

Ag Matters
July 31, 2025



Next Ag Matters is August 28! Enjoy the Rest of Summer!

Get Ready - August 2 is National Food Day in Canada!



Food Day Canada is a national celebration of Canadian ingredients, farmers, fishers, chefs, and home cooks. It's a day to shop, cook, and dine with pride, showcasing the best of Canadian food. Mark your calendars for August 2, 2025, and join the celebration of our vibrant food culture!



Food Day Canada August 2, 2025
Celebrate Canadian Cuisine

[Learn More About Food Day Canada](#)

Saskatchewan Open Farm Days
August 9 & 10.



The return of **Saskatchewan Open Farm Days on August 9 and 10, 2025!** Get ready to reconnect with the land and learn firsthand about our province's vibrant agriculture. This annual event is a fantastic opportunity for families and food enthusiasts to explore where and how their food is produced—directly from the source.

Celebrate Saskatchewan's rich food heritage and the vital role rural communities play in bringing food from the farm to your table. With educational tours, hands-on activities, and meaningful connections to the farming community, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

To learn more about Saskatchewan Open Farm Days, explore participating farms, and plan your visit, head over to [Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan](#). Their website will provide all the details you need to make the most of your Open Farm Days experience.

[Visit Farm and Food Care Saskatchewan](#)

[Open Farm Days Saskatchewan](#)

One of the featured stops is Creekridge Farms Ltd., proudly owned by APAS President Bill Prybylski and his family. Don't miss the chance to visit this incredible farm, engage with agricultural leaders, and experience a real working farm near Willowbrook Sk.



[**Find Out More About Creekridge Farms**](#)

Why Joining APAS Matters for Your Farm and Family



Join APAS Today

Ask your RM to ensure that agricultural advocacy is **powerful, independent, and unequivocally for the farmer.**

For more information, reach out to Curtis Hemming directly.

Applications Open for the APAS Young Leaders Program

Young Leaders Program



Overview
The APAS Young Leaders Program brings together interested young adults between the ages of 18 and 40 to:

- Enhance leadership skills
- Deepen understanding of agriculture policy development and advocacy
- Understand how policy decisions are influenced
- Expand professional networks
- Achieve governance training credentials
- Evaluate the social and economic impacts of agriculture within the Canadian context

Participants will learn and contribute to various agricultural policy arenas, including grassroots policy development and advocacy. The program equips participants to emerge as effective leaders at local, provincial, and national levels in agriculture.

Objectives

- Enhance participant leadership skills
- Provide board governance credentials
- Provide experiential learning in governance processes and agriculture policy development
- Develop skills and tools to influence government and industry decisions
- Facilitate networking opportunities for broader agricultural impacts within Saskatchewan and across Canada
- Cultivate the next generation of agricultural and community leaders

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Program at a Glance
In collaboration with the APAS Board, prior participants and industry representatives, participants will engage in grassroots policy development by:

- Participating in APAS District meetings
- Joining APAS Policy Committees and attending meetings
- Participating in the APAS Policy Conference
- Participating in the resolution process at the APAS AGM
- Presenting on their research projects at the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) AGM
- Attending Federal Provincial Territorial (FPT) Agriculture Ministers meetings
- Competing in a comprehensive governance training program
- Actively engage with elected officials

Throughout the year, participants will witness and influence the translation of current agricultural issues into actionable policy resolutions. These resolutions are subsequently translated into formal motions and addressed to government and industry stakeholders. Participants will be encouraged to take a leadership role in their communities by presenting and advocating for resolutions during Annual General Meetings. Additionally, they will engage with elected officials from across the province. This will give them the ability to engage in impactful introductions and conversations to maximize their influence.

These activities offer a unique opportunity for participants to actively contribute to policy development and gain firsthand experience in agricultural governance and advocacy.

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Timeline



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Month	Event
August	Applications close August 31
September	Successful applicants announced
October	Onboarding with district meetings and board meeting
December	AGM: Welcome mixer and attendance at AGM and board meeting
January	Board governance certifications, policy committee selection and engagement
February/March	CFA: Attend CFA AGM in Ottawa and APAS board meeting
March/April	APAS Policy Conference
June	Board, District and Committee Meetings
July	CFA Board and FPT Agriculture Ministers meeting

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APAS in the News

[AgriStability - Western Producer - July 25](#)

[Strychnine - SaskToday - July 25](#)

Enjoy Saskatchewan Day Long Weekend!

AUGUST 4

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Happy  *Saskatchewan*

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