



E-Newsletter

April 13, 2007

ACAAFS Application Deadlines:

April 16, 2007 for requests \$10,000 and above.

May 14, 2007 for Speaker Sponsorship applications and requests less than \$10,000.

[Click here](#) for a full list of upcoming application deadlines.

CARDS Application Deadline:

April 23, 2007 - [Click here](#) to visit the CARDS Website.

The Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission is SCCD's newest member!

The Saskatchewan Council for Community Development (SCCD) would like to welcome our newest member, the [Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission](#) (SODC). The SODC was mandated in April 2006, spinning off from the Prairie Oat Growers Association. SODC supports the development of a strong and profitable oat industry in Saskatchewan through the collection of a voluntary, half cent per bushel (50 cents per tonne) check-off on all oats grown in Saskatchewan. As funds become available from the check-off returns, the SODC plans to help support research and market development initiatives.

SCCD's members make a difference in agriculture, agri-food, and community development in Saskatchewan. Provincial organizations, legally incorporated in the province of Saskatchewan with an interest in advancing agriculture, agri-food and rural communities in the province are encouraged to become members of SCCD.

For more information on becoming a member of SCCD, please [click here](#), call SCCD Executive Director Laurie Dmytryshyn at (306) 975-6849 or send an E-mail to dmytryshynl@sccd.sk.ca.

SCCD AGM June 22 at the Farm Progress Show in Regina

The 2007 SCCD Annual General Meeting will be held for a second straight year at the Farm Progress Show in Regina. The meeting will start at 11:00 AM in Salon Three of the Queensbury Convention Centre of Ipsco Place (formerly Regina Exhibition Park). After a working lunch, the public portion of the AGM will start at 1:00 with speakers addressing this year's theme: the Role of Agriculture in Health and Wellness. Speakers will be announced on the [SCCD Website](#) as they are confirmed.

Lunch is free for members of SCCD. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Lesley Dirkson by E-mail at dirksonl@sccd.sk.ca or by phone at (306) 975-6847 or toll free at 1-800-641-8256.

ACAAFS

\$371,643 in ACAAFS funding announced

Brad Trost, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon–Humboldt, on behalf of the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board, announced \$371,643 for three projects that will benefit producers and processors in Saskatchewan and across the country. The announcement was made on Saturday, March 24 at the Sask Made Marketplace in Saskatoon.

“Canada’s New Government is pleased to fund projects that create new opportunities for producers and increase food security for consumers,” said Mr. Trost. “These investments will help position the agricultural sector for the future and will help farmers here in Saskatchewan as well as the agri-food sector as a whole.”

Projects being funded include:

- \$149,188 to the University of Saskatchewan to test a by-product of ethanol production for use as a high-grade livestock feed;
- \$159,455 to the Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre for an online Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point & Food Safety Diploma Program; and
- \$63,000 to Super Oats Canada Ltd.. to develop a new oat variety for the dairy and feedlot industry.

For an updated project list and information on the ACAAFS program, please [click here](#) to go to the SCCD ACAAFS website.

ACAAFS Funding Update

Since April 1, 2006, the SCCD Board of Directors has approved ACAAFS funding for **72** projects for a total commitment of **\$2,849,252**.

ACAAFS is a five-year grant program funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada which provides \$3.22 million in funding annually to Saskatchewan projects to position Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector at the leading edge to capture new opportunities.

For a complete list of funded projects, please [click here](#) to go to the ACAAFS Website.

For ACAAFS application forms, please [click here](#) for a Word version or [click here](#) for a PDF. For Speaker Sponsorship application forms, please [click here](#) for a Word version or [click here](#) for a PDF.

BOPI

Biofuels funding available through Biofuels Opportunities for Producers Initiative

SCCD is now accepting funding applications for biofuels projects under the Biofuels Opportunities for Producers Initiative (BOPI). Saskatchewan groups interested in this funding will have until **Friday, June 22, 2007** to submit their applications.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) has announced an additional \$10 million in funding for biofuels projects across Canada. Of that, \$7 million will be provided nationally for new projects in the 2007/2008 fiscal year. The SCCD Board of Directors will be meeting on Wednesday, September 5 to adjudicate the applications. The approved projects will be sent to AAFC, who will allocate the funding nationally based on demand.

