

November 2017 Connections



OFFICE CLOSED November 13-24

Please note that the office will be closed from November 13 to the 24. Access to email, voicemail & text messages may be limited during this time.

ALBERTA SEED PROCESSORS AGM

January 17-19, 2018

Westin Hotel,
Edmonton



Agenda at a glance:

Managers Meeting Morning of January 17

Workshop Afternoon of January 17:

Select-a session:

Board Member 101, which is geared to new or almost new board members and chairmen that have never taken any board training.

Safety Session: Farm Safe Alberta will be leading the session on how to conduct a hazard assessment of your seed plant or farm, as well as how to craft an emergency response plan: This session is focused on all seed plant staff, as well as directors. Be sure to mark your preference on the registration form.

AGM January 18 & 19

Regional Elections: Regions 1 & 2.

Ladies Program: "The afternoon version of Paint Night" will be part of the Ladies program, as well as a fun inspiring speaker! Register early.

KEY DATES:

November 1, 2017: Hotel reservations open up.

[Alberta Seed Processors Hotel Reservation Link](#)
1800 937 8461 (specify Seed Processors group)

December 15, 2017: Hotel reservations close

December 15, 2017: Last day to submit Resolutions

December 15, 2017: Last day to receive early registration & extra meal ticket discount.

FUSARIUM

Now that Fusarium is in most parts of the province, it is 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.
2. Follow @beseedsmart on twitter.
3. Plants are encouraged to host regional Fusarium Best Management information seminars
4. Need help? Call Monica!



SAFETY TRAINING:

Shoulda- Woulda- Coulda.

Many plants have the intention of implementing their safety management system, but few actually have taken the time to do so. To be compliant with federal OH&S code, Seed Plants must have an up-to-date safety management system, which also includes at least one staff member trained in emergency first aid. With the goal of starting the process of having a working safety management system, managers & staff from 9 plants in southern Alberta participated in a one-day safety training day held in Lethbridge.

Topics covered were Hazard Assessment, Emergency Response, Working Alone and Fall Protection. In addition to the training, many of the plants plan on sending at least one of their staff to get emergency first aid certification, which is offered by St. John's Ambulance and other education providers in locations across Alberta.

Safety training will be a component of this year's AGM training session. It is important for directors to understand their responsibility in having policies that relate to the safe operation of all seed/grain processing activities.



Alberta Seed Guide

Ranked as a top tool by farmers, the spring edition of the Alberta Seed Guide includes the grower directory and features performance trial results. Loaded with relevant content for Alberta farmers this issue will help growers interpret trial data and make better seeding decisions. For more information about the Alberta Seed Guide and advertising opportunities in the spring issue contact Brad Gordon or Kim Martel at 1-877-710-3222, or email marketing@issuesink.com. The booking deadline for the spring issue is November 30, 2017.

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.

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP:

Agriculture and Forestry invites you to attend a full day workshop with Dr. Brynn Winegard on November 23, 2017 in Leduc. Dr. Winegard will communicate the skills required to master each element of successful leadership, the key issues facing leaders, and the leaders' role and core purpose.

Every segment of the day is complemented with individual exercises and group activities to allow you a chance to apply what you learn and to hone your personal leadership capabilities. Ahead of the workshop, you will receive an assignment to familiarize yourself with the framework and to get you thinking about your own strategic leadership challenges.

Date: Nov 23, 2017

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Registration Fee: \$30.00

To Register: Call Ag-Info: 1-800-387-6030

Place: 6547 Sparrow Drive Leduc, AB.

WEBINAR: Basics of Bin Management Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 10 am

Joy Agnew from the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute will be providing information on managing grain in the bin. Topics will include natural aid drying, aeration, use of supplemental heat and grain monitoring technology. Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8415407298396408066>

This will be hosted by the Ag-Info Centre, so if anyone has questions, have them call 310-FARM.

Farm First Aid at FarmFair International

Standard First Aid

Blended learning (8 hrs online plus 7.5 hrs in class)

November 10, 2017

9 am - 4:30 pm

Registration deadline is coming up quickly!

Cost: \$135 + GST (includes FarmFair pass)

Register online or call 780-699-8084

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Morinville Seed Cleaning Co-op is seeking a full-time SEED PLANT OPERATOR.

Wage to commensurate with experience. Additional experience in railcar loading beneficial but not necessary. Please contact Cora Krywko @ 780-939-4021 or send resume to mscp@xplornet.com

EQUIPMENT WANTED

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

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

1- 6 row Carter Day indent

1- 6 row Precision grader

1- 2 row Carter Day indent

2- dust collectors

1- 10 x 80 foot steel scale

Various legs and conveyors

Lougheed Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant

780-386-3771

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