

APAS ASSISTING WITH PROPANE SHORTAGE

Cool wet conditions have led to an urgent need for grain drying, leading to a surge in demand for propane. APAS has contacted the Canadian Propane Association to look at ways of speeding up propane deliveries to producers. If you know of shortages or supply issues in your area, please email us at info@apas.ca with the location, supplier, and length of time for delivery. This will help the Propane Association in their efforts.

LIVESTOCK LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

The provincial Livestock Loan Guarantee Program has been discontinued. Concerned producers have been contacting the APAS office. If you also have concerns, please contact Policy Manager Donovan Howden at dhowden@apas.ca.

TRESPASS LEGISLATION REVIEW

APAS welcomes the Saskatchewan government's review of provincial civil trespass legislation. The [APAS submission](#) highlighted landowners' need for greater control over who can access their land, for a number of reasons:

- The potential spread of soil borne diseases and pathogens and infectious diseases of animals
- The potential spread of invasive weeds
- Damage to agricultural property and harm to livestock by hunters and recreational users
- Illegal disposal of waste on agricultural or municipal land
- Potential risk of fire associated with unpermitted access and vehicle entry

NAFTA-USCMA TRADE AGREEMENT

Canada agreed to the terms of a new North American trade agreement on October 1. Full text of the agreement is available [HERE](#). APAS and other farm organizations are still combing through the agreement to assess its potential impact on the agricultural sector.

STRYCHNINE

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency is re-evaluating the use of Strychnine. [APAS is partnering with other Saskatchewan farm organizations to ask for an extension of the review period](#). APAS is working through the PMRA evaluation process to ensure that producers will still be able to access Strychnine as an emergency control method for gopher populations.

LIVESTOCK TAX DEFERRAL

The federal government has announced the list of areas that qualify for a livestock tax deferral. That list can be found [HERE](#). APAS has [asked the federal government to make the livestock tax deferral program available to all Saskatchewan producers](#), in light of the [drought conditions that have persisted for a second year](#).

OTHER CONSULTATIONS

- [Animal Health Act, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture](#)
- [Statement of Provincial Interest Regulations, Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations](#)
- [Collaborative Forward Planning, Transport Canada](#)
- [Regulatory Modernization, Canadian Transportation Agency](#)

MENTAL HEALTH

Earlier this month, Megz Reynolds, APAS Representative for RM #228 Lacadena, spoke to the House of Commons AGRI-Committee about the mental health challenges that she and other producers are currently living with. Watch her five-minute presentation [HERE](#).

If you are struggling, please reach out. The Farm Stress Line is available 24/7 at 1-800-667-4442.

MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS

Do you know a champion of mental health in Canadian Ag? Nominations are now open for the Bridgid Rivoire Award for Champions of Agricultural Mental Health. Winner of the award receives \$2000 to the charity of their choice, or their own initiative. Apply today: <https://bit.ly/2pdC-FOk>

APAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted for the 2018-19 APAS Youth Leadership and Mentorship program. There are only five spots available and the deadline to apply is October 31. If you are a producer under the age of 40 or know one who might be interested, the application form and more information about the program is available on the [APAS website](#).

REP ELECTIONS

2018 is an election year for APAS Representatives. After two nomination periods over the last several weeks, Representatives in all but three APAS member RMs have been elected by acclamation or appointed. Elections will be held on October 24 in the following RMs: #129 Bratt's Lake, #457 Connaught, and #287 St. Andrews. Thank you to everyone who put their name forward, APAS will announce the full list of APAS Representatives after the results of the October 24th elections have been received.

NEW OFFICE

APAS will be moving to a new office in late October/early November. Our new address will be 3401A Pasqua Street, Regina.

MEMBER BENEFIT

Yuen's Family Fashions in Langenburg has increased its APAS discount on workwear and work boots to 30%. All ratepayers in APAS member RMs are eligible for APAS member benefits. For more information, visit the [member benefits section of the APAS website](#).

AG MONTH

October is Agriculture Month in Saskatchewan. Spread your love of food and farming with consumers and non-farmers across our province. Share your food and farming stories this month and join the conversation on social media using the hashtags #OurFoodHasAStory and #AgMonth18. For more information about #AgMonth18 activities and how you can participate, visit <https://ourfoodhasastory.ca>.

AGM REGISTRATION AND ACCOMODATIONS

We are less than two months away from the APAS Annual General Meeting, November 27-29 in Regina. The agenda is still being finalized, but [registration is now open on the APAS website](#). Please register by November 14. Attendees are also encouraged to book their accommodations as soon as possible. The Travelodge Hotel and Conference Centre is offering a special rate of \$119 plus taxes and fees (complimentary breakfast included) to attendees of the APAS AGM. Ask for the APAS rate when making your reservation.

APAS IN THE NEWS

- ['Saskatchewan farmers suffer propane shortage'](#) - John Gormley Live
- ['Young farmers live their dreams'](#) - Western Producer
- ['Farmers deal with early October snow'](#) - CJME
- ['Mixed Sask farm reaction to new trade deal between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico'](#) - CKRM
- ['Surface Rights'](#) - Ag Life
- ['Farmers oppose possible strychnine ban'](#) - Farms.com
- ['It's pretty stressful': Snow threatens northwest Sask. harvest'](#) - CBC Saskatchewan
- ['Saskatchewan reviews rural trespass legislation'](#) - Farms.com
- ['Livestock Tax Deferral'](#) - Saskatchewan Afternoon with David Kirton
- ['Sask. farmers helping make mental health first aid training more accessible'](#) - Global Regina
- ['APAS seeks candidates for fall election'](#) - FarmNewsNow.com
- ['Harvest Update with Todd Lewis'](#) - Global Regina Morning Show
- ['Churchill rail line deal is a 'win-win' for Sask. farmers: APAS'](#) - FarmNewsNow.com

UPCOMING DATES

- October 29 - District One Fall meeting, Kenosee Inn, Moose Mountain Provincial Park
- October 30 - District Three Fall meeting, Elmwood Golf and Country Club, Swift Current
- October 31 - District Two Fall meeting, Western Development Museum, Moose Jaw
- November 6 - District Four Fall meeting, Community Hall, Wadena
- November 7 - District Five Fall meeting, Western Development Museum, Saskatoon
- November 8 - District Six Fall meeting, Western Development Museum, North Battleford
- November 27-29 - [APAS Annual General Meeting](#)

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