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Connecting with rural roots

The Grade 1/2 class at Broadview School celebrated Canada's Agriculture Day on Feb. 12 by learning about foods that are produced by Canadian farmers.

Kids learn about farm, food with ag literacy

By Sarah Pacio
Grasslands News Group

Schools are doing their part to help children think beyond the grocery store. Daily lessons in the classroom focus on the importance of skills like reading and numeracy, but educators recognize the need to develop another type of literacy.

March is Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month and it provides an opportunity for teachers to emphasize a topic that affects everyone.

"While not part of the Saskatchewan curriculum, agriculture literacy is an important component of what we teach in Prairie Valley School Division," PVSD communications manager Alana Johnson told Grasslands News. "As a rural school division, our schools reflect the communities in which they preside, and providing students with opportunities to connect with their rural roots is a priority in our division."

Schools throughout PVSD are welcoming volunteers from Agriculture in the Classroom, a non-profit organization that arranges for farmers and members of the agriculture industry to share their personal stories with local schools.

"Students in Prairie Valley learn what crops, animals and plant parts are needed in order to make the foods that they commonly eat," Johnson commented. "This foundational understanding helps students make healthier eating choices and provides a better appreciation for agriculture and its role in feeding the world."

Like others within the school division, teachers at Grenfell Elemen-

tary Community School (GECS) and Broadview School make a consistent effort to educate children about where their food comes from. Classes from both communities have visited nearby farms and attended Agribition in Regina. Students also work together on projects and learn from guest speakers throughout the year.

Oneida Woidyla, a teacher at GECS, has organized various agriculture related activities for students at the school, including a visit from the mobile Seed Survivor exhibit last year. The exhibit gave the pre-K to Grade 4 classes an opportunity to explore many aspects of the growing process.

Woidyla is motivated by concern for the future sustainability of the agriculture industry. "Food doesn't just come off a shelf," she said. "It worries me that there might not be farms in the future and if we can spark someone's interest when they're seven or eight years old, then maybe we can keep these family farms alive."

Children in Broadview have also been exploring food sources. Last month, the Grade 1/2 class celebrated Canada's Agriculture Day. "We focused on the different food that farmers across Canada produce," said teacher Taylor Forster. "The students were amazed by how much food products Canadian farmers produce."

Forster and other educators believe that improved agricultural literacy has personal value for the students.

"It is so important for children to know where their food comes from because then they are able to appreciate their food and the people who work hard to grow and harvest that food for them," she said.



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How and where does it grow?

Grenfell Elementary Community School students explored various aspects of the growing process during a visit from the mobile Seed Survivor exhibit last year.



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Prybylski shares what he has learned about profitability

Developing a farm strategy that beats the challenges

By Delaney Seiferling
Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice

Bill Prybylski has been farming since the early 1980s.

But despite the many years of experience and knowledge he has under his belt, he still faces tough times in his business.

“My worst year on the farm was probably 2012,” says Bill, who runs a 14,000-acre mixed operation in Willowbrook, just north of Melville, with his son, brother and nephews.

“We lost a lot of money that year. I spent a lot of time with my banker trying to figure out how to make it work. Fortunately, we were able to get through it.”

Challenges such as these are a reminder that farming isn’t an easy job, Bill says.

That’s because, despite all the advances that have been made in the industry over the past four decades, the greatest challenge producers face remains the same: ensuring that their operations remain profitable despite the wide range of uncontrollable factors that directly impact their business.

“We need to be able to do what we can to ensure profitability, otherwise we just can’t do it anymore,” he says.

Producers know these uncontrollable factors well: weather, world markets and government policy.

Bill has seen another one emerge in recent years. “It’s scary how much our cost of production has changed relative to our gross income — that margin gets narrower and narrower,” he says.

“Because of input costs we can gross a lot of money growing higher yields and higher quality, more diverse crops, but once we factor in inputs costs, those margins are getting tighter and tighter.”

Mitigating risk

Luckily there are strategies that producers can employ to help them navigate and mitigate the factors that threaten their farms, says Bill.



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Changes to remain profitable

Neil, Bill, Amy and Tracy Prybylski. As their operations grew to 14,000 acres it became critical to diversify land use, which is why they also run a 200-head commercial cow/calf operation.

He has employed several on the farm, although for him risk management isn’t a year-to-year, formalized plan. It’s part of the overall, ongoing philosophy of the business.

And one that he was taught from a young age.

Off-farm income

When Bill first started farming with his dad in the early 1980s, they experienced a period of extremely dry weather, which hit their operations hard.

Luckily, Bill was also working off the farm at the time. He had spent several years becoming certified as a welder and then gaining work experience in Estevan. This off-farm income helped supplement the farm finances during the dire years and he was grateful to his dad for guiding him down that route.

“He told me, if you want to farm you have to have

something to fall back on,” he says.

Now, not only has the off-farm income been critical at times throughout his career, such as those early years, but his welding skills have also come in quite handy on the farm.

Bill has since passed this advice on to his own son, who has also become a certified welder and worked in the trade for a few years before becoming a partner in the family farm not long ago.

Production diversity

Another strategy that Bill has employed over the years to mitigate risk is to diversify the farm’s crops and products and to adapt them to the growing conditions in his area as much as possible.

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APAS concerned with shutdown of canola to China

Submitted

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan has expressed grave concern about a shutdown of Canadian canola exports to China.

“Producers are weeks away from planting the 2019 crop, and a trade issue with our largest canola seed customer is a very disturbing development and creates a lot of economic uncertainty for growers,” said APAS vice-president Ian Boxall, who farms near Tisdale.

“This isn’t just an issue for rural Canada or Western Canada,” Boxall explained. “Canola exports contribute \$25 billion to the Canadian economy and hundreds of thousands of jobs. It’s our number one cash crop, and the future viability of our sector depends on trade access and trade normalcy.”

Boxall noted that trade issues with China are compounding a recent billion-dollar loss in exports from commodities such as pulses, and a further reduction in overall farm income is very worrying.

“Canadian producers make a very large contribution to Canada’s economy, and this is the time for our elected officials to step up and use every possible avenue to resolve these very serious issues.” Boxall concluded. “And it highlights the need for better business risk management programs to ensure producer viability and protect the economy.”