To date, the SCCD Board of Directors has approved 11 projects for a BOPI commitment of \$1,888,863.

For application forms and more information on the BOPI, please consult the [BOPI Website](#) or call SCCD at 1-800-641-8256.

CARDS

CARDS funding available - application deadline April 23

Groups seeking funding from the Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development in Saskatchewan (CARDS) program have until **Monday, April 23, 2007** to submit their applications to SCCD.

The CARDS program is an initiative to foster the increased long-term growth, employment and competitiveness of Canada's agricultural and agri-food industry. The program is funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and administered in Saskatchewan by the SCCD. Since 1995, the CARDS program has provided over \$20 million to more than 900 projects in Saskatchewan, assisting them in leveraging over \$46 million in total funding. The program includes five areas: Industry and Rural Resource Development, Business Development Activities, Capital Equipment Purchases, Value-Added Development, and Environmental Stewardship.

For application forms and more information on the CARDS program, please consult the [CARDS Website](#) or call SCCD at 1-800-641-8256.

VALUE CHAINS

Prairie Berries begins European Market Value Chain

Prairie Berries Inc. has started Saskatchewan's newest value chain, focusing on linking Saskatoon berry growers in Saskatchewan with market opportunities in Germany and the United Kingdom. The formation of the value chain alliance between growers, a processing facility, Prairie Berries, two European importers and their customers will create a structure that will allow all chain members the ability to benefit from this collaboration.

For more information on the Saskatchewan Agri-Food Value Chain Initiative, please visit the [Value Chains Website](#) or contact SCCD Value Chain Specialist Bryan Kosteroski by phone at (306) 975-6851 or by E-mail at kosteroskib@sccd.sk.ca.

Saskatchewan in Demand coming this September

"Saskatchewan in Demand" is a unique, concept tradeshow featuring Saskatchewan made products. Producers, manufacturers and distributors will want to mark September 14-16, 2007 on their calendars, and take advantage of this ideal opportunity to showcase their Saskatchewan made products. Attendance is anticipated to be between 12,000-15,000 with 200-250 exhibitors present. This event will be held at Saskatoon's Prairieland Park.

For a brochure on Saskatchewan In Demand, please [click here](#). Exhibitor application forms are available [here](#).

For more information on the Saskatchewan in Demand Tradeshow, please go to the [Website](#) or contact Lori Cates at Prairieland Park at (306) 931-7149 or Darrell Schneider at the Saskatchewan Food Processors Association office at (306) 683-2410.

CATE

Centre for Agribusiness Training and Education (CATE) Website sees spike in traffic

The first three months of 2007 brought an increase in traffic for the CATE website. There were 20,062 visits in January, 21,171 in February, and 16,108 in March, indicating that the site is being used extensively. The CATE Website is a central source for information on education and training opportunities for those in the agriculture and agri-food sector and provides a link to the Canadian Agricultural Skills Service (CASS) program.

"It is great to see that so many people are using this Website," said CATE program officer Lesley Dirkson. "The site is updated often, and has information on events, seminars, courses, and even diploma and degree programs at trade schools, colleges, and universities across Canada."

For more information, please visit the CATE Website at www.agtraining.ca or call Lesley Dirkson at (306) 975-6847 or toll free at 1-800-641-8256.

VALUE ADDED PARTNERS

SFPA assisting processors with new labeling regulations

The Saskatchewan Food Processors Association (SFPA) received funding from SCCD through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's ACAAFS Program to assist our food processors in obtaining and complying with new labeling regulations. The funding is for new and existing products. The SFPA will reimburse up to 50% of the cost for nutritional analysis, label plate cost, carton/case plate costs, Universal Product Codes, and bilingual interpretation. Processors can apply for this funding for a maximum of four products, and up to \$3,700.

For more information please visit the SFPA Website at www.sfpa.sk.ca.

STEP offers course on International Marketing

Is your company looking to increase marketing capacity?

nexttrade training, a new division of Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership is proud to offer one of the best courses in international marketing in Canada. The FITTskills International Marketing Course is the perfect course for anyone who is looking to export into new markets or is currently exporting and would like to maximize the success of their international efforts.

International Marketing is an intensive 2 day course that covers the essential topics needed to make your international marketing effort a success. Once participants have completed the classroom sessions then they will get the chance to complete their own international marketing plan in order to get credit towards attaining the Certified International Trade Professional (CITP) designation, the only professional designation for the Canadian international trade professional.

