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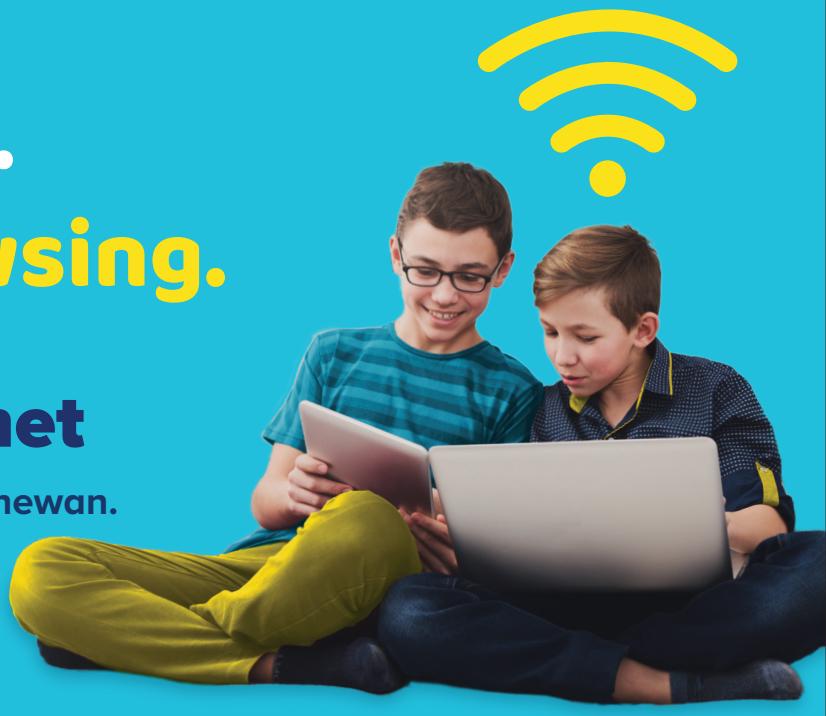
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# Carbon tax and climate change policies

Agriculture is a part of the solution

BY TODD LEWIS



In the ongoing heated national debate over carbon pricing and climate change policy, the agricultural community needs to make our voice heard.

Saskatchewan has 43% of Canada's cultivated farmland, and 35% of Canada's grasslands and pastures. Each year, our soils sequester millions of tonnes of additional carbon dioxide, and our grasslands store billions of tonnes on a permanent basis.

Canada's farmers and ranchers are the largest group of private sector land managers, and we carefully work with carbon, soil and water to run our businesses in a very harsh and demanding landscape. Our management skill is essential in addressing climate and carbon problems.

Agriculture is also the industry that experiences the greatest risk from changing climate. In the last ten years we have dealt with record precipitation, extended drought, new plant diseases, new

weed species, and severe wildfires and windstorms. The changing dynamic of a slowing jet stream has meant later springs, extended dry spells and heat and early snowfall.

At the same time, government and business expect us to continue our role as a key economic driver for the Canadian economy and feed a growing population.

Our producers are expected to assume a lot of risk to provide Canada with continued food security, increasing economic activity and essential environmental benefits.

From the beginning, APAS members have been very clear about the negative impacts that carbon pricing policy would have on our farms and ranches.

Economists promote carbon pricing as motivation to change individual and business behaviour and create incentives to reduce energy consumption and emissions.

This is all fine in theory, but when it comes to the business of farming, we don't set our own prices. Because we can't pass along our production costs, we already try to find every possible efficiency to improve our bottom line. Saskatchewan producers have been world leaders in developing technologies and adopting farming practices to maximize our efficiency and increase production.

The impact of a poorly designed carbon tax is clear;

- It simply reduces our margins
- makes us less able to invest in technology and adaptation, and expand production



- makes our operation less viable to pass along to future generations
- and makes farm businesses more economically vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change.

The announcement this October of the Federal Government's Carbon Backstop policy was a source of disappointment and frustration for the agricultural industry.

The Government of Canada did not listen to the concerns of our producers about the impacts of increased costs. The only exemption included in the policy is for on-farm diesel and gasoline use.

Saskatchewan producers are located thousands of kilometres from the places they export to and must haul crops and livestock long distances to delivery points. Road and rail transportation costs will increase due to the carbon tax.

With our harsh winters, the cost of natural gas and propane for heating livestock facilities and drying grain will increase. Drying tough grain and keeping animals alive in winter are not optional expenses and there are no alternatives currently available to avoid these costs.

The cost of all of our inputs and equipment will rise, particularly fertilizer.

We will be at a competitive disadvantage because Saskatchewan producers export the vast majority of our produc-



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tion into export markets, and our competitors in the US, Australia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia will not be facing a carbon tax.

APAS has been consistent in putting forward the argument. We have taken

every opportunity to make our case to all government decision makers on the huge potential that agriculture can play in managing carbon, and on the risks of poorly designed policies.

This is why APAS has decided to apply

to the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal for intervenor status in the Provincial government's reference case on whether the Federal Government policy is constitutional. We are asking to join the case because we support the Province's position that the Canadian Constitution gives both the provincial and federal governments shared jurisdiction over the Environment and Agriculture.

The Government of Canada has made their decision on the basis that climate change is a national concern. Saskatchewan producers agree and make our case that the health and sustainability of our industry is also a national concern, and government policies need to take all factors into account and avoid harming our producers while trying to achieve a broader policy goal.

*Todd Lewis farms at Gray, Saskatchewan.*

## APAS policy recommendation for carbon policy

At the signing of the Paris Climate agreement in 2015, it was recognized that if we could increase the sequestration of carbon in agricultural soils by four parts per thousand, the world's farmers would be able to halt the increase in CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere. We recommend the following policy direction:

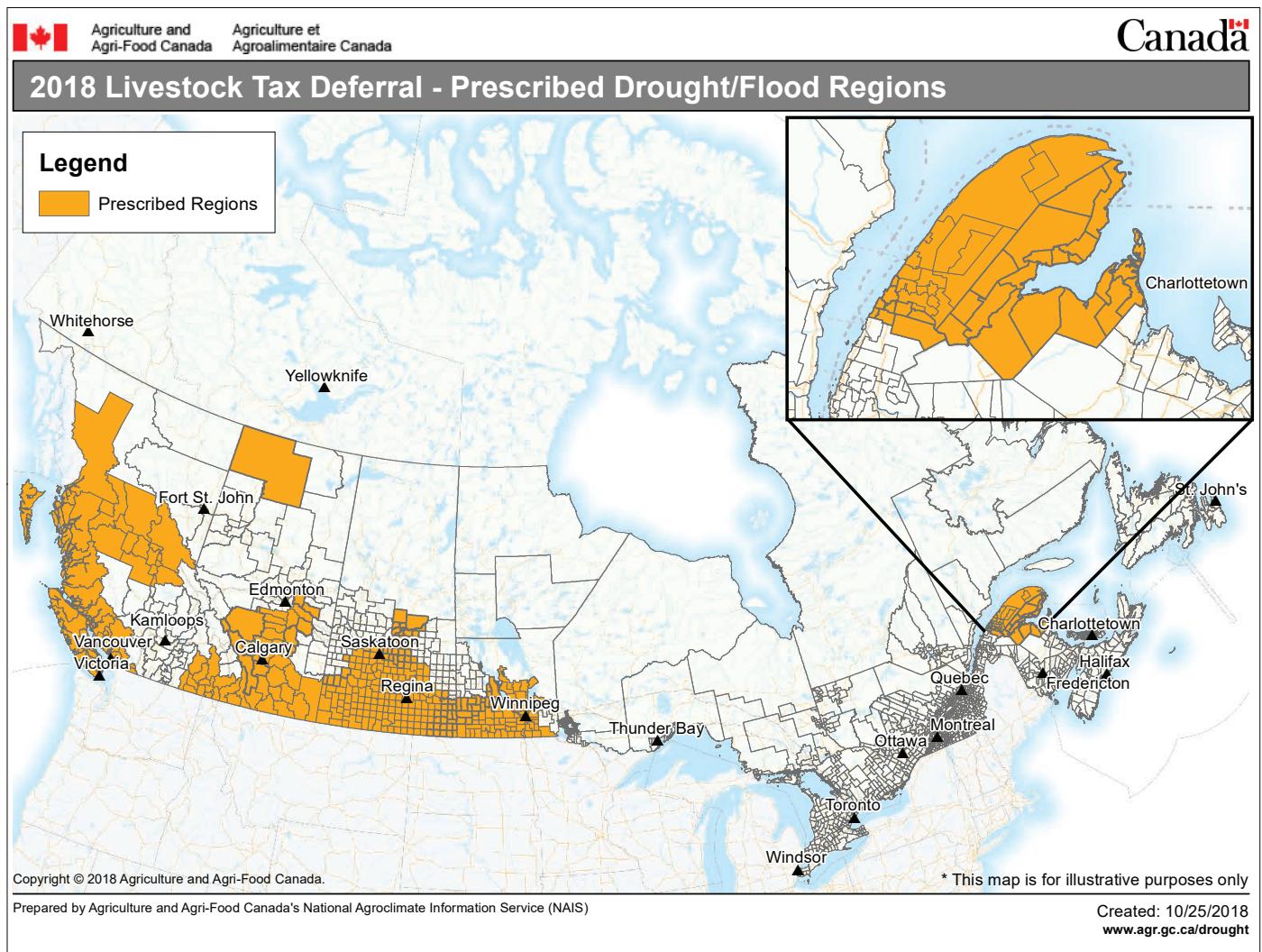
Governments must recognize the crucial role that agricultural land management plays in managing, sequestering and storing carbon on the landscape.