Challenges persist for canola seed exports to China

While there was some initial optimism that Chinese concerns with canola trade could be resolved quickly, technical discussions to date have not indicated an immediate resolution is possible. Canola seed exporters report that Chinese importers are unwilling to purchase Canadian canola seed at this time.



IAN BOXALL

“We’re disappointed that differing viewpoints cannot be resolved quickly,” says Jim Everson, president of the CCC. “Under the circumstances, Canadian canola seed exporters who normally ship to China have no alternative but to supply customers in other countries who value high quality Canadian canola.”

China has been a major market for Canadian canola, accounting for approximately 40 per cent of all canola seed, oil and meal exports. Canola seed exports to China were worth \$2.7 billion in 2018. Demand has been very strong until recent disruptions.

“Canadian ministers and government officials have responded quickly to Chinese concerns, however, technical discussions are unlikely to lead to an

immediate resolution,” said Everson. “We urge the Government of Canada to continue to intensify efforts to resolve the situation.”

The Canadian canola industry makes every effort to meet the requirements of customers and their governments around the world. From seed developers, growers, processors and exporters, all segments of the value chain coordinate to ensure consistent and high quality canola.

“Canadian canola is of the highest quality because of our world-class quality assurance systems,” said Everson. “We have a long-standing history of delivering on quality and reliability. We will continue to provide our customers with high quality canola and promote stable trade based on science.”

Federal budget fails grain farmers

Submitted

The Western Canadian Wheat Growers gave a failing grade to the 2019 federal budget announced March 19. What little is contained in the budget for agriculture only fixes problems that the federal government previously created.

The new exclusion of the carbon tax on cardlock fuel should never have been necessary, said president Levi Wood. Compensation for sectors that are affected by new trade agreements are signs of poorly negotiated trade agreements — agreements that are vital to the continued expansion of international agricultural trade.

The Wheat Growers are pleased that the federal government has agreed to move forward with a review of the Canada Grain Act and the Canadian Grain Commission. These are issues that we have called for some time.

Wood said what this budget should have addressed for grain farmers is how the government is going to enforce the passage and enforcement of CETA and why Italy is blocking Canadian durum. It should have explained what the government is doing



to support export of our grain to the signatories of the CPTPP.

He said the budget could have outlined steps to address the question of why Canadian pulse growers – one of the world’s most productive – cannot export their product to India – one of the world’s highest consumers of pulse, in spite of supporting India as a developing country.

“The Western Canadian Wheat Growers are not looking for handouts. Rather we would like to see the federal government truly understand how Canada’s agriculture economy works. We would rather see a reduction in bureaucracy and red tape, letting farmers make the best decisions to grow their products and successfully bring them to market,” Wood said.

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The Sask. Ag Ministry will continue to provide factual information about the importance, relevance and sustainability of the province’s agricultural industry in order to earn and maintain social license. Efforts directed at youth will provide education on the science of agriculture, as well as the multitude of diverse career and entrepreneurial opportunities the sector offers.

Agri-food exports are down from our record high in 2015 of \$15.3 billion to an estimated \$13.5 billion in 2017 due to market access issues, however this is still above the five-year average of \$13.2 billion. With the forecast growth in world populations and income levels, global demand for food and agricultural-related goods is anticipated to increase. The Ministry will continue to support the sector to take advantage of these emerging opportunities by expanding market presence, influencing federal trade and negotiations and collaborating with industry.

It cannot be stated enough, just how much the entire Ag sector means to this province. Thank you to all our Farmers, Ranchers and Ag Businesses that support our Ag sector.

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SaskFSA educates on land, water management

By **Connie Schwalm**
For Grasslands News

Farming isn't what it used to be. Modern technology and innovation have brought changes through the farm gate that only a few decades ago might have been dismissed as science fiction.

Nonetheless, when you look underneath all of these marvels, you will find the only asset that really matters — the land itself. It was that reality which led to the creation of the Saskatchewan Farm Stewardship Association (SaskFSA).

"This started out with a handful of farmers east of Yorkton that were concerned about the issues surrounding water management, in particular the ability to responsibly manage excess water," association president Myles Thorpe explains. "They met with their local MLA, who suggested that they should organize into a more formal group, so that they could have a unified voice. So that's what we did, and in 2011 the SaskFSA officially began."

Since then, Thorpe notes that the group has seen significant growth.

"We now have around 175 members, from several different areas including: Weyburn, Redvers, Moosomin, Melville, Edgely, Quill Lake and several other areas. As word about SaskFSA spreads, our membership continues to grow."

He points out that SaskFSA members are engaged in different types of farming.

"When we started, it was mostly grain farmers that were involved. We have members now who are operating mixed farms and others who are livestock producers. We also have members who are organic farmers. Effective water and land management policies are important, no matter what type of farming you're involved in."

Thorpe says that the group's mission is to help promote a better understanding of how crucial it is to have effective and practical land and water management policies in place.

"Our focus is to educate both our members and the public about how important water and land management is. We advocate for progressive policies that work for farmers — policies that everyone who lives in this province can support."

To accomplish this, Thorpe points out that the SaskFSA is committed to working with government and regulatory agencies to create clear and straightforward "win-win land and water policy" that "benefits farmers and the environment."

"We need to have sound water and land management policies in place, to make sure that the land is farmable into the future. So, we are determined to work with the Ministry of the Environment, as well as the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency (WSA) and other regulatory bodies, to develop realistic policies for agricultural land and water management."

"We are involved in conservation programs such as the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) program. Through this program, farmers are essentially paid to seed marginal land that is wet or saline to perennial forage cover. So, land that is less suitable for farming can become habitat for wildlife."

Thorpe stresses that the group is committed to developing and maintaining positive relationships with all stakeholders when it comes to issues involving water management on agricultural land.

"Effective land and water management is important, no matter what kind of year you have. Last year for example, we had dry conditions earlier on in the spring. But then there was an abundance of rain in June, and many farmers had their crops drown out. It didn't matter that conditions dried up afterwards. If your crop has drowned out in that two-week period — it's gone. You've spent money on the inputs that were necessary to put that crop in the ground. That's money that you



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Farmable land base is needed

SaskFSA president Myles Thorpe says effective water and land management policies are important, no matter what type of farming you're involved in.

won't get back. So, farmers need to have practical and effective water and land management strategies in place, to give them a better chance of successfully growing a crop on their land, no matter what kind of conditions they are dealing with."

