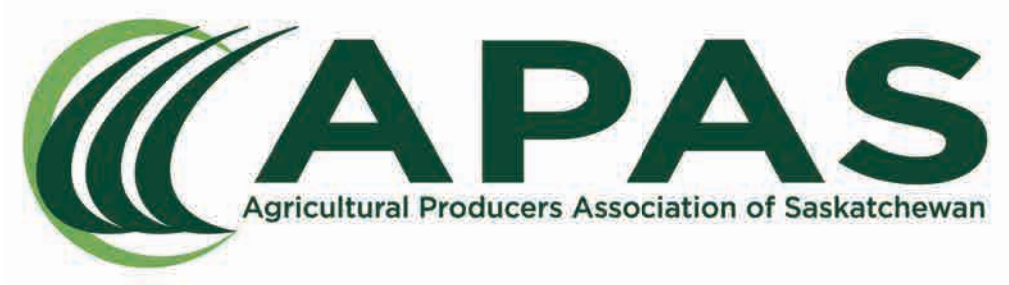


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# Ag Matters

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## APAS at Work



Trade and Tariffs



AFBF was proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with fellow Canadian farmers and leaders down in San Antonio, Texas attending the American Farm Bureau Federation’s annual meeting. Trade and tariffs were the BIG topics!

We were all there for one reason – to make sure Canadian farmers' voices were heard loud and clear. We dove into how tariffs on Canadian farm goods could really mess things up, not just for us, but for U.S. farmers and consumers too.



It’s all about keeping that strong farm friendship between our countries going strong.

Huge thanks to everyone at the [American Farm Bureau Federation](#) for being such great hosts. It’s these kind of get-togethers that help us all keep things moving smoothly across the border.

**Bunge-Viterra Merger - Competition Bureau Disagrees with the Gov’t Conditions**

## Bunge – Viterra Merger

### Competition Bureau Disagrees with Decision

“ If government’s role is to preserve and protect market competition, then it has failed miserably with this decision. ”

**Bill Prybylski, APAS President**

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**Merger Alert: The Competition Bureau raises major concerns over the Bunge-Viterra Decision.**

Key issues:

- 2. Market dynamics could shift, giving the merged entity too much power.
- 3. Current solutions don't fully tackle potential harms, leaving farmers at risk of lower prices, higher costs, and fewer options.

The Bureau calls for tougher, enforceable measures to safeguard competition.

**[Read the Commissioner's letter.](#)**

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**Farmland Ownership**

Just a heads-up on something important we're tackling.

We've all heard about the **[Saskatchewan Provincial Auditor's report on who's buying up farmland](#)**. We know it's raising some eyebrows, especially since only 20% of transactions are actually being looked at...after the transaction has happened (go figure that one!).



Here's the deal – we're rolling up our sleeves and putting together a game plan. We're talking digging into the nitty-gritty with research, pulling together some smart recommendations, and figuring out real ways to help our new generation of farmers get their boots on the ground.

What we're aiming for:

Getting the facts straight. Coming up with some solid ideas. And finding some fresh paths for young farmers to get in on the action without the crazy hurdles.

Stay tuned for more on this as we get our ducks in a row. It's all about keeping our farming future bright and making sure there's room for everyone at the table.

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**Canadian Grain Commission - Licensing and Producer Payment Protection**





# SPEAK UP!

The Canadian Grain Commission is looking to interview producers as part of the licensing and payment protection program?

INTERESTED? EMAIL [KARLA.PETRI@GRAINSCANADA.GC.CA](mailto:karla.petri@grainscanada.gc.ca)

all feedback is protected by the privacy act and used for research only.

## Calling all grain farmers...

Guess what? We've got a chance to help make things better.

The Canadian Grain Commission is all ears and wants to hear from you about how they can improve the **Licensing and Payment Protection program**...and with the growing list of Saskatchewan grain companies running into issues, 5 since 2021-22, two did not have enough posted security - which means farmers lose \$\$ - and 1 company's claims are still in the process... don't miss this chance to give your thoughts on what's going on.

But here's the kicker – if they don't hear from us, they might stop asking. Let's make sure that doesn't happen.

It's super simple - just shoot a quick email to [karla.petri@grainscanada.gc.ca](mailto:karla.petri@grainscanada.gc.ca) – it's that easy. A few minutes of your time could mean a big win for all grain farmers.

Our voices matter more than you think. They're waiting to hear from us and won't be asking forever. So take the opportunity to tell them your views!

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- ✓ Amplified Voice in Ottawa
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- ✓ United Front

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## Now's the Perfect Time to Join APAS – Risk-Free!

**With APAS, our focus is farm-first – no distractions, no compromises.** We're 100% dedicated to what truly counts for Saskatchewan farmers. It's all farming, no fluff.

### APAS MEMBERSHIP - BECAUSE IT MATTERS!

When your RM joins APAS, they're not just signing up; you're becoming part of an organization that's all in for protecting and advancing agriculture.

We're unswayed by federal or provincial pressures. Our positions? They're strong, straightforward, and always in the farmers' best interests.

Curious if your RM is already with us? Visit [apas.ca](https://apas.ca) or talk to your local RM councilors to find out.

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For more information, reach out to Curtis Hemming directly.

📞 Call: 306-789-7774

✉ Email: [Curtis Hemming](mailto:Curtis.Hemming@apas.ca)

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## APAS in the News

Bunge Merger (Jan30) CTV

Family Farm Transition (Jan 23)  
Leader Post

Bunge Merger (Jan 20) Global News

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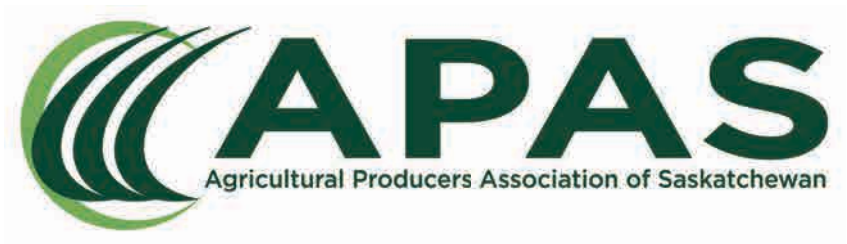
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