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# Prairie Sunset book tells a story of change

By Darcy Gross  
Advance Reporter

Anyone who has ever resided on the prairies has, at some point, gone for a drive out in the country and has seen old ramshackle houses, rusty machinery and remnants of outbuildings, still standing in waist-deep prairie grasses.

While many folks dismiss such sights quickly, as parts of the past that should have been bulldozed, that's not the case for Dion Manastyrski.

Manastyrski started taking photos of dilapidated farmyards in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba more than a decade ago, and also interviewed more than 70 people to complete his book, *Prairie Sunset – A Story of Change*.

“At the heart of the matter, is that we need our family farms and we need to support our small towns,” said Manastyrski. “The book is a fine art book about history and a tribute to the settlers that came here and worked so hard just to survive and get to where we are now.

“Our rural prairie story deserves more recognition than it gets.”

The stories and photos take Manastyrski back to his early years, growing up in Saskatchewan.

“I grew up on a small farm and went to school in Rose Valley,” he said. “My grandparents homesteaded on the farm I grew up on and my parents later took it over.

“I thought I'd heard all the stories, because I was raised on three quarters of land with a lot of farmers around us. That was pretty common back then. Even myself, having grown up on a farm, had no idea of the diversity and depth of these stories until I got into the interview stage of this book.”

The family farm was slightly behind the times, something Manastyrski looks back on as a blessing.

“We didn't get running water until I was about 10 and we were a little behind some of our neighbours,” Manastyrski recalled. “I'm glad we were a little late this way, because I'm glad I caught the experience of living on a small family farm when things were simple.

“The memories I have, of driving an old Cockshutt tractor, with about 40 horsepower, or riding with dad on a tractor with no cab on it, or bringing him lunch... they seem so unreal now.”



Dion Manastyrski interviewed more than 70 people to put together the fine art book that links the prairie past with its present.



Old, abandoned farmhouses and farmyards, such as the ones pictured above and below, have a story to tell, and thanks to British Columbia's Dion Manastyrski, they've been honoured in his book, *Prairie Sunset – A Story of Change*.

The stories of the old farms, and the people who were basically pioneers on the raw, harsh prairies, are told through the words and photos of people who lived through tough times.

“When you talk to people, maybe younger people on the prairies, they don't know what people went through back then,” Manastyrski added. “The stories and anecdotes, along with the photos of the old places, is part of history and I wanted to play whatever part I could in preserving it.”

The book was costly to produce, but putting out a quality product was important to the author, who used crowd funding to help fund the book.

“It was a very expensive book to produce, because I was adamant it was printed in Canada — we have to support our own country,” Manastyrski added. “At the same time, I wanted to produce a book that people would be inclined to pass on through generations.”

When you read the book, you should get a sense of the value of growing up on a farm during tough times and how those times made the author, and others, better for them.

“Because of that experience, I'm pretty sure-footed with my life on planet Earth. Living on a small farm prepared me for a lot of things,” Manastyrski said. “Those 70 or so people in the book said what I'd

hoped they would say.

“They said a bunch of things collectively that put everything together. They really got to the heart of the matter.”

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# Sky's the limit for new G3 Melville terminal

By Darcy Gross  
Advance Reporter

When G3 Canada decided to get into the grain industry, they jumped in with both feet.

With a number of new grain terminal projects already completed and new ones coming up near Saskatoon and Melville, G3 Canada is on track to have the Melville terminal open for business for the 2018 harvest.

Brett Malkoske, vice-president of corporate development and communications, says the hot, dry summer may not have been ideal for farmers, but it was conducive for construction, which began in May of this year.

"I'd say at this point, construction is progressing very well," said Malkoske. "Having a relatively dry summer helps, even though it may have been a little detrimental to our farming customers. From a construction standpoint, it's a good thing."

A relatively new player in the grain market, G3 is accomplishing its goals across Canada with its new state of the art plants.

"It's spot-on our long-term strategy," Malkoske added. "I think when G3 was founded two years ago, we were pretty clear with our vision that we wanted to build a coast to coast grain presence."

Building in the Parkland was a no-brainer for the company.

"Obviously, Saskatchewan is the largest producer in terms of volume and Melville — and the region around Melville — is a significant producer in that respect," Malkoske explained.

"For us, it's absolutely core to our strategy."

The ability to accept a lot of business, due to more storage space and a larger rail loop for hopper cars than other terminals, should make G3 an attractive option for area producers.

"Pretty much everywhere across the prairies we'll have pretty strong competition, which we have a healthy respect for," Malkoske added. "We feel we bring a unique value proposition to the table that farmers are really going to like."

"This is a very large facility when it comes to rail car capacity, relative to that draw area. Most places are able to handle about 100 cars and some places



Melville's G3 project is well underway, with the grain storage and handling terminal expected to be in full operation by harvest 2018. Submitted photo

around Melville are significantly lower."

The G3 Melville loop will accommodate 134 grain cars.

"Our model is to create a compelling business case for the railroads to do business with us," added Malkoske. "That's why we have loop track facilities and can accept larger trains and have the ability to turn them very quickly, irrespective of where that site is located."

The terminal, five kilometres north of Melville and adjacent to Highway 10, will have a main concrete workhouse and two large steel tanks with around 34,000 tons of static storage capacity. Relative to some of the other sites in and around the area,

it would be one of the larger sites and it will employ 12 workers.

"It will be a standard grain operation," Malkoske said. "We'll have a number of farm business representatives located in the office and we'll have operational staff as well, ensuring the plant runs smoothly."

