

**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** *Celebrate Canadian Cuisine* **August 2, 2025**

[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.

Call: 306-789-5173  
Email: [chemming@apas.ca](mailto:chemming@apas.ca)

## Applications Open for the APAS Young Leaders Program



**Young Leaders Program**

**Overview**

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

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

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

**Program at a Glance**

In collaboration with the WIS board, prior participants, and other young producers, participants will engage in grassroots policy development by:

- Participating in APAS District meetings.
- Joining AGM Policy Committee and attending meetings.
- Attending APAS board meetings.
- Participating in the WIS Policy Conference.
- Participating in the resolution process at the APAS AGM.
- Presenting, advocating, and debating resolutions at the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) AGM.
- Attending Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) Agriculture Ministers meeting.
- Completing a comprehensive governance training certificate.
- 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 transformed into formal submissions addressed to government and industry stakeholders. Participants will be immersed in formal board settings and hone their skills in presenting and advocating for resolutions during Annual General Meetings. Additionally, they will engage with elected officials from Saskatchewan and Canada, refining their ability to engage in impactful introductions and conversations to maximize influence and build relationships.

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

[apas.ca](http://apas.ca)



**Young Leaders Program**

**Optional Additions**

Tailored to each cohort based on their experience and interests:

- Tour of sponsor offices.
- Tour of the Saskatchewan Legislature.
- Presence in booths at Agribition, Crop Production Show, Ag in Motion.
- Public speaking/media training.
- Attendance at the Sask Young Ag Conference and Women in Ag Conference.

**Continuing Benefits**

The network that the participants will have built throughout their time in the program will continue to benefit them in whatever role they choose to take on in agriculture. They will also have a strong understanding of board and committee mechanisms, governance, and expertise making them a fantastic candidate to be involved in other organizations or continue to work with APAS.

For participants from non-member BMs, they will be supported by one of their board members to present to their BM council the benefits of being an APAS member and their experience with the program helping to broaden the reach and influence of the APAS Young Leaders Program and showcase their involvement in leading the agriculture sector to their local BM Council.

[apas.ca](http://apas.ca)



**Timeline**

**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** CFA: Attend CFA AGM in Ottawa and APAS board meeting

**March** APAS Policy Conference

**April** Board, District and Committee Meetings

**June** CFA Board and FPT Agriculture Ministers meeting

**July**

[apas.ca](http://apas.ca)

[Apply Here](#)

## APAS in the News

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

[Strychnine - SaskToday - July 25](#)

Enjoy Saskatchewan Day Long Weekend!



AUGUST 4

*Join us at [apas.ca](https://apas.ca)*

# Happy Saskatchewan Day!

*Celebrating The Spirit of Resilience*

**Did You Know APAS is a**

**Member-Owner of Co-operators?**

Wanna know how much you can save, what a high service standard means, and what else is in store?  
Tap the link below and prepare to be wowed!

Discover Your Exclusive APAS Benefits by contacting your local Co-operators agent!

**Save on insurance and protect what matters  
with the Member Benefits Program**

Learn more ▶



[Co-operators Pricing - Check it Out!](#)

APAS Members can save \$, and get more... who doesn't like the sound of that!

[SUBSCRIBE to Ag Matters](#)

