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APAS in ACTION

February 2020



Photographer: Deanna Kitzul Location: Langham, SK

Carbon Tax Costing Review

On February 3, 2020 APAS released updated estimates on the financial impacts of the federal carbon tax on Saskatchewan producers.

“Federal Minister of Agriculture Marie-Claude Bibeau has asked the agriculture industry for evidence of what the carbon tax is costing Canadian farmers,” said APAS President Todd Lewis. “We’ve responded with estimates that are backed up by producer bills in 2019.”

APAS’s costing review takes into consideration all major farm expenses not currently exempt from the carbon tax. **These include grain drying, rail transportation, heating and electricity, and truck**

The evidence is stark: on average, Saskatchewan **farmers can expect to lose 8% of their total net income in 2020** to the carbon tax. For a household managing a 5,000-acre grain farm in Saskatchewan, this will take the form of a \$8,000-10,000 bill.

In less than two years, when the carbon tax increases to \$50/tonne in 2022, this bill will go up to \$13,000-17,000 for the same household – the equivalent of a 12% decrease in net income.

APAS is advocating, on behalf of Saskatchewan farmers, for a carbon tax exemption on all farm expenses, including those from 2019. “Our hope is that this is the evidence the Minister is looking for,” said Lewis, “and that the Federal Government will step in to help farmers.”

For complete background information, click [here](#). To read the full press release, click [here](#).



APAS Spring Policy Conference

APAS will be hosting our Spring Policy Conference on March 16 & 17 at the Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre.

APAS Representatives can register for the Policy Conference [here](#).

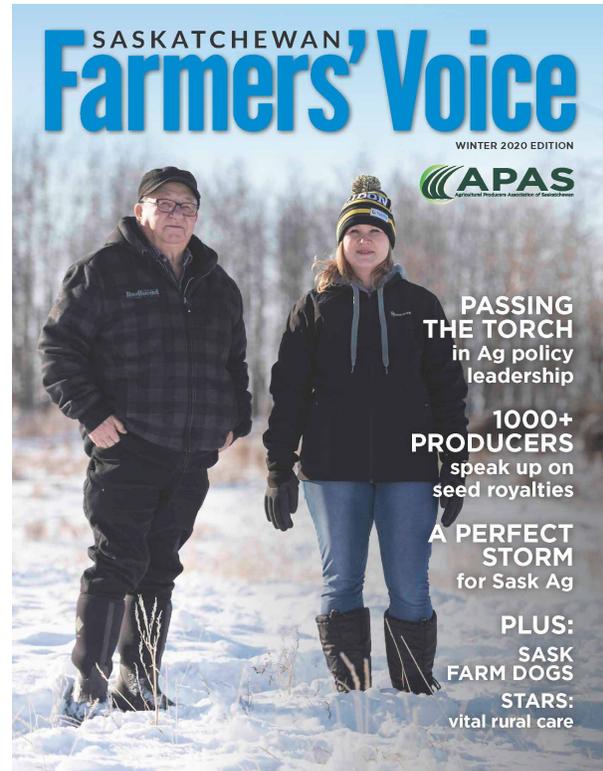
On Monday, March 16, join us for Grain Grading School or a tour of the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence. On March 17, APAS Representatives will participate in membership meetings and policy breakout sessions.

Keynote and breakout session speakers will be confirmed soon!

Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice Magazine

The new Winter 2020 issue of our **FREE** magazine, *Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice*, will be hitting Saskatchewan farm mailboxes this month. Our Winter issue features:

- Passing the torch - **Strategic transitions** in ag policy leadership
- 1000+ producers speak up on **seed royalties**
- APAS Annual General Meeting highlights
- STARS provides vital rural care
- **Pest monitoring** in Saskatchewan
- Farm dogs of Saskatchewan
- Photo contest winners
- and MORE!



Would you like to be featured in Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice? We welcome your submissions of:

- Original Saskatchewan photos in the categories of Farm/Rural Life, Landscape, Livestock, and Wildlife.
- Farm Dogs of Saskatchewan: send us a short write-up and high quality image of your Good Boy or Good Girl.

Please send all submissions to info@apas.ca, and make sure that all images are high quality (300 dpi or 1+ mg)!

If you're not receiving *Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice* and would like to, please contact us at info@apas.ca.

APAS in the News

February 2020

- [Marc Miller, John Horgan Seek Meetings with Indigenous Leaders to Halt Blockades](#) - Canadian Press
- [Blockage of CN Rail lines hurting Sask. economy](#) - CTV
- [Ag producers, Sask. Premier worried about impact of rail blockades](#) - CBC

- [Farm income to fall by up to 12% due to carbon tax](#): APAS - Global News

January 2020

- [Canola planting prospects dim for Canada in aftermath of China trade upheaval](#) - Toronto Star
- [Green Party backs grain drying exemption from carbon tax](#) - Ag Canada
- [Better government farm support urged as rough winter looms](#) - The Western Producer
- [Producers urged to grasp plant breeding opportunity](#) - The Western Producer

December 2019

- [Against the grain: For Prairie farmers, carbon tax shows how little Ottawa understands their industry](#) - The Globe and Mail
- [Grain backlog still looms large as CN returns to normal service after strike](#) - Canadian Press

APAS Photo Contest Winners



Photographer: Becky Johnson

Location: Prince Albert, SK

Description: This photo was taken on a cold December morning during a routine herd check out in one of our pastures. We loved the photo for a few reasons: it shows the amazing beauty of the animals we

that is so common in our rural or living sites.

This photo, and the one at the top of the page, were among the winning entries to the APAS Photo Contest, and will be featured in the upcoming issue of *Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice*. We welcome submissions of original Saskatchewan photos in the categories of Farm/Rural Life, Landscape, Livestock, and Wildlife. Please email high quality photos (300 dpi or 1+ mg) to info@apas.ca.



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