- Governments need to avoid policies that create economic harm to agriculture.
- Governments must recognize that agricultural producers are stewards of carbon stocks and develop programs that create incentives for the environmental benefits provided by agriculture, such as carbon offsets.
- Canada must build on our history of innovation in agriculture to enhance our current successes in managing carbon and in developing new technologies.
- We need bold thinking to solve a major problem. In order to maximize the benefits of new technologies and management practices, policy design will have to be forward thinking and flexible and avoid administrative hurdles to innovation and adoption.
- Governments need to move faster on developing the science and policy framework around maintenance and enhancement of existing carbon sinks. This requires additional investment in research into carbon sequestration of native pastures, tame forage crops, all other crops and their management practices, wetlands and forested lands across all soil types and landscapes on agricultural lands.
- Governments must invest in incentives for producers to invest in new technology and practices if carbon goals are to be met such as accelerated capital cost allowances, rebates, grants, and cost-shared funding.
- Recognition from governments that the agricultural sector is unique and requires an approach to climate action that is different than other sectors in order to be effective.
- Consideration in all relevant government programming to assist the agricultural community in maximizing carbon and greenhouse gas management.
- These include improvements in Business Risk Management Programs like Crop insurance to help producers with climate risk, and rail transportation policies that keep crop shipments on rail instead of on the road.

# Deferential Treatment

Livestock producers in Saskatchewan hit hard by limits of government tax program

BY DELANEY SEIFERLING



**L**ivestock producer Scott Horn was hit hard by the weather in the past two growing seasons.

The biggest challenge was been the unpredictability, says Horn, who resides in the RM of Great Bend in west-central Saskatchewan.

"We had long periods of hot dry weather with high winds and then periods

where you'd get moisture and heat and the wind would pick up again. Whatever surface moisture there is gets blown away pretty quickly once the wind starts howling away."

As a result, many livestock producers in the province are facing a shortage of feed right now. To deal with the shortage, Horn is looking at selling off a significant portion of his herd.

"We have more mouths to feed than we have feed available so we're going to have to downsize."

"Most years we keep some heifers and use that as a replacement for the older stock we have but this year we had to sell everything off in terms of calves and downsize our brood herd."

Complicating the matter is that only

certain parts of the province are currently eligible for the Federal Government's Livestock Tax Deferral program, which allows producers to defer paying taxes on livestock sales to the following year in order to help them better deal with issues arising from unpredictable weather events.

The program currently covers southern Saskatchewan but is only available intermittently in the northern parts of the province, where Horn resides.

"I could swim across the river and be in an area that has qualified for the program," he says.

As a result he says lots of producers are in the same situation he is.

"They are trying to decide whether to increase expenses by bringing in more feed so they can keep their herd in place or downsizing their herd."

Todd Lewis, President of the Agricultural Producers of Saskatchewan (APAS), applauds the Federal Government for

introducing the Livestock Tax Deferral program early this year, in light of the drought problems in the province.

"We'll give them full credit for announcing as early as they did."

But he says the program should be expanded. APAS has long been lobbying the Federal Agriculture Minister to expand the program to cover all of Saskatchewan.

"What we suggested years ago is that livestock should be treated the same as grain."

A tax deferral program is available to all Canadian grain producers.

Lewis says the program is a tool to help producers manage unpredictable years.

"It takes the highs and lows out of people's marketing years and helps manage income. At the end of the day everybody knows if you defer too much you are going to get caught one way or the other and end up paying the tax."

Horn agrees that blanket coverage would be better for everyone.

"It's not like everybody is going to be claiming a deferral. Really it would just be producers who are going to be hit hard and have to downsize their herds."

Lewis says he expects more developments to be made on the topic of program coverage by the end of the year but in the meantime he urges all affected producers to contact APAS or the Federal government directly if they are not eligible and would like to be.

In the meantime, Horn, who also works an off-farm job, says issues such as this make him question the long-term viability of farming.

"I've got a 16 year old son who would like to get into farming at some point in the future and these kinds of things make it less viable for him."

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# Speaking up

Megz Reynolds tackles the issue of public trust from the cab of her combine

STORY AND PHOTOS BY COLLEEN HENNAN

**M**egz Reynolds always wanted to end up on a farm, but she didn't expect that it would be a grain farm in Saskatchewan.

Growing up in Calgary, she spent time on her grandfather and uncle's cattle ranch near Pincher Creek. "I knew the cattle side," she says, seated at the table at LPG Farms near Kyle, Saskatchewan where she has just finished up her sixth harvest. "All I really knew about grain farming was that, at some point, everything was going to break down," she laughs.

Megz was working in the film industry in Vancouver when she met her husband Liam at a friend's boyfriend's surprise birthday party at White Bear, Saskatchewan, which is just down the road from where she now farms. In all, she spent 10 years as an on-set dresser and special effects tech in the film industry, and also ran a white-water rafting company in Golden, British Columbia, before moving to Saskatchewan.

Her work in the film industry prepared her for the hurry-up-and-wait aspect of farming and for the long hours during



harvest and seeding. She was used to working under pressure and thinking on her feet.

"I'm really good at problem solving," she says. "Basically, in film, a director comes up to you and says 'Ok, we need this.' You say, 'For sure, we can do that,' and then you figure out how the hell you're going to do it."

Megz admits that coming to the farm challenged some of the assumptions that she had about farming and food, but says it was that learning process that has inspired her advocacy efforts.

"I did an about-face once I started learning the science," she says of GMOs. "Why things are used, when they're used, how they're used. That was a big reason I got into advocacy, because I had been that person. So, I wanted to have the conversation from the point of view of 'I get it, I used to be there. I used to think all of those things that you think and have those fears too.'"

As Megz was beginning to understand some of the misconceptions that farmers deal with, she attended the Connect



Women in Ag conference in Saskatoon and saw a presentation about public trust and advocacy. It resonated.

