
Ag Matters

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APAS AT WORK

2024 APAS Accountability and Performance Report



2024 Accountability & Performance Review

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advocating for agricultural policies that improve the viability and vitality of farm and ranch families across Saskatchewan.

We take pride in being farmer-led, with an unwavering commitment to celebrating on the successes of farm and ranch families and fostering the growth of vibrant rural communities.

 PROTECTING Maximum Revenue Entitlement (MRE) \$900M Impact	 OPPOSING Bunge-Viterra Merger \$800M Impact	 ADDRESSING Railway Carbon Surcharge \$80M Impact	 ENHANCING Advance Payments Program Limits \$20M Impact	 ASSESSING Carbon Tax Costs
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MORE KEY PROJECTS IN 2024

- Rail Work Stoppage
- Capital Gains Taxes
- Grain Act Summit
- Farmers and Food Prices Research
- Wildlife Damage

Quick Facts	Breakdown of APAS Budget																		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,990 APAS in the news 134 member RMs 461 farmers engaged in farm policy discussions 89 RM meetings 32 policy resolutions passed at the APAS AGM 234 days Board members advocated for Sask farm interests 14 government policy submissions 29 engagements with government officials 42 letters advocating and defending Sask farmers interests 	<table border="1"> <tr><td>30%</td><td>Research & Analysis Prioritization</td><td>\$531,960</td></tr> <tr><td>26%</td><td>Member Engagement</td><td>\$474,740</td></tr> <tr><td>17%</td><td>Advocacy</td><td>\$300,290</td></tr> <tr><td>11%</td><td>Communication</td><td>\$193,300</td></tr> <tr><td>9%</td><td>Administration</td><td>\$167,900</td></tr> <tr><td>7%</td><td>Reporting</td><td>\$133,710</td></tr> </table>	30%	Research & Analysis Prioritization	\$531,960	26%	Member Engagement	\$474,740	17%	Advocacy	\$300,290	11%	Communication	\$193,300	9%	Administration	\$167,900	7%	Reporting	\$133,710
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At APAS, accountability isn't just a buzzword—it's a promise to every member. As a farmer-led organization, we ensure that our positions and actions directly reflect the voices and best interests of farm and ranch families across Saskatchewan.

APAS commits to tirelessly working to ensure that our industry grows stronger and our voices grow louder.

We invite you to join us, where your voice will not only be heard but will also contribute to building success for Saskatchewan farm and ranch families.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE REPORT

Register today! **APAS Annual General Meeting**

APAS 2024

Annual General Meeting

DECEMBER 3 - 4



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AGM REGISTRATION

Join us at the AGM where a fantastic schedule of experts will address the pressing issues facing our agricultural sector. Topics include:

Rail Freight Rates



Meaningful competition on either rates or service does not exist for many shippers. CN and CP have been enjoying record profits. In large measure, that is a function of rail rates for captive traffic increasing far beyond rail cost inflation over the past couple of decades.

Mr. Francois Tougas, *Partner, McMillan LLP*

Senate Agriculture Committee’s “Critical Ground” Soil Health Report

In April 2022, the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry began studying the status of soil health in Canada. The study examined current soil conditions in Canada and soil’s effects on climate change, human health, food security and agricultural productivity, to name just a few areas.

Senators heard from more than 150 experts and undertook fact-finding missions to research labs, farms and ranches. The study culminated with a report, *Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada’s Economic, Environmental, Human, and Social Health*, with 25 recommendations to federal government to improve the state of soil health in Canada.



Senator Robert Black

[View - Soil Health Report](#)

Farmland Ownership Panel

Farmland Ownership and Value is a major topic for Saskatchewan farmers. Saskatchewan farmland holds immense value:

buildings.

As farmland grows more expensive it creates a larger barrier for young producers to establish their operations, and for established enterprises to reach their full productivity and potential. Alternatively, low land value jeopardizes the retirement security of retiring producers.



Dr. André Magnan
Professor, University of Regina



Dr. Chad Lawley
Professor, University of Manitoba



Mr. Ted Cawkwell
Agriculture Specialist, Cawkwell Group

Canadian Grain Commission Update

Jon will be speaking about the CGC's perspectives on the evolving landscape of grain production in Canada, the regulatory environment, and the CGC's initiatives to support and protect grain producers.

Jon Friesen
Chief Operating Officer, Canadian Grain Commission



Register today!

AGM REGISTRATION

**Canadian Federation of Agriculture Profiles APAS's
Farmers and Food Prices Report**



As part of the **Canadian Federation of Agriculture's Food for Thought campaign's Fall Edition**, APAS's Farmer and Food Prices Report was profiled.

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CropLife Canada, Saskatchewan Pulse Growers, Alberta Barley, Manitoba Canola Growers, BASF, & more.

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- [Port Labour Disruption](#) (Nov 13, 2024)
 - [New Saskatchewan Ag Minister](#) (Nov 7, 2024)
 - [Great Train Robbery](#) (Nov 2, 2024)
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Join Without Risk: Your Satisfaction, Our Guarantee!

By becoming an APAS member, your RM is not just joining an association; you're investing in a partnership that actively works to safeguard and improve your farming future. It's an investment in stronger representation, broader resources, and a shared vision for a thriving agricultural sector in Saskatchewan.

At APAS, every single member is instrumental in driving the agricultural policies crucial for Saskatchewan's farming community. That's right, your involvement matters!

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