While the sheer size of the project suggests there will be plenty of grain storage capability, that's not G3's end game.

"Our goal isn't to create storage capacity, it's to create through-put capacity so we can get grain from farms to market much faster than our competition," Malkoske said.

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# CETA the wrong deal for farmers, says NFU

**Submitted**

Major portions of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) are now in force.

"This is the wrong trade deal for Canadian and European citizens," said Terry Boehm, chair of the National Farmers Union (NFU) seed and trade committee. "It is, however, very good for major corporations that have any sort of relationship to either Canada or Europe. Indeed, it is a bill of rights for corporations, allowing them to override governments all the way down to the municipal level."

CETA is the first trade agreement that penetrates beyond national levels to include provincial and municipal levels of government in its purview.

"This means that under CETA, when

a government purchases a good or service, it cannot favour local businesses or specify local content unless the contract is below very low thresholds. Contracts above as little as \$125,000 at the federal level would be subject to these conditions," explained Boehm. "So the very people who pay taxes in their country, province, or municipality could not expect to be favoured. These conditions also apply to purchases by universities, schools and hospitals or any other creature of government including crown corporations. Trying to create a buy local food program at a university, hospital or government agency will be extremely difficult under CETA.

"Under CETA, governments also lose their ability to address balance of payments issues with another country, except for a six-month emergency period

only. Worst of all, any law or regulation that can be construed as tantamount to expropriation can cause a government to be sued under the extremely arbitrary tribunal dispute settlement mechanism that is enforced under this agreement," Boehm added. "This will result in governments not passing laws in the peoples' interest, as they must consider what the consequences would be under CETA, including the potential for a company to sue for any future lost profits that would result from the law. This will have very negative consequences for all of our democracies," Boehm stated.

CETA goes on and on in its clamp down on ordinary citizens. Boehm cited the example of how CETA deals with alleged intellectual property rights infringement.

Intellectual property rights comprise a whole gamut of mechanisms such as

patents, copyrights, plant breeders' rights, electronic topographies, and utility patents.

He explained that an individual accused of intellectual property rights infringement can be subjected to "precautionary seizure" of their moveable and immovable assets, the freezing of bank accounts, and communication of financial data before the merits of the case are heard.

Any third party alleged to have assisted in the alleged infringement is to be subjected to the same precautionary seizures.

"CETA is not about trade. CETA is all about limiting the ability of governments to govern in the public interest. CETA will expand corporate interests as paramount at the expense of our democracies," concluded Boehm. "It is all there in black and white. All you have to do is read it"

## Film director Cameron buys into Verdient Foods pulse plant ...but Sask. gov't likes it

**Submitted**

Oscar-winning film director and Canadian, James Cameron and his wife, Suzy Amis Cameron, announced recently the formation of Verdient Foods Inc.

Verdient Foods has opened a new pulse food processing plant in Vanscoy. Once fully operational, the 160,000 metric-ton plant will become the largest organic pea protein fractionation operation in North America.

Saskatchewan, with some of the healthiest soil in the world, has a lengthy history of fostering elite agricultural businesses and educational institutions that are at the forefront of plant-based protein solutions. The Camerons have entered into a four-year research contract with the non-profit Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre (Food Centre) and its president, Daniel Prefontaine, to develop value-added organic food products that will be produced by Canadian and global companies using ingredients from their Verdient Foods plant.

The Camerons are dedicated to working with Saskatchewan farmers in a mentorship program to provide a profitable structure to keep younger generations of Canadian farmers engaged in organic farming.

"We are working with Saskatchewan farmers through the Verdient



Foods processing facility and the Food Centre to integrate food production with new value-added products," Mr. Cameron said.

"For years, we've been on a mission to help the world eat healthy food grown by farmers who have chosen to farm organically," Mrs. Cameron added. "Jim and I are thrilled to work with Saskatchewan experts at the Food Centre, the University of Saskatchewan, and the Whitecap Dakota First Nation; all of whom have long been supporters of the mission to bring healthy food to all."

"We want to welcome James Cameron and Suzy Amis Cameron to Saskatchewan, and express our deepest gratitude for their investment in Verdient Foods and their partnerships with the Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre, the Whitecap Dakota First Nation and its First Nation leader, Chief Darcy Bear," Premier Wall said.

"Saskatchewan agriculture is feeding the world while creating jobs and opportunity at home. The Camerons'

decision to move forward with this project in Saskatchewan is a tribute to the province's grain producers, our growing food processing industry, and our world leading research community."

Continuing with their efforts to align with Saskatchewan farmers, researchers and business leaders, the Camerons are pleased to announce their partnership in Verdient Foods Inc. with Greg and Olivia Yuel, of PIC Investment Group Inc. (PIC). Greg and Olivia's dedication to Saskatchewan and their strong family values make them ideal investment partners.

"PIC Investment Group Inc. is a family office located in Saskatchewan with operating companies and equity investments in many sectors," Greg Yuel said. "Our long-term perspective matches our partner in this opportunity perfectly."

"Verdient Foods validates the 20-year effort of Saskatchewan's blueprint for growth by adding value to our commodities. PIC is delighted to be a part of this future coming to reality," he added.

**Submitted**

The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada and the 28 member countries of the European Union (EU) took effect Sept. 21. The agreement could facilitate a potential \$1.5 billion in new Canadian agri-food exports to EU countries by full implementation in 2023.

"Saskatchewan is now ideally placed to capture more of this market with the ever-increasing demand for high quality food in a growing world, including the European Union," said Steven Bonk minister responsible for trade.