"In that moment, everything clicked that I needed to be telling our story," Megz says.

She says she realized there was a void of farmers telling their own story and connecting with consumers who have questions about how their food is produced and that others were filling that void with misinformation and fear.

She also realized, that, as a new farmer who was learning all about farming and food production herself, she might be in a unique position to best answer those questions and help bridge that knowledge gap.

"I didn't grow up on the farm. I'm new to agriculture, I'm new to grain farming. It comes naturally to me, to talk about things in a way that I would've understood [before I started farming]," she says.

At the time, she was part of a mom's group on Facebook, and could see the

amount of influence that bloggers had on the group's other members, especially when it came to GMOs. Megz decided that this was where she needed to start telling her story.

"That was why I got into blogging, I really wanted to connect to all the moms out there that were reading those blogs and looking for that information," she says.

**“ You have a voice, you can use it and you can influence and create change with that voice even if you feel like you're just one person. ”**

So, she launched [dirtsweatnears.com](http://dirtsweatnears.com) and Twitter soon followed.

#### @farmermegzz

Although she says it took her a second to get the hang of Twitter, it is now the place that Megz reaches the most people. Almost 20 thousand Twitter users follow her posts, pictures, and videos about her family's life on their farm.

A video that Megz posted to Twitter during Harvest '17 explaining what a combine is and how it works has been viewed more than 100,000 times.

If Megz' non-farming background has helped her understand the questions the general public has about today's farming practises and where their food comes from, it is her time in the film industry that has shaped her ability to tell her story so effectively using visuals.

"I used to sit on set and watch camera angles and set ups," she explains, crediting that experience with helping her to develop an eye for a good picture and giving her the confidence to make and post her own videos online. Such is Megz' knack for creating visual content that is both compelling and easily understood, a Saskatchewan school board has asked to use Megz videos in their curriculum.

The more Megz has used her voice to tell her story, the more people are listening. She has been invited to attend agricultural events in Canada, the US and abroad. She has written op-eds for CBC and Huffington Post about the carbon tax and the lack of childcare available in rural Canada. This fall, she spoke in front of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food about mental health and when she posted an open invitation to politicians to visit her farm and learn about agriculture, opposition leaders, premiers and agriculture ministers all rsvp'd.

"For me, it feels like the last year of my life, I have done at least 10 years of personal growth in one year," she marvels. In addition to farming full time and raising two daughters under the age of 5, Megz is also a first responder, the APAS Representative for her RM, #228 Lacadena, and she participated in the 2018 APAS Youth Leadership and Mentorship program.

Megz hopes that her daughters are watching and taking note.

"I hope they realize that they can do anything that they want," she says. "No one can tell them that they can't make a difference. I come across that all the time. 'Why are you bothering to speak out? Why are you using social media? You're not going to make any change...' But I was able to. I want them to know that."

Megz encourages any producer that is concerned about the issue of public trust to speak up and help counter the spread of misinformation and fear with honesty and transparency about the food they produce and the tools they use.

"If there is something on your farm that you don't care whether you lose the right to use it tomorrow, then maybe you don't need to share your story. But if there is anything that you use in your day to day, whether that is ranching or growing a crop, that you don't potentially want to have taken away from you then you need to start sharing your story," she says.

"You have a voice. You can use it and you can influence and create change with that voice even if you feel like you're just one person."

## What is public trust and how can you help?

Farmers are finding it is increasingly important to correct misinformation and lack of understanding about the farming practices they use and the food they produce. A 2017 survey from the Canadian Centre for Food Integrity indicates that Canadians want transparency from producers about the impact of food production on the environment and the treatment of animals raised for food. The survey also showed that consumers want to hear from farmers about food safety and labour and human rights in food production. The public has questions and more and more farmers are needed to step up and answer them.

Megz shares some of her tips for pro-



ducers who want to start advocating for the agriculture industry, and what she has learned about interacting with people online.

### Voice notes and multitasking: talk it out

"I do my best writing when I'm emotionally connected," she says. How does she get her feelings down on paper? "Sometimes an idea will come to me when I'm in the combine, so I voice record myself talking to myself because I can get it down later and I'm not going to be able to replicate that thought process again."

### Don't feed the trolls

"We make decisions using emotion. That makes conversations challenging those decision-making processes a lot harder," Megz says about online interactions that become heated. "Some-

one told me that if its more than three responses and you're not in a positive, engaged conversation then it's an argument and you need to walk away from it." And if the other person becomes abusive? "There will always be someone who is only in the conversation just to get a rise out of you. If you need to block them, that's fine."

### Don't hit 'send' when you're angry

"When you have your hackles up, what you want to respond with in that moment is probably not what you're going to look back 12 hours later and say, 'That was a great response, I'm glad I did that,'" Megz laughs. Instead she suggests writing out the response, saving it as a draft and then coming back to it later when you've calmed down.

## **Remember that there's a human on the other side of the computer screen**

Although you probably won't ever meet that person face to face, they are still a real person. "We take some of the humanity out of our conversations and interactions online because we forget that. I think, 'Is this something I would say in person? Or to my mom or someone else that I care about?' If it isn't, then why would I say it to a complete stranger?"

### **Set boundaries**

"When I started, I was spending too much time online and on my phone. I don't want to always be on my phone, especially in front of my kids, so one thing I've worked on, is that I might put out a post during the day, but I won't look at it again until they've gone to bed. In the evening, that's when I try to interact with people. I had to create those boundaries." Megz also suggests timing social media posts so that they're seen by the most people, i.e.: not at 11 pm. Posts can be pre-scheduled using a tool like Hootsuite to free up valuable time.

### **Other resources**

Agriculturemorethanever.ca is constantly adding information about how best to handle conversations about things like GMOs, pesticides and other issues of public trust and offers an email sign-up to receive advocacy tips in your inbox.

The Canadian Centre for Food Integrity has been conducting some interesting research about what Canadian consumers attitudes towards and concerns about their food, which is available on its website, [www.foodintegrity.ca](http://www.foodintegrity.ca).

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# Associate Member Profile

Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation

BY DELANEY SEIFERLING

**A**t first glance, most people may not see the similarities between a wildlife conservation organization and a general farm association such as APAS.

But there are many, says Darrell Crabbe, Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation.

Not only are both groups grassroots, community-based, not-for-profit organizations, their membership is also largely the same.

"Really where our strength lies as an organization is in the fact that we represent a very large cross section of small-town Saskatchewan and that the majority of our members are tied directly to agriculture."

Of the more than 33,000 members of the SWF, more than 95% of them are rural, Crabbe says.

This is one of the reasons that the SWF is the largest wildlife conservation organization of its kind in the world per capita: rural people are generally landowners and/or operators who best understand the need for a respectful and responsible relationship with the land and environment.

"In Saskatchewan we still have a very close tie to nature, closer than our counterparts in Ontario or Quebec even, and much closer than other Canadian jurisdictions," Crabbe says.

One of the SWF's main focuses, managing Saskatchewan land for conservation and wildlife benefits, also provides overlap with agriculture as it requires the optimization of agricultural practices such as haying and grazing, Crabbe says.

"These practices enhance the wildlife values of the land. For example, if haying is done at the right time of year, it leaves a very good winter crop or winter growth that is very valuable to wildlife."

The same thing goes for grazing, he says.

"It can generate new growth and remove some of the weeds and other plants we are trying to eliminate like any other farmer or rancher. Grazing also helps keep the terrain clean and clear for hunters and helps continue to produce good forage for wildlife as well."

For all these reasons, it made sense for the SWF to become an associate member of APAS, Crabbe says.

"We wanted to create close ties to the agriculture community and we wanted to ensure that the interests of hunters and anglers and other conservationists were recognized in the decision making process of APAS."

