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This Week in Agriculture



Features



Was your farm profitable in 2018?

Now is a good time to gather information to convert cash statements to accrual income and expenses statements. Dean Dyck, farm business management specialist at the Alberta Ag-Info Centre, looks at how to check for farm profitability.

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



Apply now for the 2019 Summer Farm Employment Program

Are you a full-time farmer thinking about hiring a student for summer employment? Apply for Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's Summer Farm Employment Program. This program gives Alberta's youth the opportunity to gain farm work experience and provides wage support to farmers.

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Baked bacon and kale polenta squares

Monday, February 4, 2019

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This casserole can be served hot, warm or cold. Brought by [Egg Farmers of Alberta](#).

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Markets



Crops

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Crops



Grain dryer components and the FEAP Program

The Farm Energy and Agri-Processors (FEAP) Program continues to share costs with producers who are upgrading components of their grain dryers to high-efficiency models. Katherine Rogers, energy extension coordinator with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, clarifies what is eligible for funding through this program.

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Ignite - FCC Young Farmer Summit

- [February 6, Lethbridge](#)

Trends and Trade Opportunities in Beef Markets

- [February 6, Bezanon](#)
- [February 7, Fairview](#)

Growing Industrial Hemp Workshop

- [February 7, St. Michael](#)

Bat House Building Workshop

- [February 7, Goose Lake](#)

Ranching Opportunities Conference

- [February 7, Olds](#)

Farm Transition Planning & Agriculture Risk Management

- [February 7, Drumheller](#)

Soil Health Forum

- [February 11, Fairview](#)

Farm Transition Planning with AFSC & SIRRS

- [February 12, Ponoka](#)

Getting Into Farmers' Markets

- [February 12, Wetaskiwin](#)

Grazing Management

Learn how to farm hemp

Thinking about farming hemp for the first time or growing a small test plot? Norquest College is now offering its online Hemp Farming Course. The course was created with input from experienced hemp farmers and industry experts and is designed for conventional or organic farmers who are considering this crop.

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



2019 Alberta Pulse Industry Innovator Award

The Alberta Pulse Growers has selected Kirsty Ross (Piquette), who was instrumental in building the field pea industry in northeastern Alberta, as the winner of the fifth annual Alberta Pulse Industry Innovator Award.

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



New chair and vice-chair for Alberta Wheat Commission

The Alberta Wheat Commission has announced that Gary Stanford was voted chair and Hannah Konschuh was voted as vice-chair of its board of directors.

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What's New in Ag Information



Ag education this week's topic on #AbAgChat

Have questions about ag education, including resources for both in and out of the classroom? Ag education consultant Karen Carle will be taking over Alberta

Agriculture and Forestry's Twitter account - twitter.com/AlbertaAg - on Tuesday, February 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. Follow the conversation at #AbAgChat and @AlbertaAg.

- [February 12, webinar](#)

Blockchain Series: Increasing Value within the Agricultural Supply Chain

- [begins February 12, Lethbridge](#)

Canada's Ag Day in Alberta - Celebrating the 2050 Challenge

- [February 12, Edmonton](#)
- [February 12, Red Deer](#)

Agronomy Update

- [February 13, Warner](#)

Communicating for Results: Practical Tools for Success on Your Farm

- [February 13, Leduc](#)

Eco-buffer and Shelterbelt Workshop

- [February 13, Red Deer County](#)

Annual Soil Health Mini- Conference

- [February 13, Oyen](#)

Environmental Farm Plan Workshop

- [February 14, Warner](#)

Holistic Management

- [February 15-17, 22-24, St. Paul](#)

Alberta Soil Science Workshop 2019

Export Markets



Canadian agri-food exports

Olu Oyewumi, economic modeler with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, look at Canadian agri-food trade exports, including major markets, recent trade agreements, and opportunities for Alberta exporters.

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

Livestock



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Livestock producers receive tax relief for 2018

The Government of Canada has released the final list of designated regions where livestock tax deferral has been authorized for 2018 due to adverse conditions in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

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



Still time to register for Ranching Opportunities 2019

Pain mitigation in livestock, watering systems, and managing spring pastures are some of the topics that will be covered at Ranching Opportunities 2019. It is taking place Thursday, February 7 at Olds College, and Grant Lastiwka, forage extension specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, has the details.

- [Listen to the Call of the Land interview](#)
- [Read the Agri-News article](#)

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

4th Annual Grain Bag Collection

- [February 20, 27, March 13, 20, 27, Warner](#)

Crop Rotations & Clubroot Workshop

- [February 21, Vermilion](#)

PCBFA Annual General Meeting

- [February 22, Fairview](#)

AFSC - Focus on the Western Livestock Price Insurance Program

- [February 22, La Crete](#)

Farm Health & Safety Program Development Workshop

- [February 26, Warner](#)

Leading Edge Farm Management Conference

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

Introductory Fruit Production Workshop

- [February 27, Nisku](#)

Farm to Market to Table Conference

- [February 28-March 1, Nisku](#)

Ladies Ranching Retreat

- [March 1, Nisku](#)

Extension and Learning



Getting Into Farmers' Markets workshop

Eileen Kotowich, farmers' market specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, takes a look at the Getting Into Farmers' Markets workshop in Wetaskiwin, which features a couple of local producers.

