

APAS REP ELECTIONS

APAS Representative elections are taking place in October, alongside municipal elections. Information packages have been sent out to all APAS member RMs and current APAS Representatives. Please note, all current APAS Representatives who wish to run again must complete and submit a nomination form to their RM office. Nominations close September 19 at 4 pm. Elections will be held in RMs where there is more than one nominee on October 24. For more information about the duties involved in being an APAS Representative and to download a nomination form, go to the [APAS website](#).

NEW AG MINISTER

APAS is looking forward to working with Saskatchewan's new Agriculture Minister, David Marit. We would like to thank Lyle Stewart for his work on behalf of Saskatchewan's farmers and wish him a speedy recovery in his fight against Cancer.

LIVESTOCK TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

APAS has called for the Federal Government to implement a Livestock Tax Deferral program for 2018 for all Saskatchewan producers affected by the current lack of feed and poor pasture conditions in the province. Some producers are being forced to reduce their herds because of a shortage of hay and dry pastures over the past two years. The program allows producers who must sell their herds to defer a portion of sale proceeds to the following year. Normally, program eligibility is limited to producers in designated areas.

TRESPASS LEGISLATION - ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE

APAS has been actively advocating for a review of Saskatchewan's trespassing legislation and is pleased to see that the province is looking for feedback on the current laws. APAS will be preparing a submission and is also encouraging APAS representatives and other concerned producers to respond to the province's questionnaire as well. The deadline to respond is October 1, 2018 and the questionnaire is online [here](#).

STRYCHNINE AND NEONICOTINOIDS

Two other important consultations that have been recently announced that APAS will be responding to are the Strychnine and Neonicotinoid consultations. APAS will be working with other agricultural organizations to prepare a submission opposed to the proposed deregistration of Strychnine for the September 27th deadline and the potential phasing out of three Neonicotinoids by November 13.

OTHER UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS

- Animal Health Act – Ministry of Agriculture, August 24, 2018
- Statement of Provincial Interest – Ministry of Government Relations, August 24, 2018
- Collaborative Forward Planning – Transport Canada, September 7, 2018
- Regulatory review of the Agri-food and Aquaculture sectors – Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, September 15, 2018
- Regulatory Modernization for Rail Transportation – CTA, September 30, 2018

UPCOMING MEETINGS

APAS Policy committees will be meeting as soon as harvest is finished. Committee members are encouraged to start considering resolutions to bring forward at the APAS AGM at the end of November.

NEW MEMBERS

- RM of Mount Pleasant #2
- RM of Coulee #136
- RM of Monet #257
- RM of Whiska Creek #106

APAS has a total of 138 Member RMs, 27 of which are new in 2018. APAS membership is currently the largest it has ever been in the organization's history.

APAS has also added another Associate Member. The addition of the Saskatchewan Surface Rights Organization – West Central Section brings the number of Associate Members to 30. Welcome to APAS!

SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS' VOICE

The Summer 2018 issue of APAS' magazine is out. The newly re-launched and expanded magazine has been mailed directly to every farm mailbox in Saskatchewan, as well as stakeholders and decision makers across the country. The new issue is available to [read online](#) or you can request a copy by emailing info@apas.ca.



APAS ONLINE SURVEY

Please take seven minutes to fill out APAS' Saskatchewan Producer survey [online](#). It is open to all Saskatchewan producers over the age of 18. The results will be used in the APAS 2019 Research Report on Saskatchewan young producers, succession planning and the aging farmer population. The survey closes on August 31.

APAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

APAS will be taking applications for its Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program in the coming weeks. If you know a producer under the age of 40 who would be a good candidate for or interested in participating, please talk to them about the program and pass along the application form when it is available.

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT

The deadline to sign up for the newest APAS member benefit and receive the special APAS pricing in 2018 is September 1st. Method Energy is offering all APAS members a Group Natural Gas Procurement Program. This program enables producers to combine their natural gas volume requirements and reduce their natural gas commodity costs by up to 25%. For more information and to sign up: <https://methodenergy.ca/apas/>

APAS IN THE NEWS

- 'Sask. farm group appeals to Ottawa to help producers affected by feed shortage' - FarmNewsNow.com
- 'Sask agriculture group calls \$289M Monstanto payout 'a head-scratcher'' - CBC
- 'APAS Looks Forward to Speedy Ratification of CPTPP' - Farmscape.ca
- 'Scorching Heat Fries Canola Crop in Canada's Cropland' - Bloomberg
- 'Reaction pours in as Lyle Stewart steps down as Ag Minister' - CKRM
- 'Sask. landowners calling for modernization of 50-year-old oil drilling law' - Global
- 'Grain Commission to invest \$4 million from user fee surplus in Harvest Sample Program' - RealAgriculture

UPCOMING DATES

- 2018 APAS AGM - November 27-29, Regina

APAS in Action is the monthly e-newsletter detailing the activities of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan - Saskatchewan's general farm organization. Subscribe here: <http://www.apas.ca/apas-in-action>. 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 ext. 6.



NEW OFFICE

APAS will be moving to a new office in the fall of 2018. Our new address will be 3041A Pasqua Street, Regina.