

REGISTER NOW

MANAGERS ASSOCIATION TRAINING EVENT!

Registration is now open for the Managers Training Event scheduled for June 19 & 20. The event moves to Region 3 this year, with Provost acting as the host. For the



registration form and agenda, visit the members-only section of our website. An agenda & registration form is also a part of the *Seed Plant News* that should have arrived in everyone's mailboxes a few weeks ago.

Know The New PBR Rules

- 1) If a variety is protected under PBR, **it is illegal to sell common seed, even if you don't use the variety name.**
- 2) Under PBR, it is OK to keep seed on your farm - as long as the farm-saved rights are not pre-empted by another agreement or contract.
- 3) Under the new PBR '91 rules, **the buyer, the processor, and the seller are responsible for the infringement.**
- 4) Visit PBRfacts.ca for more information.

The goal of Plant Breeders' Rights is to encourage investment in plant breeding in Canada. There is a misconception that PBR only benefits large companies - the fact is large companies often have other tools to protect their intellectual property (including patents and contracts). PBR is critically important for public breeders, (including universities) and smaller private breeders who may not have the resources or traits necessary to utilize other forms of protection.

Strategic Planning

"Fail to plan: plan to fail" ... If your plant is considering creating or updating your strategic plan and would like some assistance, please contact Monica in the office ASAP. There is an opportunity to share development & travel costs with other plants.

Pesticide Applicator Credits

The Continuing Education Program requires an applicator to recertify by obtaining fifteen (15) Continuing Education Credits within their five-year certification period. Alberta Environment & Parks has posted new opportunities to obtain credits.

The listing of Continuing Education Credit Opportunities for 2018 have been posted onto our website under the "Resources" tab.

Note: Up to 5 credits will be available at the Managers Training Event in June.

Business Volume Report Forms

The forms are now available to submit your annual business volumes. Please go to the "Members Only" section of our website to access the forms. Information is due into the office no later than August 1, 2018. Data is being collected for the time period between July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Show Off



Borrow the Association Banners for a trade show or local event in your community! Contact the Office for details.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Lougheed Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant
1- 6 row Carter Day indent
1- 6 row Precision grader
1- 2 row Carter Day indent
2- dust collectors
1- 10 x 80 foot steel scale
Various legs and conveyors
Call for details 780-386-3771

Battle River Seed Cleaning Cooperative Ltd
Delta i-IQ/CCD 5 Color Sorter. Asking \$ 35,000.00

For further details, contact Mark @ 780 745 2279 or
email brscc@mcsnet.ca

EQUIPMENT WANTED

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

**“Setting the Stage for Success”
Mark your calendars for the 66th
AGM on January 16-18, 2019.**

Changes are coming – stay tuned!



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Willingdon Municipal Seed Cleaning Co-operative is seeking a Full-Time Seed Plant Operator:

The Willingdon Seed Cleaning Co-op is a steel facility that has quality up to date equipment that cleans both Pedigree and commercial seed.

Regular plant operational hours are 8am-5pm Monday-Friday with exceptions during busy seasons. Currently the plant employs one full-time Manager, two part-time Operators, and has a part-time Secretary/Treasurer.

We are currently seeking a self-motivated, confident individual to fill the position of Seed Plant Operator and help grow the business. This person should have a valid class 5 license, good communication skills, be mechanically inclined, able to work well with others, and be willing to advance skills. A knowledge of grains, oilseeds and pulse crops would be an asset. Salary will be based on experience. Bonuses and employee incentives will be discussed at the job interview.

For job details and questions, contact:

President: Ross Bezovie (780)208-9400 or at acepoultry@live.ca
Vice-President: Zolton Yaremie (780) 886-0772 or at zyaremie@hotmail.com

Interested applicants can drop off their resume in person at the Willingdon Seed Plant, email it to willingdonseedcleaningplant@gmail.com, or mail it in to: Willingdon Seed Cleaning Co-operative Box 356, Willingdon, Alberta. T0B4R0

This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

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

Connections is a monthly electronic newsletter intended to connect members of
The Alberta Seed Processors
Inquires/Postings or to sign up to receive your e-copy, contact Monica Klaas @
monica.klaas@seedprocessors.ca