The relationship has been beneficial in many ways, Crabbe says.

Not only does the SWF have a new outlet and perspective for discussing and learning about issues related to agriculture and land issues, but the organization can also educate APAS on information related to changing landscape needs.

"We provide them some insight into a lot of avenues that they perhaps might not have access or exposure to. So, it works really good for both of us."

For example, one of the issues that both organizations have an interest in is gun control. SWF represents hunters



and conservationists on the issue, and rural landowners generally tend to own firearms, so this is a topic on which it makes sense for the two organizations to have a unified approach on, Crabbe says.

"We lead the charge of the advocacy to combat some of the negative issues around gun control. When we're in Ottawa arguing about gun legislation, we always refer to the legitimate licensed gun owner like hunters, anglers and landowners."



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Gun control, as well as other issues related to land conservation and agriculture, will continue to be relevant for both organizations going forward, Crabbe says.

Which is why maintaining a strong partnership is critical.

"The biggest message we have for the agriculture community is that we are part of the community – we are their community. By working together towards common goals, we will continue to be successful and thrive."

## About the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation

The SWF is a non-profit, non-government, charitable organization that aims to help conserve Saskatchewan's fish and wildlife habitats. It was formed in 1929 and next year will celebrate its 90th birthday.

The SWF operates on four major pillars:

### Habitat

The organization has approximately 70,000 acres of land in its trust within Saskatchewan and it manages that land for conservation and wildlife benefits.

The SWF also have a number of programs that are geared toward fostering positive relationships between land-owners and hunters.

### Fisheries

One of the SWF's major focuses is on improving fish habitat and angling opportunities across Saskatchewan and maintaining and operating existing fishery operations.

"We operate the majority of fishery programs in the province and manage co-operator projects," Crabbe says. "When you go to a trout pond a lot of the monitoring that goes on is done by our staff."

This work is important in increasing a sustainable supply of fish and opportunities for sport fishing and angling in the province, Crabbe says.

### Education

Another of the organization's major focuses is on education. It operates several outdoor education and heritage programs aimed at helping people of all ages and backgrounds develop and nurture an appreciation of the outdoors.

### Administration

Finally, the organization provides advocacy services for its member base, as well as offers a comprehensive benefit packages for members and partner organizations in the province.

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# Farm Dogs of Saskatchewan

It's always a doggone good story when you are talking about a farmer's best friend. Farm dogs are not just pets but are also valuable assets for any operation. Dogs come in all sizes, shapes and colours and they help on the farm by herding, hunting, pulling loads and providing protection. Here are a few top dogs from throughout the province.



**Name:** Barney

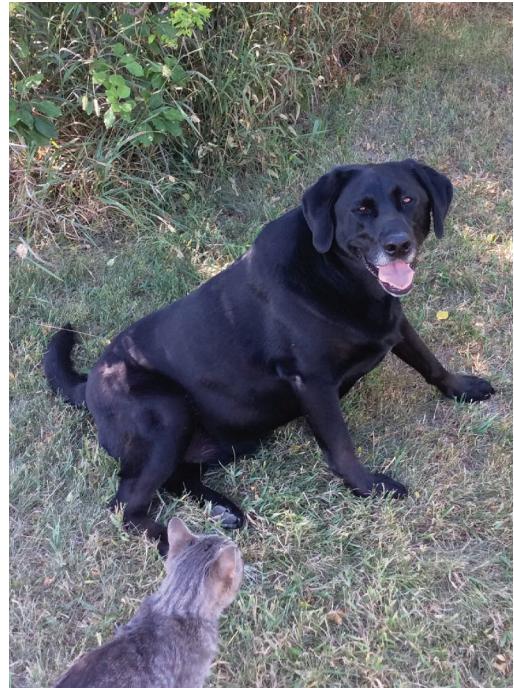
**Nicknames:** Barn, Barnald, Sunshine Boy

**Home Quarter:** RM of Lomond #37

**Age:** 5 years old

**Breed:** Black Lab

**Family:** The McLeods



**About Barney:** Barney's bark may scare a salesman or two and keep them in their vehicle at first, but once you meet him, he will love you to death and go get his rope toy, so you can play with him. He goes to Arizona for part of the winter and he has made many friends there, including a girlfriend he likes to show off to.

Until an accident in 2016, Barney used to trot a quarter mile down the road twice a day to check on an elderly neighbour. He would sit outside her kitchen window every morning and after supper and bark until she came, waved at him and then knowing she was okay, he would then come home. Nowadays, he barks when he sees a vehicle going to her house, to let her know that someone is coming. Barney is a good boy.



**Name:** Maureen

**Nicknames:** Moe

**Home Quarter:** RM of Buckland #491

**Age:** 14 years

**Breed:** Black Lab/Collie mix

**Family:** The Arsenaults

**About Moe:** Although Moe was the "runt" of the litter that no one wanted to take, she quickly became the Alpha dog of the Arsenault's yard. She has a gentle manner to those who know her and a fierce growl to those who dare cross the line. There is no need for a doorbell with Moe around as she has mastered different barks for each situation and has alerted her family many times to strangers and danger.



Even though thunder is her worst enemy, Moe is better than any weatherman – pacing and pawing at the ground to let her family know when a storm is brewing. Her eye sight may be poor, and her hearing is gone – she is 98 in Dog Years, after all – but she is an important part of her family and very loved. Moe is a Good Girl.



**Name:** Tucker

**Nicknames:** Goofball, Doofus, Wild Child, Tucker Ducker

**Home Quarter:** RM of Elcapo #154

**Age:** One year

**Breed:** "Saskatchewan Special" – Terrier Cross, possible Wolfhound/Shepherd mixed in

**Family:** Alynne and Patrick Neuls

**About Barney:** Tucker was an unsocialized rescue who was dumped in the cold along with several other litters of puppies. It was the twinkle in Tucker's eye that made his family fall in love with him and decide to take him home to their farm. He loves watching his fields and his yard, and rids it of many ground squirrels, garter snakes, mice and coyotes. Tucker never chases the cows but loves the delicacy of fresh green pies. His big goofy ears flop as he runs and this sweet rescue has added so much joy to his family and helps fill their farmyard with great laughter. Tucker is a Good Boy.



**Name:** Dusty

**Nicknames:** Deputy Dusty, Dusty Do

**Home Quarter:** RM of Montmartre #126

**Age:** 14.5 years old

**Breed:** Kelpie/Catahoula

**Family:** The Knittels

**About Dusty:** The most amazing thing about Dusty is that he can be as gentle as a lamb with baby livestock or young children, but fearless as a lion when working the livestock and keeping his family safe. Dusty is in charge of helping herd, sort and move all types of livestock, including cattle, hogs, goats and chickens. Having Dusty as a farm hand has saved his family many

visits to the emergency room as he has averted stampeding cattle and sheep and given young unruly bulls a quick lesson in "manners." His humans say his ability to make the right decision while working livestock is "very unusual, as you cannot teach a dog common sense." At almost 15 years of age (the vet is blown away), Dusty is starting to lose his eye sight, so he is in the process of teaching a younger dog the ropes of being a working farm dog and taking it a little easier. Dusty is a Good Boy.



If you have a Good Boy on your farm that you would like to see in Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice, send their picture and a little bit about them to [info@apas.ca](mailto:info@apas.ca).

# Walking the Talk

Awareness turns to action on mental health in agriculture

BY COLLEEN HENNAN

**W**hen it comes to the issue of mental health in agriculture, you could say that the floodgates have opened.

For more than a year now, producers have been speaking more openly about the challenges they face and how their mental health is affected by things like the financial risk and isolation that so often comes with farming.

As the agricultural community begins to embrace these important conversations about breaking the stigma surrounding mental health, several organizations are stepping up to provide the tools and information necessary to bring better mental wellness to Canadian agriculture.