Thorpe said farmers are not out to cause flooding or hardship for their neighbours, which includes the people that live downstream from them. But it can be a challenge to help people understand that, especially when there is a major water event such as when this area received 12 inches of rain in one day. When something like that happens, farmers often find themselves blamed for flooding that they really didn't cause.

"We want people to understand that farmers are working to be good stewards of the land and we are not out to drain every acre or flood our neighbours. We want to work with our neighbours to manage land and water in a way that's fair to everyone."

This involves increasing awareness about the vital role that agriculture has in growing and maintaining Saskatchewan's economy.

"Part of our mission is to develop a cost/benefit analysis that shows how important sound management practices are to our economy. And we are working to find ways of communicating that to people that aren't involved in the agriculture industry. A lot of things have changed in Saskatchewan over the years. But farming is still a major economic driver for this province."

In striving to accomplish these goals, Thorpe says that the SaskFSA hopes to be recognized as a leading, reliable source

of information on land and water management in Saskatchewan.

"We are working to get information out through our website and through social media. We also various host events, (such as the Tile Drainage Workshop that is taking place in Regina on April 3 and 4) so that SaskFSA members and anyone else who is interested can get together, listen to various experts, and talk about ideas."

Ultimately, Thorpe says that the SaskFSA wants to focus attention on what matters most.

"At the end of the day, we want practical land and water management policies in place, that are workable and sustainable. Our land and water resources are always best when managed. And you can own the biggest and best equipment, have limitless cash and access to all of the latest innovation that there is, but if you don't have a farmable land base none of that is really going to matter."

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Calving season offers family teaching moments

Nothing speaks spring like calving season, even if you’ve calved a hundred of them in -40 degrees weather.

During one of the coldest Februarys in forever, it was hard to imagine such a thing as warmth, but now that we can actually feel the warmth of the sun, the woes of calving in the cold will be soon be forgotten and we’ll be dreaming of camping season.

Calving season did provide me with an idea for a three-way drawing competition with the grandkids the other day — a ‘cow-drawing’ competition to be exact.

“You be the judge, Grandma,” they told me. “Pick the best cow.”

Well, in the end I chose a best cow inside-a fence drawing, a best prolapsed cow drawing (oh the detail), and a best udder drawing. How’s that for being diplomatic?

During February school break, as the guys were keeping their ever watchful eye on the heifers, I was entertained daily by five youngsters.

Between games of crokinole, Yahtzee and Wii bowling, I am positively sure I made 42 slices of French toast, fried 26 eggs, and whipped up at least five dozen crepes complete with real whipped cream and fresh sliced strawberries.

What’s particularly funny about all the cooking I did, other than that I seldom do any cooking at all,

Letter to the Editor

Feds’ seed plan interferes with farm innovation

Dear Editor:

The federal government is once again trying to handcuff farmers with new proposals around seed that will affect the industry for decades to come. The fundamental blocks of our food system, seeds, are now to be controlled by a shrinking number of large corporations. What an insult to our province, and its proud agricultural heritage.

The new proposals mean farmers would not be able to save the seed they have grown in previous years without paying royalties. Hundreds of millions of dollars would be taken from the pockets of farming families, and end up in the coffers of companies that often don’t reinvest in our rural communities.

The new regulations would apply to all newly registered plant material: wheat grown by you, seeds from your apple trees, or potatoes grown in your garden... The list goes on. To add insult to injury, seed companies that register new varieties would have exclusive rights to dictate how you grow, clean, treat, sell, or store the plant material.

This cuts to the heart of what it means to be a farmer. The Canadian government need not interfere with a proud, time-honoured tradition of innovation here in Saskatchewan. For many years, most plant breeding — and associated seed creation — has been funded by the public or farmers themselves, allowing easy access to new, better varieties of crop.

Farmers should have the final word, and agriculture must be attractive to our youngest farmers. Proposals like these undermine the pride and independence they have in their work. Regardless of our political stripes, we must collectively take a stand for the future of farming and our rural communities, before it’s too late.

Jared Clarke,
Edenwold

was the kids’ perception of meals (or lack thereof) at Grandma’s house during that week.

“The kids told me you never made any meals for them,” my son said to me as we gathered for a family supper on the weekend following the break.

“I never made any meals?” I squeaked. “I went through 52 eggs in the first three days!” I responded. Which truly was not far off from the truth. These kids ate all day long, generally egg-based dishes of one kind or another. How could they possibly say I hadn’t fed them?

This begs the question of whether the kids and the Grandma (moi) could both be telling the truth. And, in fact, we both were. I may not have made meals exactly but I certainly fed the bunch — all day long!

The highlight of our week was a trip to the farm, more for me than for them, since most of them live on said farm and I no longer do. Their interest in the cows and calves is intense to say the least, and at any given time of any day, they can tell you exactly how many calves there are on the ground (including those deceased), how many heifers have calved and how many cows.

Farm kids in training is really what it’s all about. Though I have to admit there’s a bit of a pull from the twins’ (now seven) second love — hockey, the Winnipeg Jets in particular.

I tucked the boys into bed the other night when their parents were away — one was reading the calving record book, the other the Winnipeg Jets schedule. The look they gave me when I suggested they read a storybook instead was priceless.

“The Jets play Boston on the 20th,” said one to the other.

The other asks when the Jets play the Capitals.

“The 14th,” the first responds.

And both boys, with heifer-calving now behind us, and cow-calving ahead of us, shake their heads at the same time, “Darn, the cows start calving on the 10th; we won’t be able to watch hockey.”

“Don’t forget the Brier, boys,” I said to them as it was on at the time. Oh, they assured me, they would be watching that too because Team Muyres (who they watched in person at the Tankard in our hometown in February) would be playing.

The Lighter Side of Life...

DOWN ON THE FARM

by donna beutler

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Earlier in February we were at a figure skating competition in Winnipeg with our granddaughter. The twins (at home) were watching the Jets play (on TV) that weekend and had taken a particular interest in watching the stands when the camera scanned the crowds.

“Who are you looking for, boys?” asked their dad.

“Grandma and Grandpa,” they said. “They’re in Winnipeg you know.” I guess they couldn’t imagine someone going to Winnipeg without taking in a Jets’ game.

