



Association of Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants Ltd.

SEED PLANT NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2008 crop year is in the books and for the most part, seed quality looks to be good. This should mean that our member plants should all have a good supply of seed to clean from.

As I had mentioned in the last issue of Seed Plant News your provincial board had identified the need to hold a strategic planning session to plan for the future of this association. This was held at the October board meeting. The provincial board, along with the manager directors from all 7 regions held a long one day meeting to come up with a strategic plan.

We had an outside mediator join us to facilitate and lead us through this process. The feeling of everyone involved was that this exercise was very useful, insightful and necessary! Larry Malazdrewicz, our mediator, helped us take a good look at the current situation of this association and to build a plan that will help us move forward for the betterment of all involved.

As a result of this process, together, we created a vision statement and a mission statement that we can use to drive us forward. These are:

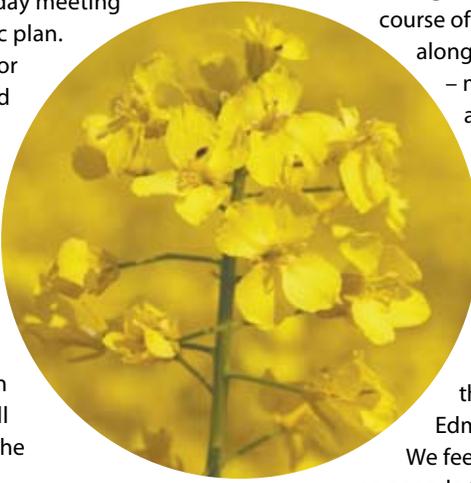
VISION STATEMENT:

To be leaders in the advancement of a Viable Seed Processing Industry.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To address issues provincially & regionally, identify, act upon & communicate upon opportunities for the association and member plants.

A number of critical success factors were also identified, all necessary to achieve these statements. I feel very confident that the outcome of this process will be a stronger provincial association that will be able to face the challenges and opportunities in the next 5 to 10 years! At your Annual General Meeting in January the entire strategic review process and our course of action will be presented, along with how all those involved – managers, shareholders and provincial & local board members can work together to bring this plan into actuality.



Speaking of the upcoming AGM in January, I encourage each and every one of you to make the journey to the Westin in Edmonton January 15-17 2009.

We feel that we have put together an agenda that has both current and useful information. Along with the business part of the meeting there will be ample opportunity to meet with people from every corner of this province (and Northern BC) and to enjoy each others company. The managers association' on Friday night will be providing an evening of comedy and Saturday's banquet entertainment will be Brett Kissel. Brett will be making his

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COMING EVENTS

ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA COOP SEED CLEANING PLANTS AGM

Westin Edmonton, AB
January 15th – 17th, 2009

ALBERTA BRANCH, CSGA AGM

Westin Edmonton, AB
January 26th & 27th, 2009

FARMTECH

Mayfield, Edmonton, AB
January 28th – 30th, 2009

2009 SEED & HAY FAIR SHOWS

NORTH AMERICAN SEED FAIR

In conjunction with AgExpo,
Lethbridge, AB

March 4-6 2009

Entry Deadline – February 20, 2009

OLDS COLLEGE SEED FAIR & HAY SHOW

In conjunction with Agri Trade,
Red Deer, AB

November 11-14 2009

NEW Entry Deadlines –

Hay & Silage – September 10, 2009

All other classes – June 1, 2009

NATIONAL PEDIGREED SEED SHOW

In conjunction with Northlands
Farm & Ranch Show,
Edmonton, AB

March 25-28 2009

Entry Deadline – March 13, 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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3rd appearance due to the overwhelming response of the audience the past 2 years! Brett's music and stage presence has an instant appeal to any that hear or see him. Please refer to the main agenda later in the newsletter and watch for your AGM packages in the mail! Information will also be posted at www.seed.ab.ca.

