

Quote of the Month:

"Quality is not an act, it is a habit"

Aristotle

May(ish) Connections.

YOUR Turn to Speak Up! TIME SENSITIVE

Growing Forward 2 (GF2) is in its last year and industry and governments are now preparing for the Next Agricultural Policy Framework (NPF), a five-year federal-provincial-territorial agreement that will be in place April 2018.

Public Consultations through NPF Survey

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry is asking for input on the next agricultural policy framework via an online survey that is open from March 30 to May 8. The survey will help ensure the framework meets the needs and priorities of Alberta's industry and consumer public by offering every Albertan the opportunity to make suggestions for priorities in the NPF. Those key priorities are:

- Markets and Trade
- Science Research and Innovation
- Risk Management
- Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change
- Value-added Agriculture and Agri-food Processing
- Public Trust

Take the Survey:

<http://trk.cp20.com/click/frpj8-amqhd8-5pc9s9x4/>

Growing Forward 2

A federal-provincial-territorial initiative

The Implementing Innovation for Energy Reduction Stream is targeted at Agri-Processors. Its purpose is to assist Agri-Processors with retro-fitting their facilities and/or adopting new technologies or practices that have an impact on energy reduction. **Successful applicants are eligible for reimbursement of equipment expenses at 40% and energy assessments or audits at 80%.**

Who is eligible to apply for Stream C Implementing Innovation for Energy Reduction?
Agri-Processors.

What kinds of projects are eligible?

Please refer to the Funding List.

<http://www.growingforward.alberta.ca/Programs/cs/idcplg?>

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



Information for facilities who handle and store pedigreed seed in bulk.

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.

Click here for the [Application Form for CSI Seed Establishment Accreditation and CFIA Registration](#) (pdf format)

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

Above information obtained from

<https://csi-ics.com/seed/services/bulk-storage-facility-bsf>

SEED 
SMART

GERMINATION strategy session WEBINAR

A Retailer's Guide to Properly Stewarding Seed Treatments: Dos and Don'ts

Live on: Tuesday, April 25 at 12 p.m. CST
Join the Germination Strategy Session Webinar to learn about:

How education of both you and your customers is crucial to good stewardship.

How to understand grower needs to ensure good stewardship once seed leaves your facility.

The latest operational standards for retail facilities.

To Register Go To

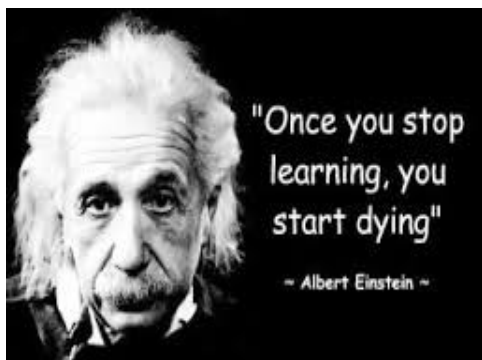
<http://germination.ca/webinar/>



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/>

SAVE THE DATE: June 19 & 20, 2017



Managers' Assoc. Training Event

All Managers and staff are encouraged to attend this event in St. Paul this summer. This year's event will

feature key industry & safety updates, as well as forklift training opportunity & trade show including key industry suppliers. Registration information is available on the website.

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 @:[Plant Documents: Guidance Document Repository - Guidance Document Repository - Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#)

WORK SAFE

Extra care should be exercised when handling late harvested seed & grain due to the possibility of toxin-laden dust. There is a high probability that late harvested grain contains dust from moulds as well as toxins associated with rodent feces. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure: sorry for the cliché', but in the case of hantavirus, the *deadly* toxin found in deer mice feces, prevention is best and only defense. Use proper respiratory & eye protection and follow good hygiene with washing of any suspected sources of toxins/dust including hands, clothes and even boots .WORK SAFE, WORK SMART

EQUIPMENT WANTED

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

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Fairview Co-op Seed Plant has for Sale: 10 kongskilde CAD 20 air locks in working condition (replaced with bigger) \$1200 per unit 15 7/6in aluminum elbows for pneumatic system (new). 1 unit 6 spiral gravity separator \$1500. All equipment is in good working condition call Ernie at 780 835 2478 for details

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Acadia Seed Cleaning Assoc. (Oyen)

Full Time PLANT MANAGER:
Experience necessary...Wages negotiable.
For more info call Dave Sullivan at 403-664-3865 or email scrockd@hotmail.com