

# Ag Matters

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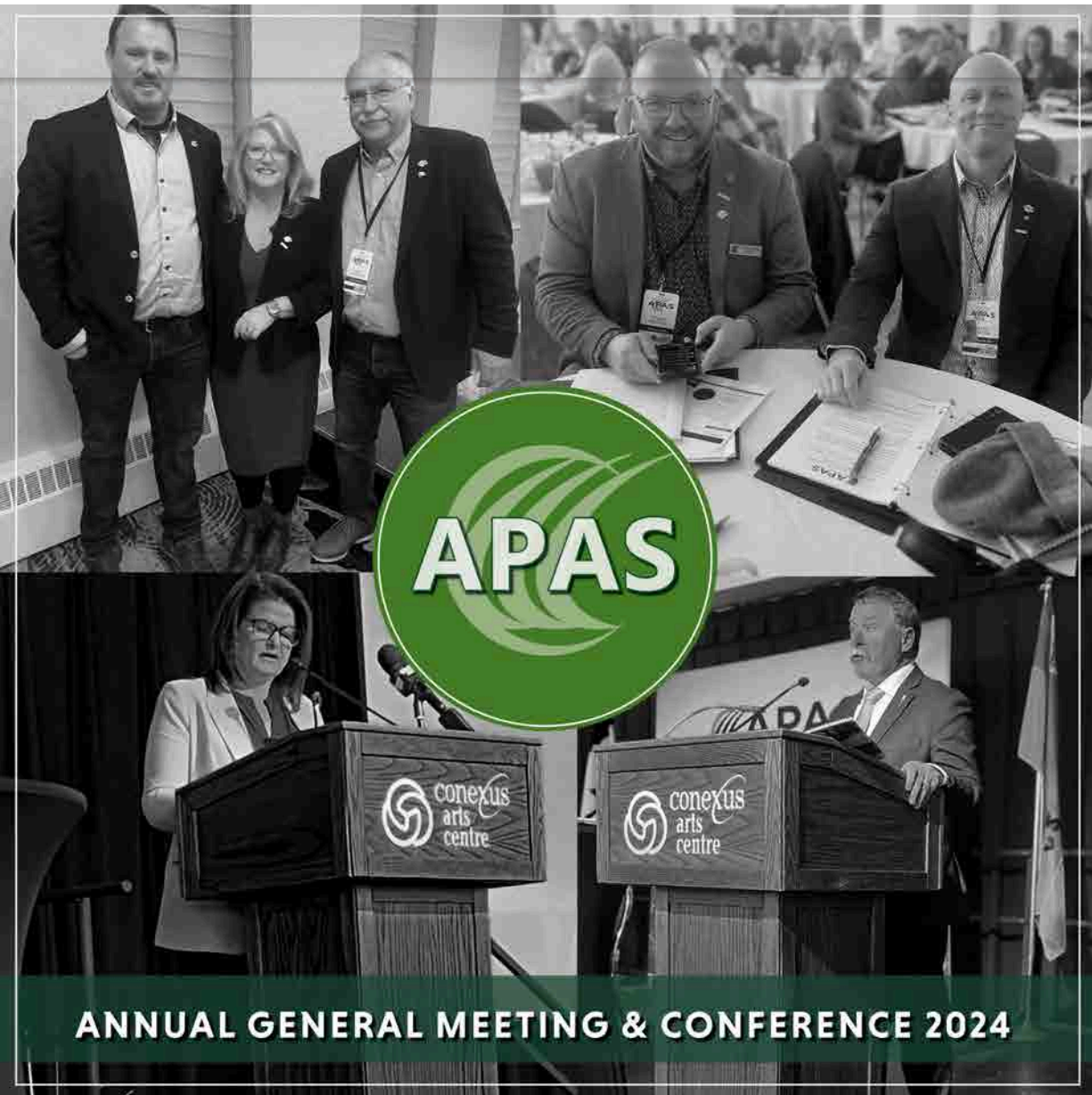


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## APAS AT WORK

**2024 APAS General Meeting**



The APAS General Meeting was a resounding success, marked by insightful discussions and collaborative efforts to drive the future of agriculture. Key highlights included remarks by Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister Daryl Harrison, who reiterated his commitment to collaboration aimed at supporting farmers and boosting the sector and by Carla Beck, Leader of the Opposition and Shadaw Agriculture Minister who focused on partnering to find solutions.

The event included a series of important topics that reflect current issues and developments within the agricultural sector.

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## **Rail Freight Rates**



The comprehensive analysis and the clarity with which Lucia conveyed such complex information was tremendously informative.

Her understanding of the intricacies of rail freight rates in Canada and how they influence our industry highlighted many challenges and opportunities faced by producers.

In short, it's about understanding the lifeblood of our economic engine and its implications on farmers and all shippers.

The thoroughness of her exploration into this topic sparked a wealth of discussion and hopefully public policy actions that help create a more competitive transportation system for all shippers.

## **Senate Agriculture Committee's "Critical Ground" Soil Health Report**

### **Senator Robert Black**

Senator Black's work on the Senate soil health report not only highlighted the critical challenges we face but more importantly, highlighted a path forward, guiding us towards practices that ensure the vitality of our land for generations to come.

[View - Soil Health Report](#)



## **Farmland Ownership Panel**



**Dr. Chad Lawley**

Professor, University of Manitoba



**Mr. Ted Cawkwell**

Agriculture Specialist, Cawkwell Group

The panelists shared their insights, research findings, and experiences related to this critical issue impacting family farms, rural communities, and the agricultural industry at large.

APAS encourages the farm community to think about the future of agriculture and the role that farmland ownership will play in shaping that future. Let's engage in a productive dialogue with experts, seeking solutions and strategies to support sustainable agricultural development for the generations to come.

## **Canadian Grain Commission Update**

**Jon Friesen**

Chief Operating Officer, Canadian Grain Commission

Jon's depth of knowledge and his dedication to the agricultural sector, particularly as it pertains to grain farming, is truly remarkable.

His role as Chief Operating Officer of the CGC puts him at the forefront of developments that directly



The CGC plays a pivotal role in ensuring the quality, reliability, and marketability of Canadian grain.

Its dedication to setting and enforcing standards protects both producers and consumers, making it an indispensable pillar within our agricultural framework.

The work of the CGC ensures that Saskatchewan's grain farmers remain competitive and successful on a global scale. This support is invaluable to our farmers across Canada.

Jon, thank you once again for sharing your expertise and for your service to the agricultural sector.

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## Canadian Federation of Agriculture



Scott's presentation highlighted the vital role the CFA plays in advocating for the interests and well-being of the farming community across Canada.

And this is why APAS is an active member of CFA!

**Thank You, Ian Boxall**



provided insights but also highlighted the significant strides our association has made over the years and during your time on the Board and as President.

You have helped the organization navigate through challenges and leveraged opportunities that have significantly benefitted our industry.

Your remarks have reinforced our resolve and inspired us to continue striving for excellence. Your overview and thoughtful perspective are immensely valuable, and they remind us of the role we all play.

On behalf of APAS, I thank you for your service and for the vision you continue to set forth for APAS. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

### **2025 APAS Board**



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