So I hope that you will join us in January, and please encourage your board members to do so as well. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Steven Miller

*President, Association of Alberta Co-op
Seed Cleaning Plants*

YOUR PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION TOGETHER WITH THE MANAGERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES A 2ND SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE TO DEPENDENTS OF ALL PERMANENT EMPLOYEES!

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA INCLUDES:

1. Scholarship to be limited to the dependents of permanent employees (employed no less than 1 year) of an affiliated Seed Cleaning Plant excluding managers.
2. Students must be in full time attendance at any accredited post secondary institutions.
3. Scholarship in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be awarded annually. The Association of Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants Ltd. & Managers Association of Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants Ltd. each to fund 50% of the \$1,000.00 scholarship.
4. Scholarship to be awarded first on the basis of need regardless of field of study.
5. Scholarship to be awarded secondly on field of study (Agriculture).
6. Scholarship to be awarded thirdly on basis of academic standing.
7. If in any year there are no applications from first year students, the selection committee may grant the scholarship to second, third, or fourth year students.
8. Applications must be in the hands of the Board of Directors by the 30th day of August of the year that the students are attending school.
9. An appointed committee is to act as the Scholarship Board.
10. If one of the Board members has a dependant applying for the Scholarship, they must excuse themselves from the Scholarship Board for that year.
11. Funds for the Scholarship Awards are to be taken from the general revenue of the Association of the Alberta Coop Seed Cleaning Plants and Managers Association.
12. Recipients of the scholarship will be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be held in January of the following year.
13. Completed applications to be mailed to 5030 50 St. Lacombe, AB T4L 1W8.

SEED QUALITY UPDATE – FALL 2008

Early indicators are pointing towards a seed crop which has strong germination capacity, but seed quality is pressured by disease.

The average germination percentage of cereals and canola are approaching the mid-90% range, and peas are balancing around 90%. Wheat and barley germination percentage is on par with last year's testing to date. There is a marked improvement in oat germination in 2008, which is likely contributed to this year's improved late harvest conditions in comparison to 2007. Pea germinations, on the other hand, are trending lower by a few percentage points, but the average may be skewed by a few extremely poor results. Stay tuned as more results become available.

The headline this year is DISEASE! Ergot levels are high to alarming in some regions, plus widespread across western Canada. This will likely cause difficulties during seed processing, as the success of removing ergot bodies is a function of quantity, as well as size of the ergot bodies. To date, BioVision has tested a similar number of wheat samples for *Fusarium graminearum* to 2007. Unfortunately, the number of wheat samples that have tested positive for the presence of *Fusarium graminearum* in Alberta has climbed significantly from 9 samples submitted in the fall of 2007 to 28 samples submitted in the fall of 2008. Do keep in mind that this data set represents testing in September and October only, and a wider data pool will be available as the year progresses.

Holly Gelech
BioVision Seed Labs –
Business Development Manager

HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNTS

At the October BOD meeting Doug Sample with Morneau Sobeco presented the BOD an option that may enhance an employee's health & dental benefits plan. They have an agreement in place with an insurer that would allow individual seed plants to implement health spending accounts for their employees at their discretion. In other words, this would not require all plants to participate – it is the decision of that individual plant if they want to offer this to their employees or not.

Legislation requires that health spending accounts are to be 100% solely funded by the employer – an employee cannot make financial contributions to this account. An administration fee of 12% (to be paid by employer) will also apply to funds that the employee actually uses from their health spending account. These funds can then be used for health and dental expenses which are not covered under the current group benefits plan or payment of expenses over the insured maximums. Examples of eligible medical expenses include:

- > Vision care expenses such as glasses and eye exams
- > Elective procedures including adult orthodontics and cosmetic surgery

- > Prescribed lifestyle benefit expenses such as nutritional supplements and fertility drugs
- > Services of paramedical practitioners including chiropractors, acupuncturists, optometrists, physiotherapists, etc.
- > Private medical plan premiums

In the previous newsletter we had requested feedback from those plants currently using Manulife benefits to indicate if they wish to see Vision & Orthodontic coverage added to their benefits plan. Only 1/3 of the plants currently using Manulife responded with overwhelming majority that they **DO NOT** wish to see Vision & Orthodontics added on! Both are expensive additions to the plan and not every participant needs these services. Whereas a Health spending account may certainly offer flexibility to each individual as to which services they require and need extra funding for and **NOT** all plants are required to participate in order to have this "coverage" available.