"Agriculture represents about 10 per cent of our province's GDP, and we have been relentless in our advocacy to reduce tariffs and trade barriers."

Saskatchewan is already the second-largest exporter in Canada (behind Ontario) of agricultural products to the EU, with \$962 million of business in 2016, representing 26 per cent of national agri-food exports to Europe. The Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance estimates that about two-thirds of new potential market access provided by CETA, or \$1 billion, will go toward beef and pork exports, followed by \$300 million for processed foods,

fruits and vegetables, \$100 million for grains and oilseeds and \$100 million for sugar-related products.

"Saskatchewan will provide more of our high-quality, safe and nutritious agricultural products to a market of more than 500 million consumers," Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart said.

"History has shown that when our producers can compete on a level playing field, they will win, creating new growth, jobs and economic opportunity."

Bonk added that another positive effect of CETA will ease restrictions on foreign investments on uranium mining.

"CETA should promote increased investment in Saskatchewan

while giving Saskatchewan businesses greater opportunity to compete within the EU," Bonk said.

"We have tremendous and still-to-be-fully-developed uranium resources. CETA creates the exciting possibility for new investment in northern Saskatchewan, creating jobs and opportunity in the uranium sector."

Negotiations between Canada and the EU began in 2009 and concluded in February 2016. Along with the federal government, provinces were actively involved in the other CETA-negotiated areas under provincial jurisdiction, including trade in services, investment and government procurement.

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# Harvest chores bound with generational ties

Day after beautiful day this year, the combines just kept on rolling, one field to the next, to the next. It's bad when you wish for a rainy day just so you can have a break, but no, not this year.

On this particular day, maybe at the 75-per-cent complete mark, my husband and I were just finishing a canola field. With just one row each to go, I was about 30 feet from the end when my "hopper full" buzzer sounded. My six-year-old twin grandsons and I had just been discussing this very matter — or at least they were. I, on the other hand, was quite certain that Murphy's Law would somehow come into play, as it most often does. They obviously had complete faith in Grandma's ability to get to the end of the row without overfilling. Twenty feet. Ten feet. And that's when we hear a trickling of canola seed raining down on the cab of the combine. Not much though, just a little. I think.

My first response is to hope my husband won't notice. He is after all a quarter-mile or more away. But "Eagle Eyes" over there stops his machine and gets out on the deck and waves both arms. By this time the boys are telling me that Grandpa has noticed. Yeah, I get that, I think to myself. Maybe the semi driver will notice my plight and come on over my way, but no, he's already gone ahead to the next field with the grain cart and so, ever so slowly, I drive across the field to get to the semi.

I mean, really. Last year a stone (or a rock as some might have called it); this year a few seeds of canola. Nothing really, in comparison. And so, with that grand finale to the field, we moved on to the next one — the very hilly one. I was a little nervous. After all I was on the smaller combine, no duals. But my little sidekicks assure me we'll be just fine. Of course, I remind myself, they are only six. Their non-stop commentary shows just how much they have absorbed in their short life span. "Try not to dump in the cart if you see Dad coming with the semi." "The grain is up to the window, you won't make it to the end before the buzzer goes." "We didn't grow wheat on this field last year, Grandma! We grew winter wheat!" and the one I loved the most, "Grandma! Just leave the sides of

the hills for Grandpa to pick up."

Maybe they did have some reservations after all about following the side of a hill feeling like the combine wheels weren't going to stay grounded.

On that particular day, the boys had been with me for most of the day and had no intention of going back to the yard with mom. I appreciated their company — the acres passed by much more quickly. As I traversed the hills — mostly the tops of them — the boys were watching Grandpa on a hill a half-mile across the field. I am not even remotely looking at anything but what's more or less right in front of me. "Grandma! Grandma!" they both yell out at the same time. "Grandpa's too full!" says one. "Yeah," says the other, "He's spilling out canola."

Ah ha! I think to myself. "Keep that as arsenal," I tell the boys, "you never know when you will need a piece of information like that." I do not bother to stop my combine, get out on the deck and wave to Grandpa with two arms to ensure he knows he's spilling grain over the edge of his hopper. I figure he will be hearing the canola raining down on his cab and he will be thinking, "I sure hope Donna doesn't notice this!"

On the following day, the boys and I were joined by their five-year-old cousin. When they all get together, their commentary gets pretty interesting. The difference between the farm boys and the town girl (besides who talks the most, LOL) is this: the boys ride the combine for hours and hours on end and never want to go home; after just three hours on the combine, their female sidekick is asking, "When will we be done?" I don't answer, "never," but I certainly think it.

The canola swaths along the creek were being seriously blown apart by the wind and picking them up meant lots of stops, backing up, moving to one side then the other in a continual stop, lift the header, back up, lower the header, go forward, stop, lift the



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header, back up ... well, you get the idea. While I did what I needed to do, which by the way was a pain in the butt, I told the kids to watch the creek along which we were combining because the bear are plentiful there and I just knew we would see some. We didn't. Nearly two days in that field and not one bear.

When the kids had to leave the combine to go to backpack night at the school, someone took over for me so I could run back to the yard to make supper. As luck would have it, childless and alone in my truck, I pull off the highway and a bear runs across the lane-way. The bear sightings near the yard were plentiful from that point on, but once the corn is silaged, I suspect (I hope) they will head back to the creek. Then I won't need to be looking over my back every time I walk from the camper (our harvest-time home) to the shop.