The grandkids are pretty excited about spring on the farm — after all, the baby chicks will soon arrive. I have one thought in mind – laying hens. I could, after all, use the extra eggs.

It’s such a delight to watch the kids as their love for and their knowledge of the farm grows and to watch their enthusiasm about the life we so love. And for the “town” kids who watch a cow calve for the first time — there’s an interesting facial expression. Eyes big. Mouth open. Welcome to cow-calving 101.

Our focus will soon switch from the barn to the land in anticipation of sowing this year’s crop. And with that anticipation is the excitement of not only watching the fruits of our labour materialize but in watching the youngest members of our family grow their knowledge and their love for the animals and the land.

Here’s hoping your spring, whatever that may look like, is nothing short of exciting and perhaps even inspiring — both on the farm and off.

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Marie-Claude Bibeau, minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, in CIGI's pilot bakery announcing \$6.2 million in AgriMarketing funding for GIGI. In the background are growers from Western Canada who are at CIGI attending the Combine to Customer program.

Submitted

The Canadian International Grains Institute (CIGI) is receiving \$6.2 million in funding from the Canadian Agricultural Partnership's AgriMarketing program. The announcement was made recently at Cigi by Marie-Claude Bibeau, the new minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Over the next three years CIGI will use this funding to demonstrate Canadian wheat quality to international markets, improve customer knowledge of the performance and functionality of Canadian wheat, and gather and share information on customers' end-use requirements

with the Canadian value chain.

"CIGI is committed to fulfilling its role to provide quality support to the Canadian grain sector," said CIGI board director Laura Reiter, during her remarks at the announcement. "With this funding, Cigi will continue its efforts to ensure that informed customers know and choose Canadian grain and that the value chain continues to optimize wheat quality for end-use customers."

In the upcoming year CIGI will engage with customers from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Gulf region. "CIGI's relationships with millers and end-users around

the world and the technical knowledge of Cigi staff with respect to the processes and needs of customers are critical to supporting the Canadian value chain and responding to technical issues that may impact purchasing decisions," said JoAnne Buth, CIGI CEO.

"The Government of Canada has been a key contributor to CIGI's success throughout its 47-year history," said Buth. "We value Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's continuing and long-standing support as a funder and partner in our work."

CIGI is a not-for-profit institute providing pre-market and in-market technical support for the Canadian grain sector. Established in 1972, CIGI has more than 45 years of experience working with the grain industry value chain in Canada and internationally. CIGI's mission is to be the trusted independent source for milling, quality and end-use functionality expertise for millers and end users of Canadian grain to increase market opportunities and end-user success.

Grain Millers expansion ups plant capacity

By Calvin Daniels
Yorkton This Week

Construction is ongoing on the final phase of a major expansion at Grain Millers north of Yorkton.

"This is the culmination (of an expansion) that dates back over three years," explained general manager Terry Tyson.

Tyson said the mill has been gearing up to add production capacity with a phased-in expansion that started with an upgrade to its grain receiving areas, and has included adding additional storage capacity, including in the "work in progress" area which allows for product to be temporarily held at any point in the process from cleaning, through hull removal, to kilning, cutting and processing into groats, flour or flakes.

The final step in the expansion is under construction, adding final milling capacity. The work, which faced some weather-related issues over winter, is still hoped to be complete and in operation this fall, said Tyson.

The addition would nearly double production at the plant. Grain Millers now produces 100,000 metric tonnes of processed product annually, said Tyson. The completed expansion would increase production to 180,000 metric tonnes annually, or an increase in capacity of 80 per cent.

"It will be our (Grain Millers) biggest (oat processing plant)," said Tyson "Iowa has been the biggest, but this will be."

With the increased capacity the plant will also need more staff, about 30 more people, said Tyson, adding a few have already been hired.

The expanded mill will require about 280,000 metric tonnes of oats, most of which will likely be accessed in the region.

"To date, our catchment area has been about 120 miles," said Tyson, adding while Grain Millers does not get every bushel of oats grown in that area by far "... we think it will need to get a little bigger (the collection area)."

That said, Tyson said the reason for the expansion here is the availability of oats. "This is where the oats are."

The three-year expansion will see a final investment of about \$100 million, said Tyson.

Grain Millers bought the original mill in 2001.

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This craftsman's saddles stand the test of time

By Christalee Froese
For Grasslands News

Brian Ironmonger knows how to make saddles. His 45 years in the business have taught him that the best leather comes from Curwensville, Pa. and the most balanced saddle trees are made from north-slope ponderosa pine in Monticello, Utah.

Ironmonger has made hundreds of saddles for hundreds of riders, from Canadian reined cow horse champion Mark Parsons to American roper Walt Vermedahl.

"Mark has about 10 of my saddles and Walt has even more because they like the way they fit the horses, and the people," said the 78-year-old saddle maker. "And they like the fact that you just don't tear 'em up — when you tear up one of my saddles, you better be ready for one hell of a wreck."

Brian's Saddle Shop in Elko, B.C. is a combination of workspace, retail shop and teaching centre. Not only does Ironmonger make custom saddles and tack for buyers from around the world, he passes on his hard-won wisdom to students from as far afield as the USA, Germany and Japan.

Aspiring saddle-makers stay in a cabin at the Iron-monger ranch, spending a month alongside the master to learn the tricks of the trade.

“The good ones take notes and write down their mistakes and how you fix ‘em,” said Ironmonger, adding that he has been keeping his own personal notebook for over 40 years.

The former bareback bronc rider took up saddle making out of necessity. At the age of 24, Ironmonger was in a logging accident that broke his neck, his back and his hopes of being the cowboy he grew up to be in Alberta.

The accident left him with limited use of his legs, so he put his hands to work making a living, and a glowing reputation, as a saddle maker. He builds about 10 to 15 saddles a year, focusing his efforts on getting the perfect fit, and the perfect finish.

"You gotta start with a good tree and good leather and after that it's all about putting in the time," said Ironmonger, who works alongside his wife Margaret in his log-cabin shop. "You only get out of a saddle what you put into it."

Ironmonger said the average saddle takes him about 40 to 50 hours to make and sells for \$2,500 to \$6,000. The key to success is getting the right fit for both the rider, and the horse. Ironmonger's decades of experience allow him to take a look at the rider and the horse breed and pretty much get the right fit. But just to be sure, he teaches buyers how to measure their horses by running a piece of wire over the horse's back and shoulders and sketching out a pattern.