Further information can be found at http://www.seed.ab.ca/seed_processors/index.asp – members only section! Doug will also be making a presentation at the AGM in January.

SEXSMITH CO-OP SEED CLEANING PLANT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

The Sexsmith Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant celebrated our 50th Anniversary BBQ on Mon, Aug.11. Over 100 customers stopped by throughout the afternoon for smokies, hamburgers, salads and some cake. There were many door prize draws with the prizes donated from several Vendors. The day started off a bit windy but the weather co-operated in time for our BBQ at noon. A good time was had by all!

In the summer of 1957, Adley Carter, George Sayle, Jim Bushel, Laverne Sheehan, Mike Duda, Lee Warren and Bertle Liland got together and applied for a grant to build a Seed Plant.

Construction got started and in the summer of 1958, Lee Warren cut the ribbon in the opening ceremonies for the Sexsmith Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant!

Time eventually took its toll on the building and it was torn down in August 1984, but not before a new building was built and officially opened on June 28, 1984!



SEED PROTECTANT APPLICATOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Facility Audits have been developed to allow Seed Protectant Pesticide Applicators to obtain Recertification Credits through a Continuing Education Program by participating in pesticide product manufacturer training and audit of their or their employer's seed treatment facilities.

To qualify for pesticide applicator recertification credits, Seed Protectant Pesticide Applicators must be employed by the facility being audited, must attend the pesticide product training provided by the auditor and must participate in the entire facility audit. A maximum of 3 credits/audit/applicator (2 credits in the Application Technology concept and 1 credit in the Health and Safety concept) will be granted if all conditions are met. A maximum of 6-credits/certification period/applicator will be allowed for each applicator.

At a recent meeting of the Seed Protection Applicator Licensing committee, a motion was brought forward to increase the number of credits an applicator can obtain by going through an audit. An update of the outcome of this initiative will be made as detail become available.

All applicators are encouraged to go through the audit process, as it is a great tool to assess seed treatment operations, and may have positive spin-off effects with insurance companies and other agencies. Most Auditors approach the audit as involving the applicator to give his/her evaluation of the seed treatment process, hence the audit is a great benchmarking tool. To proceed with a facility audit, the applicator should book an appointment with an Auditor. For Bayer CropScience, Monica Klaas is an approved auditor and can be reached at 403-625-7027.



FarmTech 2009

Join us Jan. 28-30, 2009

Mayfield Inn & Suites, 16615 - 109 Avenue, Edmonton, AB

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- Agriculture Industry Showcase exhibits and special events

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Jost von Freier, Producer, Germany

Ross Johns, Producer, Australia

Mike Stegmann, President, AGROTAIN International

Hon. Preston Manning

2009 Banquet Speaker: **Dr. Roberta Bondar**

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YOUR PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION IS HEADED TO FARMTECH IN 2009!

We are in the process of designing a display booth to use at FarmTech. The concept of the display will be to promote the services of our member plants to producers and to the industry, to create a stronger identity and to enhance awareness of seed.ab.ca magazine and website. This display booth will also be available to use by member plants at various conferences and tradeshow. We are looking for managers to volunteer for ½ day to work in the booth – Wednesday, Thursday or Friday January 28-30. Please contact the office at (403) 782.8022 if you are interested! FarmTech will be the conference to attend – display booths are sold out and a full crowd is expected for 2009!

REMOVAL OF KVD – WHAT NOW?

At Seed & Crop Tech Workshop we were fortunate to have Randy Dennis, Chief Grain Inspector with the Canadian Grain Commission provide an update on the process after the Removal of KVD (Kernel Visual Distinguishability) within Western Canada's Grain Handling System. Below you will find key points that grain producers (your customers) need to know when they deliver wheat to their elevator.

