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This Week in Agriculture



Features



A look back at 2018 with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Minister Oneil Carlier

Minister Carlier looks back at the year that was - including 2018's challenging harvest, trade, the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, Alberta Open Farm Days, Alberta Ag Hall of Fame, Forestry and the wildfire season. He also discusses his priorities for the upcoming year.

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Turkey tortilla pie

Are you interested in trying something new to use up some of your leftover turkey from the holidays? Try this delicious and interesting looking turkey tortilla pie. Brought to you by [Canadian Turkey](#).

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Crops



Green seed canola - what to consider when marketing

Harvested canola samples in 2018 contained variable levels of green seed. Neil Blue, provincial crop market

analyst with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, looks at what producers should consider when marketing their crop.

- [Read the Agri-News article](#)
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The weed seed bank - how to prevent unwelcome deposits

Below the soil surface lurks the weed seed bank - the predominant source of weed pressure on current and future crops. Harry Brook, crop specialist at the Alberta Ag-Info Centre, explains how the weed seed bank works and how to reduce its potency.

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Manure Management Update 2019

- [January 14, Lethbridge](#)

Blockchain Series: Increasing Value Within the Agricultural Supply Chain

- [begins January 15, Lethbridge](#)

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- [January 15, Webinar](#)

Time, Tax and Farm Transition: Planning for Success on your Own Terms

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- [January 15, Vermilion](#)
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Horticulture checklist for January

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's commercial horticulture specialists at the Alberta Ag-Info Centre have published a "to do" list for the month of January.

[Things to Do & Things to Think About This Month - January 2019](#) contains checklists for berry and vegetable producers, as well as information that producers may need to consider concerning soil sampling, scheduling, pest management, and marketing.

What's New in Ag Information



#AbAgChat coming your way

Looking for information about next week's Agronomy Update? Mark Cutts, crop specialist at the Ag-Info Centre, will be taking over Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's Twitter account - twitter.com/AlbertaAg - on Tuesday, January 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. He will answer any questions you may have about the upcoming conference. Follow the conversation at #AbAgChat.



New Economics & Competitiveness Branch Publications

The following product has recently been released:

- [Agriculture Statistics Yearbook 2017](#)

- [January 22, Lethbridge](#)

Farm Management Strategies to Improve Margins and Reduce Risk

- [January 15, Foremost](#)

Industrial Hemp Program - Hemp Farmer Course

- [available online January 17](#)

Emergency Farm Plan Session

- [January 17, St. Michael](#)

Holistic Management Course

- [January 17-19, High Prairie](#)

Farm Transition Planning & Agriculture Risk Management

- [January 18, Three Hills](#)

Ladies Livestock Lessons

- [January 19, Airdrie](#)

Getting Into Local Foods

- [January 22, Wetaskiwin](#)

The 7 Deadly(ish) Sins of Grain Marketing

- [January 23, Vegreville](#)

Save Tax and Simplify Transition Planning

- [January 23, Vulcan](#)



Consumer trends and local food

We hear a lot about local food these days, and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) has undertaken a research study to understand the consumer trends for local food in the global and domestic markets with special emphasis on Alberta. Jeewani Fernando, provincial consumer market analyst with AF, discusses some of the findings.

- [Listen to the Call of the Land interview](#)

Livestock



Beekeeping industry in Alberta

Connie Phillips, executive director of the Alberta Beekeepers Commission, looks back at 2018 and discusses how the role of beekeepers goes beyond producing honey.

- [Listen to the Call of the Land interview](#)



Alberta Milk now accepting applications for New Entrant Assistance Program

Alberta Milk is accepting applications to the New Entrant Assistance Program. The program offers a quota loan at no cost to successful applicants who want to be dairy farmers anywhere in the province.

- [Read the Agri-News article](#)

Growing Healthy - Farmers, Fields and Food Organic Alberta Conference

- [January 25-26, Fort Saskatchewan](#)

Can Organics Diversity your Farm?