A few days later, we were able to say we were officially done — Sept. 12, four days sooner than the 2016 finish date. It's quite different than the many years we've still been combining at Thanksgiving and beyond. In fact, thanks to Facebook's historical recording, just two years ago our Thanksgiving dinner was served on a flat-deck trailer complete with tables and chairs. As the combines rolled down the field, and we spelled each other off so everyone could enjoy turkey, stuffing and gravy with the entire family, we were truly thankful for a safe and bountiful year.

When Thanksgiving rolls around this year, we again will thank the good Lord for his provision — the only difference being is that we will be cutting the turkey on the counter, not on the tailgate of a truck, and we'll be joining hearts and hands around the kitchen table and not across two tailgates and one flat deck trailer.

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# Snapshots show why ag is a key Canadian sector

## Submitted

The livestock sector takes the red ribbon as the hottest sector in Canadian agriculture based on projected cash receipts over the next 12 months, according to Farm Credit Canada's (FCC) agriculture economics team.

"It seems like almost everything with four legs or feathers is in high demand in Canada and has significant growth potential in export markets around the world," said J.P. Gervais, FCC chief agricultural economist, in releasing a series of agriculture sector economic snapshots. "The solid performance of all sectors speaks to the resilience of Canada's agriculture industry, as well as its ability to innovate and adapt to the changing consumer markets."

FCC's agriculture sector snapshots consider various factors that will influence cash receipts for various agriculture commodities over the next year. These factors include prices, production, demand and export opportunities.

While livestock stands out as having the greatest potential for increased cash receipts, other areas of Canada's agriculture industry are also doing well. That partly explains why the Advisory Council on Economic Growth recently identified Canada's agriculture and food industry as one of eight sectors with significant global growth potential.

"The Canadian agri-food sector has great potential, given the large natural endowment of water and arable land, distinctive record of accomplishments in research, and exceptional base of companies and entrepreneurs," according to the advisory council's report, Unleashing the Growth Potential of Key Sectors, re-

leased in February.

The report notes that Canadian agriculture already employs 2.1 million workers and accounts for 6.7 per cent of the country's gross national product (GDP).

By breaking down the industry into its various parts, Gervais said FCC's sector snapshots give a clear indication of what areas of Canadian agriculture are doing well and where there is more opportunity for growth.

Within the livestock sector, hog cash receipts are forecast to climb by 12 per cent over the next 12 months, cattle by eight per cent and poultry by seven per cent. The dairy sector places a close second with cash receipts projected to grow by 11 per cent.

Key crops in Western and Eastern Canada make up the third general area analyzed in the FCC snapshots. Cash receipts for wheat, canola and lentils in Western Canada are projected to decrease by one per cent over the next 12 months flowing into 2018. However, the slight decrease comes after record-high cash receipts over the previous two years. Cash receipts for corn and soybeans in Eastern Canada are projected to grow by a modest one per cent over the same 12-month timeframe.

Another snapshot projects Canadian farm equipment sales will see an overall improvement over the next 12 months compared to the previous two years.

Total tractor sales (smaller tractors and four-wheel-drive tractors) are projected to climb slightly above the five-year average by mid-2018, while combine sales will increase in 2017 before losing steam and landing close to the five-year average in 2018.



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# Sorgard Seeds' manager has grown with the company

By Jason G. Antonio  
Advance Reporter

Sheldon Sauser has seen Sorgard Seeds evolve over the years from a small operation that farmed 5,000 acres to one that now harvests 40,000 acres of various types of crops.

"Yes, it's very big," he chuckled in early September while combining east of Melville. "It's definitely been a learning curve over the last five years. We went from two to 10 combines."

Sauser is the farm manager and handles logistics, such as co-ordinating trucks and ensuring there are enough available to transport the seed to bin or elevator. He also ensures there are drop-off locations near the fields so grain cart operators aren't driving all the way back to Churchbridge to unload.

Another logistical aspect Sauser handles is crop planning, rotation and implementation it for the season. He handles 100 per cent of the daily operations, while Graham Sorgard looks after the marketing. Sorgard comes to Sauser and asks what's going on, demonstrating the former's trust in his manager.

"Harvest is managing manpower," Sauser added. Before Sorgard Seeds existed, the company — and Sauser — belonged to Warren Kaeding. Sauser began working for Kaeding in 2000 and came to understand the operations well.

When Kaeding sold the company to Graham Sorgard in 2012, Sauser also went with the operations. Full-time staff increased to 20 from three.

Sorgard is from Iron Springs in southern Alberta. "It's not a family farm anymore," Sauser said. "A few of the retired (staff), they're grandfathers. I do encourage them to bring their grandsons along."

Sauser is supportive of younger generations participating with their fathers or grandfathers during daily operations. Both of his sons, 18 and 14, volunteer with Sorgard Seeds as well.

With a laugh, he added he owns some cattle southwest of Churchbridge but doesn't spend much time with them. His sons do most of the chores with the herd.

"But we still every night stop for supper," said Sauser about the Sorgard field teams. "No matter how big we are, we still believe you still stop for supper and get off your machine for half an hour and socialize and stretch your legs."

"We might be 40,000 acres, but we believe in stopping for that few minutes ... before the sun sets."

The entire operation goes well when there are good men on the team, Sauser said. Sorgard Seeds has a number of competent retired farmers and many solid young men. It's possible to buy a good machine, but not possible to buy good help.

"It's the good hired men who make Sorgard Seeds what it is," he added.

One of those good men is Patrick Bernet, 27, from Switzerland. Bernet has been in Canada for five years and working with Sorgard Seeds for two years. He is one of the more knowledgeable guys on the team.

