



E-Newsletter

June 18, 2007

ACAAFS Application Deadlines:

June 22, 2007 for requests \$10,000 and above.

July 12, 2007 for Speaker Sponsorship applications and requests less than \$10,000.

Click here for a full list of upcoming application deadlines.

BOPI Application Deadline:

June 22, 2007 - Click here to visit the BOPI Website.

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. Please go to the SCCD Website for more information.

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

Clean farms, clean communities: disposing of unusable pesticides

It has been over 30 years since DDT was banned in Canada. Since then, other pesticides have suffered similar fates, although not so famously, or have just been replaced by better and safer alternatives as technology advances and the agriculture industry evolves.

But as the use of pesticides continues to evolve, a problem arises: what to do with the now obsolete product? Significant amounts are sometimes left over from previous years, and even current pesticides may need to be disposed of if they've become contaminated, freeze, or are otherwise unusable. These unusable pesticides have the potential to negatively impact the environment, so they must be disposed of properly. Left to producers, this could be a costly problem.

But thanks to CropLife Canada, producers can have their unwanted pesticides disposed of in an environmentally safe manner at no cost to themselves. The industry association, which

represents Canadian pesticide manufacturers, developers and distributors, began a nation-wide pesticide disposal program in 1998 that has removed over one million kilograms of obsolete pesticides from Canadian farms.

For the entire article, please [click here](#) to open the June edition of the SCCD newsletter. For past editions of the newsletter and E-newsletter, please [click here](#) to go to the SCCD archive page.

ACAAFS Funding Update

Since April 1, 2006, the SCCD Board of Directors has approved ACAAFS funding for **11** projects for a total commitment of **\$95,082**. To date, the SCCD Board of Directors has approved 145 projects under ACAAFS and BOPI for a funding commitment of over \$7.7 million.

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

Over \$1.6 million invested in renewable energy production in Saskatchewan

The Honourable David Anderson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board and Member of Parliament for Cypress Hills-Grasslands, on behalf of the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board, announced that Canada's New Government is investing more than \$1.6 million in nine Saskatchewan projects to help develop the emerging biofuels industry. The announcement was made at a news conference held on Friday, June 8, 2007.

"Canada's New Government believes in the biofuel industry and its positive impact on our environment, in our communities and the opportunities it provides to our farmers," Mr. Anderson said. "It's especially fitting, during this celebration of Environment Week, that we can announce these new biofuels opportunities in Saskatchewan."

To read the entire news release, please [click here](#) for a PDF version. For the French news release, please [click here](#). To go to the SCCD BOPI Website, please [click here](#).

Biofuels Opportunities for Producers Initiative deadline approaching

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.

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

VALUE CHAINS

Agribusiness Student Business and Marketing Plan Program continues to benefit Saskatchewan agri-food sector

The demand for knowledgeable and creative marketing people in the agriculture and agri-food industry is growing. To meet this need, the Saskatchewan Council for Community Development (SCCD) will continue their partnership with the University of Saskatchewan in providing processors the opportunity to have a professional business and marketing plan crafted by third and fourth-year university students.

For more information on the Agribusiness Student Business and Marketing Plan Program, 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.

New York Stick set for major national launch

One of the Saskatchewan Agri-Food Value Chain Initiative's biggest success stories has been the New York Stick value chain. The New York Stick, which is produced by Classic Meats of Fox Valley, is a lean and nutritious pre-cooked meat snack that will soon be gracing the shelves of convenience store coolers across the country.

The New York Stick, which is currently available at select convenience stores and concession stands in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Ontario, will soon be launched and distributed across Canada thanks to contacts made at the C-Store Canada Conference and Expo in Calgary. It was there that Classic Meats was able to make an impression on many convenience store chains and food distributors, including the Denbar Group of Colborne, Ontario, who will be distributing the New York Stick.

