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SFC Forage Market Price Survey

Saskatchewan Forage Council

Need information on current market prices and trends for forage products in Saskatchewan? The Saskatchewan Forage Council's [2019 September Forage Market Price Discovery](#) report is what you're looking for!

With the help of forage, dairy, beef producers and others in the forage industry, this report details production trends, hay and forage freight costs, pricing for hay and other forages and much more.

Download the [full report here](#) a [two-page snapshot](#)

Forage Market Price Discovery reports are produced every January and September by the SFC. [Visit our website to view past reports.](#)

ADOPT Field Day

It was a successful field day near Hafford on December 17th, talking about Grain Maturity for Swath Grazing, an ADOPT project looking at the options to increase winter grazing days. Dr. Greg Penner spoke about determining the optimal maturity at harvest for dry, preserved cereals and led an in-field comparison of grazing: soft-dough versus hard-dough swathed plots. Chelsey Siemens and Brian Yasieniuk described the ADOPT trial design and results on Brian's trial, which involved swathing an oat-barley mix at either soft- or hard-dough stages, for swath grazing.



New Research Recognizes Benefits of SARPAL Program

**Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association
November 26, 2019**

The first phase of the Species at Risk Partnerships on Agricultural Lands (SARPAL) program in Saskatchewan is nearing completion in 2020. The SARPAL program works with agricultural producers on voluntary stewardship initiatives to support the recovery of species at risk on agricultural land. To understand its effectiveness and benefits for participating producers, Beef Business sat down with Dr. Dana Reiter, a post-doctoral Fellow at the University of British Columbia Okanagan, to discuss her research with 36 producers involved in the program.

Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) received SARPAL funding through Environment and Climate Change Canada to work with producers on the program with South of the Divide Conservation Action Program Inc. (SODCAP) acting as the delivery agent (see sidebar). Reiter did an independent evaluation of the SARPAL program through the University of B.C. funded by the Post-doctoral Fellowship under the Mitacs program.

[Read more](#)

Guardians of the Grasslands



Saskatoon panelists (left to right): Les Kroeger, John Bennett, Ross MacDonald (above); and Regina screening audience (below)



“Sometimes what you thought was the problem, is really the solution.”

Saskatchewan Forage Council (SFC), Prairie Conservation Action Plan (PCAP), Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association (SSCA) and Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) partnered to host two public screenings of *Guardians of the Grasslands* in November, to very strong response.

Guardians of The Grasslands is a 12-minute documentary exploring the current state of one of the world’s most endangered ecosystems, the Great Plains grasslands, and the role that cattle play in its survival.

[Read more](#)

CFGA leads First-Ever Canadian Grassland Offset Protocol for Producers

Canadian Forage and Grassland Association

For Immediate Release

Moncton, New Brunswick (November 12, 2019) - Things just got real for Canada's grasslands and producers.

The vast, untapped international potential for grassland conservation and producer prosperity linked arms for the first-time ever in Canada with the recent announcement that the USA-based Climate Action Reserve (CAR) board of directors had adopted the Canadian Forage and Grassland Association (CFGA)'s Canada Grassland Project Protocol (CGPP). The move will be a critical foundation for growing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction opportunities in Canada and creating new financial incentives for producers around the conservation of grasslands.

"This is an exciting first step in Canada for recognizing the significant contribution Canadian producers and Canadian grasslands are making to climate change mitigation through soil carbon sequestration," says Cedric MacLeod, CFGA's executive director. "I'm proud of the leadership role that the CFGA has played and the opportunity to bring this protocol to Canadian producers for the first time ever.



Plan to attend **Vision 2020: the Saskatchewan Beef Industry Conference** at the Saskatoon Inn, January 29/30! There's a great speaker agenda, with a strong forage focus during Wednesday afternoon's Cattle College session, presented by the Saskatchewan Beef & Forage Symposium. From the opening reception sponsored by SK Livestock Finance Co-operative on Tuesday evening, January 28th, through the closing luncheon featuring keynote Kevin Stewart from AgVision Media, this conference is packed with interesting and informative presentations, with a full trade show and plenty of opportunity for industry networking. Industry meetings include SK Livestock Finance Co-operative AGM, Saskatchewan Verified Beef Production AGM, Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders AGM, Saskatchewan Stock Growers semi-annual, Saskatchewan Angus Association AGM and the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association AGM.

Guest room rates of \$139/night available at the Saskatoon Inn until January 6th or while they last; call 306-242-1440 option 1 and reference SK Beef industry Conference.

To see the full agenda and speaker list, and to register, visit www.saskbeefconference.com.



Video: Management-Intensive Grazing with Bison

Read this [On Pasture](#) article about MIG grazing with bison, and watch the [short video interview](#) with Mark Kossler as he describes applying this management system to bison grazing.

Sask Sheep Development Board Symposium and AGM

January 10-11, 2020

Watrous, SK

[Learn more](#)

Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission AGM and Grower Information Session

January 14, 2020

Saskatoon, SK

[Learn more](#)

BCRC Webinar - Veterinary insights from across Canada

January 16, 2020

via Webinar

[More details and register here](#)

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](#)

7th Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop and 5th Transboundary Grassland Workshop

February 25-27, 2020

Regina, SK

[Learn more here](#)

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