This year's dry conditions made it easier to get the crop off quickly, said Bernet. Last year, they got stuck in the fields since it was so wet. They didn't get done harvesting until mid-November.

However, driving over

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Sorgard Seeds manager  
Sheldon Sauser  
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the fields is rough since the ground is so dry.

"They say when you have a bad year in canola, you have at least a decent alfalfa crop," he said, "because canola likes warm weather and alfalfa likes it hot and sunny all the time."

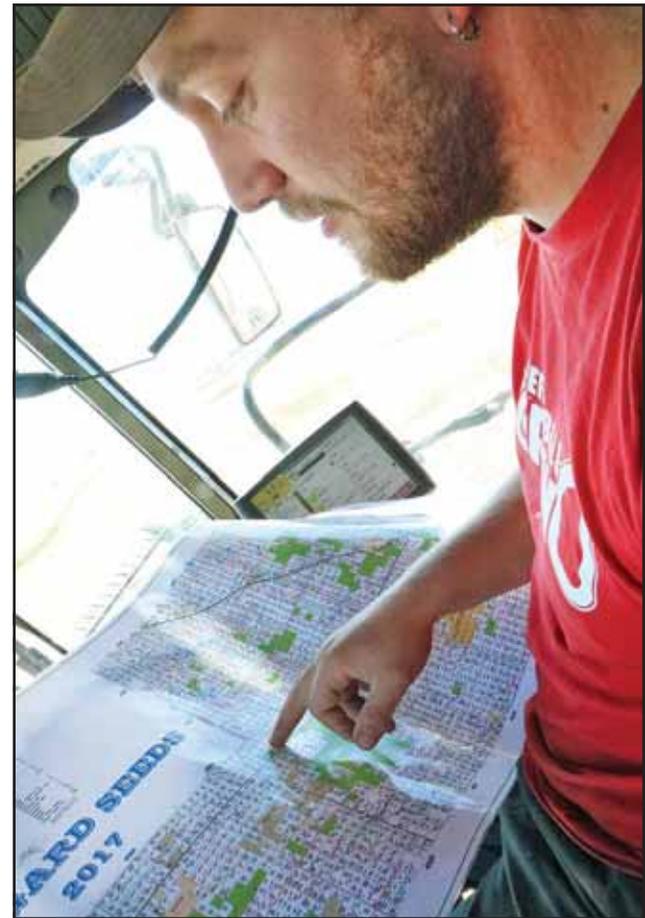
Switzerland is tiny compared to Saskatchewan, Bernet said. The biggest fields at home are 10 acres in size. The smallest field owned by Sorgard Seed is 300 acres.

"When I drove the first time, I was scared, but I got used to it," he said. Everyone on the team is helpful since no one wants a combine out of action. They want to get done as much as possible in a day.

It's easy to spot Bernet's combine, as a blue and white flag from his hometown flaps in the breeze attached to his cab.

Bernet enjoys being out in the field in the middle of nowhere. He appreciates harvesting a field that he helped seed. He admits it gets boring after 15 hours in the cab, but he challenges himself to seed or harvest more acres than the day before.

"Little challenges like that," he added, "make the day go well."



Patrick Bernet discusses all the places where Sorgard Seeds owns fields in east-central Saskatchewan. The company's operations stretch from Melville to Churchbridge to north to the RM of Calder.  
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# Many employees contribute to Sorgard Seeds' success

By Jason G. Antonio  
Advance Reporter

As the sun rises over a harvested field east of Melville, its rays reflect off the red hulls of 10 combines parked in a row being prepared for another day in the field.

It's early September and employees with Sor-

gard Seeds are making last-minute checks to their machines, wiping down windows, filling tanks with diesel fuel and checking fluid levels.

It's the same routine every morning. It takes about an hour before all the machines are ready to gobble up canola or

alfalfa.

Sorgard Seeds owns nearly 40,000 acres stretching from Melville to Churchbridge to the RM of Calder. This is one of the bigger farming organizations in the area. More than 30 employees are on staff, including 21 guys who deal with harvesting and seeding.

In total, there are 10 combines, five trucks, three swathers and two grain carts.

With paper towels in hand, Dale Peppler from Langenburg cleans his cab windows of all the grime from the night before. This is Peppler's first year with Sorgard Seeds; he retired recently from Mosaic Potash as a heavy duty mechanic.

"I grew up on a farm and operated a combine for years," he said. "This is something to do. It was on my bucket list. It was something I wanted to do on a bigger scale than what I ever did as a kid."

The crews meet at 8 a.m. on the Sorgard farm near Churchbridge, where they receive their orders and then head out to where their combines were parked the night before.

Peppler and others normally spend 16 hours a day in the fields during



A team of combines gobbles up canola from a field east of Melville while being followed by a grain cart.

harvest. He enjoys it since it is an accomplishment to see a field finished. Driving a combine is more mentally tiring, he added, as he has to watch out for other drivers.

"We're ahead of the game this year," he added. "The weather's been good."

Franziska Zimmerman, 26, is the lone woman on the field team. She is from southern Germany near the Swiss border and is in Canada as part of a work-travel trip. She arrived in Canada in April and worked on a dairy farm in Ontario.

Zimmerman has enjoyed everything so far

about Canada, she said. It's much bigger than home. She has not become frustrated with the boys, even after 16 hours of combining a day.

This is her first time driving a combine. She joked she plugged up the combine only about 50 times in one day.

