

## APAS in Action • January 2019

### CARBON TAX CASE

APAS has been granted intervenor status in the province's Carbon Tax court case. As the only farm group that is intervening in opposition to the Carbon Tax, APAS is looking forward to this opportunity to speak out. The initial court proceedings are scheduled to take place in Regina on February 13 and 14. APAS President Todd Lewis is scheduled to speak on February 13. The full transcript of his comments will be made available afterward at [APAS.ca](http://APAS.ca).

### \$2019 IN 2019

We expect that our involvement in the Carbon Tax court case will be a major focus for APAS over the next few months. This is a significant issue and we would like to give all RMs the change to join us in this fight. All transitional membership dues in 2019 will be used to offset the legal costs associated with fighting the Carbon Tax on behalf of Saskatchewan's farmers and ranchers. Transitional membership is available to all non-member RMs, and allows them to join APAS on a trial basis, for one year, for \$2019. Learn more about APAS' transitional membership program online at [APAS.ca/2019](http://APAS.ca/2019) or contact the APAS office at [info@apas.ca](mailto:info@apas.ca).

### SEED ROYALTY CONSULTATIONS

APAS has written to the federal government to request that they withdraw the AAFC/CFIA proposals to charge royalties on farm saved seed through an "End Point Royalty" or "Trailing Contract Seed Royalty," and ask for additional consultations with producers to develop long-term research objectives that support sector growth. [Read the APAS Letter on Seed Royalties and Value Creation here.](#)

The End Point Royalty and Trailing Royalty Contract proposals were discussed at length at the 2018 APAS AGM, where Representatives [passed a resolution opposing the two royalty models under consideration](#). APAS Representatives and Executive Committee attended additional consultation sessions in December and January. The Government of Canada presentation on value creation is [available here](#).

The above letter is an initial response to the consultation process; APAS expects that seed royalties and other funding models for crop development will continue to be major policy files in 2019. Please stay tuned for updates.

### CROP DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH FUNDING SURVEY

Researchers in the Economics Department of the University of Regina and Agricultural Economics Department of the University of Saskatchewan are conducting a study on farmer attitudes towards seed royalties and varietal research funding. The study includes an online survey of producers that takes about 20 minutes to complete. If you are interested in taking this important survey, please contact Viktoriya Galushko at [Viktoriya.galushko@uregina.ca](mailto:Viktoriya.galushko@uregina.ca) and an individual link to the survey will be emailed to you.

## FORAGE INSURANCE

The APAS Livestock Committee has been discussing ways of managing risk. One of the significant risks facing the livestock sector is forage and native grass production. Greater producer participation in forage and grazing insurance could lower premiums – but how do we get there? APAS is interested in your suggestions. Let us know at [policy@apas.ca](mailto:policy@apas.ca).

## SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS' VOICE



The latest issue of Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice is out and has been delivered to all 35,000 farm mailboxes in Saskatchewan. [Click here to read it online](#). The next issue is coming in late February, and will feature articles about farm profitability and farm safety. The deadline to book advertising in the February issue is February 8, [click here for advertising rates](#).

## 2019 APAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



APAS is proud to welcome the 2019 participants to the APAS Youth Leadership and Mentorship program  
From L-R:

Brandt Carter - RM #228  
Lacadena  
Paige Stewart - RM #96  
Fillmore  
Amanda Logel - RM #217  
Lipton  
Stephanie Sylvestre - RM #190  
Dufferin  
Stuart Chutter - RM #185  
McLeod

## APAS POLICY CONFERENCE

APAS' Policy Conference is scheduled for April 2 and 3 at the Saskatoon Inn. This year's Policy Conference will dedicate an entire day to the carbon issue. A full list of speakers and registration details will be announced shortly. In the meantime, save the date!

## NEW OFFICE

A reminder that the address of the APAS office has changed. It is now located at 3401A Pasqua Street, Regina, S4S 7K9.

## CANADA'S AG DAY/BEFORE THE PLATE SCREENING

Canada's Ag Day is February 12. Check out the [#CdnAgDay website](#) for information on events near you. Saskatchewan Farm and Food Care is hosting a screening of the documentary 'Before the Plate' in Saskatoon on February 12. [Click here for tickets](#). Before the Plate is about the head chef of a downtown Toronto restaurant who follows 10 ingredients used at his restaurant back to the farmers who produced them. Before the Plate is also screening free of charge at the Regina Public Library on January 30. [Click here to watch the trailer](#).

## CASA CANADIAN AG SAFETY WEEK

#AgSafeCanada Week is coming up, March 10-16. Check out [CASA's Ag Safety Week website](#) for more information about ag safety week events near you, safety resources and to order your free Ag Safe ribbons.



## APAS IN THE NEWS

- [APAS expresses importance of clean water in meeting with PM](#) - CJME
- [Nutrien mergers effects ongoing a year later](#) - Manitoba Co-operator
- [Better Farm Input Price Information Needed](#) - Farming for Tomorrow
- [Less grain shipped last year, APAS head hopes for better](#) - CJME
- [APAS granted intervenor status for Saskatchewan in federal carbon tax case](#) - Discover-MooseJaw.com
- [Worker Compensation rolls out changes to rate premiums](#) - PANow.com
- [Sask farmers exempt from mandatory semi driver training, but that could change](#) - Global
- [More groups weigh in on seed royalty proposal](#) - Western Producer

## UPCOMING DATES

- February 12, 2019 - Canada's Ag Day
- March 10-16, 2019 - Ag Safety Week
- April 2 and 3, 2019 - APAS Policy Conference

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