- [January 26, Fort Saskatchewan](#)

Ladies Calving Clinic

- [January 29, Czar](#)

Farmtech 2019

- [January 29-31, Edmonton](#)

Being Ready for GMPs In The Natural Health Product Sector Workshop

- [January 29, Red Deer](#)

Alberta Canola Producers 29th Annual General Meeting

- [January 29, Edmonton](#)

A Unified Voice for Ag: Moving Priorities to Action

- [January 29, Redcliff](#)

Winter Watering Systems Tour

- [February 2, Bonanza](#)

Cocktail Cover Crop Design Workshop

- [February 5, Debolt](#)

Ignite - FCC Young Farmer Summit



AFAC call for nominations

[Alberta Farm Animal Care](#) (AFAC) is now accepting nominations for the 2019 AFAC Awards of Distinction. These awards were initiated in 2001 to recognize individuals or groups who have made exceptional contributions in the field of livestock welfare. These individuals or organizations work hard to advance the mandate of AFAC and the welfare of livestock in Alberta.

- [Read the Agri-News article](#)

Extension and Learning



Cow-Calfenomics returns in January 2019

The registration deadline is fast approaching for the 2019 edition of Cow-Calfenomics, taking place in four communities across the province this month. Bruce Viney, economics extension specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, says that it will be jam-packed day with a well-rounded agenda and interesting speakers and interactive sessions on management in the Alberta cow-calf business.

- [Read the Agri-News article](#)

Brian Perillat, senior analyst at CanFax, is one of the Cow-Calfenomics presenters. He will also be demonstrating and explaining how the new CanFax App can help producers make better marketing and planning decisions.

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- [February 6, Lethbridge](#)

Ranching Opportunities Conference

- [February 7, Olds](#)

AFSC Farm Risk Management

- [February 7, Drumheller](#)

Getting Into Farmers' Markets

- [February 12, Wetaskiwin](#)

Grazing Management

- [February 12, webinar](#)

Communicating for Results: Practical Tools for Success on Your Farm

- [February 13, Leduc](#)

Alberta Soil Science Workshop 2019

- [February 19-21, Calgary](#)

PCBFA Annual General Meeting

- [February 22, Fairview](#)

Leading Edge Farm Management Conference

- [February 26-27, Red Deer](#)

Tax and the Corporate Farm

- [March 5, Edmonton](#)

37th Western Canadian Dairy Seminar

- [March 5-8, Red Deer](#)



Agronomy Update

Agronomy Update is taking place January 15-16 in Lethbridge. Doon Pauly, agronomy research scientist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and one of the organizers of the event, provides some of the highlights for both researchers and producers.

- [Read the Agri-News article](#)



Manure Management Update 2019

Roller compacted concrete, challenges of manure application, and new technologies are just some of the topics to be covered at the Manure Management Update taking place January 14, 2019, in Lethbridge. Lynda Miedema, nutrient management specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, looks at the event and what information producers will find.

- [Read the Agri-News article](#)

Business and Marketing



Being GMP Ready in the Natural Health Products Sector workshop

Alberta Beef Industry Conference

- [March 12-14, Red Deer](#)

What's in Your Water? Water Quality and the Economics of Pump Systems

- [March 14, webinar](#)

SARDA Agricultural Trade Show 2019

- [March 14-16, Falher](#)

Cover Crops

- [March 26, webinar](#)

For more Coming Events

- [See Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's complete listing](#)

Good manufacturing practices is a key component in the natural health products sector and is the focus of a one-day workshop taking place Tuesday, January 29, 2019 in Red Deer.

- [Read the Agri-News article](#)



Preparing your business plan

Business planning is all about making choices to determine a path for moving forward with your business. Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's Joel Bokenfohr discusses how producers can prepare a business plan to help take advantage of new opportunities and also face uncertainty.