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

CATE

CATE offers education opportunities for farmers

The Centre for Agribusiness Training and Education (CATE), in conjunction with Canadian Agriculture Skills Service (CASS), is allowing farmers to access education and training that will allow them to supplement their on-farm income. The CATE website contains a comprehensive listing of educational offerings that have been approved for CASS funding support.

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

Food Centre's Good Manufacturing Practices Training Now Online

Keeping up with current training is important in the food industry. Issues of food contamination are an ongoing concern with consumers and manufacturers. As of June 1st, the Food Centre, with funding support from Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, officially launched the online Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) training. Companies are now able to log on to www.GMPsOnline.ca to register and train their employees on good manufacturing practices.

Some basic principles a food processor should follow to produce consistent, quality food product fall into Good Manufacturing Practices. Learning about the eight areas of GMPs will ensure that your employees are practicing minimum food safety requirements and will set the stage towards HACCP certification.

GMP Online Training is one of many online projects the Food Centre is developing for the food industry. Funding assistance from the Saskatchewan Council for Community Development through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-food Saskatchewan (ACAAFS) program has enabled the Food Centre to start the process of putting the HACCP & Food Safety Diploma Program online.

The Food Centre's new Food Industry Training (F.I.T.) Centre website is www.FoodIndustryTraining.ca. For more information on the Food Centre, please click here to go to their Website.

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. You may also visit the SFPA Website at www.sfpa.sk.ca.

EVENTS & DATES

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. The AGM runs from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and the free public forum runs from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Please check the SCCD events page for details.

June 22 and 23, 2007: Prairie Berries Information Sessions – Regina, Yorkton, Melfort, and Saskatoon. Prairie Berries Inc. will be holding an information meeting on their European Agri-Food Value Chain strategy in four locations on June 22 and 23. We are pleased to invite you as special guests to attend our meeting. At the information meeting, we will discuss the value chain strategy in partnering with saskatoon berry growers for national/international market opportunities. We will also discuss the distribution networks and food safety protocols. The dates are: Regina – 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, June 22, 2007 at the Sandman Hotel; Yorkton - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, June 22, 2007 at the Best Western Parkland Inn; Melfort - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, June 23, 2007 at the North East Leisure Centre; and Saskatoon - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, June 23, 2007 at the Heritage Inn. For more information, please contact Sandy Purdy at (306) 788-2018 or by E-mail at prairieberries@sasktel.net.

June 23, 2007: Beef Development Centre Field Day - Termuende Research Farm, Lanigan. The Western Beef Development Centre's annual summer field day includes tours of current beef and forage research projects, farm facilities, as well as guest speakers and displays. For more information, contact Brenda Freistadt at (306)682-3139, ext.2 or bfreistadt@pami.ca.

June 27, 2007: Sunflower Industry Meeting and Plot Tour - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Farm on the northeast edge of Saskatoon. "Sunflower Futures – A Look Ahead." Seminars and plot tour on the possible future uses and markets for sunflower in Saskatchewan, as well as sunflower variety and agronomy information. Time: 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Lunch included. No charge. Please pre-register by email or phone to Ray McVicar at (306) 787-4665 or rmcvicar@agr.gov.sk.ca by June 26.

July 4, 2007: Camelina and Special Crop Plot Tour and Info Session – Swift Current, SK. 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Topics include research on camelina agronomy, niger, safflower, prairie carnation, mustard as well as plans for upcoming research. For more information, please contact Ray McVicar at 306 787-4665 or rmcvicar@agr.gov.sk.ca.

July 5, 2007: Conservation Learning Centre Field Day – Prince Albert, SK. An excellent opportunity to learn about research and demonstrations at the Conservation Learning Centre and to network with local researchers, producers and agrologists. For more information, please contact Tom Boyle at (306) 953-2362 or tboyle@agr.gov.sk.ca.

July 7, 2007: Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association (SFGA) Annual Summer Field Day and Tour – Preeceville and Yorkton. Includes a tour of Fatikaki Farms, Preeceville at 9:30 AM followed by a tour of Prairie Dome Strawberries and Saskatoons, in Yorkton. For more information or to register, please call Sharon at (306) 743-5333 or visit www.saskfruit.com.