The country's largest agricultural lender is reaching out to every farm in Cana-

da with its message of mental wellness. A new, bilingual publication from Farm Credit Canada called 'Rooted in strength: Taking care of our families and ourselves' was delivered to every Canadian farm mailbox in November. The 32-page booklet puts information about managing farm stress, even what to expect when calling a crisis line, directly in the hands of Canadian farmers.

## Farming is all about community

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Make sure your well-being is a priority and talk to somebody if you or someone you know needs help.

Agriculture is rooted in strength – the strength to take care of our families and ourselves.

For more resources, visit [domore.ag](http://domore.ag).

#RootedInStrength



Source: FCC

Farm Credit Canada and the Do More Agriculture foundation have teamed up to produce public service announcements about mental wellness in ag for radio, television, digital and print.

"At FCC, we have seen the impact of mental health and as a result we decided to work with mental health experts to create this booklet as a resource," says Michael Hoffort, FCC President and CEO. "Our desire is to help lift the stigma around mental health by promoting awareness, encouraging dialogue and enabling people throughout the agriculture industry to seek support if they need it."

FCC has also produced a series of public service announcements about mental health in agriculture for print, radio, television and online featuring country star Paul Brandt.

In September, FCC partnered with the Do More Ag Foundation to launch the 'Community Fund.' The Community Fund covers the financial cost of holding mental health first aid training sessions in agricultural communities across the country. The response was immediate, with more than 100 applications flooding in.

The \$50,000 that FCC donated to the

Community Fund was able to accommodate 12 of those applications, and planning is underway for the mental health first aid sessions in those communities.

Kim Keller, co-founder of Do More Agriculture, says that the organization has put the rest of the applicants on a waiting list and is looking for more funding for the program.

In the meantime, Do More Agriculture has launched its first awareness campaign called 'It Starts with Me,' which encourages people to be more aware of the words we use when we talk to others as well as the way we speak to ourselves.

Bridges Health is a Saskatchewan company that offers mental health first aid training. Bridges is also holding a conference in Saskatoon at the end of January specifically focused on understanding the challenges to mental wellness in agriculture, and other remote work environments. The proceeds from the event will be donated to mental well-

ness initiatives in Saskatchewan. For more information about 'Breaking Barriers,' happening January 31, 2019 at the World Trade Centre in Saskatoon, visit [www.bridgeshealth.com](http://www.bridgeshealth.com).

Future farmers involved in 4-H will soon be offered mental health support in the form of the 4-H Canada Healthy Living Initiative. Plans for the initiative include webinars, workshops and other resources and it is set to launch in spring 2019. The goal is to train the more than 7,700 4-H volunteer leaders across Canada to spot signs of distress in the young people that they mentor and help them access the support they need.

There is still much work to be done on the issue of mental health in agriculture, but in the meantime, the conversation must continue. If you need to talk, please remember that someone is always available to listen at the Farm Stress Line at 1-800-667-4442.

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# APAS Activities

A look at some of the work APAS has been doing on behalf of Saskatchewan's farmers and ranchers

## **Seed Royalties-Value Creation**

Consultation on seed royalties is shaping up to be a major policy file for APAS heading into 2019. In early December, APAS participated in Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's consultation session on potential amendments to Plant Breeders' Rights regulations in Saskatoon. APAS Representatives have expressed concern about royalties on farm saved seed and carried resolutions addressing the issue at the APAS AGM in November. APAS is continuing to develop a position paper on this matter, watch this space for developments.

## **Trespass and Land Access**

In the Winter 2018 edition of Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice, APAS called for stronger legislation around farmland access laws to ensure producers were protected from property and crop damage, biosecurity risks and illegal dumping. APAS is pleased that the Province has introduced that legislation that reflects the APAS recommendations on land access. We will be closely monitoring the progress as it is debated by the Saskatchewan legislature this spring.

## **Pest Review Management Agency (PMRA) – De-registration**

APAS has been actively engaging with the PMRA to ensure that agricultural views are at the forefront as PMRA considers the ability for agricultural producers to use Strychnine, and Neonicotinoid seed treatments. Banning the use of these agricultural products will have major implications on Saskatchewan producers. APAS has taken the position that any evaluation of the products need to be science and fact-based, consider the economic impact on producers and also consider the availability and impact of using viable alternatives. Watch this space for more info.

## **Propane shortage**

Cool, wet conditions this fall led to an urgent need for grain drying, resulting in a surge in demand for propane. Producers in some parts of the province were waiting upwards of 10 days to receive their propane orders. APAS worked with the Canadian Propane Association to look at ways of speeding up propane deliveries to producers.

## **Livestock tax deferral**

APAS has called for the Federal Government to implement a Livestock Tax Deferral program for 2018 for all Saskatchewan producers affected by lack of feed and poor pasture conditions in the province. Some producers are being forced to reduce their herds because of a shortage of hay and dry pastures over the past two years (see page 6 for more). The program allows producers who must sell their herds to defer a portion of sale proceeds to the following year. Normally, program eligibility is limited to producers in designated areas determined by the federal government.

## **Other submissions and consultations**

- Animal Health Act – Ministry of Agriculture, August 24, 2018
- Statement of Provincial Interest – Ministry of Government Relations, August 24, 2018
- Collaborative Forward Planning - Transport Canada, September 7, 2018
- Regulatory review of the Agri-food and Aquaculture sectors – Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, September 15, 2018
- Regulatory Modernization for Rail Transportation – CTA, September 30, 2018

APAS has participated in or prepared submissions for 21 consultations in 2018, which is an increase over the 14

submissions and consultations APAS was involved in in 2017.

## **Rep elections and retiring Reps**

2018 was an election year for APAS Representatives. According to APAS Bylaws, all APAS Representatives must be elected by vote or acclamation (or appointed), to their two-year terms in the fall of even-numbered years. After two nomination periods during the month of September, Representatives in almost all APAS member RMAs were elected by acclamation or appointed. Elections were held on October 24 in the RMAs of Bratt's Lake (#129), Connaught (#457), and St. Andrews (#297). The successful candidates were Gregor Beck, Ian Boxall and Kevin Sinclair, respectively. Thank you to everyone who put their name forward and voted. For the full list of APAS member RMAs and Representatives, please see pages 22 and 23.

APAS would like to thank the following retiring Representatives for their dedicated service and contributions to Saskatchewan agriculture:

- Stephen Smith, RM of Argyle #1
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- Bill Fraser, RM of Round Valley #410
- Joe Koch, RM of Manitou Lake #442
- John Light, RM of Britannia #502

## Fall district meetings

Fall meetings were held in all six APAS districts between October and November. The meetings were well attended, thank you to everyone who came out and participated.

## 2019 APAS Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program

APAS put out a call for applications for the next round of the APAS Youth Leadership and Mentorship program. The names of the successful applicants will be announced in the next issue of Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice in February 2019.

## New APAS member RMs

Since the last issue of Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice, the RMs of Mount Pleasant (#2), Coulee (#136), Monet (#257) and Whiska Creek (#106) have joined APAS. At the close of 2018, APAS membership sits at 137 member RMs, with 27 of those members joining this year. APAS' current membership is the highest in its history. For more information about joining APAS, visit [www.APAS.ca/becoming-a-member](http://www.APAS.ca/becoming-a-member).



## New APAS Associate Members

At the October board meeting, the APAS board of directors voted to accept applications for Associate Membership from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions. Welcome to APAS!

## APAS.ca re-launched

The APAS website has been re-designed and re-launched this fall. The new site features a searchable database of APAS resolutions and is easier to navigate. Check it out at [www.APAS.ca](http://www.APAS.ca).

## The APAS office has moved

APAS staff moved into new office space in October. The new address is 3401a Pasqua Street in Regina.