Location:

STEP
#320 – 1801 Hamilton Street
Regina, Saskatchewan

Cost:

STEP Member - \$499.95 +G.S.T.
Non-STEP Member - \$585.00 +G.S.T.

* Costs include course materials and project fees

The registration deadline for International Marketing is May 8th, 2007. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to start your personal or your staffs training towards export excellence.

To register for this or any other FITTskills course please contact Jeff Thackeray, STEP at (306) 787-4103 or jthackeray@sasktrade.sk.ca.

EVENTS & DATES

April 25 and 26, 2007: The Western Canadian Livestock Expo – Saskatoon, Prairieland Park. The 2007 expo will continue to showcase the latest in technology and genetics for both dairy and pork producers, as well as provide exhibitors and patrons expanded marketing and networking opportunities. The concept of a combined event for both agriculture sectors will provide producers a forum to investigate new products and services to enhance their operations. Features that formerly made both events successful will be continued - social events, show ring competitions, youth educational component, and an industry-focused trade show. For more information, please visit <http://www.saskatoonex.com/ppevents.php?event=787>.

May 8 to 10, 2007: PACex International 2007 – Toronto, National Trade Centre. PACex International is Canada's national packaging, food process, material handling and logistics exhibition. The show ranks among Canada's largest industrial trade expositions drawing visitors and exhibitors from across North America, Europe and Asia. Visit www.pac.ca for more information.

May 9, 2007: Stock Person's School – Saskatoon, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Room 2302. This is a great opportunity for pasture riders, beef producers and others who work within the beef industry to come together and learn from some of the very best! The Stock Person's School is a forum that allows the beef industry as a whole to keep up-to-date. Registration is at 7:30 am. Early bird registration - \$107. Starts at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please consult the [Stock Person's School brochure](#) or contact Adele Buettner or Sheila Leys at the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan: (306) 249-3227.

May 22 to 25, 2007: National Agriculture Awareness Conference - London, Ontario. The goal of the National Agriculture Awareness Conference (NAAC) is to bring together people who share a common interest in agriculture awareness programs: to exchange ideas, improve the efficiency of existing programs, develop partnerships leading to new programs, and showcase regional achievements. Visit www.naac-cnsa.ca for more information.

June 4-8, 2007: Regina, Saskatchewan - The 2007 Business Retention and Expansion International Conference. You are invited to an exciting and informative international event where you can learn new models, tools and initiatives to intensify the economic vitality of your community. Follow this link for more details and to view the twelve page full color brochure: <http://www.brei.org/conferences/2007/Brochure.pdf>

June 10 to 14, 2007: Plant Canada 2007 – Saskatoon, TCU Place. Plant Canada 2007 is a multidisciplinary meeting covering the latest research in botany, plant physiology, plant pathology, horticultural science, agronomy, and weed science. Contact Karen Bailey at (306)956-7260 or bailetk@agr.gc.ca for more information or visit <http://www.plantcanada.ca/2007.htm> .

June 13 and 14, 2007: Saskatchewan Pasture School – Saskatoon. With annual attendance limited to fifty producers, the Saskatchewan Pasture School provides a forum for grazing managers to gain practical knowledge and expand their management skills through seminars, hands-on exercises and pasture tours. Contact the Saskatchewan Forage Council at (306) 966-2148 for more information.

June 13, 2007: Livestock Emergency Response Course - The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan is pleased to present Jennifer Woods, one of Canada's top livestock handling professionals for a highly specialized and informative day of training. This course is designed to help train EMO professionals on how to handle livestock in emergency situations, with a goal of improving animal well-being and human safety. Contact Adele Buettner at (306) 249-3227 or fac@sasktel.net for more information.

June 20 to 22, 2007: Western Canada Farm Progress Show – Regina, Ipsco Place. Please join us for the 30th anniversary of the Western Canada Farm Progress Show. For more information, please go to the Farm Progress Show Website:
<http://westerncanadafarm.rampinteractive.com/association.aspx>

June 22, 2007: SCCD AGM: "The Role of Agriculture in Health and Wellness" - Salon 3, Queensbury Convention Centre (IPSCO Place), Regina. AGM runs from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, public section runs from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Please check the SCCD [events page](#) for details.

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