



CONNECTIONS

Quote of the Month:

"When you make a commitment, you build hope. When you keep it, you build trust." *unknown*

Raising YOUR Profile

Get your business listed in the Agri-Food Export Catalogue. FOR FREE!

Alberta Agriculture & Forestry publishes the "AGRI-FOOD EXPORT CATALOGUE", a resource for foreign buyers to find goods and services produced or available here in Alberta. Even if you do not directly export, maybe you offer container loading services, bagging services, rail car loading, or other services that exporters require. Being listed does not cost anything: NOT being listed could cost a lost opportunity. To inquire if your business qualifies to be listed in the directory, contact AA&F directly at agrifoodexports@gov.ab.ca.

ADVERTISE IN "ALBERTA SEED GUIDE"

Book your ad in the next issue or issues of OUR Industry magazine.

Your business DOES have unique attributes that the world is dying to know about... Advertising can tell existing customers that they are making the right choice, as well as bring in new customers!



tell the world who you are.

Please contact Hiten Shah at Issues Ink to book your ad. shah@issuesink.com.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO BOOK YOUR AD

ANNUAL VOLUME SUMMARIES

It's that time of year again, to fill out volume summaries. The information is used to benchmark and profile the Association in the marketplace. Please note that the processing summaries are shared amongst member plants. Other information collected is put together (aggregated) and used to leverage the Association in certain situations. Information of individual plants is NEVER released. Thank You, in advance for your cooperation in submitting the summary information no later than August 1, 2016

Apply now for Youth Green Jobs Initiative

– Do you need help making environmental improvements to your farm, or is your organization involved in providing environmental benefits to the agricultural sector? Canada's Agricultural Youth Green Jobs Initiative will provide \$1.9 million to help create jobs for post-secondary graduates who are 30 years and under and want to work in agriculture. Eligible projects will benefit the environment either on or off the farm and last at least four months. Projects must be completed before March 31, 2017. Visit [Green Farms](#) and [Green Internships](#) to learn more.

Seeking Director for Region 3.

Region 3 has been without a director since January; the Association functions better with a complete board. IF anyone knows of anyone that may be interested; please have them contact Dave Bishop or Monica. Being a provincial director is not a life sentence; try it; if it is not a good fit, then resign...

Changes to Weed Seed Order:

Revisions to the WSO will come into effect on November 1, 2016. RSE's need to have an up to date copy of the Order. More information can be found at; <http://www.gazette.gc.ca> or

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/plants/seeds/weed-seeds-order>

Crop Varieties Registered in Canada and Plant Breeders' Rights Status database UPDATED – A major update was completed on May 18, 2016. <http://cdnseed.org/library/crop-kinds-database/>. Or Go to cdnseed.org and click on the “Library” tab.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS

Emergency response plans are a method of preparing for worst case scenarios. A good emergency response plan should include details regarding how to protect the 3 P's: People: Planet: Profit.

People: includes protecting staff, customers, bystanders, & first responders. This should be the most important element in the ERP (emergency response plan).

Planet: includes how to mitigate impact to surrounding areas including neighboring buildings, and water bodies.

Profit: includes how to mitigate damage to buildings & assets.

If you do not have an ERP, start one today, or update or review your existing ERP. (You could protect some volunteer firefighter someday!)

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COMMUNICATION:

Communication is one of the strengths of any Association. The ability to share knowledge is key to delivering value to our membership. Like it or not, but electronic communication is now the standard for getting information disseminated.



At the AGM last January, directors requested to receive emails along with the plant manager. To fulfill this request, email addresses for plant Chairmen are Needed: To ensure that EVERYONE is receiving timely information on education opportunities, business development opportunities, and seed industry information, email address of the plant and the CHAIRMAN are required.

www.seedprocessors.ca is now up & running. www.seed.ab.ca is still our website for customers to search for and find seed processing services.

EVENTS

MANAGERS TRAINING

High Prairie
June 21 & 22

ENCHANT GRAND OPENING

Enchant, AB
June 29, 2016

VOLUME SUMMARY SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

AUGUST 1, 2016

Have News & Events you think should be posted in future CONNECTIONS?
Contact Monica ...

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PINCHER CREEK SEED PLANT

FULL TIME Plant Operator

Pincher Seed Plant is seeking a full-time assistant manager with an opportunity to become manager in the future. The right individual will have a minimum of 2 - 3 years of seed plant experience, with Color Sorter experience being an asset .

Please email seedmanpc@gmail.com

STROME SEED PLANT

FULL TIME Plant Manager

Experience necessary. Wage negotiable.

For further information contact

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