The best saddles, adds Ironmonger, are not neces-

sarily the prettiest.

"I like something that's attractive to look at but I build for strength before I build for beauty," said Ironmonger. "I don't want to put out a pretty saddle and the first time your horse blows up or you rope your first big steer, your saddle blows up on you."

Ironmonger is all about solid, old-fashioned craftsmanship, even if it means giving away his trade secrets and teaching others to make saddles that may be as good as his own. He takes pride in teaching his students how to make saddles that will last a lifetime.

Margaret adds that when students come to take classes, they become a member of the extended Ironmonger family.

"They stay in our cabin, they shower with us, eat with us and come in the house with us, so we really, really get to know them," said Margaret, whose jobs in the shop include cutting leather and doing the stitching and sewing for various projects from saddles to bridles and boat covers to tarps.

The experience leaves students not only with a saddle at the end of the month-long workshop, but also with a life-long relationship with a well-known saddle maker who said he'll probably never retire.

"I've been retired since I was 15," said Ironmonger, acknowledging his labours of love — country living and saddle making.



Getting the right fit

Craftsman Brian Ironmonger trims away excess leather as he makes a saddle.



Hard-won wisdom

Brian Ironmonger uses an embossing tool to put a pattern into a piece of leather. The average saddle takes him about 40 to 50 hours to make.

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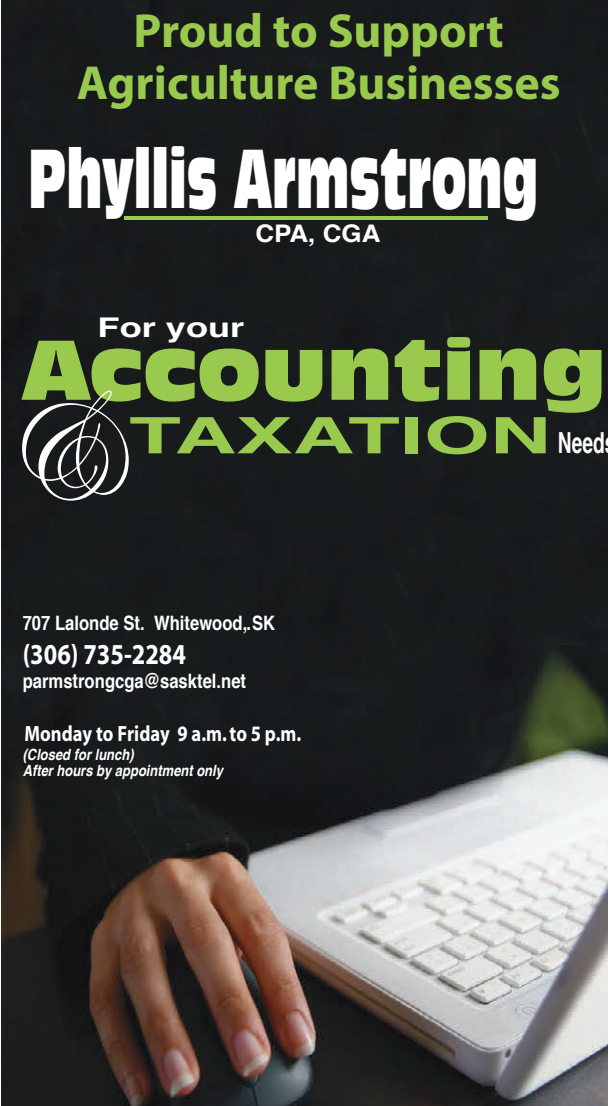
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Build safety on your farm before spring planting

By Robert Gobeil
Canadian Agricultural Safety Association

As the start of spring draws closer, for many Canadian producers, thoughts turn to the planting of crops and the hope for a productive and successful farming season begins again.

The promise of a new season is an ideal time to do a thorough check of equipment and processes. If you feel you're running short of time, consider this: time is a resource we seem to have plenty of when times are slow, and then becomes invaluable as work demands increase. Being proactive checking equipment and processes before planting is essential. Taking the time to implement pre-season checklists will pay off in the end by helping reduce the chance of breakdowns and downtime during one of the busiest parts of the year. As an added bonus, using checklists as a part of your safety management system shows your farm does its due diligence.

There are plenty of checklist templates available or they can be created from scratch. The choice is yours. (Check out casa-acsa.ca/resources/canada-farmsafe-plan for CASA's free Farm-Safe Plan including checklists!)

When working with a checklist, begin by asking yourself questions about various equipment and processes. This will give you the tools to identify problems and gives you the opportunity to develop corrective actions to address any issues. You don't have to rush and try to fix everything all at once. Instead, prioritize items based on the chance of occurrence and potential severity if a breakdown occurred.

An operational checklist should also include placing orders for essential supplies, such as seed, crop protection products, or feed. Since these items often take time to arrive, ordering them in advance means they are readily available when needed. Another thing to consider on your checklist is purchasing any necessary insurances (home/

property, crop, liability, etc.) to protect your operation should an unfortunate and unforeseen event occur.

And don't forget to inspect your fields and pastures for standing water and drainage once the last of the snow has finally melted.

This is also a good time to make sure all of your workers are up-to-date with training, as well as reminding them about your Emergency Response Plan. If you don't already have an Emergency Response Plan, now's the time to develop one.

When it comes to tools and equipment, consider stocking up on parts that often need replacing including items like lights and reflective markings. Remember that some items should be maintained based on the hours of use, so there's nothing wrong with performing this maintenance ahead of schedule to avoid breakdowns and unexpected repairs when the workload increases.

And while you're doing maintenance, don't overlook your safety equipment.

Every checklist should include safety equipment inspections to ensure these items are accessible and working properly if they are needed. This includes fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and eyewash stations, as well as personal protective equipment.

In Addition to checking your equipment and processes, a facility inspection should also be implemented as part of your safety management system. While this type of assessment needs to be done at regular intervals throughout the year, it's worthwhile to begin the process before the start of the season.

Time is our most valuable resource. That's why taking care to prepare early is essential to having a productive and successful season. Incorporating pre-season checklists will help prevent downtime and help ensure your operation runs smoothly throughout the busy months ahead.

