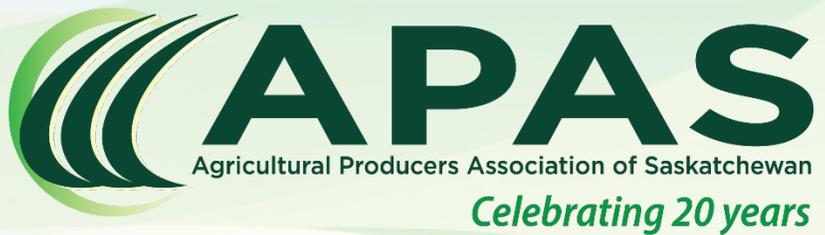


COVID-19 BULLETIN

April 15, 2020



Dear APAS Members:

Our weekly information bulletin focuses on the impacts of COVID-19 on Saskatchewan agriculture. **To receive the most current regional information related to COVID-19 and agriculture, please [subscribe now](#).**

Week 3: Complete the ****UPDATED**** APAS COVID-19 Farm Survey by April 19

This week's online farm survey is now available at apas.ca/survey. Please complete it by April 19 and share it within your agriculture networks.

Receiving your **weekly** responses will ensure that we have up-to-date, real-time data to share directly with government officials on an ongoing basis as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve.

The updated survey goes live every Monday morning.

COVID-19 Survey Results (April 6-12)

Between April 6 and 12, **128 Saskatchewan producers responded** to share their current experiences related to COVID-19 and agriculture.

A significant number of respondents are experiencing:

- Disrupted/delayed sale of farm products (32%)
- Disrupted/delayed access to farm inputs (32%)
- Immediate financial need (36%)
- Restrictions from financial institutions (32%)
- More internet & cell service disruption (51%)

Plus, 37% of respondents reported that they have not completed their 2019 harvest!

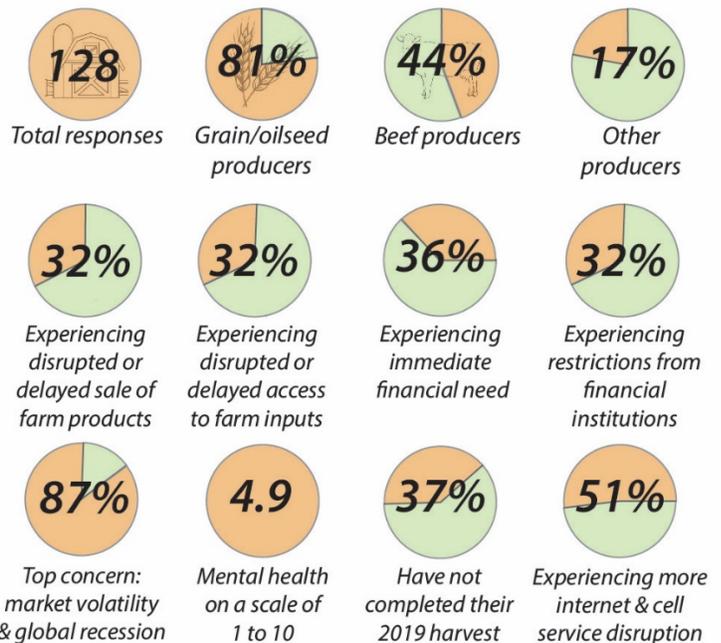
We have compiled all the results and [a summary report can be viewed here](#). We share the results of each week's survey directly with government officials, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and the public.

Your voice matters! Be sure to complete the survey each week so that we can share the most current information with decision makers in Saskatchewan and Canadian agriculture!



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Updated Supply Chain information

APAS continues to monitor the supply chain impacts arising from COVID-19. **We have updated our agricultural supply chain information and you can [read it here](#).** Please notify us directly of any supply chain disruptions in APAS's weekly survey.

Highlights:

- Province of Saskatchewan reiterates that **farms are essential workplaces** and provides links to more information about how to manage COVID-19 risks on the farm
- **Impacts on meat processing facilities** and APAS's request for more information from the farmgate
- **Spring road bans** and **update on grain handling and transportation system** for week 35 (ending April 5)
- Transport Canada's "Confirmation of Employment in Critical Service Capacity" letter template for the trucking industry

Overview of Federal Government Programs

APAS has adapted information developed by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture to provide a comprehensive overview of all Government of Canada programs that have been developed in response to COVID-19. **Find the overview [here](#).**

Summaries of the following programs are included:

- \$5 billion increase to Farm Credit Canada's lending capacity
- Advance Payment Program
- Income Tax Payment Deferral
- Work-Sharing Program
- Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)
- 10% Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers
- Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)
- Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP)
- Canada Emergency Business Account
- Deferral of GST Remittance and Customs Duty Payments

Updated COVID-19 resources

APAS is continuing to update our website with COVID-19 resources related to agriculture. [Find them here](#).

****NEW** this week:**

- Saskatchewan government **COVID-19 resource page for Saskatchewan producers**
- Federal funding announced to help cover the costs of temporary foreign worker isolation
- Overview of changes to the Canada **Summer Jobs program**
- Link to Government of Canada **Resources for Canadian Businesses**
- World Organisation for Animal Health information on **COVID-19 in animals**

CFA Virtual Press Conference: Domestic Food Supply the Biggest Priority, Following Healthcare, in Fight Against COVID-19

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) will be hosting a virtual press conference on Thursday, April 16th, at 1:00 pm EST (that's 11:00 am in Saskatchewan!) on the [CFA YouTube Channel](#).

What: Virtual press conference from CFA leaders outlining current state of Canada's Agri-Food sector during COVID-19

Who: Speakers include:

- Michael Graydon, CEO of Food and Consumer Products of Canada - Speaking
- Mary Robinson, CFA President - Speaking / Available during Q & A
- Marcel Groleau, UPA President - Available during Q & A for French media

When: Thursday, April 16, 1:00 pm EST (or 11 am Saskatchewan!)

Where: [The CFA Youtube Channel](#)

Why: To detail the current challenges facing the Canadian agriculture and Agri-Food sector related to COVID-19.

Preventative Measures for Farms

On April 13, the Government of Saskatchewan reiterated that farms are essential workplaces, and shared these basic preventative measures to help stop transmission of COVID-19 in farmyards, shops, and fields:

- All travellers returning from international destinations – including the U.S. – are subject to a mandatory self-isolation order.
- Anyone identified by a Medical Health Officer as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 shall go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days from the date of having been exposed.
- Actively monitor for symptoms. At the first sign of cough or fever, immediately self-isolate for 14 days.
- Practice physical distancing in the workplace, including those workplaces that are outdoors. Maintain a two-metre separation between individuals.
- Wash your hands often. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or tissue and wash your hands immediately.
- Frequently disinfect shared surfaces and equipment like vehicles, tools, doorknobs, work benches, etc.

Read the complete news release [here](#).

Stay safe and keep in touch about any specific issues you are facing in your own operations and communities!

Best regards,

APAS Board of Directors and staff