"In Canada, you are someone. People talk to you. They are interested," she said.

Another European working for Sorgard Seeds is Patrick Bernet, 27, who is from Switzerland and has lived in Canada for the past five years. This is his second year working for the company and enjoys meeting so many new

people and being with many people in the field.

"I didn't know where I end up, so I was surprised," said Zimmerman. "But I was pretty sure there wouldn't be many girls."

"We finally have something to look at," laughed Bernet.

"It's OK" being the only woman, Zimmerman added nonchalantly.

She has received plenty of help from the other drivers. Sometimes when she gets stuck, the guys first take pictures of her misfortune and laugh before lending a hand.

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Dale Peppler ensures his combine cab is free of dirt and grit before heading out into the field for another day of harvest.

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# Help to change farm stress to farm success

By Rachel Kraynick, P.Ag  
Farm Business  
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It's not the load that breaks you down, but it's the way you carry it.

Although farming is a rewarding occupation, it is also one of the most stressful. The workload on most farms shows clear seasonal variations. Spring and fall are particularly busy with seeding and harvest. Calving season can be equally hectic and winter can bring its own set of problems. It is typical for stress levels to increase during the busy season that can bring on an array of issues but did you know that Saskatchewan has a Farm Stress Line?

Calls to the Farm Stress Line are answered by Mobile Crisis Services, a non-profit, community agency providing crisis intervention services in Saskatchewan since 1974. All calls are free and confidential (there is no call display) and they are available 24/7. If you're experiencing any symptoms of stress, you can call the Farm Stress Line at 1-800-667-4442.

The Farm Stress Line can help by clarifying the problem or concern and work with you toward a solution, they can connect you with the appropriate organization, professional or program that best suits your needs and they will listen and support you in a safe, neutral and non-judgmental environment.

Some of the program areas that the crisis counsellors can help with include mental health (stress, depression, suicidal thoughts), domestic violence, teen parent conflict, seniors abuse and neglect, relationships, parenting, addiction, grief, custody, child abuse and neglect, youth issues (school, rela-

tionship with peers and parents) and financial issues.

It is important to understand the difference between "stress" and "stressors." Stress is how we react to the demands that are placed upon us and stressors refer to the demands encountered. Stressors are outside us and are typically impossible to control, avoid or change. Stress is inside, which means you are in control of how to react to the situation. As Thomas Monson said, "We may not be able to control the wind, but we can adjust our sails".

Saskatchewan's Farm Stress Line released a report in 2017 stating that the top 3 farm issues identified by producers were 1) Financial concerns related to debt and cash flow 2) Crops/Livestock issues and 3) Succession planning. Other examples of potential stressors include things like weather, work overload, people or even keeping up with new technology.

Successful stress management suggests that there are numerous things you can do to mitigate or manage the impact of potential stressors.

For example, we can't control the weather but we can implement on farm risk management strategies, such as enrolling in insurance programs, to protect the farm from devastating crop loss.

Proper planning and goal-setting in the areas of business strategy, financial, marketing, production economics, human resources, succession, environment and/or business structures is another way to mitigate stress. When you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Goals provide the energy for motivating our behavior.

Without goals, life becomes an end-

less treadmill. Using professional consultants to help you properly plan in the areas stated above can give you a sense of control and preparedness for the farm future state. Staying informed and knowledgeable is another avenue to strive for minimizing stress in your life.

Finally, learn to incorporate fun and laughter where you can. Maintaining a sense of optimism about the future and by placing things into perspective can provide comfort when faced with stressful situations.

It's proven that stress has an intimate relationship to many illnesses. Prolonged stress can lower your immune system and make you more sus-

ceptible to a wide range of illnesses. Stress can also cause illness indirectly by altering a person's behavior patterns (i.e. increased alcohol consumption, smoking).

Besides going for regular checkups, eating properly, getting plenty of exercise and getting a good night's sleep, it is important to recognize your limits and learn to say "no" to prevent over-extending yourself.

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# City boy learns to drive combine during harvest

By Jason G. Antonio  
Advance Reporter

Operating a 40,000-pound Case IH AFS 8240 combine is just a little different than driving a 2006 Pontiac Grand Prix weighing 3,500 pounds, as this city boy learned recently.

First off, you aren't going to drive any faster than five km/h (three mph). Although it might have a maximum of 555 horsepower, this combine was meant for grinding across fields eating up canola, wheat, flax or alfalfa.

Secondly, there are more bells and electronic whistles inside the cab than in my 11-year-old sedan. Although my baby girl has cruise control, a Case IH can be programmed to combine a field on auto-steer with little input from a driver.

Swiss-born farmer Patrick Bernet gave me a crash course in operating a combine while visiting Graham Sorgard's canola fields east of Melville in September. "Yeah, sure you can drive. You can drive the whole day if you want," laughs Bernet.

The driver's seat is similar to the pilot's seat in the Millennium Falcon from Star Wars. While there is a steering wheel, the joystick is the best part, as it powers the machine forward or backward. It took some getting used to the first few minutes, as my driving was more herky-jerky.

I only had to worry about two cross-shaped buttons on the joystick. One raised and lowered the header, while another angled the reel up or down for a better cut.

While the dashboard also had many buttons, I only needed to worry about powering the header on or off.

"Pew, pew, pew," the computer beeped at me as I lifted the header up while driving over a small hill. The space gun-sound occurs whenever the header is raised, as an indication the computer isn't recording the distance travelled since nothing is being harvested.