This safety advice article is a part of Canadian Agricultural Safety Week.

Prybylski shares what he has learned about profitability

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"In our area we have a shorter growing season than other southern parts of the province, so we make sure we grow crops suitable to our shorter climate," he says. "It's also wetter where we are so we grow a lot of canola in our area as opposed to the southern part of the province where they grow more durum and lentils."

Bill and his partners also closely monitor the weather and are always willing to change their seeding plans as needed, he says.

And as their operations grew to 14,000 acres it became critical to diversify land use, which is why they also run a 200-head commercial cow/calf operation.

"We can't afford to not have cattle," Bill says. "We have enough marginal land on our farm that we need to have cattle to make use of it. That part of the operation will sometimes help offset losses in the grain side and vice versa."

Business risk management programs

Saskatchewan producers have access to a range of business risk management programs, offered by provincial and federal governments, to help them mitigate risk and maintain profitability.

These can be helpful tools, Bill says.

"These are definitely a big part of managing risk and having security. When I first started farming this was a big asset to my operation."

However, he advises producers to evaluate each of the programs individually. Bill believes some of the programs have become more challenging to qualify for since he began farming, and not always economically sound.

For example, he opted out of the Agristability program after receiving no coverage during some of the most challenging years on his farm, 2012 and 2014.

"Our reference margin started declining in 2010 because of excess moisture so we didn't even get enough of a payment out of the program to pay our registration fee those years. We saw no benefit to it after that. It just didn't make any sense for us to be in a program that didn't cover our needs."

However, he still enrolls in the Crop Insurance program each year, to help offset risks of production issues due to early frost, too much moisture, and other weather issues.

Farm policy

Another factor that can have a major impact on producers' businesses is farm policy, which can seem outside their control. "Sometimes we have to rely on the people making policy and hope they have our interests in mind when making that policy," Bill says.

Groups such as the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) give producers an outlet to have a voice when it comes to regulatory issues that affect them, he says.

This is why Bill decided to become an APAS representative for his rural municipality several years ago. Since then he has been pleased with the progress APAS has made on policy issues and the growing

“It’s scary how much our cost of production has changed relative to our gross income – that margin gets narrower and narrower.”

ing influence the organization has had for the agriculture industry.

"They've really become recognized as a serious, credible and respected voice," he says.

Because of this, Bill decided to volunteer more of his time over the years, becoming a director two years ago and, as of late last year, one of two vice-presidents of the Board. He currently sits on the Economics and Trade Committee and the Governance Committee.

"If we see something that isn't right, we do what we can to make sure that policy is being created that is beneficial to those affected by it."

"We do what we can to make sure things are the best they can be."

Managing stress

Farming can be extremely stressful, Bill says, which is why it's important for producers to be mindful of their limitations.

"You deal with things as you can. There are things that you can and can't fix. You have to learn to accept the things you can't fix and just live with them."

You can't change or control the weather, but you can learn to work with it by growing crops suited to the climate in your area.

You also can't change or control foreign policy, such as the trade issues that affected Canadian pea exports last year, but you can adjust your cropping plans when these issues arise.

Finally, Bill has an approach to dealing with stress in business and in life — stay positive no matter what.

"I've always lived with the philosophy that the sun is always going to come up tomorrow. When things get tough my personal life experience has always taught me that things may look bad but they're going to get better."

Be adaptable

Every farm is different and risk management strategies should be adapted accordingly, says Bill. He has learned this through his own experience.

"We have tried a lot of different ways of doing things on our farm and have seen what has worked and what hasn't."

He advises being cautious with new business strategies.

"Generally we try to stick with things we know and if we are going to try something new, we do it on small trial scale first — you don't want to bet the whole farm on a new technology or practice. Ease into it instead and make sure things you do are going to work for your farm."

Appreciate the opportunity to farm

Despite all the challenges he has faced, Bill is quick to say that he wouldn't have done anything differently.

"I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. We still need to make a living, but there are so many benefits to living on the farm and raising kids there."

Growing up on the farm established strong val-

MARGIN RETENTION POLICY PRIORITIES:

One of the ways to track farm profitability is through a measurement called "expense-to-receipt" ratio. The expense-to-receipt ratio expresses the average amount of expenses incurred for every dollar earned. According to latest Statistics Canada estimates, Saskatchewan producers have an expense ratio of 0.78 (for every dollar earned, producers incurred 78 cents of expenses).

As Saskatchewan's general farm organization, APAS develops and advocates for farm policy that improves profitability for primary producers and Saskatchewan farm families. APAS advocates to ensure producers can operate in a policy environment that allows them to receive maximum value for their products, access to innovative and affordable inputs, and conduct business in a stable and competitive tax environment.

Key areas where APAS policies have made a direct impact on improving Saskatchewan farm profitability include rail transportation, grain handling and marketing, business risk management programs, taxation, price transparency and competition in farm input supply markets.

ues in his four children, Bill says, and this gave him greater peace of mind as a single dad (his wife died 14 years ago).

And it appears his kids have inherited his love of agriculture. Although Bill always tried to give them a realistic view of how wonderful, yet challenging farming can be, they have all remained involved in agriculture to some degree.

His oldest daughter, Mary, 26, is an accountant who does the bookkeeping for the farm. His son, Neil, 24, recently came back to work as a partner on the farm. Daughter Amy, 22, studied agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan and youngest daughter, Tracy, 20, studied agriculture at Olds College on a hockey scholarship, although now she is interested in changing her focus to film and media.

Because of this new generation of young professionals getting into the industry, it's more important than ever that today's veteran producers do what they can to ensure that we are setting them up for success, explains Bill.

This is why he will continue his work with APAS.

He also offers the following advice to the next generation:

"Be patient. Take advantage of opportunities as they arise. Be prepared for things to not work out as planned. And always make sure you have a backup plan."

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Hobbyist re-creates family farm buildings out of wood

By Jason G. Antonio
Grasslands News Group

Walter Miller enjoyed living on the family farm so much that he created miniature structures of every building that used to stand on the property.

Miller, 88, grew up on the family farm about 16 kilometres (10 miles) southeast of Melville. His father, George, homesteaded on the property in 1903 and slowly added buildings over the years.

