

## March 2018 Connections

The bitterness of poor quality & unmet expectations is long remembered after the sweetness of low price is forgotten

*unknown.*

### EUROPEAN UNION EXPORT BUSINESS FORUM

CETA: Expanding Your Business Horizons

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Venue: Renaissance Edmonton Airport Hotel,  
For further information go to

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### YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT: Seed Synergy Collaboration Project

4 people from the Association attended the Seed Synergy Collaboration Workshop on February 8<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton and engaged in discussions regarding the modernization of the Canadian Seed Industry.

Everyone is encouraged to weigh in on this important project. Please visit

<https://www.seedenergy.net/> for your opportunity to read the guiding documents, then to engage in the discussion via an on-line survey.

### New Sampling Document



Check out the website for the instruction sheet on how to draw a representative sample. Go to [seedprocessors.ca](http://seedprocessors.ca)

& click on the Seed Smart Tab: you'll find it under resources.

### Farm Energy & Agri Processing Program

Receive funding for energy saving initiatives related to reducing energy consumption.

Funding is on a first come, first-served basis. (AKA: early bird gets the worm!)

For details go to [agric.gov.ab.ca](http://agric.gov.ab.ca) & search for "FEAP"

### Know The New PBR Rules

- 1) If a variety is protected under PBR, **it is illegal to sell common seed, even if you don't use the variety name.**
- 2) 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.
- 3) Under the new PBR '91 rules, **the buyer, the processor, and the seller are responsible for the infringement.**
- 4) 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.

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## 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 studying Crop technology.

Community involvement and academic achievement were taken into consideration by the selection committee when choosing these two hardworking and very deserving recipients. Applications for next year's scholarships will be received until October 15, 2018.

## 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, [CLICK Here](#)

### Membership Renewals

Renewal packages were mailed to each plant prior to the end of January. As of March 1, approximately 2/3 of the membership have sent in renewal payments & forms. Please remember that updating your membership listing is very important to ensure communication is flowing to the correct people in your organization. Additionally, a survey of group services was also included in the packages. We are considering contracting services for scale inspections, man lift inspections and safety services based upon the response from the survey. The sooner the responses are sent in, the sooner work can begin in analyzing the data, and getting possible contractors etc.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### Strathmore Seed Cleaning Plant

#### Employment Opportunity GENERAL MANAGER POSITION

*The General Manager is responsible for the successful leadership and management of the organization according to the strategic direction set by the Board of Directors.*

*The GM is also responsible for overseeing day to day operations, team building and business development.*

*The ideal candidate will have a Degree in business and/or agriculture or a minimum 5 years ag business experience.*

**To apply, or for a detailed job description:**

*Email- [cleanseed@ccewireless.ca](mailto:cleanseed@ccewireless.ca) or  
[straseed@ccewireless.ca](mailto:straseed@ccewireless.ca)*

**Resume should include salary & benefit expectations.**

**Apply by April 30, 2018**

### 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