The following information was provided by the Canadian Grain Commission website at <http://www.grainscanada.gc.ca/wheat-ble/ds-sd/dsm-msd-eng.htm>.

What changed on August 1, 2008?

- A declaration system, as part of a quality management system for western Canadian wheat was introduced.
- When you deliver wheat, you will have to sign a Declaration of eligibility for the class form. By signing the form, you are

attesting that the wheat you are delivering is eligible for a specific class of western Canadian wheat.

- A ninth wheat class has been introduced – Canada Western General Purpose – with disease resistance and agronomic criteria, but with limited quality requirements.

Why introduce declarations?

On February 11, 2008, Kernel Visual Distinguishability was removed as a registration requirement for all western Canadian wheat classes. This means varieties put forward for registration can look like each other and the existing wheat classes, but they will still have to meet all other registration requirements for quality, disease resistance and agronomics.

How will these changes affect you?

They will affect how you select your seed, your after-harvest storage practices and grain delivery.

But first, what are classes and varieties?

There are nine western Canadian wheat classes. Varieties are developed by plant breeders for each class.

What's the concern about eligible varieties?

The Canadian Grain Commission (CGC) has variety designation lists for Canadian wheat. The lists include all the western Canadian wheat classes and all the varieties that are eligible for each class. The grain industry uses the lists to keep ineligible varieties from undermining the quality of grain shipments and possibly causing problems for end users. The primary elevator operator will grade your wheat delivery according to your declaration to class.

Know your seed

Only varieties on the variety designation lists are eligible to be graded as one of the eight classes of milling wheat. If you grow a variety that is not listed on the variety designation lists or if you do not declare that it is eligible for a specific class for which you are requesting payment, when you deliver it will only be eligible for the Canada feed class or the lowest grade of amber durum.

The best way to know the variety of your wheat at delivery is to know your seed before planting, by doing one or both of the following:

- Have your old or common seed tested at a private lab before seeding.
- Purchase certified seed.

Maintain careful records of your harvest

For most producers this simply means continuing good operating practices. For others, it means establishing tighter quality management controls.

- Before storing grain, bins should be empty and clean.
- Put only one class of wheat in each bin.
- Maintain careful records to keep track of the wheat in each bin.
- If you are not sure of the wheat class in a bin, have the wheat tested at a private lab before selling it.

If you have someone hauling grain for you:

- Provide clear instructions to the transporter about which bins to load from.
- Be present at the time of loading to direct the person hauling your grain.

Declare your wheat at delivery

On August 1, 2008, the Canadian grain industry introduced a declaration system for western Canadian wheat. Annually, at every elevator where you deliver wheat, you will be required to complete the Declaration of eligibility for the class form confirming that the wheat you will deliver is eligible for a specific western Canadian wheat class. Be ready to verbally declare the class of wheat you are delivering for each load.

If you have someone hauling grain for you, you are responsible for ensuring that:

- You have signed a declaration form at that elevator prior to delivery; and
- The transporter is able to identify the class at the time of delivery.

The same process applies to producer cars. You are responsible for signing the form and sending it to the administrator of your producer car.

The elevator receiving your wheat will keep samples for random testing and monitoring.

We all have a part to play

Canada's assurance of grain quality will not change with the new declaration system for western Canadian wheat. As partners in the grain sector, we are all committed to working together – producers, grain handlers, marketers and government.

You will receive, shortly in the mail, a list of the 9 western Canada wheat classes and the varieties that are eligible for each class. If any of your customers have any concerns, or questions with whether a variety is eligible or not, this list will be an excellent resource to refer to. The Canadian Grain Commission will provide updates in a timely matter which we will continue to make available to our member plants. There is a concern in the industry of the possible lack of communication to grain producers of newly registered varieties, de registered varieties (when and why) and unregistered varieties. What a great opportunity for plants and the association to work with the industry and provide timely information to your shareholders!

As Seed Cleaning Plants, an important message for you to send to your customers is to make sure they Know what Seed they are Planting!