"How do I know how low to make (the reel)?" I ask. "You want to be pretty high with the reel," replies Bernet. "You want to just take the (canola) head (off) a little bit when you raise the reel. If the canola is shelling out, you'll lose seed."

The fields are rough and bumpy as the reel swallows up fields of standing canola. Bernet tells me to watch the field's conditions and adjust the speed if necessary. It's about observing, listening and feeling how fast the machine can plow through a thick section of crop.

Whenever we come to a slight incline or dip, I raise or lower the header so I don't scrape the ground, inevitably hearing pew, pew, pew, which seems more Stormtrooper than agriculture. Thankfully I don't run into any protruding rocks.

Combining the field is similar to operating a lawnmower, I realize. I have to keep the edge of the



Intrepid reporter Jason G. Antonio gets behind the wheel of a Case IH combine and learns what it's like to be a farmer and harvest canola — for 30 minutes anyway.

header in line with the edge of the crop so I don't miss anything. This also ensures the reel eats up as much crop as possible.

"It's not like you shift gears all the time or push the clutch," Bernet says, before adding with a laugh, "I guess you're hired next year for combining."

I make a few wide turns whenever we come to the end of a row and have to swing wide to hit the crop again. Sheesh, I thought my car had a poor turning radius.

"It takes some getting used to, that's for sure," I tell Bernet. "I'm concerned about the edges."

"Sometimes it's a little better to stay off them than drive into something," he replies.

"It looks good," Bernet adds, assuaging my worries about the header's height. "It's so much stuff going on in a combine. You need to look for so many things.

"When you're combining two hours, three hours, you're tired because you watch so many things," such as stones, soft spots in the field or other drivers.

Bernet will be in the driver's seat for 15 to 16 hours a day during harvest, leaving him mentally drained.

I realize I could never be a full-time or even part-time combine driver, as I could never handle sitting for 16 hours a day. I get antsy sitting for an hour straight. However, the combine's seat is much comfier than my hard desk chair.

Bernet's only companion is the radio, which plays music or allows him to speak with other combine operators. As we drive, the radio sometimes squawked with those voices talking about combines, grain trucks or soft spots in the field.

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# Sci-fi farming with robots

When it comes to the future of farming, regular readers will know I have a decidedly sci-fi-inspired vision of what is likely to occur.

That future vision has long been a two-pronged one. The first of those is in the area of genetically modified crops. While I recognize a vocal opposition exists to the very idea of GM crops, I also feel that opposition is shortsighted, and is arguing a position based on perception and emotion rather than a foundation of scientific fact.

The opposition will not quiet overnight, but a couple of factors suggest it will ultimately lessen. The overriding factor will be the need to feed the world. As populations grow there will be added pressure to produce more. And it is likely there will be less land to grow that production on because of urban sprawl, desertification, climate change and other factors.

The result will be a need to grow crops of greater yields, and to grow crops on less than ideal land. GM technology holds the promise of helping on both those

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The other prong of the future of agriculture will almost certainly be in the transition to robot farming. We have long seen farm machinery get bigger and bigger, and that certainly equates with higher unit costs. The idea has always been that bigger means more acres being covered in the same amount of time.

Machinery still requires operators — and increasingly highly trained operators. Staffing farm operations is an issue, especially if the goal is to keep the unit operating 24/7. Robotic units will address at least some of the issues. Properly programmed they can in theory rove a field 24/7, with the likelihood long term of a single operator at a control panel somewhere centralized on a farm.

The units are likely to be smaller, and with

no operator space, lower cost, although it might be argued more will be needed. That will be an interesting question to see answered.

The robotic units also hold the potential to be as precise as possible in areas of operation such as fertilizer placement and crop protection product application. That factor is both economically and environmentally sound.

The combination of GM, a field where the potential has barely been scratched at this point, coupled with robotic machinery, will certainly change the farm significantly, but the ultimate goal will remain the same, growing food for the world in a fashion where the producer earns a reasonable return.



Ciara and Cloe Sanford of Moose Jaw display an array of pumpkins and gourds harvested from the Bangor-area farm of their grandparents, Terry and Kathy Schick. They intend to decorate the snake gourds, and turn the bell-shaped ones into birdhouses. Submitted photo

## APAS concerned about tax changes

### Submitted

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is concerned about proposed changes to federal tax rules affecting small business corporations.

“The Canadian agricultural industry is strongly based on the family farm, and many farm families have used incorporation as a way to ensure that their farms can be passed from generation to generation,” said APAS president Todd Lewis, who sits on the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) board. “These proposed changes could have severe impacts on multi-generational farm operations.”

The CFA campaign is asking producers to join other

business organizations in calling on members of Parliament to extend the consultation period, which was announced July 17 and ends Oct. 2.

“This federal government consultation is taking place right when we are busy harvesting our crops, and there has been nowhere near enough time to understand the implications of the proposals,” Lewis continued. “The changes are very technical in nature, and we need more time to fully understand their potential impacts.”

Lewis added that APAS would be contacting Finance Minister Bill Morneau and MPs to express concern.

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Jason G. Antonio after a successful completion of harvesting 25 acres of canola.

# ... Sorgard Seeds' success

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Zimmerman will travel to Vancouver, B.C. in October, before heading home in November. She doesn't have any plans after that, but thinks she could come back to Canada next year.

For Saltcoats farmer Larry Morgan, helping harvest 40,000 acres is a big undertaking. There are more crops to harvest than they can reach in time. He is a regular contributor to Sorgard Seeds, helping seed in the spring and harvest in the fall.

"It's interesting. There are not too many organizations around like this," he said.

