



Forage and Livestock eNews

Updates and information from across the industry

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Harvest 2019

**Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC)
October 8, 2019**

The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) understands the challenges producers are facing this fall due to recent heavy rain and snow delaying harvest. I would like to take this opportunity to provide some information about coverage options available to Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers.

Crop Insurance provides coverage for both yield and quality loss on insured crops. It is important producers stay in contact with SCIC about their crop quality. Our offices will be able to identify producers who appear to be in a claim position due to quality losses.

[Read more and watch video from SCIC President and CEO Shawn Jacques on the SCIC website](#)

Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association Fall District Board Meetings

Everyone is busy and a cattle meeting is one more thing. So why bother? Here are just a few of the reasons:

- You pay \$4.50 of check off when you sell cattle. Hear how your check off dollar is being used.
- Have your say for the future promotion and development of the cattle industry.
- Find some value for your operation. This year MNP is speaking before

supper about risks and opportunities for farms and ranches regarding business setup, taxation and other things they have seen.

- Explore the possibilities of being the next SCA Director in your district.
- Listen to young cattle producers in the Young Producer Forum part of the evening
- Network with producers and industry leaders and hear what they are thinking.
- Please join us for supper.

Meeting dates are October 22-30, at various locations in Saskatchewan. Visit the SCA website at www.saskbeef.com to view dates and meeting locations.

National Beef Strategy sees global opportunities ahead and meets industry challenges head on for 2020-24

Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC) Blog, October 1, 2019 News release

Calgary, AB – The Canadian Beef Advisors are pleased to release the 2020-24 National Beef Strategy. The strategy is designed to take advantage of the opportunities facing the industry while simultaneously addressing the challenges.

The development of the 2020-24 National Strategy has been a dynamic collaborative process engaging all industry sectors and national and provincial organizations. The Canadian Beef Advisors and provincial cattle associations believe a united industry is a stronger industry, and that a stronger industry benefits all those working in it today and into the future.

Substantial progress was made under the 2015-19 strategy and the intention is to continue building on the strengths of existing industry organizations. “The National Beef Strategy has provided real value for Canadian beef producers; it acts as a roadmap for the groups as they work together. We have set our industry up for success, now we just need to follow through.” said David Haywood-Farmer, Past Chair of the Beef Advisors.

[Read more here](#)

News and updates from the SFSDC

Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission (SFSDC)

The annual forage seed field tour and barbecue was held at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Research Farm near Melfort, SK, on July 25th 2019. The SFSDC, the Northeast Agriculture Research Foundation (NARF), and AAFC Melfort hosted the event. Plans were to showcase the forage plots described in the Spring 2019 edition of the Prairie Seeds Newsletter (available on the SFSDC website @ skforageseeddc.com). Researchers with projects funded by SFSDC prepared presentations in anticipation of talking with producers in the field; the field tour route was planned; signs posted in anticipation of the visitors, and the noon meal was arranged by the NARF staff. However, Mother Nature had a different idea.

[Read more](#)



Forage Seed 'non-field-field Tour'. July 25, 2019. Melfort SK. Source: SFSDC

Industry Consultations

Under the authority of the Pest Control Products Act, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has concluded that the registration of the new end-use product Infinity FX, containing the active ingredients pyrasulfotole, bromoxynil and fluroxypyr-meptyl, as well as the safener mefenpyr-diethyl, for use on wheat (spring, durum and winter), spring barley, triticale (spring and winter), timothy, perennial ryegrass, brome grasses and red fescues, is acceptable. The specific uses approved in Canada are detailed on the label of Infinity FX, Pest Control Products Act Registration Number 33248.

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) invites the public to submit written comments on the proposed maximum residue limit (MRL) for fluroxypyr-meptyl up to 75 days from the date of publication of this consultation document. The PMRA will consider all comments received before making a final decision on the proposed MRL for fluroxypyr-meptyl.

This consultation is available for comment from 20 August 2019 to 3 November 2019 (75 calendar days). Open the "[Consultation Document](#)" link to access the document.

Levy dollars at work

Generating data in support of minor use pesticide label has been a priority area for SFSDC's allocation of levy funds. In comparison to other commodities, the market for pesticides in forage species grown for seed production is relatively small for the major agrochemical firms and consequently, there is a gap in products registered for use to control weedy species. In response, producer organizations fund research trials to develop best practices and generate the required datasets for consideration of label approval by the Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA).

More recently, SFSDC has invested the levy in the provincial government ADF programme supporting R&D in crops, livestock, forages, processing, agronomy and the agri-environmental sector.

[Read more about the SFSDC's four ADF Projects in this Policy Brief.](#)

Featured Video

Plants are Cool!

by Kiss the Ground

The benefits of green plants as compared to bare soil explained in a short video.

[Watch the video on YouTube](#)

Upcoming Events

Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association District Fall Meetings

October 22-30, 2019

various locations, SK

[View meeting dates and locations on the SCA website](#)

BCRC Webinar - Does your feed pass the test?

October 30, 2019

via Webinar

[More details and register here](#)

Native Prairie Speaker Series - Bats, Common Nighthawks and More...

October 30, 2019

via Webinar

[More details and register here](#)

Getting started in sheep workshop

November 1-2, 2019

Saskatoon, SK

[View the workshop info](#)

Connect - The Heart of the Farm Conference

November 6-8, 2019

Saskatoon, SK

[Visit the website to learn more](#)

MFGA AGM & Regenerative Ag Days

November 19-20, 2019

Brandon, MB

[Learn more here](#)

2019 Canadian Western Agribition

November 25-30, 2019

Regina, SK

[Visit the Agribition website](#)

Western Canada Conference on Soil Health and Grazing

December 10-12, 2019

Edmonton, AB

[Visit the website to learn more](#)

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