

Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.

Mark Twain

August Connections.

ANNOUNCING...



SEED SMART Scholarships:

With the goals of promoting our organization, procuring future employees, and supporting the crop sector industry in

Alberta, Alberta Seed Processors are pleased to announce 2 new scholarships valued at \$1000 each. The scholarships are directed towards students entering their second year of agriculture-related studies. For more information, visit the 'news' at seedprocessors.ca.

Fun with Financials -Learn and Network-Save the Date!

October 18, 2017 -Nisku, AB

Do you have burning questions about financing and aren't sure where to find the answers? Do you need money to take your agri-processing business to the next level?

This engaging event will allow you to hear from expert speakers and meet key financial contacts. For more information, contact Ron Lyons at 780-980-4363

Lougheed Grand Opening

August 10, 2017



Join in celebrating the grand opening of the new Lougheed Plant.

Open House from 11-2, with lunch served at noon, and a short program at 1:00pm.

FUSARIUM

Over the past few years, Fusarium surveys have been conducted to track the presence of the disease. Here are the results:

Table 1. *Fusarium graminearum* survey results for Alberta, 1995-2016.

	95-97	01-03	2007	10-11	2015	2016*
# Fields surveyed	348	511	740	907	910	~950
# counties represented	n.d	54	54	48	58	64
# counties positive	0	9	2	13	22	26
% Positive (total)	0	6.8	0.05	11.1	14.7	26.5
% Positive (Wheat heads)	0	n.a	0.05	13.6	10.8	24.1
% Positive (Wheat stubble)	n.a.	2.9	n.a.	6.0	27.8	TBD
% Positive (Corn)	n.a.	33.8	n.a.	48.9	74.3	85.3



Now that we know Fusarium is in most parts of the province, It's time to ensure all our customers know how to combat the disease. Seed testing is a real important tool to ensure farmers are using the best seed possible. Follow @beseedsmart on twitter

SAVE THE DATE:

ALBERTA SEED PROCESSORS AGM

January 17-19, 2018

Westin Hotel, Edmonton.

Making Your Organization More Energy Efficient

The Business, Non-Profit and Institutional Energy Savings Program offers incentives to encourage organizations to choose high-efficiency products. Once your organization has installed an approved high-efficiency heating or lighting product you can apply for the rebate. Once approved, you'll receive a cheque that will help cover the cost of the equipment. For Details go to: www.encyalberta.ca

(Don't miss out on this one: The growing forward program that was accepting applications for energy efficiency is now closed. Many program operate on a finite budget, and on a first-come, first serve basis; The early bird could very well get most of the worms so-to speak.)

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Business-to-business meeting with Buyers from Mexico

August 14th in Leduc, Alberta.

Almacenes Vaca, an importer from Guanajuato, Mexico, has confirmed their attendance, with other buyers confirming their participation shortly.

Next Steps:

If you are interested in participating in this free selling opportunity, please reply to Meghan Horosko at Meghan.Horosko@gov.ab.ca or 780-422-7195. Additional information on each company and their specific interests will be shared as buyers confirm their participation and information is available.

Confirmed Buyer Information: Almacenes Vaca International and National Purchaser
<http://www.almacenesvaca.com/ing/>

.Almacenes Vaca is interesting in finding Canadian suppliers to source the following products:

Human Consumption:

- Peas (green, red, yellow), Lentils (red, green)
- Beans (pinto, kidney)
- Oats • Flaxseed • Canary seed

Specifications:

- Cleaned
- Bulk and/or bagged
- By rail or By container

Preferred Port of Entry: Eagle Pass, Texas

Questions or to Register

Please contact Meghan.Horosko@gov.ab.ca

EQUIPMENT WANTED

Grimshaw Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant is looking for a gravity table.

Contact Kelly Diebert (780) 332 4560

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

CSI is accredited by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to deliver the bulk storage facility (BSF) program. 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.

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

Obtaining CSI Accreditation:

The three steps to becoming a Bulk Storage Facility:

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

Detailed information available at: www.csi-ics.com

[CSI Bulk Storage Facility](#)

Canadian Seed Institute (CSI) News

New Grader Training, Leduc, AB

Week of October 23-27 (venue & date to be confirmed)

Structure Change at CSI: As part of a structure change at CSI, Danielle Fletcher is no longer with the business. Inquiries regarding RSE's should be directed to Jennifer Scott Toll-Free: 1-800-979-9015

Lean & Green Carbon Workshop

November 7 –Edmonton;

November. 8 –Calgary;

November 9 –Lethbridge

This half-day workshop will identify business case opportunities associated with addressing carbon and environmental process improvements. Through tangible lean and green examples, participants will receive coaching and tools resulting in efficiencies and cost reductions. Visit the 'What's New' section on the left side of www.afpa.com to register .

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Taber Seed Cleaning Association is seeking a SEED PLANT OPERATOR

Remuneration commensurate with experience. To apply or for more details, contact Joe Hanson at joe.hansontsc@yahoo.ca

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