

July Connections.

Want To Do An Energy Audit In Your Business?

Alberta Agriculture & Forestry has compiled a list of contractors that specialize in this type of work...

[Growing Forward Energy Assessment Providers](#)

Making Your Organization More Energy Efficient

The Business, Non-Profit and Institutional Energy Savings Program offers incentives to encourage organizations to choose high-efficiency products. Once your organization has installed an approved high-efficiency heating or lighting product you can apply for the rebate. Once approved, you'll receive a cheque that will help cover the cost of the equipment. For Details go to:


ENERGY EFFICIENCY ALBERTA

(Don't miss out on this one: The growing forward program that was accepting applications for energy efficiency is now closed. Many program operate on a finite budget, and on a first-come, first serve basis; The early bird could very well get most of the worms so-to speak.)

SEED 
SMART

Defeat is not the worst of failures.
Not to have tried is the true failure.

George Edward Woodberry

 BrainyQuote®

Volume & Business Summaries

It's that time of year to fill in your volume & business summaries. This information is used in many ways; The information provides a snapshot of business health collectively and individually for all the plants. Although volumes are not the only factor in business health, they are a key indicator of how things are going. Also, the office receives a lot of requests of who cleans some specialty crops. By filling in your summary, I then can tell a potential customer which plant has experience in processing specialty types of grain/pulses. Information regarding the amount of seed treated and the types of seed treatment products used is used for the aforementioned reasons as well. Getting the information into the office in a timely manner helps get the information BACK to the membership. Please do not be "THAT GUY" that is holding up the reports for the 80% of the membership that sends the information forms back on time. Thank You.



Pulses 2017: The Future of Food.



July 10-13

This year the Global Pulse Confederation and the Canadian Special Crops Association are bringing their conventions together for the biggest event the pulse industry has ever seen. For more information or to register go to <http://pulses2017.com/>

Wondering HOW to Become a Bulk Storage Facility? Read on.....



CSI is accredited by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to deliver the bulk storage facility (BSF) program. CFIA registers bulk storage facilities on the basis of a recommendation from CSI of successful accreditation. BSFs can handle, store, sell and label seed with a Canada pedigreed grade name and the variety name. Detailed records and samples must be kept to ensure that all of the requirements for seed certification have been satisfied. Every location must be individually registered.

An application fee of \$300 + Tax is being applied to all new facilities that wish to be accredited as a CSI Registered Seed Establishment.

Obtaining CSI Accreditation:

There are three steps to becoming registered as a Bulk Storage Facility for businesses that store or hold seed.

1. Certification of Personnel
2. Writing Your Quality Assurance Manual
3. On-Site Audit

Detailed information available at:

[CSI Bulk Storage Facility](#)

Canadian Seed Institute (CSI) News

New Grader Training, Leduc, AB

Week of October 23-27, 2017 (venue and exact date to be confirmed)

Structure Change at CSI: As part of a structure change at CSI, Danielle Fletcher is no longer with the business. Inquiries regarding RSE's should be directed to Jennifer Scott Toll-Free: 1-800-979-9015

CFIA UPDATE NOTICE:

Please note that there is an update with the following heading available on the web:

"Guide to the Evaluation of Candidate Seed Graders and Seed Import Conformity Assessors" & can be found on the web @ [CFIA new weed seed order graders testing](#)

University of Alberta Cereal Agronomy and Wheat Breeding Field Day

July 19, St. Albert Research Farm
(2 miles N of st. Albert Costco)

Your Hosts are Dr. Dean Spaner, Dr. Linda Hall, and Dr. Sheri Strydhorst with assistance from Bill Chapman, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

To register, please call Agriculture & Forestry at 310-0000 then 780-674-8268 by Monday, July 17, 2017 or online @ EventBrite

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/cereal-agronomy-and-wheat-breeding-field-day-tickets-35440884640>

(no charge for tours)

Lacombe Research Center Field Day

July 26, Lacombe AB.

Featuring information on 100+years of wheat, barley & triticale variety development, crop diseases, weed control, and much more!

For details go to: [Lacombe Field Day](#)

Lougheed Grand Opening

August 10, 2017



Join in celebrating the grand opening of the new Lougheed Plant. Open House from 11-2, with lunch served at noon, and a short program at 1:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE:

ALBERTA SEED PROCESSORS AGM

January 17-19, 2018

Westin Hotel, Edmonton.

EQUIPMENT WANTED

Grimshaw Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant is looking for a gravity table.

Contact Kelly Diebert (780) 332 4560

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