Morgan farmed daily in Saltcoats, and while he doesn't do as much now, he still lives on the farm. He enjoys watching the crops grow and seeing the grain come in. Even though it's long hours, he'll do as much as he can while in the combine.

"The quality on everything is unbelievable," he added. "It's like nothing I've ever seen. And the spring wheat is just excellent quality and yields."

# ... city boy learns to drive combine during harvest

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I see half a dozen red combines buzzing nearby as we do our part to harvest the 2017 crop.

"Sometimes you're in the middle of nowhere and you see a moose jumping across the field or rabbits or birds. It's nice to watch them," Bernet says.

Unloading our combine was an adventure. The first time I made a wide turn so the combine's arm was on the same side as the grain cart. I warily pulled close to the trailer and then hit the button that spewed out the harvested canola.

Bernet directed me to move forward and backward a few times to ensure the cart was full. Again, more herky-jerky driving.

The second time we unloaded was on the move. I slowed down to three km/h and managed to get all of the

grain into the cart without missing the trailer.

"Now you can press the yellow button," said Bernet. "Try to top (the cart) up a little bit. A little bit more ahead ... yep, that's good. Beautiful. Like a pro."

My only real concern while operating the combine was whether my header was high or low enough to adequately cut the crop. Bernet reassured me regularly I was driving just fine.

By the time I finished driving the combine after 30 minutes, I had travelled more than six kilometres (four miles) and combined 25 acres. This isn't too bad, but nowhere close to Bernet's 111 hours threshing and 1,814 acres combined this season.

While flying a futuristic starship combine is cool, I'll stick with being a desk jockey pounding out stories of my excellent adventures.



Franziska Zimmerman hands a fuel nozzle Colby Jacob as combines are prepared for the day's harvest. Zimmerman is from Germany and helped Sorgard seeds for a couple of months with the harvest.

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# Growing with the Community supports grassroots causes

By Darcy Gross  
Advance Reporter

Growing with the Community is back and that's good news for folks looking for funding for their projects.

The initiative, originally started by Sean Schofer, Todd Miller and Trevor Sanftleben, seemed to have gone by the wayside but area producer Tim Beres says the project has been revived.

"We were never really dead, we just didn't have a piece of ground to utilize," Beres explained.

"We were approached by a community-minded landowner, who asked Max Halyk if we were interested in taking on the land to raise some funds.

"He approached us and said he always thought it was a good thing and we talked about it and we decided that if we could fit it in, we'd do it."

Beres and Halyk enlisted the help of some more area farmers to turn the idea back into a reality this spring.

Neil Ludwar and Darryl Halyk joined the fray and looked after swath-ing the crop while Beres took care of seeding and Max Halyk did the spraying.

"It's usually fairly easy to find a few more guys to help, because they know it's for a good cause," explained Beres. "We already know that

there are some projects on the books that people are fundraising for.

"They're working to fix the swimming pool, building a lake — we know there are things happening and people are always looking for funds."

After a few seeding seasons when it was too wet to get back onto the original land where the project took place, the project was shelved for a few years.

Growing with the Community should be around for a long time, now that the new land has been donated.

"It's been at least four years and maybe five years since we've had a crop," Beres said. "Apparently, we can have the land for this project as long as we want it, so that's good news.

"We thought if we were able to contribute to improve things for the community, then it's a worthwhile volunteer project."

In the past, a number of ag-based businesses have come on board to help with the crop. This year, many of those companies were already stretched to their limit by the time the project got rolling.

"It's harder then ever to get sponsorships," added Beres. "There are so many projects that these guys are asked to



Max Halyk looks after the spraying on a piece of land north of the city that has become the new home of Growing for the Community. After a few years' hiatus, the project, which grows a crop and donates the profits to community initiatives, is back and should continue on for a long time.

help with — for product and money and support — we're kind of doing it out of our own pockets this year."

Beres, a glass-half-full kind of fellow, is pleased that the group is up and running once again, and it should be quite profitable despite a later start.

"For this year, I think it did well, considering when we seeded it. It could have used a drink of water, but you get what you get when you're farming," he chuckled. "We'll have some bills to pay first — for land rent and fertilizer — so we're not sure what we'll net out of it, but we know it will be better than last year, which of course was nothing.

"We're hoping it will gross about \$30,000 to \$35,000."

## Incumbents acclaimed to Sask. Barley board

Submitted

The Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission (SaskBarley) has announced that the three positions up for election on its board of directors have been filled by the three incumbents: Jason Skotheim of Saskatoon, Brent Johnson of Strasbourg, and Allen Kuhlmann of Vanguard.

All three of the acclaimed directors have served on the board since SaskBarley's first elected board of directors took office in January 2014 and are eager to continue making progress in pursuing the organization's strategic goals.

"Barley growers in Saskatchewan have sent us a message that our board is on the right track and that no major changes are required," says Skotheim, who also serves as board chair. "We will take this feedback and continue our work to ensure that barley has

a strong future as a Saskatchewan crop."

"One of the areas of particular interest to me is growing the market opportunities for barley as a key feed ingredient," says Johnson, who also serves as vice-chair. "One of my priorities going forward will be to continue to pursue research investments that will explore and confirm the valuable role that barley can play as feed so that we can establish sustainable growth in demand for this crop."

"One of our greatest challenges for barley is ensuring that growers can continue to profitably grow this crop, and that there is sustainable and diverse demand for it," says Kuhlmann, who serves as finance chair and who brings with him many years' of experience on other agricultural boards, including the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission.

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