

Quote of the Month:

"I have not failed, I have just discovered 10,000 ways that do not work"

Thomas Edison

April Connections.

SEED SMART



SPREAD THE WORD: Seed Smart postcards are available and can be used as an information piece mailed with your billing statements, or to have available in the plant; close to the coffee pot, perhaps? Please request your supply by calling/emailing Monica.



Raising the profile of the Alberta Seed Processors at Falher Trade Show.

The Association participated in the Falher Trade show in March. Seed plant staff & provincial directors helped staff the booth during the shows, promoting the Association as a whole, as well as their own individual service offerings. Trade shows are a great way to not only convey what your business offers, but to collect pertinent information about industry trends. If you would like to use the association trade show booth for a local event, please contact the office.

Alberta Food Processors Assoc.

Our Assoc. is now a member of AFPA. Check out their website @ <http://www.afpa.com/> for information on critical training modules required if your plant is supplying food and/or feed products to the marketplace.

Wondering HOW to Become a Bulk Storage Facility? Read on.....



Information for facilities who handle and store pedigreed seed in bulk.

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)

An application fee of \$300 + Tax is being applied to all new facilities that wish to be accredited as a CSI Registered Seed Establishment.

Obtaining CSI Accreditation:

There are three steps to becoming registered as a Bulk Storage Facility for businesses that store or hold seed.

1. Certification of Personnel
2. Writing Your Quality Assurance Manual
3. On-Site Audit

Above information obtained from

<https://csi-ics.com/seed/services/bulk-storage-facility-bsf>

CFIA UPDATE NOTICE:

Please note that there is an update with the following heading available on the web:

"Guide to the Evaluation of Candidate Seed Graders and Seed Import Conformity Assessors" & can be found on the web @: [Plant Documents: Guidance Document Repository - Guidance Document Repository - Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#)

Learning Opportunities (Almost Free)

Alberta Agriculture & Forestry is hosting a series of events intended to provide the agriculture sector with training beyond what we do best: (grow stuff, clean seed, move dust...)

Marketing Essentials:

Introduction to Marketing ALMOST FREE... Really.

This one day workshop will focus on practical information and tools to help you develop and implement an effective marketing strategy for your business.

Date: Apr 12, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM
Registration Fee: \$25.00, includes GST
Registration: Call 1-800-387-6030 to register
Town: Airdrie, AB
Place: Agriculture Centre

Marketing Essentials: Telling Your Story

Telling stories has always been a part of the way people communicate. Today's business leaders use storytelling to engage staff and connect to their customers and suppliers.

Date: Apr 19, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM
Registration Fee: \$25.00 includes GST
Registration Instructions: Call 1-800-387-6040
Town: Airdrie, AB
Place: Agriculture Centre

Canadian Global Crops Symposium

The Canada Grains Council is an organization of grain industry interests representing producers, crop input companies, grain companies, processors, end users, government departments, financial institutions, regulatory agencies and others.

Formed in 1969 to co-ordinate efforts to increase the sale and use of Canadian grain in domestic and world markets, the Council has become the leading recognized forum of the grain industry, in Canada and around the world.

Dates: Apr 10 - 12, 2017 CALGARY, AB
Place: Hyatt Regency: 700 Centre St SE
Website: <http://canadiancrops.ca>
Full Registration per person: \$804.00 pp
Non Taxable Delegate Registration**: \$763.80
Student Registration: Contact event@imci.com



Pulses 2017: The Future of Food. July 10-13

This year the Global Pulse Confederation and the Canadian Special Crops Association are bringing their conventions together for the biggest event the pulse industry has ever seen. For more information or to register go to <http://pulses2017.com/>

SAVE THE DATE: June 19 & 20, 2017 Managers' Association Training Event

Mark this important date on your calendars: This year's event will feature a trade show including key industry suppliers

WORK SAFE

Extra care should be exercised when handling late harvested seed & grain due to the possibility of toxin-laden dust. There is a high probability that late harvested grain contains dust from moulds as well as toxins associated with rodent feces. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure: sorry for the cliché, but in the case of hantavirus, the *deadly* toxin found in deer mice feces, prevention is best and only defense. Use proper respiratory & eye protection and follow good hygiene with washing of any suspected sources of toxins/dust including hands, clothes and even boots .WORK SAFE, WORK SMART

EQUIPMENT WANTED

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

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Fairview Co-op Seed Plant has for Sale: 10 kongskilde CAD 20 air locks in working condition (replaced with bigger) \$1200 per unit 15 7/16in aluminum elbows for pneumatic system (new). 1 unit 6 spiral gravity separator \$1500. All equipment is in good working condition call Ernie at 780 835 2478 for details

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Acadia Seed Cleaning Assoc. (Oyen)

Full Time PLANT MANAGER:
Experience necessary...Wages negotiable.
For more info call Dave Sullivan at 403-664-3865 or email scrockd@hotmail.com