastructure Project after Nick Gibb departed in December for a permanent job opportunity. Dustin is from Winnipeg, holds a degree in Geography and is working towards his masters in Science in Integrated Water Resource Management. Dustin can be reached at dhofth@apas.ca.



COMBINE TO CUSTOMER

The Canadian International Grains Institute in Winnipeg is looking for active wheat growers to attend their Combine to Customer program in February or March.

Combine to Customer looks at the evolving grain industry in Western Canada and includes a number of senior level speakers who provide insight into where the grain industry is heading and what needs to be done to stay competitive and meet the ever-changing requirements of domestic and international grain buyers. To learn more about the program, click [here](#).

Cigi will pay all costs for each participant attending the program (flights, hotels, meals, airport transfers). Cigi will also coordinate all travel and other arrangements.

For more information, contact the [APAS office](#).

THE CO-OPERATORS EVENT



You're invited to

The Co-operators 2018 Farmers and Truckers Industry Event

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Hosted by the Yorkton Agency at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 240 Wellington Avenue, Yorkton SK.

Free to attend, refreshments provided, all ages welcome.

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Registration
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Mix, mingle and visit trade show booths
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Main stage presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lori Jasper, The Co-operators: "Did you know?"• Norm Hall, APAS: Introduction to APAS - "What's in it for you?"
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Supper served
7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Presentation of Pulling It All Together (Future Success Plan)
7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Questions and wrap up
8:00 p.m.	Safe travels home

Respond to Lori Jasper by **Jan. 19, 2018** with name and number of guests attending:

Lori_Jasper@cooperators.ca (306) 782-2486



Prize draws throughout the evening



APAS IN THE NEWS

- ['No carbon tax on Saskatchewan's climate change agenda'](#) - Farms.com
- ['Rural groups say expansion of PDAP in wake of wildfire doesn't go far enough'](#) - Regina Leader-Post
- ['Concern grows among farmers as railway bill unlikely to clear senate this year'](#) - Saskatoon StarPhoenix
- ['Risk management program review moving at snail's pace'](#) - Western Producer
- ['APAS gains respect along with staff, membership'](#) - Western Producer
- ['FarmLead and APAS setting up charitable partnership'](#) - Swift Current Online
- ['APAS president says 2017 was another successful year'](#) - Farms.com
- ['Agriculture the focus for Sask Party leadership candidates in Regina'](#) - Swift Current Online
- ['Tough questions for producer checkoffs'](#) - Western Producer
- ['Agrim, Potash Corp merger shouldn't have much of an impact yet'](#) - Grainews
- ['Film takes scientific approach to GMOs'](#) - Western Producer
- ['Marijuana could be a cash crop in Saskatchewan'](#) - Farms.com
- ['Federal carbon tax bring rebates to Sask. but at a price'](#) - Global Regina
- ['Problems Canadian agriculture faces if US pulls out of NAFTA'](#) - Saskatchewan Afternoon

UPCOMING DATES

- APAS Board Meeting - February 5 and 6, Regina
- The Co-operators Yorkton 'Farmers and Truckers Industry Event' - February 6, Yorkton
- APAS YAP committee meeting - February 13, Regina
- Canada's Ag Day - February 13
- 'Food Evolution' documentary screening - February 13, Regina
- APAS office closed, Family Day - February 19
- CFA AGM - February 25 - March 2, Ottawa
- Canadian Ag Safety Week - March 11-17
- APAS Policy Priorities for Agriculture conference - March 27, Saskatoon
- APAS office closed, Easter Monday - April 2

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If you have questions about or wish to comment on anything you read in APAS in Action, please feel free to contact the APAS office at info@apas.ca or (306) 789-7774.