



Quote of the Month:

"It does not matter how slow you go, as long as you don't stop"
Confucius

OCTOBER CONNECTIONS.

**SEED
SMART**

Thanks to our partners for making this program possible. Please contact one of the program partners regarding seed testing packages to assist your customers in unlocking vital seed quality information.



AGRI- PROCESSING INDUSTRY Labour Survey and Assessment: Participate to be Seen & Heard

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry is undertaking an Agriculture Industry Labour Survey and Assessment.

MDB Insight Inc. has been retained to complete a survey of our primary producers and agri-food processors to determine their labour challenges and needs over the next 12 to 36 months. The results of the confidential survey and subsequent analysis will support the development of responsive programs to address industry's labour challenges.

As a valued industry partner, you are integral to the success of the industry. The survey can be accessed at

https://www.forumresearchonline.ca/survey/intweb.dll/project/cawi//mdbi_cawi.

Alternately, members can call 1-866-508-1441 to complete a confidential survey.

It is anticipated the survey will take place between September and November 2016.

64th AGM January 11-13, 2017

Planning is well underway for the 64th Annual General Meeting scheduled for January 11 to the 13th at the Westin hotel in Edmonton. The event will kick off with a manager's meeting on the morning of January 11th, with a business development workshop to follow the afternoon of the 11th.

Please note, that in response to a survey that was conducted at last year's AGM, the workshop has been moved to Wednesday afternoon. There will be two topics covered at the workshop, including a safety manual update aimed toward board members as well as staff. The second topic is still under construction.

Upon receiving many favorable reviews, the band, ROUTE 66 from St. Paul has been booked as entertainment more the banquet.

Our guest speaker has built a multi-national food exporting company from the ground up in Saskatchewan.

This year, the Board of Director's has selected an awesome keynote speaker, which will be sure to motivate and entertain the attendees.

Also note that elections will take place in Regions 3, 5, 6, & 7. Having nominees for each region is important to be compliant with the Association's bylaws. (Otherwise, a bylaw update may be required)

Please stay tuned to your email inbox, as well as traditional mail box for further details.

More Details in Next Connections Newsletter....

Registered Crop Varieties and Plant Breeders' Rights database

Be Informed: When in doubt, check it out:

<http://cdnseed.org/library/crop-kinds-database/>.

Go to cdnseed.org and click on the "Library" tab.

Olds College Seed Protectant Pesticide Applicator Tutorial

October 31, November 1, 2016

COST: \$349+GST

The tutorial is optional and is intended for people who are pursuing their Pesticide Applicator Certification with a special seed protectant application designation. The tutorial prepares the student for the applicator exam. EXAMS are based on the standard for pesticide education, training and certification in Canada and are available by calling 1 866 853 8646.

The exams are available online through designated proctor sites located in Olds, Lethbridge, Edmonton, Grande Prairie, or Vermilion. Candidates require a grade of 70 per cent or better to qualify for certification.

Participants are highly recommended to be familiar with the Home Study Manual

Please register as soon as possible.

Toll Free: 1-800-661-6537

Email: coned@oldscollege.ca



Combine to Customer Program

CIGI (Canadian International Grains Institute) is once again hosting the Combine to Customer program that helps farmers learn about how grains are utilized around the world, and why quality parameters are now a science. Participants should be active bonafide farmers in Alberta. Interested farmers should contact Brian Kennedy, bkennedy@albertawheat.com, 403-219-7904 before November 25, 2016.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Fairview Co-op Seed Plant has for Sale: 668 Clipper Airscreen with screens and spare 15hp motor call for price. 10 kongskilde CAD 20 air locks in working condition (replaced with bigger) \$1200 per unit 15 7/6in aluminum elbows for pneumatic system (new). 1 unit 6 spiral gravity separator \$1500. All equipment is in good working condition call Ernie at 780 835 2478 for details

CLEAN FARMS:

Thanks to the Alliance Seed Cleaning Plant for acting as one of 20 locations that farmers can drop off obsolete and unwanted pesticides. For information on other locations visit:

www.cleanfarms.ca

Changes to Weed Seed Order: Questions and Answers on Weed Seeds Order, 2016

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has posted a series of questions and answers to its website regarding the *Weed Seeds Order* (WSO), 2016. The WSO is a ministerial order made under the *Seeds Act* and plays a critical role in preventing the introduction of new weed species into Canada by preventing or limiting the presence of weed species in seed sold in Canada. The new and updated WSO 2016 comes into force November 1, 2016. To read the questions and answers, visit the CFIA website at

<http://inspection.gc.ca/eng/1470413284545/1470413303224>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PINCHER CREEK SEED PLANT

FULL TIME PLANT MANAGER:

Seeking a full-time assistant manager with an opportunity to become manager in the future. The right individual will have a minimum of 2 - 3 years of seed plant experience, with Color Sorter experience being an asset. Please email seedmanpc@gmail.com

STROME SEED PLANT

FULL TIME PLANT MANAGER

Experience necessary. Wage negotiable. For further information contact Tom Zwack at 780-608-9592 or email t.zwack@hotmail.com

South Peace Grain in Dawson Creek

ASSISTANT SEED PLANT MANAGER.

Duties will be assisting with the operation and maintenance of the seed cleaning facility. Seed conditioning experience required, must be detail oriented and have a strong mechanical aptitude and strong communication/ leadership skills. email:shaun@spgrain.ca phone: 250 782 7820