



Forage and Livestock eNews

Updates and information from across the industry

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Saskatchewan Forage Council Annual General Meeting

****Please note that the previous email listed the tour site as Langenburg, but the tour will take place in Langham. Our apologies for this error.****

Plan to join us for the SFC annual general meeting on Wednesday, July 28th in Saskatoon! In our first face-to-face meeting in well over a year, we'll provide organizational updates, review the past year's financials and introduce the board of directors for 2021/2022. We are grateful for the ongoing support and commitment of our currently serving directors and look forward to welcoming some new faces. It's not too late to express your interest in becoming a director of the Forage Council! Nominations for director positions will be accepted up to and including our 28th meeting date, and can be submitted by [contacting the SFC office](#). This is also the day we will announce the 2021 Forage Innovator Award.

As a prelude to our meeting, Nutrien/Proven Seed will host a morning tour of salinity and forage variety plots at the Discovery Farm site, near Langham. That tour will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude by 11:00 a.m., allowing time to proceed to the Manitoba Room at the Saskatoon Inn for a noon luncheon, followed by our 1:00 p.m. AGM.

All SFC members are welcome to attend the AGM. If you're able to join us for the tour and/or lunch as well, please contact Shannon at office@saskforage.ca or 306-731-7610 by Friday, August 6th, so we can make plans to host you.



REGISTER TODAY!

SASKATCHEWAN PASTURE TOUR

AUGUST 10, 2021

Saskatchewan Pasture Tour 2021

Tuesday, August 10th in the Francis area.

Topics to include water quality and delivery, grazing management, salinity and plant ID and invasive species.

Limited space, registration deadline is July 31, 2021

The Saskatchewan Pasture Tour is hosted by:

Ducks Unlimited Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association
Saskatchewan Forage Council
Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture
University of Saskatchewan

[View the poster and registration details here](#)

Thank you to our Saskatchewan Pasture Tour Sponsors:



New Research Chair At USask Will Help Maximize Environmental, Economic Benefits Of Forage Crops

Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC), July 12, 2021

SASKATOON – A new Beef Industry Integrated Forage Management and Utilization Chair will be established at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) to connect the study of soils, plants, animals, economics, and ecosystems to tap into forage crops' full range of benefits.

"The Chair will help to address concerns raised for a number of years by producers searching for expanded forage management information," said Matt Bowman, chair of the Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC) and a producer from Thornloe, Ont. "We need the science in order to better manage complex forage systems, implement effective utilization strategies, and understand the associated environmental benefits created through the dynamic soil-plant-animal interface."

Funding for the research chair will be provided from a variety of sources. Industry contributions include \$2.5 million from the Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC) and \$1 million from the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association (SCA). The governments of Canada and Saskatchewan will provide \$750,000 through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. The Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS) at USask will contribute \$320,000.

[Read more](#)

Government of Canada invests \$2.6 million to improve alfalfa growth and develop a grassland carbon offset system

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, July 19, 2021

This week, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, announced an investment of more than \$2.6 million to Canadian Forage and Grassland Association (CFGa) to support three projects that will assess and improve alfalfa growth using artificial intelligence and will develop a Canadian grassland carbon offset system. Alfalfa is a key forage crop producers rely on to capture and fix carbon, return nutrients to the soil and improve soil health.

[For more details about the announcement and the projects in question visit this link](#)

Each year the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association (SCA) holds board elections in alternating districts. The terms of the representatives for districts 1, 3A, 4, 6, 8, and 9B are all up for renewal in 2021. This is a call for nominations for the directors for these districts.

To be eligible to vote in the elections, you will need to attend the meeting in your district and sign a Declaration of Registered Cattle Producers form. Producers must live or have their head office in the district they are voting in, paid the check-off and cannot have received a refund in the last two years.

Contact the office at 1-306-585-2333 with any questions about what being on the board entails.

Nominations must be emailed, faxed, or post marked by midnight July 31st, 2021



Government Of Saskatchewan Enhances Support For Producers Dealing With Dry Conditions

On July 14th, Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced that Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) will implement measures to address dry conditions impacting producers. Effective immediately, changes will be made to allow low-yielding crops to be put to alternate use to support the livestock sector. Changes announced also include a temporary increase to the maximum funding a livestock producer can receive from the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP) for dugouts, wells and pipelines. These changes were made in response to the challenging conditions producers are facing as a result of extended drought and unusually hot temperatures.

See full details here: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2021/july/14/government-of-saskatchewan-enhances-support-for-producers-dealing-with-dry-conditions>

New Five-Year Canadian Beef Research & Technology Transfer Strategy Released

Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC), July 2021

Strategic and collaborative investments in research and technology transfer bolster the Canadian beef sector's leadership in responsibly meeting rising global food production needs. Today, the Beef Cattle Research Council and its industry partners released a renewed five-year strategy to help target funding toward achieving high-priority beef research and extension objectives.

The [Five-Year Canadian Beef Research and Technology Transfer Strategy](#) supports increasing productivity while building upon the sector's leadership in environmental, social and economic sustainability. It builds upon the success of [previous iterations](#) and complements the [National Beef Strategy's ambitious 10-year goals](#).



In Dire Need: Drought Management with Jim Gerrish

Recently, MaiaGrazing, Foothills Forage and American GrazingLands Services LLC came together to create this hour-long presentation by grazing management expert Jim Gerrish, to assist producers facing drought.

[Watch this video now on YouTube](#)
or learn more at:
https://www.maia grazing.com/drought_jimgerrish/

Upcoming Events

Ag in Motion

June-December, 2021

Virtual Events

[Find the schedule of events here](#)

Saskatchewan Pasture Tour

August 10, 2021

Francis area

[Learn more here](#)

Native Prairie Speaker Series - Bats

August 10, 2021

Virtual Events

[Learn more and register here](#)

Canadian Beef Industry Conference

August 31-September 2, 2021

Virtual event

[Learn more and register on the website](#)

2021 MFGA Regenerative Agriculture Conference

November 15-17, 2021

To be determined

[Visit the conference website to learn more](#)

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