

*"If the window of opportunity opens,  
do not pull down the shade."*

*Tom Peters.*

## May 2018 Connections

### 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.

### 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.

### Wondering HOW to Become a Bulk Storage Facility?

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)

### Registration is Now Open Managers Association Training Event!

Registration is now open for the Managers Training Event scheduled for June 19 & 20. The event moves to Region 3 this year, with Provost acting as the host. For the registration form and agenda, visit the members-only section of our website. An agenda & registration form will also be part of the seed plant news that is scheduled to arrive in everyone's mail box before mid-May.



### Strategic Planning

"Fail to plan: plan to fail" ... If your plant is considering creating or updating your strategic plan and would like some assistance, please contact Monica in the office ASAP. There is an opportunity to share development & travel costs with other plants.

### Pesticide Applicator Credits

The Continuing Education Program requires an applicator to recertify by obtaining fifteen (15) Continuing Education Credits within their five-year certification period. Alberta Environment & Parks has posted new opportunities to obtain credits.

**Click here:** [Continuing Education Credits](#)

Note: Up to 5 credits will be available at the Managers Training Event in June

### Show Off

Want to borrow the Association Banners for a trade show or local event in your community? Contact the Office for details.

## **Announcement: SGS BioVision Authorized for Phytosanitary Analysis of Grain Exports**

SGS BioVision is pleased to announce that our Sherwood Park, Alberta lab has been authorized by the CFIA to conduct analysis for issuance of Phytosanitary Certificates for grain destined to China, India and Mexico, known as the REGAL program. CFIA and SGS samplers (approved under the Canadian Grain Sampling Program) will continue to draw the official grain samples and will now submit them to SGS BioVision. Email us now for information: [holly.gelech@biovision.ca](mailto:holly.gelech@biovision.ca).

## **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

Battle River Seed Cleaning Cooperative Ltd  
Delta i-IQ/CCD 5 Color Sorter. Asking \$ 35,000.00  
For further details, contact Mark @ 780 745 2279  
Or email [brscc@mcsnet.ca](mailto:brscc@mcsnet.ca)

## **EQUIPMENT WANTED**

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

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Willingdon Municipal Seed Cleaning  
Co-operative is seeking a  
Full-Time Seed Plant Operator:**

The Willingdon Seed Cleaning Co-op is a steel facility that has quality up to date equipment that cleans both Pedigree and commercial seed. Regular plant operational hours are 8am-5pm Monday-Friday with exceptions during busy seasons. Currently the plant employs one full-time Manager, two part-time Operators, and has a part-time Secretary/Treasurer.

We are currently seeking a self-motivated, confident individual to fill the position of Seed Plant Operator and help grow the business. This person should have a valid class 5 license, good communication skills, be mechanically inclined, able to work well with others, and be willing to advance skills. A knowledge of grains, oilseeds and pulse crops would be an asset. Salary will be based on experience. Bonuses and employee incentives will be discussed at the job interview.

For job details and questions contact:

President Ross Bezovie (780)208-9400 or at [acepoultry@live.ca](mailto:acepoultry@live.ca)

Vice-President Zolton Yaremie (780) 886-0772 or at [zyaremie@hotmail.com](mailto:zyaremie@hotmail.com)

Interested applicants can drop off their resume in person at the Willingdon Seed Plant, email it to [willingdonseedcleaningplant@gmail.com](mailto:willingdonseedcleaningplant@gmail.com), or mail it in to the address below:

Willingdon Seed Cleaning Co-operative Box 356,  
Willingdon, Alberta T0B4R0

This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

## **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)