- Communicate the value of Certified Seed.
- Stress how essential it is to collect representative grain samples at harvest and upon delivery. Producers are liable for the product they deliver to a grain elevator – if what they deliver is not what they had declared it to be, they may be responsible for any potential damages or losses!
- If a grain producer is uncertain of what variety they may have, you may recommend to have a sample sent away for varietal testing. Holly Gelech with BioVision gives a detailed explanation of what testing is available for this purpose (immediately following this article).

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

NEW RULES FOR ENTERING ALBERTA:

1. **Bring your own house.**
2. **If going to the Oil Sands, bring your own house, school and hospital.**
3. **If going to Edmonton, wear your flak jacket. This is the murder capital of Canada.**
4. **If driving to Edmonton, it is also the auto theft centre of Canada.**
5. **If you are bringing drugs, head to Fort McMurray, the drug capital of Canada.**
6. **If you are looking for work, look no further. Minimum wage is \$15.60/hour.**
7. **If you work downtown, parking costs \$15.00/hour.**
8. **If you are able to buy a house in Edmonton, or Calgary, why not spend the money on a 15 year holiday.**
9. **If you drive a Hummer, look out. We have the highest gas prices in Canada. The Alberta Advantage.**
10. **In Edmonton we have 5 hospitals. 10 years ago we had 7. Don't come here sick.**
11. **In Calgary the population has exploded. The last road was paved 12 years ago. Calgary is a no parking zone.**

RAXIL PRODUCT LINE UPDATE

The label expansion to include additional cereal crops for **Raxil® MD** has been approved! Full registration on Barley and Oats is expected in January. Raxil MD is currently registered on wheat, and has gained a reputation of being easy to handle, non dusty, and is fully compatible with JUMPSTART®.

The registration of **Raxil® WW**, a new seed treatment product positioned to control wireworms in cereal crops has not been granted, hence, Bayer is not planning having this product ready for the 2009 season. Results from the 2008 Federal Research Permit program which allows limited use of new, unregistered products were very successful, much anticipation surrounding the release of this exciting new product.

Last, but not least, **Trilex® AL** is still in the development phase, and could possibly have a limited release to commercial applicators for the 2009 season.

Any developments regarding any of the new products will be communicated to the marketplace as soon as details become available.

Raxil® MD

Raxil® WW

Trilex® AL



VARIETAL PURITY

Varietal Purity is the analysis of a grain or seed sample through molecular methods to determine the varietal composition. Used by the grain industry for years to ensure export requirements are maintained, knowing seed origin has become paramount to producers and seed growers due to the creation of the grain declaration system, which was prompted by the removal of Kernel Visual Distinguishability (KVD) as a varietal registration requirement.

Each seed variety has its own unique fingerprint that can be analyzed and compared to standards. The standards are composed of seed varieties that are registered and un-registered for sale in Canada, and are hosted within laboratory archives, also referred to as a "Library". There are numerous technologies available to evaluate varietal composition, which can vary greatly in turnaround time and cost. BioVision Seed Labs offer varietal purity testing using the below methods:

Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis (Acid-PAGE) and Isoelectric Focusing (IEF)

Electrophoresis is a technique which separates proteins through a gel media according to their electrophoretic charge (IEF method) or size and charge (Acid-PAGE method). The protein separation from ground kernels and preceding staining procedure produces a banding pattern on the gel matrix which is compared to the standard Library for determination of varietal purity. The below section outlines the crop species that can be evaluated through electrophoresis and the volume of seeds used for the analysis.

Crop type:

IEF method: Wheat (Durum), Oat, Peas
Acid-PAGE method: Wheat (All remaining Classes)

Sample Size:

IEF method: 48 individual seeds
Acid-PAGE method: 96 individual seeds

To increase the statistical accuracy of the test, clients may elect to increase the sample size.