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Blockchain: increasing value within the agricultural supply chain

Have you ever heard of blockchain and blockchain technology? Economic Development Lethbridge is hosting a workshop series geared at those in the agricultural supply chain. Renae Barlow, vice president, entrepreneurship and innovation, with Economic Development Lethbridge/teconnect talks about the technology and the upcoming workshop series.

- [Listen to part 1 of the Call of the Land interview](#)
- [Listen to part 2 of the Call of the Land interview](#)

Rural Living



Apply for the Local Rural Crime Watch Grant

The deadline for the Local Rural Crime Watch Grant is approaching. Local rural crime watch associations must submit their application for the \$1,000 annual grant to the Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) before January 15, 2019.

- [Read the Agri-News article](#)

General



Farm Water Supply Program

The Farm Water Supply Program under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership is still running and accepting applications. Melissa Orr-Langner, agricultural water engineer with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, has details on this program.

- [Listen to the Call of the Land interview](#)

Jobs in Agriculture



Various Seasonal Wildfire Positions

Edson, Lac La Biche - As a Wildfire Ranger, you will use your knowledge of fire behaviour and prevention, fuel types, firefighting techniques, and forest ecology to facilitate and participate in wildfire prevention, operations, and detection, and forest management. Wildfire program components include assisting with wildfire detection, enforcement, education, engineering, pre-suppression, and suppression activities as well as the supervision and coordination of seasonal wildland firefighting crews to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of wildfire suppression activities. You will be coordinating fire situation communication and planning, issuing fire permits,

investigating wildfire causes, completing hazard assessments, enforcing legislation (Wildfire and Forestry), participating in Fire Smart community projects and maintaining Wildfire Management facilities such as lookout towers. The competition for these positions (Job ID # 1052785) close January 17, 2019.

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Wildfire Ranger

Whitecourt - We are seeking individuals with an interest in natural resources, wildfire management and ecology to assist us within the Whitecourt Forest Area during the 2019 summer months in the following roles: Wildfire Dispatchers, Logistics Support, Patrol Person, Camp Supervisors, Airtanker Base Personnel, Detection Aide, Warehouse Support, Lookout Tower Personnel, Data Entry, Manup Supervisors. Qualifications required vary and more information on each role's required qualifications can be found by following this link: <http://wildfire.alberta.ca/recruitment/default.aspx>. The competition for these positions (Job ID # 1052470) closes January 16, 2019.

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Research Agrologist

Falher – [SARDA Ag Research](#) (Smoky Applied Research & Demonstration Association) is looking for a Research Agrologist to work with the SARDA team, producers and other partners in the south-east Peace Region to carry out applied research and extension activities. Duties may include organizing and establishing research trials; demos; applying for project funding; networking with governments, funders and partners; extension of research results – reports, articles, presentations, and meeting with producers; operation of equipment; seeding and harvesting of trial plots; and in-field data collection. SARDA is an applied research association located in Falher, covering the south Peace Region of Alberta. We do research within the areas of the MD of Smoky River, the MD of Greenview, Northern Sunrise County, Big Lakes County and the County of Grande Prairie. These are crop producing areas that mainly include wheat, barley, oats, canola, flax, peas, brome and clover. This employment opportunity is a full time position. All applications should be submitted by January 11, 2019. The preferred start date will be February 4, 2019. [Find more information and how to apply for the position.](#)

Veterinary Pathologist (Anatomic)

Airdrie – The Veterinary Pathologist (Airdrie location-Calgary area) is expected to participate in livestock and poultry disease surveillance projects to determine and monitor the health status of these species. The information and knowledge gained diagnostic pathology work and surveillance projects will be communicated to relevant stakeholders and the veterinary community via publications in peer reviewed journals, presentations at conferences and industry meetings and factsheets. The successful candidate will assist the Unit manager to co-ordinate post-mortem room activities, design and participate in specific projects and provide training and guidance to other staff members. The competition for this position (Job ID # 1051938) will stay open until a suitable candidate has been found.

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