At its peak, there were nine buildings on the property: a barn, a log house, two grain bins, a chop bin, a henhouse, a blacksmith shop, a smokehouse and an ice house.

Miller was born in the log house, which was later rebuilt and expanded in 1948.

“I loved (living on the farm),” he said. “I was still farming it then even when I lived in the city. I farmed until ’86.”

Miller’s stepson later took over operations of the farm. He continued helping his stepson with the haying and combining. His stepson eventually razed all the buildings, something that pained Miller since he grew up in some of them.

“We worked in the field with eight horses,” recalled Miler, adding he enjoyed living on the land and the everyday work.

While all of those structures now exist only in his memory — a lit match is a quick way to destroy wood buildings — Miller decided he would replicate what once existed. The wood-working hobbyist constructed the nine buildings over several decades as a way to pass the time; he created some of them before he retired.

“I was undecided of the size of the

replicas,” said Miller.

He began with the barn and used a half-inch scale per foot. He was actually worried the house and sheds might look tiny in comparison at that scale. Yet, he stuck with it and managed to replicate a barn that, in real life, had measured 72 feet by 32 feet by 32 feet. It had contained nine animal stalls on each side.

Miller used pieces of wood that were three-quarters of an inch by three-quarters of an inch by four feet in size. He then cut them into smaller pieces.

A former CN railroader, Victor Knourek, gave Miller a bundle of wood for his woodworking hobby. As a former city employee, Miller worked on projects such as installing pipes and grading city streets. It was the latter activity that allowed him to form a friendship with Knourek, after Miller used a city grader to help clear some CN property.

Miller is unsure how many hours it took him to create the nine buildings. He did not keep track since he worked on them in his spare time. He built most of them in his garage when he lived on Montreal Street.

He moved into an apartment when his wife died and was allowed to use the backyard shed to continue his woodworking projects.

After creating the farm buildings, Miller had hoped to give them to the Melville and District Heritage Museum. However, he was told there was not enough room there. Miller is considering giving the buildings to the Western Development Museum in either Yorkton or Moose Jaw, or to his daughter in Alberta.

Miller is storing the mini farm buildings at a friend’s house for now.



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Life on the farm

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Isabel Logel forks out a comfy straw bed for her Suffolk cross ewes. The waiting and watching begins for this spring’s lambing season that may spread out over as much as three weeks even for this small flock of 21.

Future Legends Ranch

Farmer concerned skills will be lost with corporations

By Julie Anne McRae
For Grasslands News

In the barn, 21 ewes are waiting to lamb. The flock is growing this year by twos and threes, as the first to begin produce twins and triplets.

Their owner, Isabel Logel, monitors closely by day and remotely with barn cameras by night. Sheep average a 147-day gestation, but can give birth 10 days on either side, so it’s a long watch. She brings them inside early both for her comfort, and their safety. This is her fourth year raising sheep, starting with only three.

For the last two decades, Isabel and her husband, Curtis, have lived on their Future Legends Ranch, 12 quarter sections with the home place outside of Lipton. They run commercial cattle, mostly Simmental. They breed Quarter Horse and American Paint horses and raise and train border collies.

The Logels would classify themselves a small operation. “On the scale of things, we’re small. Maybe 50 years ago this was large, but now we’re the small farmer.”

Isabel expresses her concern that agriculture on the whole is being converted to the corporate farm. Part of her passion for raising animals is the fear that these general skills knowledge will be disappear in the growth of corporate mentality.

“I feel once things go that way there’s a lot of things that will get lost — animal husbandry, the care and concern for the livestock that we’re able to give — that could all be compromised”

In earlier years they’ve also tried their hands at pigs, geese, chickens, ducks and both meat and fibre rabbits. But it’s the sheep that have Isabel’s attention right now. The current flock comprises an Icelandic ram and Suffolk cross ewes. Raised primarily for meat, the flock might be large enough this year to make selling the fleece worthwhile too.

“It started with cows, then of course you need horses to work the cows.” She steps out the natural progress. A dog follows to help the horses work the cattle, and then when raising herding dogs, like border collies, she felt easier and safer to begin the puppies training with sheep. “I tell people I got the sheep for the dogs,” she laughs, “but I really like them too.”


Isabel jokes that it would take less space to list what she doesn’t like about raising sheep as they are easy to handle, easy to look after. She points out that as beef farmers, sheep are a natural fit for the Future Legends Ranch.

“The infrastructure isn’t much different, the care procedure is the same. And as I’m often handling the stock by myself, sheep are safer to work with.

“Farming is hard work, you have to be very dedicated. But you have to enjoy what you’re doing or you might as well do something else.”



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Succession success story

Ottenbreits talk about passing on the farm the right way

By Colleen Hennan
Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice

Ivan Ottenbreit is going through the farm succession process for the second time in his life.

It was always the plan that Ivan would eventually take over farming full time, on the land that his father purchased in the Grayson area around 1940. First though, after graduating high school in 1965, Ivan trained as a mechanical engineering technologist and worked for engineering firms in Regina until 1986. That's when Ivan's father got glaucoma and lost his sight. His parents moved into town and the farming operation transitioned to him.

Ivan and his wife, Vicki, built a house at a nearby lake and raised three kids there, while farming the Ottenbreit's acres in Grayson. Son Danny, the APAS representative for the RM of Grayson, has fond memories of lake life and being a farm kid.

Danny lives in the farm house we are sitting in, which was built on the home quarter by Ivan's parents in 1960. Before Danny moved in, the house sat empty for 25 years, ever since Danny's grandparents stopped farming. But in 2011, Danny decided to farm full-time after living in Toronto for a while and working in the film and television industry.

"It really showed me," Danny says of his time in Toronto, "that if I could actually live on the farm and farm full-time, then I would rather do that."

This is when Ivan interjects about house prices in Toronto, and a lively debate ensues about what you can buy in Grayson, Sask., for the price of a down payment on a house in the Big Smoke.

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“That’s tough, letting the next generation take over, its about letting go. I’ve seen in other farm families, it can be really, really tough.”

This is how a conversation between the Ottenbreits seems to go. They finish each other's sentences, the topic of farming is never far off, and a good debate is clearly relished, although remarkably amiable. In short, they come across as a team; a functional, healthy, multi-generational farming unit.

Ivan says the process of transitioning the farm to Danny has been different from his experience of succeeding his parents.