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



WGRF commits \$3 million to Agriculture Research Chair at University of Alberta

Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF) has announced a commitment of \$3 million for a research chair in cropping systems at the University of Alberta to study interactions between plants, soils, crop management and the environment.

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



Cocktail Cover Crops Design workshop

The Peace Country Beef and Forage Association is hosting a Cocktail Cover Crop Design workshop on February 5 at Debolt. Monika Benoit, extension coordinator with the association, says participants will gain a lot of practical information from local producers.

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Environmental Farm Plan Workshop

- [March 4, Mountain View](#)

2019 Forage Industry Update and AGM

- [March 5, Leduc](#)

Tax and the Corporate Farm

- [March 5, Edmonton](#)

37th Western Canadian Dairy Seminar

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

Farm Transition Workshop

- [March 7, Crossfield](#)

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](#)

2019 Wildrose Bison Convention/Show & Sale

- [March 15-16, Camrose](#)

SARDA Agricultural Trade Show 2019

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

2019 Livestock Care Conference

- [March 20-21, Olds](#)

Business and Marketing



Custom rates surveys

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) is looking for producers and custom service deliverers to provide information for custom rates surveys. Roy Larsen, senior statistician with AF, discusses how the surveys are used.

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Rural Living



Well pits and well pit conversions

Melissa Orr-Langner, agricultural water engineer with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, looks at issues with well pits and funding for well pit conversions.

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General



4th Annual Sheep Shearing Course

- [March 22-23, Lethbridge](#)

Cover Crops

- [March 26, webinar](#)

2019 Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Training Course

- [April 15, Calgary and Edmonton areas](#)

Agriculture Job Fair

- [April 16, Lethbridge](#)

For more Coming Events

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

Canada's Ag Day in Alberta

Will agriculture be able to meet the challenge of feeding 9.6 billion people by 2050? Canada's Agriculture Day is February 12, and the University of Alberta Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, along with Red Deer College and Olds College are teaming up to host a free public forum on agriculture.

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

Jobs in Agriculture



Grant Advisor

Edmonton - This position is a member of the Financial Operations & Reporting team who reports to the Agreement, Team lead. The incumbent provides advice to the department on the development, management and monitoring of the department's grants which involves reviewing and reconciling grants within the Grant Management System (GMS). This includes supporting program areas in the creation of major grant initiatives in the department and the monitoring of all payments associated with grants. Additionally, the grant advisor is responsible for ensuring all transactions adhere to relevant acts, regulations, policies, procedures and specifications. The position contributes to the development of processes and procedures to effectively and efficiently process grants, contracts and other agreements, as appropriate, within the necessary accountability and financial management frameworks. In this position you will advise in the design and implementation of grant programs and major department grant initiatives; and also advise on developing new programs and reports into GMS, which may include making enhancements to existing programs and reports within GMS. You will be a key player in managing the department's risk, by ensuring that grant payments processed are in accordance with legislation and completed in a timely manner. The competition for this position (Job ID # 1053172) closes February 4, 2019.

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Budget Analyst

Edmonton - Reporting to the Director, Financial Planning, you will be responsible for the preparation, coordination, analysis, and monitoring of budgets, forecast and actual expenses for assigned divisions of the Ministry. This includes preparation and analysis of the Ministry's annual 3-year fiscal plans as well as preparation of appropriate briefing materials. You will be responsible for developing and enhancing methods used to examine and monitor financial issues facing assigned program areas. Duties ensure that financial information provided is meaningful and complete allowing for informed

decisions at the executive level. The competition for this position (Job ID # 1053127) closes February 7, 2019.

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North West Area Communications Technician

High Level - As one of our Communications Technicians you will be responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of the telecommunication systems within your respective Forest Management Area. This includes supporting vital telecommunications functions on wildfires and other emergency situations throughout the province in order to achieve ministry and division business goals. Working safely within OH&S safety regulations, your duties will include, but are not limited to: the installation, operation, and maintenance of multiple complex data and voice telecommunication systems throughout your designated area; providing end user telecommunication network and manufacturer specific training to staff, contract staff, and cross ministry personnel; programming, testing, installing, and maintaining mobile, portable, and base station radio equipment in the area. Please note that this position requires frequent tower climbing and lifting. You must be comfortable with flying in various types of aircraft in order to perform some functions of the role. The competition for this position (Job ID # 1053123) closes February 7, 2019.