High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)

Similar to electrophoresis, HPLC is also a protein based test, but there are significant differences between the two types of methods in speed, equipment and sample size. HPLC does not analyze individual seeds, but analyzes a bulk grind of the sample submitted. Once the kernels are ground, proteins are extracted with reagents, then the solution is pushed by high pressure through a densely packed column and separated based on their interactions with the materials inside the column. A chromatogram, which is a series of peaks and valley, is created indicating the presence & absence of proteins. This chromatogram is compared to the standards within BioVision's Library for determination of varietal purity. Typically this method is useful in the evaluation of 2 row malt barley varieties, but 6 row malt barley varieties present evaluation difficulties due to their inherent genetic similarities.

Crop type:

HPLC method: 2-row malt Barley, 6-row malt Barley (limited)

Sample Size:

HPLC method: 50 gram bulk grind

The varietal purity results are reported to the client as a breakdown by percentage of variety/varieties present in a sample. When submitting a sample, please follow the below guidelines:

- > Submit 250 grams of seed for testing.
- > Indicate the suspected variety on the sample bag.

Holly Gelech
BioVision Seed Labs –
Business Development Manager

ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA CO-OP – SEED CLEANING PLANTS LTD.

JANUARY 15 – 17, 2009

WESTIN HOTEL, EDMONTON ALBERTA

WELCOME TO THE 56TH ANNUAL MEETING

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Please make reservations for the Westin Hotel at 780.426.3636, the room block is listed under the Association of Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants. Guestroom rates include Complimentary Parking in the Westin Edmonton Underground, outside lot and Library Parkade. **NOTE:** Parking at the Library Parkade does not allow for in and out privileges. In other words, guests will be charged for parking each time they leave and return to the Parkade. Delegates and/or guests not registered at the Westin may be required to pay for their parking.

A Block of Rooms are available at \$106.00 + taxes.

Reservations must be made prior to December 19th 2008 to receive the reduced rate!!

REGISTRATION FEE of \$200.00 per person (includes G.S.T.) includes:

- > Convention Material
- > Informal Reception Thursday evening
- > Breakfast and Luncheon on Friday
- > Friday Night Entertainment
- > Breakfast, Luncheon & Banquet on Saturday
- > Women's attendance prizes and corsages
- > Access to the entire convention as per agenda

Meal tickets will be collected at the door at each meal.

**Extra tickets for invited guests to the banquet and entertainment may be available.
Space will be limited!**

– SPECIAL DRAW –

THE WESTIN HOTEL will present a gift certificate for two in the Premier Wing. To be eligible you must be registered as a hotel guest for the seed plant convention. Draw will take place at the Saturday night dinner. Winner must be in attendance.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us.



Steven Miller
President

VITAFLO 280 DISTRIBUTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The exclusive distribution agreement between the manufacturer of Vitaflo® 280 and Bayer CropScience has ended. However, this does NOT mean that Bayer will no longer be selling Vitaflo 280. Bayer CropScience will continue to sell existing inventories of Vitaflo 280 in the 2009 seed treating season. If you have further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Monica Klaas (403 625 7027, or monica.klaas@bayercropscience.com)

VITAFLO® 280

GRADING COURSE

For those who are looking to obtain their Grader Accreditation, Sarah Foster with 20/20 Seed Labs is willing to host a workshop in February – date & location to be determined. Minimum participants required, so please let us know if you are interested! Either contact the office at (403) 782 8022 or Sarah Foster directly at (780) 955 3435.

This workshop will consist of:

- Grading of tables 1-6.
- Practical analysis of two cereal grains.
- Weed and crop identification. Learn the weed seed order.
- Covers CSI tech manual 2.1.
- Seed Regulations.
- Forms and Reports of Analysis.

This would be a fantastic course for anyone wishing to grade or become an operator!

TENTATIVE BUSINESS AGENDA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION
2nd Floor – North Foyer
Provided by **Foster Park Basket**

IMPORTANT

Delegates and Managers
Credential Cards must be
completed and presented at
Registration Desk.

8:30 – 11:00 p.m.

