

## January 2018 Connections

# 2018

Happy New Year!

### ALBERTA SEED PROCESSORS AGM



By all accounts, the AGM was a success. Close to 250 people were in attendance and helped celebrate the Association's 65<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary. Documents and photos from the event will be posted in the members' section of [seedprocessors.ca](http://seedprocessors.ca).

## SEED SMART SCHOLARSHIPS

The inaugural recipients of the Seed Smart Scholarships are Kyle Wheeler from Strathmore and Cole Huppertz from Westlock. Kyle is a student at the University of Alberta studying Agricultural Economics, while Cole is attending Lakeland College enrolled in Crop Technology. Community involvement and academic achievement were taken into consideration by the selection committee when choosing these two hardworking and very deserving recipients.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Notice; Change of Distribution of CDC Pulse CROP Varieties

Saskatchewan Pulse Growers (SPG) has licensed the distribution rights for select Crop Development Centre (CDC) pulse varieties in provinces outside of Saskatchewan to SeCan and SeedNet for a 10-year period. All varieties are protected by Plant Breeder's Rights.

For further information and a listing of the affected varieties, visit <http://saskpulse.com/growing/varieties>

### CANADA'S AGRICULTURE DAY



### How will you celebrate this year?

It's up to you – go as big as you'd like!

**Here's how you can celebrate:**

- **Community outreach:** Host an open house, farm crawl or Canadian food cook-off. Invite the media and use social media to showcase your event.
- **Advertising:** Promote Canada's Agriculture Day on your website, blog or company newsletter. Visit the resources section of [AgDay.ca](http://AgDay.ca) for material to use in your marketing pieces.
- **Merchandise:** Everyone loves swag. Shop online for Canada's Agriculture Day or Ag More Than Ever merch for your event. Hurry, inventory's limited.
- **Promote your event:** Register your event at [AgDay.ca](http://AgDay.ca). Show you're part of the celebration.

### Proposed Changes to the National Seed Industry

**SEED SYNERGY** is a project of 6 national seed organizations exploring ways to work together to be more effective in advocating for a strong, vibrant Canadian seed sector.

The goal is to build a strong, competitive and profitable sector that attracts research, investment and innovation and that is valued for its significant contribution to society. Be involved in shaping the new national seed industry landscape: contact Monica regarding a workshop scheduled for February 8th in Edmonton.

## MEDIA RELEASE:

### PBR Moves from Education to Enforcement

Ottawa, ON – January 23, 2018 –SeCan has reached a settlement with a number of western producers who were selling and/or advertising for sale varieties protected by PBR. “Our goal is to continue to educate,” says Todd Hyra, Business Manager, Western Canada for SeCan. “Part of education is the willingness to take the step to enforce the rights on behalf of the breeder”.

Below are the most recent infringers:

Cory Dawe	Dinsmore	SK	AC® Strongfield Durum
Richard Erle Bredahl	Shaunuvon	SK	AC® Strongfield Durum
Dylan Szakacs	Melfort	SK	AC® Vesper VB CWRS
Chad Swan	Plenty	SK	CDC Copeland Malt Barley
Ian Topham	Eastend	SK	CDC Cowboy Feed Barley
G5 Farms Ltd.	Oak River	MB	CDC Copeland Malt Barley
Clayton Miller	Young	SK	CDC Copeland Malt Barley

“PBR has been in place for 25 years and ‘I did not know’ is no longer a suitable excuse,” says Lorne Hadley from CPTA. “It’s refreshing to see some willingness to step forward and admit a mistake – these end very differently than cases where the infringer is reluctant to come clean. We never pursue an infringer without having evidence in hand.”

Awareness is the important first step and SeCan talks about the importance of PBR whenever possible.

To stay on side Hadley points out a few things to keep in mind:

- 1) Most new varieties have some form of protection – don’t assume a variety is not protected.
- 2) If a variety is protected under PBR, **it is illegal to sell common seed, even if you don’t use the variety name.**
- 3) Under PBR, it is OK to keep seed on your farm - as long as the farm-saved rights are not pre-empted by another agreement or contract.
- 4) Under the new PBR ’91 rules, **the buyer, the processor, and the seller are responsible for the infringement.**
- 5) Visit [PBRfacts.ca](http://PBRfacts.ca) for more information.

The goal of Plant Breeders’ Rights is to encourage investment in plant breeding in Canada. There is a misconception that PBR only benefits large companies - the fact is large companies often have other tools to protect their intellectual property (including patents and contracts). PBR is critically important for public breeders, (including universities) and smaller private breeders who may not have the resources or traits necessary to utilize other forms of protection.

### 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](mailto:joe.hansontsc@yahoo.ca)

### EQUIPMENT WANTED

#### Grimshaw Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant

is looking for a gravity table.

Contact: Kelly Diebert (780) 332 4560

### EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

#### Lougheed Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant

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

Call for details 780-386-3771

#### Falher Co-op Seed Plant

Description: Model # B-8 Indent, Two Bank 6 Roll Indent. Included: Drive Motor 5HP 3Phase, Front Spouting, catch trays and drive chains (replaced last year). Asking 8000\$ OBO. All reasonable offers will be considered as we would like to sell before winter hits. Please reply via E-mail.

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