## 2018 APAS AGM

APAS held its Annual General Meeting November 27-29 in Regina. Check out

the February 2019 issue of Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice for coverage.

To stay up-to-date on the work APAS is doing between issues of Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice, subscribe to the e-newsletter 'APAS in Action' at [www.APAS.ca/apas-in-action](http://www.APAS.ca/apas-in-action)

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# CFA Update: Bringing farmers' views to Parliament Hill



Left to right: CFA Director Reint-Jan Dykstra, CFA President Ron Bennett, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food Lawrence MacAulay, CFA Director Mary Robinson and CFA Vice-President (and APAS Representative for RM #277 Emerald) Norm Hall

## **CFA Lobby Day: CFA directors bring ag priorities to MPs**

International trade, rural infrastructure and the need to modernize regulations were among the key issues that CFA board directors raised with MPs and senior policy staff during the annual CFA Lobby Day.

More than 30 meetings were held between October 29-30, where parliamentarians and farm leaders looked at the various ways that Canada should be leveraging its agriculture sector.

The lobby day meetings concluded with even more conversations at CFA's Annual Harvest Reception, which attracted a crowd of more than 100, including MPs, Hill staffers, CFA members and other industry leaders.

## **CFA asks for investments to adapt to proposed carbon pricing**

In response to the Federal Government's draft regulations concerning fuel costs and GHG emissions, CFA put out a news release asking to expand exemptions so that farmers of all commodities are treated fairly when the regulations are introduced.

CFA also called for further investment, research and for new programs to be developed to help rural Canada offer more in terms of carbon offsets and advanced production methods.

## **CFA Speaks at House agriculture committee on farmer mental health and launches mental health award**

On September 27th, CFA President Ron Bennett presented to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food on farmer mental health.

CFA highlighted recent research that

indicates Canadian producers face significant anxiety, depression, and stress, while demonstrating low resilience and a high potential for burn out. CFA, along with other stakeholders, recommended the need for increased funding to farmer mental health supports across Canada, while calling for the establishment of an agricultural mental health centre at the University of Guelph.

CFA also advocated for the Government of Canada to fund a national suicide prevention hotline through Crisis Services Canada, a group that has been in discussion with CFA regarding agriculture-specific training for distress centre representatives.

In the spirit of supporting mental health efforts in rural Canada, CFA has launched the first annual Brigid Rivoire Award for Champions of Agricultural Mental Health which recognizes an

individual, organization, or group of individuals that has made outstanding contributions in raising awareness, addressing stigma, and supporting agricultural mental health in their local community. The winner of the award receives \$2,000 for their own initiative or a charity of their choice.

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- #3 **Enniskillen** – Barry Fitzpatrick
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- #33 **Moose Creek** – Bill Neuman
- #37 **Lomond** – Ryan McKenzie
- #63 **Moose Mountain** – Jim Shirley
- #65 **Tecumseh** – Thomas Breault
- #91 **Maryfield** – Jeffrey Chambers
- #93 **Wawken** – Trevor Branvold
- #94 **Hazelwood** – James Husband
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- #96 **Fillmore** – Jordon Lynch
- #97 **Wellington** – David Beach
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- #125 **Chester** – Lee Sluser
- #126 **Montmartre** – Cory Stringer
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- #152 **Spy Hill** – Corinne Delmage
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- #155 **Wolseley** – Jim Ross
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- #181 **Langenburg** – Mike Mitschke
- #183 **Fertile Belt** – Arlynn Kurtz
- #184 **Grayson** – Danny Ottenbreit
- #187 **North Qu'Appelle** – George MacPherson
- #211 **Churchbridge** – Cameron Wiebe
- #214 **Cana** – Janette Reinson

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- #11 **Hart Butte** – Louis Paradis
- #38 **Laurier** – Bev Pirio
- #68 **Brokenshell** – Eric Dorsch
- #71 **Excel** – Ron Daviduk
- #72 **Lake of the Rivers** – Chris Bates
- #73 **Stonehenge** – Vince Topola
- #74 **Wood River** – Duane Filson

- #98 **Scott** – Tim Devereaux
- #100 **Elmsthorpe** – James Beingessner
- #103 **Sutton** – Richard Nagel
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- #128 **Lajord** – Todd Lewis
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- #162 **Caron** – Ray McBride
- #163 **Wheatlands** – Kurtis Hicks
- #191 **Marquis** – Glen Steinhauer
- #193 **Eyebrow** – Dean Thiessen
- #221 **Sarnia** – Carl Erlandson
- #222 **Craik** – Rodney Obrigewitsch
- #223 **Huron** – Vacant

## DISTRICT THREE

- #49 **White Valley** – Daryl Allemand
- #75 **Pinto Creek** – Brian Corcoran
- #76 **Auvergne** – Dale Davidson
- #79 **Arlington** – Wally Envik
- #106 **Whiska Creek** – Kelly Williamson
- #108 **Bone Creek** – Rick Rouse
- #109 **Carmichael** – Don Connick
- #110 **Piapot** – Devin Harlick
- #135 **Lawtonia** – Keith Deobald
- #136 **Coulee** – Greg Targerson
- #138 **Webb** – Rick Jensen
- #141 **Big Stick** – Vacant
- #167 **Sask Landing** – Dan Barber
- #226 **Victory** – Lee Galbraith
- #228 **Lacadena** – Megz Reynolds
- #257 **Monet** – Vacant
- #259 **Snipe Lake** – Glen Collins
- #261 **Chesterfield** – Leah Cooper

## DISTRICT FOUR

- #244 **Orkney** – Randy Trost
- #245 **Garry** – Bill Prybylski
- #275 **Insinger** – Willy Zuchkan
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- #308 **Big Quill** – Ernest Hall
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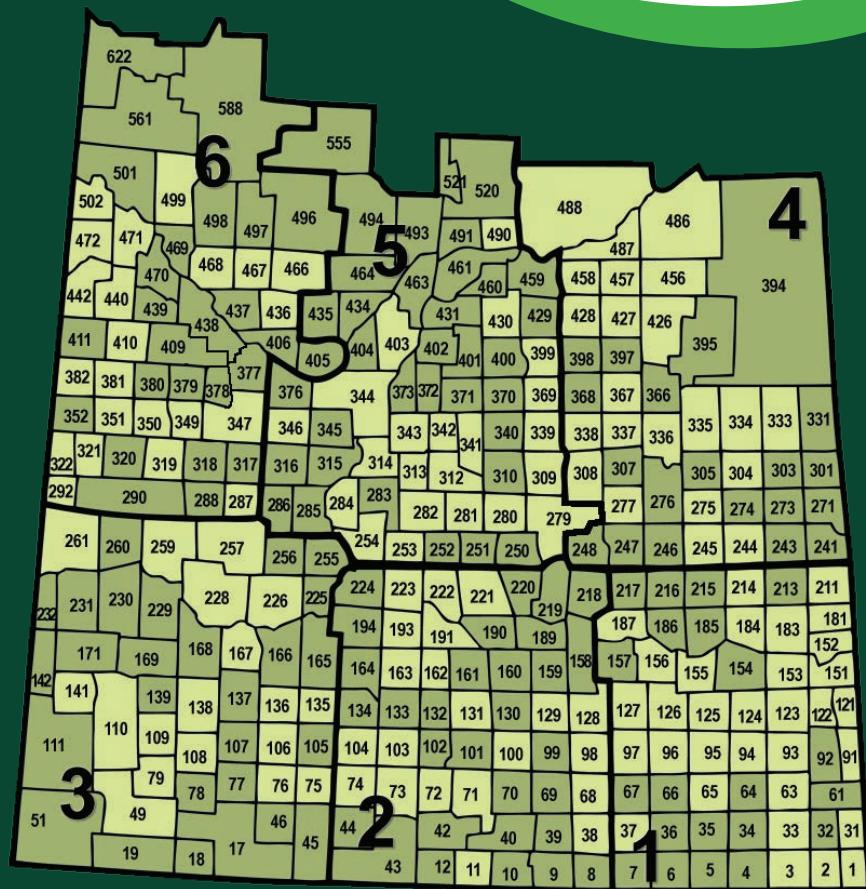
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- #254 **Loreburn** – Vanessa Tastad
- #279 **Mount Hope** – Ian McNichol
- #280 **Wreford** – Vacant
- #281 **Wood Creek** – Glen Busse
- #282 **McCraney** – Vacant
- #284 **Rudy** – Jan Konst
- #309 **Prairie Rose** – Garth Burns
- #312 **Morris** – Jason Johns
- #313 **Lost River** – Ivan Carpenter
- #314 **Dundurn** – David Aldred
- #339 **Leroy** – Donavon Block
- #341 **Viscount** – Mickey Palfy
- #342 **Colonsay** – Pat Mulhall
- #343 **Blucher** – Blair Cummins
- #344 **Corman Park** – Ken Rosaasen
- #346 **Perdue** – Curtis Lammers
- #369 **St. Peter** – Paul Ulrich
- #399 **Lake Lenore** – Mark Schemenauer
- #403 **Rosthern** – Glenn Braun
- #430 **Invergordon** – Wayne Bacon
- #490 **Garden River** – Ryan Scragg

