



Forage and Livestock eNews

Updates and information from across the industry

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Crop Week highlights and SFSDC AGM

by: Shannon McArton, Saskatchewan Forage Council Executive Director

It was a typical Crop Production Week weather forecast; extreme cold, driven by strong winds. That didn't faze the huge numbers of people who attended the trade show and the long list of industry meetings that are traditionally held during this week.

Having been invited to join the Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission board of directors in an ex officio capacity, I was honoured to attend their annual general meeting and producer information day on January 14th. That evening also included my first meeting with the SFSDC board. Both were excellent learning experiences, with an organization that holds many common interests and potential for resource-sharing with Saskatchewan Forage Council.

Presentations during the SFSDC AGM included insights into the Forage and Range Research Laboratory in Logan, Utah and a presentation from Denmark, via satellite, by the head of field production for DLF Pickseed Seed & Science. Closer to home, a number of interesting project updates were provided from the University of Saskatchewan, Northeast Agriculture Research Foundation (NARF), the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Research Council and Ag Horizon Research. A thought-provoking look at plans to enhance Canadian crop research capacity through a value-creation model, presented by the Canadian Plant Technology Agency, was another highlight of the day.

It's always nice to catch up with SFC sponsors and partners on the road, and Crop Week events provide endless opportunities for networking. Just a few of our partners that I enjoyed chatting with at meetings or in the trade show included Aberhart Ag Solutions, Brett Young, DLF Pickseed, Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association, Farm Credit Canada, SeCan and Saskatchewan Crop

Considering winter corn grazing?

Corn grazing resources

If you're new to grazing corn, or thinking of trying it, there are lots of great resources to get you started!

Visit these links to read more:

[5 tips for grazing corn this fall and winter](#)
from Beef Cattle Research Council

[Grazing Standing Corn - Reducing Risk of Acidosis](#) from Saskatchewan Agriculture

[Grazing cattle on corn factsheet](#) (pdf) from Manitoba Agriculture, AAFC and the Manitoba Forage Council



Check out this short video from Alberta Agriculture! Alberta ranchers describe their own experiences grazing cattle on corn.

Watch on YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0FdaFft6nU>

Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence news

Two new members join LCFE's Strategic Advisory Board

by: Lana Haight, Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence
December 17, 2019

Dr. Dan Thomson (PhD, DVM) is a professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University. He accepted a call from the board to be the international representative on the SAB.

Dr. Irena Creed (PhD) is associate vice-president of research at the University of Saskatchewan and is one of two university representatives. She replaces Dr. Dena McMartin (PhD, P.Eng.).

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LCFE joins Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef

by: Lana Haight, Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence
January 15, 2020

It's a perfect fit, says Dr. Kris Ringwall (PhD), director of the University of Saskatchewan's centre of excellence.

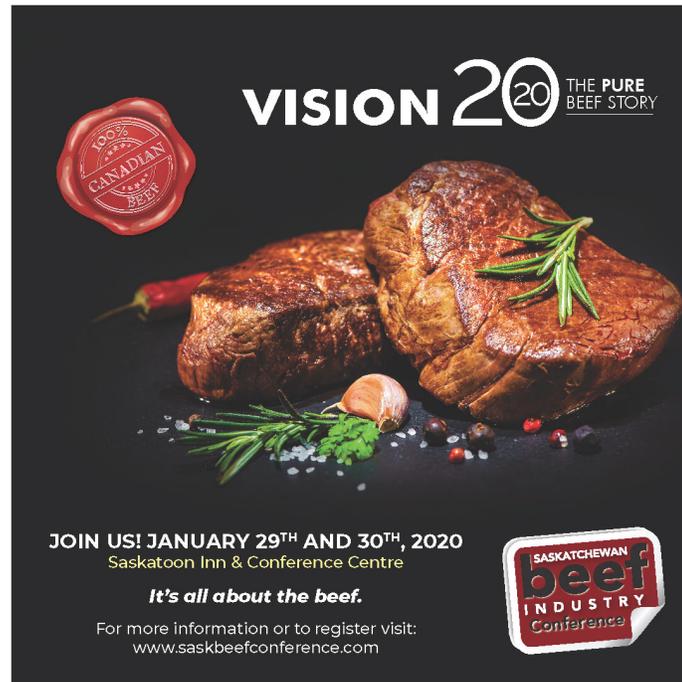
"We strive to improve livestock production in Canada and beyond by providing livestock and forage producers with new tools and techniques for healthy, sustainable and competitive growth," said Ringwall.

“We align nicely with the [Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef’s](#) objective of promoting sustainability throughout the Canadian beef industry through sustainability benchmarking, its voluntary certification framework and its sustainability projects.”

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SFSDC's Prairie Seeds Newsletter



Read news from the **Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission** in the fall 2019 Prairie Seeds Newsletter.

[View the newsletter here](#)

Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame announces 2020 inductees

Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame

January 7, 2020

Saskatoon – The Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame (SAHF) today announced the five individuals and one couple who will be inducted into the Hall in 2020. The inductees being recognized for their contributions to Saskatchewan agriculture are: Adele Buettner, John Feige, Jack Hay, Eileen and William Lamont, the Honourable Gerry Ritz and Ted Serhienko. The Lamonts and John Feige are being honoured posthumously.

“Saskatchewan agriculture, and by extension the province as a whole, has benefitted from the contributions of these leaders,” SAHF board chairman Reed Andrew said. “We are stronger as an industry due to the dedication and hard work of the 2020 inductees and it is my honour to announce their upcoming inclusion in the Hall of Fame.”

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Here's a Great Resource for Learning More About Your Plants

by: Kathy Voth, On Pasture

Are you considering planting a new kind of forage in your pasture? Do you have trees or bushes that you're trying to manage and you need to know more about them to be successful? Would you like to know what plants grow in your state? Well, here's the website you need to answer all those questions and more!

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) **PLANTS Database** has all kinds of plant information to help with conservation planning and vegetation management. On the left-hand side of the page is a menu of all the different topics covered.

[Read more](#)

Upcoming Events

Saskatchewan Beef Industry Conference

January 29-30, 2020

Saskatoon, SK

[Learn more on the SBIC website](#)

2020 Holistic Management Canada & Organic Alberta Conference

Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020

Camrose, AB

[Learn more on the website](#)

Feedlot Management School

February 11-13, 2020

Saskatoon, SK

[Learn more on the website](#)

BCRC Webinar - Assessing winter kill and what you can do about it

February 13, 2020

via Webinar

[Learn more and register here](#)

Canadian Forage Seed Conference

February 25-26, 2020
Edmonton, AB
[Learn more](#)

7th Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop and 5th Transboundary
Grassland Workshop
February 25-27, 2020
Regina, SK
[Learn more here](#)

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