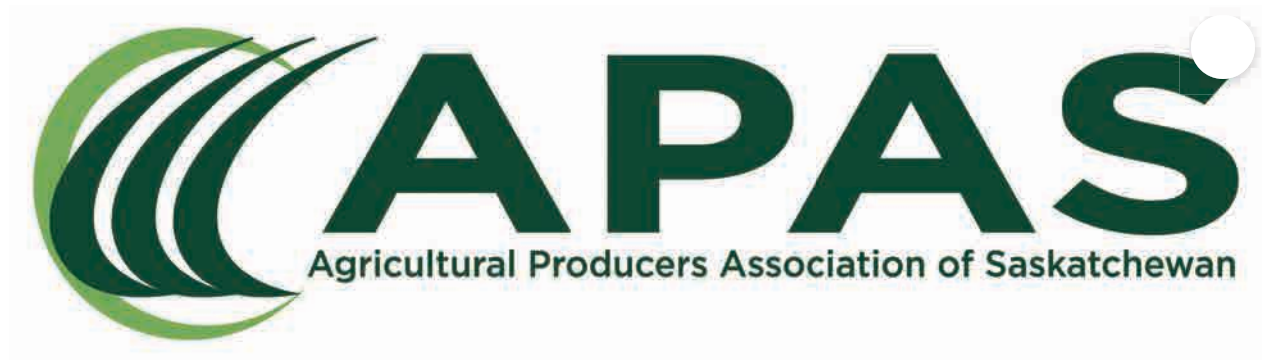


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Canadian Government Announces Approval of **VITERRA-BUNGE MERGER**

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**Actions speak louder than words.
The true test for grain industry
competitiveness will be the
OUTCOME, not the promises.**

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Bill Prybylski, APAS President



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Breaking News - we've got to talk!

Look around – from our cell phone bills to our groceries, things are getting out of hand.

Now with Bunge joining up with Viterra, it's like déjà vu. We've seen this story before. Big companies get bigger, and suddenly, we're paying more for less.

This decision does not come close to addressing the anticipated \$800 million wealth transfer from Saskatchewan farmers to Bunge shareholders. Instead, it introduces measures like nominating independent directors, aiming to mitigate anti-competitive behavior.

The Bunge-Viterra merger is just the latest wave in a sea of industry consolidation that reduce choice and decrease competitiveness, much like we've seen in banking, telecoms, and airlines. When big players join forces, it's often the consumers who have to carry the extra weight. Higher prices? Reduced options? More headaches!

Significantly, details about Bunge's involvement in the Regina canola crush project are not disclosed, focusing instead on enhancing competition in the canola sector and limiting Bunge's influence in G3's grain operations. Saskatchewan farmers will be watching closely on how the \$520M in new investment is targeted.

These moves fall short of what the Competition Bureau and producer groups identified to mitigate the risks to farmers.

APAS is committed to monitoring these developments and looks forward to engaging with Bunge once the merger is formalized to explore ways we can work together to enhance grain industry competitiveness.

CAPITAL GAINS

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To put it simply, this stuff is
complex, and the road ahead
seems a bit foggy.”

Bill Prybylski, **APAS** President



A quick update to let farmers know we're on top of this whole deal with the capital gains tax changes. We get it—it's confusing, and it's got a lot of farmers scratching their heads about what it means for passing the farm on to the next generation.

Farmers won't just be stressed about paying taxes; they're also scratching their heads about what this means for the future. With rules changing fast and without a final say-so from Parliament, it's tough for farmers to make long-term decisions. You want to plan for the future, but it's like trying to hit a moving target.

Ensuring a straightforward process for farm capital transfer is vital. We need to make sure that the next generation can smoothly transition into running the family farm

We've already reached out to the Minister of National Revenue to get the lowdown and we're requesting they don't make any big moves until Parliament weighs in on this.

We're all about making sure these rules work for farmers. We will provide further updates as we continue to dig into this matter.

APAS Board of Directors

Navigating Canada-US Trade Relations



barrel of significant shifts in trade policy that could directly impact our agricultural sector. This moment calls for an unprecedented level of unity among ag groups. The potential for new tariffs and the reshaping of existing trade agreements is a shared concern that affects everyone who farms or ranches.

The strength of our community lies in our collective voice. Facing these challenges alone isn't an option if we wish to safeguard our interests and continue thriving. It's crucial that we stand together, sharing information and strategies to tackle upcoming obstacles head-on.

Success is dependent on the active participation and contribution of commodity groups. We need your insights, your experiences, and your resolve as we navigate this challenge.

With challenges come the opportunities to grow, innovate, and lead with the kind of purpose that ignites change and drives us forward.

APAS commits to keeping you informed and engaged every step of the way, ensuring we collectively adapt to and influence our evolving trade environment.

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With APAS, it's all farming, no fluff. We're 100% dialed into what matters most to Saskatchewan farmers and that's it. No side tracks, no mixed agendas.

This means we're not swayed by the feds or the province. Our policy stance? Rock solid and always clear-cut for the good of the farm.

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Grain Delivery Declarations: What farmers should know

Legal insights from D'Arcy Deacon LLP

Live Webinar
Thursday, January 23, 2025
8:30am MDT/9:30am CDT

To register visit: Albertagrains.com/Events

In the last year, SaskWheat, Alberta Grains, SaskBarley, and APAS teamed up to figure out the legal stuff around a new one-signature form for crop sales and evaluate the producer risks. The Canadian Grain Commission's move to amalgamate commercial and statutory declarations under a single signature raised eyebrows among farmers.

We hired some legal pros, D'Arcy & Deacon LLP in Winnipeg, to help us understand it all - especially since farmers are worried about being on the hook for things like testing mistakes once their grain is sold.

We're working together to make these new rules clearer and to find ways to keep farmers safe from unfair blame.

Want to know more:

Join the webinar on January 23 at 9:30 AM CST(8:30 AM MST) to get the full scoop and ask any questions.

Sign up now to grab your spot and stay up-to-date.

APAS in the News

[Prime Minister's Resignation \(Jan 7\) Farms.com](#)
[Farmland Ownership \(Dec 30\) Regina Leader Post](#)
[2024 Weather Impacts on Agriculture \(Dec 30\) CBC News](#)

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