## DISTRICT SIX

- #287 **St. Andrews** – Kevin Sinclair
- #292 **Millton** – James Loken
- #319 **Winslow** – Martin McGrath
- #321 **Prairiedale** – Tim Richelhoff
- #322 **Antelope Park** – Bill Warrington
- #347 **Biggar** – Robert Danychuk



- #349 **Grandview** – Allen Turk
- #350 **Mariposa** – Jeremy Welter
- #351 **Progress** – Kim Herbst
- #381 **Grass Lake** – Bentley Sprelle
- #382 **Eye Hill** – Greg Rissling
- #410 **Round Valley** – Kevin Martin
- #436 **Douglas** – Nick Partyka
- #440 **Hillsdale** – Lawrence Olson
- #442 **Manitou Lake** – Karl Koch
- #466 **Meeting Lake** – Lyle Prescesky
- #467 **Round Hill** – Gordon Moore
- #468 **Meota** – Glenn Tait
- #471 **Eldon** – Scott Owens
- #472 **Wilton** – Devon Walker
- #499 **Mervin** – Tom Brown
- #502 **Britannia** – Jonas Hoegl

# Harvest Reflections

Harvest 2018 will be remembered as particularly difficult by many Saskatchewan Producers

BY COLLEEN HENNAN

**F**rom its early start in August, when temperatures hit the thirties in some places, Harvest 2018 looked to be one for the books – but not necessarily for the right reasons. It had been another extremely dry summer for many producers and there were concerns that the heat would cook crops and leave livestock without feed. Little did we know that before we would see the back of Harvest 2018, Saskatchewan producers would also face snow, a propane shortage and a whole lot of frustration.

## How dry was it?

This fall, after looking at rainfall measurements, the federal government declared a drought situation in 208 out of Saskatchewan's 296 Rural Municipalities.

But Wanda Reid could have told you how dry it was without measuring a thing.

Reid farms in RM #95 Golden West and says it was so dry that she found a crow bar that her father dropped in a 15-foot-deep dugout on their family farm more than 50 years ago, because the dug out has all but completely dried up.

"I did not expect to ever see that crow bar again," she says, adding that the dug outs on her own nearby farm are empty as well.

The seven-foot-long crow bar was lost the winter that Reid was seven years old, when she and her dad were chipping a hole in the middle of the dug out for the cows. She remembers the incident clearly, because her father sustained a head wound from the crow bar's hook in all the commotion.

"We got him patched up, the cows got

water and we had to get another crow bar," she says, noting that it now has 'layers and layers' of rust from spending five decades in water that is now gone.

"I was so surprised when I found that crowbar, just laying in the middle of the dugout. It's just a puddle now."

down again a week later), he tweeted "If this wheat was any higher moisture, it would be a liquid asset."

## Propane Shortage

It was almost hard to believe how dry and how hot it had been barely two months earlier in October, when the



**Kim Keller**

@kimkkeller

Following

Asked my dad today if in his 50 ish years of farming he has ever combined through two snow storms like we did today.

He confirmed he had not.

All kinds of firsts this fall. #harvest18

7:32 PM - 29 Sep 2018

## White September

Harvest had been going along at a decent clip for producers in central and southern Saskatchewan, when Mother Nature had a change of heart and decided to dump snow in the North West in September.

Devon Walker's farm is in the RM of Wilton #472. He was already having a difficult harvest thanks to smoke drifting in from BC and rain, and only had about 5% in the bin when several inches of snow fell on his crops on September 21.

When he finally got on his combine on October 1 (before snow shut his harvest

snow and moisture had grain dryers going full tilt in the North East).

So wet was the crop coming off that propane became almost impossible to get your hands on in some parts of the province. Federated Co-op announced, in an unprecedented move, that it would be re-routing drivers and propane supply to areas like Melfort and Yorkton, where they had run out and demand was still high.

Keith Morin, Director of Propane with FCL said he had never seen anything like it in his 30 years in the business, as they scrambled to hire and train extra drivers to get propane to some farmers who

had been waiting for 10-14 days and had much more drying left to go.

### The Parts Run from Hell

No harvest is complete without a parts run, but David Aldred of Dundurn might just hold the record for the longest, most ambitious parts run of Harvest 2018.

When the oil filling tube on his grain truck broke in October and couldn't be patched, he called up the shop and was dismayed to learn that there were no replacement parts available in Western Canada or even Ontario. In fact, the closest replacement part was in Fargo, North Dakota or Rapid City, South Dakota. It was a Friday after dark and they were on their last wheat field before

switching over to oats. He needed that part.

"So, I got up at 6 the next morning and made lunch for the combine crew," Aldred says. He made some phone calls and by 9:30 am he was on the road heading for Fargo, 1100 kms and a 10-hour drive away.

"If I shipped it, with my luck, it would've gotten lost somewhere," he explains. "So, I drove there, got the part, and drove back. I got home by 6 the next morning."

Word of Aldred's epic parts run got around.

"Best part is, a week later, a guy I know had a beer with someone and was telling

them about it. He said, 'I've got that part in my yard, he could've had it for \$20!' Half an hour away," Aldred chuckles.

Aldred has managed to keep his sense of humour about Harvest 2018, which ended for him with a flourish, when he punched a hole in the fuel tank of his grain truck on the very last day.

"You've gotta finish it off well!"

Many Saskatchewan producers are just glad it's finished.