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Wildfire Technologist

Peace River - As a Wildfire Technologist you will be challenged with the delivery of components of the operations program. Workload diversity is key to skill development so support of the prevention program will also play a large role in this position. You will be accountable for the Type 1 Program, vehicles, and coordination of training, manpower contracts and other operational roles. You will be expected to address multiple internal and external stakeholders. You will be a self-starter that is highly organized and able to manage multiple projects. In addition, you may take part in pre-suppression, suppression, prescribed burns, education, compliance, investigations and Area safety programs. Through the supervision of permanent and seasonal staff you will also play a key leadership role involving program planning and monitoring as well as providing training, mentoring and coaching to staff in order to achieve consistent application and effective program results. Responsibilities also include support to the forest management and forest health program. Participation on Incident Command Teams, task forces, working groups, and committees will be expected. You will also act as Duty Officer and Deputy Duty Officer on a rotational basis in the Peace River Fire Centre. The competition for this position (Job ID # 1053160) closes February 8, 2019.

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Irrigation Evaluation and Monitoring Technologist

Lethbridge - As the Irrigation Evaluation and Monitoring Technologist for the Section, you will play a key role in administering and executing the construction monitoring and the condition evaluation in support of the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program (IRP). Under the direction of the Water Management Engineer, you will be responsible for assessing and monitoring irrigation district infrastructure projects, condition evaluation of historical IRP-funded projects, providing technical support to the Irrigation Secretariat and Irrigation Council, developing reports and presentations and maintaining the digital IRP project data management system. The competition for this position (Job ID # 1053209) closes February 12, 2019.

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Market Analyst / Coordinating Researcher

Edmonton - Your job will involve benchmarking competitiveness both in Alberta and in comparable jurisdictions. You will analyze market and competitiveness trends as well as drivers of change. The reports you write will provide advice on likely future cost changes and the impact of those changes. Strong interpersonal skills are required for this position in order to interact with a variety of stakeholders, and to build the necessary business relationships with internal and external clients. The job requires taking your research and communicating the results through a variety of mediums such as briefing notes, news articles, radio interviews, etc. Knowledge of the various production and processing sectors that make up Alberta's vast agri-food supply chain is essential. The work is largely self-directed and requires a flexible pro-active individual. You must be able to work independently or as part of a team. You should have the capacity to lead a team to a successful conclusion of a project. The competition for this position (Job ID # 1053241) closes February 13, 2019.

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Forest Economics Policy Advisor

Edmonton - This position is accountable for leading Agriculture and Forestry's role in support of annual Timber Damage Assessment Table development and contributing to policy matters related to consent and compensation of Forest Management Areas through issuance of surface dispositions on Crown land (compensation for timber damage) and the related collection of provincial revenue from their issuance. The

successful applicant will benefit from a working knowledge of all aspects of public forest and land management systems in Alberta, and business accounting principles and processes. The position requires the ability to develop creative solutions, and identify and analyze initiatives in program development as well as the ability to provide interpretation of Alberta legislation as it relates to Timber Damage, consent and compensation for the use of public land. In addition, this role will support preparations for the legal defense of Alberta forest products in domestic and international trade disputes. This includes providing analytical and technical support through the drafting and editing of questionnaire responses specific to Alberta's forest management system as part of trade litigation. The position will also provide input and advice to senior management regarding trade and policy issues as they relate to trade risk, timber valuation, value added initiatives, tenure developments and stumpage in Alberta. The competition for this position (Job ID # 1053344) closes February 15, 2019.

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Resource Agent Back Up

Stettler - Reporting to the Director of Extension Services and as a part of the Strategy, Planning and Extension Services Division, you will be the first point of contact at the Ag Info Centre for Alberta's agriculture industry. You will provide information to internal and external clients on resources, programs and services provided by the department and the Government of Alberta. As the successful candidate you will demonstrate excellent client service skills and an ability to clearly communicate with various clients primarily via phone. Your capacity to be able to transfer knowledge to clients and colleagues within a fast paced, highly responsive environment will be key. Also, your ability to work independently, as well as part of the team will enable you continued success in this role. Closing date is February 15, 2019. Email your resume to carmen.andrew@gov.ab.ca or mail to: Alberta Agriculture & Forestry, Carmen Andrew, Ag-Info Centre, Postal Bag 600, Stettler AB TOC 2L0



Area Forester

Peace River - as a Forester, you are responsible to ensure the sustainability of the forest resource in the Peace River Forest Area. This position will play a key role in the review of forestry operational plans and the monitoring of forest operations to ensure adherence to the Forest Act Disposition, Forest Management Plans, Provincial legislation, policy and departmental directives. The main focus areas include: participating in Company Forest Management Plan Development, and supporting the delivery of the Forest Operations Monitoring Program and Timber Production Monitoring Program for the Forest Area. It also includes coordinating and delivering Forest Act Disposition preparation and issuance (Permits, Licenses), and participating in the Community Timber Permit Program. The position also liaises with local and provincial stakeholders including other departments, municipalities, First Nations and members of the public, and integrates with the Forest Health and Wildfire Management programs in

the Forest Area. The competition for this position (Job ID # 1053156) closes February 15, 2019.

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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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