RECEPTION
(Saskatchewan Room)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST
(BC/Alberta/Yukon Rooms)
Co-sponsored with **Foster Park Basket**

8:00 a.m.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION
Provided by **Foster Park Basket**
2nd Floor – North Foyer
Exhibits (Leduc & Turner Valley Rooms)

9:00 a.m.

JOINT OPENING – Women,
Delegates, Managers, Guests
(Manitoba/Saskatchewan Rooms)
Call to Order – President
O Canada – Julia Walker
Invocation – Lloyd Lidberg
Greetings from the Westin Hotel

9:30 a.m.

OPENING ADDRESS
Minister of Agriculture and Food
(Tentative)
Greetings from A.A.M.D.C.
Greetings from Alberta Branch
C.S.G.A.
Introduction of Association
Directors & Spouses
Approval of Agenda
Draw for Women's Prize
Sponsored by BASF

10:15 a.m.

WOMEN ADJOURN
Women's Program Sponsored by
BASF
Refreshment Break (North Foyer)
Co-sponsored with **Exhibits**
(Leduc & Turner Valley Rooms)

10:30 a.m.

Presentation and Adoption of
Minutes
Business Arising out of Minutes
Appointment of Committees
Resolutions
Finance (Budget)
Reports
Board of Directors, Steven Miller
- President
General Manager, Lorena Pahl
Auditor, Daryl Andre
Disposition of Resolutions

11:20 a.m.

Insurance Program Update
Rob Dechant – Foster Park
Basket

11:50 a.m.

LUNCHEON – (BC/Alberta/Yukon
Rooms)
Co-sponsored with

1:00 p.m.

Notice of Motion – Bylaw
Changes
Francois Hebert

1:30 p.m.

Marketing Your Business
Lee Dechaine, AdFarm

2:30 p.m.

Health Spending Accounts
Doug Sample – Morneau Sobeco

3:00 p.m.

Refreshment Break (North Foyer)
Co-sponsored with
Exhibits (Leduc & Turner Valley Rooms)

3:30 p.m.

BASF
Scott Chapman, Stan Bell

4:00 p.m.

Resolutions –
Chairman – Resolutions
Committee

– ADJOURNMENT –

7:30 p.m.

COCKTAILS

8:30 p.m.

Bob Beddow
Stand Up Comedy – Comedy
with a Personal Twist
(Manitoba/Saskatchewan Rooms)
7 Region prizes will be given away

Sponsored by **Your Allied Trade Group**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(BC/Alberta/Yukon Rooms)
Sponsored by **Westin Exhibits (Leduc & Turner Valley Rooms)**

Annual Meeting

(Manitoba/Saskatchewan Rooms)

9:00 a.m.

Robynne Anderson

9:30 a.m.

"To be Leaders in the
Advancement of a Viable Seed
Processing Industry"
Steven Miller

10:00 a.m.

Refreshment Break (North Foyer)
Co-sponsored with **Exhibits (Leduc & Turner Valley Rooms)**
Draw for Women's Prize
Sponsored by **BASF**

10:30 a.m.

Why Is Common-Sense So
Uncommon?
Simple Success Strategies You
Can't Afford To Overlook
Dan Ohler

12:00 p.m.

LUNCHEON
(BC/Alberta/Yukon Rooms)
Co-sponsored with
Bayer CropScience

1:00 p.m.

Bayer CropScience
Monica Klaas

1:30 p.m.

Managers' Association Update
Ron Wirsta

1:45 p.m.

Syngenta
Antonio Tajeda, Shad Milligan,
Rob Bishop

2:15 p.m.

"If I Can Do It, You Can Do It"
Enchant Coop Seed Cleaning
Association Ltd.

2:45 p.m.

Region 2 Director Vacancy
Francois Hebert

3:00 p.m.

Budget, Resolutions,
Appointment of Auditor,
Unfinished & New Business

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

5:45 p.m.

Reception (North Foyer)
Women's corsages compliments
of **Bayer CropScience**

6:30 p.m.

Banquet (Manitoba/
Saskatchewan Rooms)
Awards Presentation
Entertainment: **Brett Kissel**
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