

September Connections

“We are what we repeatedly do; excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.”

—Aristotle

ANNOUNCING...



SEED SMART Scholarships:

With the goals of promoting our organization, procuring future employees, and supporting the crop sector industry in Alberta, Alberta Seed Processors

are pleased to announce 2 new scholarships valued at \$1000 each. The scholarships are directed towards students entering their second year of agriculture-related studies. For more information, visit the ‘news’ at seedprocessors.ca.



**FUTURE
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BRIGHT**

SAVE THE DATE:

**ALBERTA SEED
PROCESSORS AGM**

January 17-19, 2018
Westin Hotel, Edmonton

Be sure to mark your calendars for our AGM, celebrating our **65th** Anniversary!

Agenda at a glance:

Managers Meeting Morning of January 17
Workshop Afternoon of January 17
AGM January 18 & 19
Regional Elections: Regions 1 & 2.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION SAFETY TRAINING



Stay Tuned. Funding opportunities are now being explored to bring cost effective training to operators & board members.

FUSARIUM

Over the past few years, Fusarium surveys have been conducted to track the presence of the disease. Here are the results:

Table 1. *Fusarium graminearum* survey results for Alberta, 1995-2016.

	95-97	01-03	2007	10-11	2015	2016*
# Fields surveyed	348	511	740	907	910	~950
# counties represented	n.d.	54	54	48	58	64
# counties positive	0	9	2	13	22	26
% Positive (total)	0	6.8	0.05	11.1	14.7	26.5
% Positive (Wheat heads)	0	n.a.	0.05	13.6	10.8	24.1
% Positive (Wheat stubble)	n.a.	2.9	n.a.	6.0	27.8	TBD
% Positive (Corn)	n.a.	33.8	n.a.	48.9	74.3	85.3



**SEED
SMART**

Now that we know Fusarium is in most parts of the province, it's time to ensure all our customers know how to combat the disease.

What we can do:

1. Submit seed samples to labs: Seed testing is an important tool to ensure farmers know the quality of their seed, and to plan for an appropriate seed treatment.
Follow @beseedsmart on twitter.
2. Plants are encouraged to host regional Fusarium Management information seminars. Need help? call Monica!

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: www.encyalberta.ca

(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.)

Olds College Seed Protectant Pesticide Applicator Tutorial **October 30-31,2017 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.

Fun with Financials -Learn and Network-Save the Date!

October 18, 2017 -Nisku, AB

Do you have burning questions about financing and aren't sure where to find the answers? Do you need money to take your agri-processing business to the next level?

This engaging event will allow you to hear from expert speakers and meet key financial contacts. For more information, contact Ron Lyons at 780-980-4363

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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. 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 applied to all new facilities to be a CSI Registered Seed Establishment.

Obtaining CSI Accreditation:

The three steps to becoming a Bulk Storage Facility:

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

Detailed information available at: www.csi-ics.com
[CSI Bulk Storage Facility](#)

Canadian Seed Institute (CSI) News

New Grader Training, Leduc, AB

Week of October 23-27 (venue & 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

Lean & Green Carbon Workshop

November 7 –Edmonton;

November. 8 –Calgary;

November 9 –Lethbridge

This half-day workshop will identify business case opportunities associated with addressing carbon and environmental process improvements. Through tangible lean and green examples, participants will receive coaching and tools resulting in efficiencies and cost reductions. Visit the 'What's New' section on the left side of www.afpa.com to register .

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Taber Seed Cleaning Association is seeking a SEED PLANT OPERATOR

Remuneration commensurate with experience. To apply or for more details, contact Joe Hanson at joe.hansontsc@yahoo.ca

EQUIPMENT WANTED

Grimshaw Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant is looking for a gravity table.
Contact Kelly Diebert (780) 332 4560