

Ag Matters

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Welcome Minister Heath MacDonald!



"This is an exciting opportunity for Canadian agriculture, and we're confident his expertise and commitment will bring fresh energy and direction to the challenges we face."

Bill Prybylski

APAS President

APAS welcomes Heath MacDonald as Canada's new Federal Agriculture Minister.

Minister MacDonald's background in finance, business, and agricultural policy, along with his time on the House of Commons Agriculture Committee, positions him as a strong advocate for the future of our sector.

With Canadian agriculture at a critical juncture, Minister MacDonald takes the helm as we navigate significant challenges, including trade uncertainties, rising costs, and the increasing impacts of extreme weather.

Stakeholders across the industry are eager to work alongside the minister to address these pressing priorities:

- Strengthening **competitiveness** through removing barriers to trade and investing in trade infrastructure and innovation.
- Enhancing **resiliency** by improving access to modern business risk management tools and safeguarding food security.
- Supporting **farmers** with policies that address taxation and reduce the impact of supply chain disruptions.

Farm leaders have made it clear—we need big steps to fix international trade relationships, enhance domestic processing capacity, and modernize regulations to ensure the prosperity and sustainability of Canadian agriculture.

We look forward to working with Minister MacDonald to deliver decisive action and to build a stronger, more innovative, and globally competitive agricultural sector for Canada.

Bill Prybylski, President

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Farmers and Food Prices Report



Farmers' Share Continues to Shrink



Discover the hidden reality behind food prices!

APAS uncovers a startling trend in their latest report: While you feel the pinch at the checkout, farmers are earning less than ever. Why are high food prices not trickling down to those who grow your food?

Gain insights from the "Shrinking Share for Farmers, High Food Prices for Consumers" report, tracking the journey of Saskatchewan's produce from the field to your plate. Find out about the food dollar split and join the conversation in striving for a more transparent and equitable food system.

Be informed. Be involved. Make a difference.

[Read the Report](#)

Here's A Sneak Peak...

Farm Share of Beer



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Farm Share of Margarine



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Senator Todd Lewis



With Parliament set to reconvene on May 26, Senator Todd Lewis will be officially sworn in as Saskatchewan's newest representative in the Red Chamber next week.

APAS President Bill Prybylski and Past President Ian Boxall will proudly attend the ceremony to celebrate Todd's important new role in serving Saskatchewan and the nation!

APAS in the News

[Spring Seeding \(May 21\) Global News](#)

[Capital Gains Tax \(May 20\) Global News](#)

[New Federal Ag Minister \(May 16\) Discover Moose Jaw](#)

Becoming an APAS Member is Easy! Just Ask our 5 New Members!

On behalf of their farmers and ranchers, five RMs have become APAS members for 2025: Cymri (No. 36), Wallace (No. 243), Vanscoy (No. 345), Heart's Hill (No. 352), and Fish Creek (No. 402).

Congratulations to their RM Councils for making this important decision on behalf of their agricultural ratepayers.

We look forward to welcoming these Representatives and their perspectives from across the province at our upcoming District meetings in June.

Top Reasons for your RM to join APAS:

1. **Risk-free**: We're so confident in our work that we'll refund membership fees to new members if they're not satisfied. Zero risk, all reward.

2. **Complete Independence**: APAS doesn't take a penny of provincial or federal government money, so our only priority is fighting for farmers.

3. **Solutions that work**: We fix farming problems by looking at every angle first, to make sure our solutions will actually work on your farm.

4. **A louder voice**: APAS members speak with one powerful voice that decision-makers can't ignore.

5. **100% focused on farming**: No distractions, no mixed priorities – it's all farming, all the time!

APAS stands up for farm families. Give your farm ratepayers a voice, join today!

For more information, reach out to Curtis Hemming directly.



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