July 11, 2007: Western Applied Research Corporation Field Day – Scott. An excellent opportunity to learn about research at the Scott Research Farm and to network with local researchers, producers and agrologists. For more information, please contact Scott Research Farm at (306) 247-2011.

July 12, 2007: Irrigation Field Day Tour & Trade Show - Canada-Saskatchewan Irrigation Diversification Centre, Outlook. Highlights of the tour and trade show include: specialty crops, strawberry crowns, potatoes, crop varieties for ethanol production, irrigation systems & water management, organic vegetable production, and fruit orchard. Admission is free. For more information, contact CSIDC at 306-867-5400 or visit www.agr.gc.ca/pfra/csidc/csidc.htm.

July 12, 2007: Wheatland Conservation Field Day – Swift Current Research Centre. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about research and demonstrations at the Swift Current Research Centre and to network with local researchers, producers and agrologists. For more information, contact Bryan Nybo at (306) 778-7289 or NyboB@agr.gc.ca.

July 17, 2007: Indian Head Agricultural Research Foundation Field Day – Indian Head. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about research and demonstrations at the Indian Head Agricultural Research Foundation and to network with local researchers, producers and agrologists. For more information, contact Judy McKell at (306) 695-4200 or judymckell@yahoo.ca or visit http://paridss.usask.ca/specialcrop/spoke/indian_head/index.htm

July 18, 2007: Canaryseed Agronomy and Variety Research Plot Tour - Pavilion in the Agriculture Canada Research Station, Indian Head. Participants are asked to meet at the Pavilion in the Agriculture Canada Research Station on the east side of Indian Head at 1:15. No charge. For more information, please contact Ray McVicar at (306) 787-4665 or rmcvicar@agr.gov.sk.ca.

July 18, 2007: Melfort Research Farm Field Day – Melfort. An excellent opportunity to learn about the research at the Melfort Research Farm and network with researchers, producers and agrologists. For more information, please contact Cecil Vera at (306) 752-2776 or VeraC@agr.gc.ca

July 30 to August 2, 2007: 2007 Western Canadian Feedlot Management School – University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. The Western Canadian Feedlot Management School delivers sessions on topics that are at the forefront of the feeding industry. Participants will be exposed to leading edge technology and information on the business aspects of cattle feeding as well as current information on animal health and nutrition. For more information, please go to <http://www.saskcattle.com>.

September 13, 2007: SFPA 15th Annual Golf Invitational - Saskatoon Golf and Country Club. Come and start your day with a seminar explaining various funding programs available for food processors in Saskatchewan. This will be offered free of charge! To finish our funding seminar and start our golf tournament we will be having a barbecue lunch. During your round of golf you will enjoy product sampling, networking opportunities, prizes and hopefully some sun! As in years past, we will end our day with a banquet in the East Club House. For information on registration and sponsorship, please go to the SFPA Website at www.sfpa.sk.ca.

September 14 to 16, 2007: Saskatchewan Made Tradeshow – Prairieland Park, Saskatoon. Introducing "SASKATCHEWAN MADE," a unique, concept tradeshow featuring Saskatchewan Made products! Producers, manufacturers and distributors will want to take advantage of this ideal opportunity to showcase their Saskatchewan made products. For more information, please go to the Saskatchewan Food Processors Association Website at www.sfpa.sk.ca.

September 15 to 18, 2007: Economic Developers Association of Canada National Conference – Saskatoon. We invite you to "Meet us in the heart" for EDAC 2007. Beautiful Saskatoon, Saskatchewan is the heart of aboriginal and regional economies, innovation and technology, and cultural diversity. At this year's national EDAC Conference you'll have the opportunity to learn from the experiences of economic development professionals and experts, share your own exciting success stories, create new friendships and partnerships, and rekindle relations with old

friends and colleagues. For more information or to register, please visit:
http://www.edac.ca/html/shtml/edac_conference_reg2007.shtml.

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