Devon Walker's swather on September 21, 2018 near Lashburn, Saskatchewan

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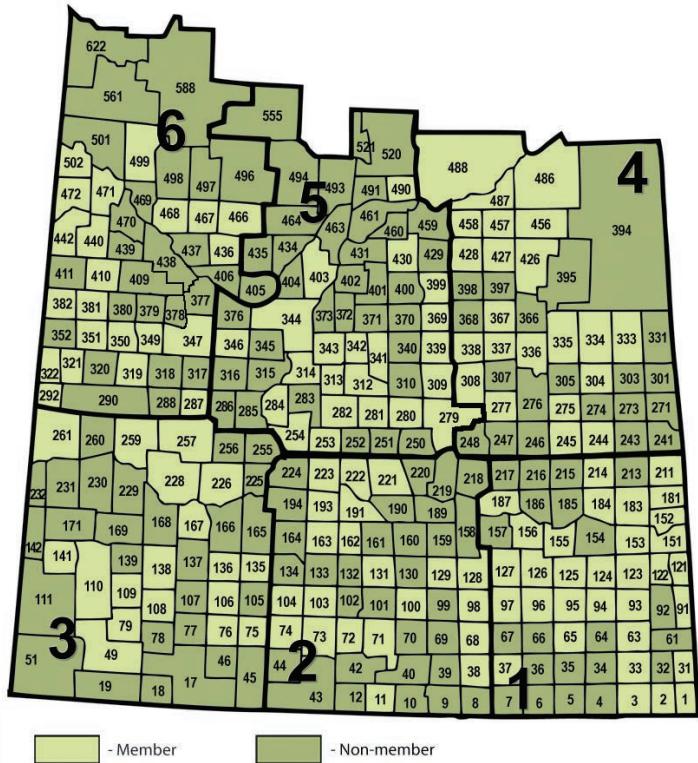
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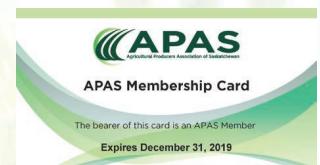


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**\$137K (PA)**



**2012 MORRIS 8650XL**

DUAL FAN, STANDARD METERING, 520 DUALS, 9D DISTRIBUTION FOR 86 OPENERS, HYD ASSIST 10" AUGER

**\$73K (H)**



**2012 BO 3320 & 2012 6450 COMBO**

XTC, 76' 10" SPACING SS LEADING, BO SIDE LIQUID KNIFE, 4.5" SEMI PNEU PACKER TIRES, REAR DUALS ON WINGS, SINGLE RUN X20 BLOCKAGE MON, 6 SEC PATTISON KIT, DROP HITCH, 10" DELUXE AUGER

**PB3385A**

**\$242K (PA)**



**2013 NH T9.670 - NEW TRACK UPGRADE!**

1000 RPM PTO 16 SPD PWRSHIFT, 6 X HYD FLOW 55 GPM, AUTOGUID NAV CNTRLR INTELLISTEER, CAB SUSPENSION, DIFF LOCK-FRONT & REAR, LUXURY CAB, INTELLIVIEW IV, TRACKS 36" HIGH IDLER

**HU3810**

**\$380K (H)**



**2010 NEW HOLLAND P2070**

60' 10" SPACING, FOLD BACK DRILL, DOUBLE SHOOT, SINGLE RUN BLOCKAGE, 8 RUN, SIDE BAND OPENER D/S OPENER, SOLID ARM DESIGN DEPTH ADJUST OFF PACKER WHL

**\$14K (PA)**



**2009 NH T9050**

800/70R38 DUALS, 5 HYD OUTLETS, HYD FLOW 55 GPM, SEAT AUTO SUSPENSION, DIFF LOCK FRONT & REAR, LEATHER, INTELLISTEER AUTOSTEER, LUXURY CAB, MEGA FLOW HYDS, TOW CABLE

**\$180K (PA)**



**2013 BO 6550 TANK**

TRAILING, 4 TANK METERING, SEED BAG LIFT, DUAL SHOOT, NO REAR HITCH, 591 MONITOR, DUAL 650 TIRES, DELUXE AUGER

**B23254A**

**\$105K (K)**



**2017 BO SPS360**

3 BAR 1/2 HEAVY HARROWS, 3" CARBIDE BOLT ON OPENERS, REAR HITCH, 2" SWIVEL SOCKET HITCH, 850 ACRES

**B23095A**

**\$165K (K)**



**2012 MORRIS C2 CONTOUR & 2014 9800**

71', DUAL SHOOT, 12" SPACING PAIRED ROW, 5.5" PACKER, QUAD HITCH, 800/65R32 FRT TIRES, 800/70R38 DUAL REAR TIRES, DUAL FANS, 10" HYD ASSIST AUGER

**\$279K (H)**



**2001 FLEXI-COIL 3450**

LEADING, SINGLE SHOOT CAN BE USED AS DOUBLE, DUALS FANS, SINGLE TIRES DIAMOND TREAD 30.5L-32, 8 RUN, 8" LOAD/UNLOAD AUGER, LOW PROFILE, 3 TANK METERING POLY, STANDARD DRIVE

**\$19K (PA)**



**2017 BO 5810 DRILL**

62', 9.8" SPACING, 450LB TRIPS-HD, SPEED LOC ADAPTERS, 3 1/2" S-PACKERS, MUDSCRAPER PKG, SINGLE SHOOT, SQUARE SEED BOOT PKG, AUTO CLUTCH SWITCH -491/591, DROP HITCH ADD-ON

**PB3622A**

**\$180K (K)**



**2002 BO 5710 & 2004 5350**

47' 10" SPC, DOUBLE SHOOT, 3" STEEL PACKERS MRB II DISCS MEASURE 18", 60 NEW KNIVES IN BARREL, 28L-26 SINGLE TIRES, STANDARD AUGER 3 TANK, 491 MON, DOUBLE SHOOT, CALI BOXES

**PB3632D**

**\$55K (K)**



**2014 SEED HAWK 6010 & 2012 L6550ST**

66 FT, 10', DOUBLE SHOOT 8 PORT LEADING, DUAL WHEELS, SEMI-PNEU 4.5 PACKER TIRES, REAR HITCH ON DRILL, NH3 KIT, NEW FERT KNIVES 1 YR AGO, 4 TANK METERING, BAG LIFT, LED LIGHTS ON REAR OF TANK, 10" DELUXE HYD AUGER, 591 MON

**\$205K (PA)**



**2006 CASE IH ATX 400 & 3380**

51', 10", 5 1/2" RUBBER PACKERS, TRANSPORT TIRES, SINGLE SHOOT AIR FULL RUN BLOCKAGE, 3 1/2" TIP REPLACEABLE, 1 BAR MOUNTED HARROW, 5 PLEX FOLDING, SINGLE SHOOT, 3 TANK METERING, 10" LOAD/UNLOAD AUGER

**\$65K (PA)**



**2006 BO 5710 DRILL**

54', 10" SPC, DOUBLE SHOOT, 330TRIP, LEADING AIR KIT, 5 1/2" AIR FILLED PACKERS, 1" CARBIDE TIPS, MRB'S

**PB3500D**

**\$55K (K)**



**2006 BO 6350 TANK**

28L-26 SINGLE RICE LUG REAR TIRES, 21.5L-16.1SL FRONT TIRES, SINGLE SHOOT, 3 TANK METERING, REAR TOW HITCH TOW BEHIND, STANDARD AUGER, 491 MONITOR

**PB3441D**

**\$45K (PA)**



**2011 BO 3310**

75' 12" SPACING SINGLE SHOOT LEADING AIR KIT, MRB III'S, 4.5" SEMI-PNEUMATIC PACKER, 3" SPREAD TIPS

**\$98.5K (PA)**



**2004 FLEXI 5000 & 3850**

55', 9", SINGLE SHOOT, STEEL PACKERS, 380 BU-3 TANK, VARIABLE RATE, DELUXE AUGER, SINGLE SHOOT

**\$35K (K)**



**2014 BO 3320 & L6550ST**

66' QDA, 6 PORT 12", MRB III 4.5" SEMI-PNEU WHEELS, 2" SPREAD TIPS, HIGH FLOAT, DLX 10" AUGER, FLD EXT HOPPER, DUALS 650/75R34, DOUBLE SHOOT

**PB3626A**

**\$320K (PA)**



**2014 BO 3320 QDA DRILL**

76' 12" SPACED DUAL SHOOT, 2" FULL CARBIDE SPREAD TIPS, MRB'S 3 SET UP FOR DRY, 4.5" SEMI-PNEUMATIC PACKER WHEELS, DUAL SHOOT SINGLE RUN BLOCKAGE MON

**PB3441A**

**\$185K (PA)**