"When you took over from Grandpa, was there as much focus on the business side, having a crop plan, having a work plan...that was written down on paper?" Danny asks his father.

"Not really," Ivan says, adding that a lesson he took from his own transition process was the need for more detail.

Ivan and Danny are still about five years out from fully completing the transition process, but in the meantime, the Ottenbreits have a



PHOTO BY COLLEEN HENNAN

Ivan and Danny Ottenbreit on their farm in the Grayson area. Danny is about halfway through the process of taking over the family operation.

strategy in place that has been working well for them and some recommendations for other producers navigating the potentially murky waters of farm succession.

"It takes about five to 10 years to get it done," Ivan says. "A transition is multi-faceted, it's a number of things over a period of time."

Although Ivan wasted no time in involving Danny in key elements of the farm.

"I put him in charge of banking right off the bat. So, he's the guy that puts the money in the bank and he writes the cheques. That gives you a good idea of if you're

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Growing the future



Entrepreneur Aberharts still believe in family first

Natalie Noble

Farming for Tomorrow

The Aberhart family is working together to advance agriculture in Canada for their family, their industry and a better future for everyone. So far, they're excelling with two thriving agri-businesses and a family farm that's grown tenfold over the last 20 years. Was it all easy to imagine 30 years ago? Not according to them.

In the late-1980s, pre-teen Terry Aberhart was a budding entrepreneur with a flourishing poultry enterprise. Selling chickens and ducks to friends and neighbours around the family's 1,500-acre farm, he learned the value in goal-setting and hard work early in life.

They're a family who come by hard work honestly. In fact, Debbie looked after the farm's dairy herd while expecting each of her boys and up until younger daughter Jennifer was born. Today, Terry, wife Lichelle, Harvey and Debbie work closely as a team, and have grown the farm to a 15,000-acre, progressive dryland grain farming operation.

Growing ambition

Aberhart Farms, located near Langenburg, Sask., just a mile from the Manitoba border, was originally purchased in 1961 by Harvey's father. After earning his journeyman electrician's licence, Harvey returned to the farm in 1974 and purchased three quarter sections from his dad. He and Debbie also bought 30 dairy cows and then two more quarters of land.

Fast-forward to the late 1990s and Harvey had sold the dairy herd, then worked as an electrician in Saskatchewan's mining industry, then sold crop insurance and finally, was managing the John Deere dealership in Russell, Man. Dan would soon be working in sales for John Deere, and Terry was showing some serious interest in running the farm.

"For as long as I remember, I always wanted to farm," says Terry. "I was always excited about it, and it's always been part of my plan."

Paying attention in school wasn't his strong suit, yet Terry says he still



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Terry and Lichelle Aberhart operate a family farm near Langenburg, alongside brother Dan and father Harvey.

had a passion for learning that continues today. Seeking skills that would complement farming, he earned his journeyman certification in ag mechanics, working with a few John Deere dealerships.

Unsatisfied with leading a double life on and off the farm, Terry called it quit his day job and made the call to go full time at farming.

"I reached a point where I realized I wasn't enjoying working off the farm and worrying about what was going on there," he says. "I decided if I was going to farm, I wanted to be able to just farm, and to do it well."

At 20 years old he was entrusted with a fair bit of leash from Dad, who was still working off-farm at the time. He was given the freedom to "step on some rakes" and learn as he went, but wanted more education from other successful farmers.

"I remembered from my days working as an ag mechanic, I would go to a farm that was really successful, had an awesome yard and equipment and a great reputation for growing amazing

"We're looking a lot at managing our land, the health of our soil and ensuring we're improving. We want to leave our land and businesses in better shape than when we took them on."

- Terry Aberhart

crops," he says. "Then, I could go to another farm down the road and see a totally different scenario. I recognized quickly that the difference was within the agronomy, the management and how they ran the business. So, I knew I had to learn more in these areas."

With this in mind, and as the farm grew to 5,000 acres, Terry signed up for an Agri-Trend town hall

meeting in Saskatoon, Sask., where he met some of their senior coaches.

"I thought their platform and the agri-coaching model was really interesting, definitely something we could use on the farm. There were areas I thought we needed more knowledge and expertise and I could see there would be a lot of value there," says Terry.

Growing the farm, and a startup

Terry returned home from that trip in 2006 and started Sure Growth Solutions, a business that offers agronomic and management expertise and consulting to farm clients with the training and support of the Agri-Trend network.

By then, Aberhart Farms had expanded to 7,500 acres while Harvey's dealership had changed ownership. "I was able to convince him to quit his job and come to the farm full time," says Terry. "That allowed us to start this other business while supporting and moving the farm forward."

Harvey says this transition was not easy at first. "It was a little tough, wondering how we could all manage. It's not easy to move from a secure job into farming and all the associated risks," he says.

Terry agrees. "The first couple years there, I think he was a little unsure. Working sales in the dealership environment, there's a lot of positivity, but you can be exposed to a lot of negativity. It was hard to feel confident that the farm could be successful and support our families."

Fortunately, as the farm and Sure Growth grew together, the Aberharts were surrounded by numerous entrepreneurs and professionals who were passionate about agriculture and agronomy. "We formed a lot of really strong relationships and through that it helped us sell our consulting business and our knowledge there, but also our farm as well," says Terry.

Today, Sure Growth has been in business for more than 12 years. Their team actively consults on approximately 100,000 acres of variable-rate technology and precision ag-focused work.

Growing opportunity

But the Aberharts weren't stopping there. A new opportunity was approaching that would bring Dan back into the mix.

After studying at the University of Saskatchewan and starting up a custom spraying business, Dan says things really clicked into gear for him when he came into sales, selling high-clearance sprayers for John Deere between 2000 and 2013.

"This work gave me the opportunity to do business and network with a huge number of really progressive producers in western Manitoba and Saskatchewan," he says. "There's an incredible amount of capital and value in building a good network."

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By 2015, a new opportunity presented itself to Dan, a product called Bio-Sul Premium Plus. A team of Terry's networking colleagues in Alberta was working with the sulphur-amended compost and had approached him about distributing it east of their province.

"I figured I had enough irons in the fire at the time, but the product was really unique and I thought there was a good opportunity there," says Terry. "With Dan's ag sales experience, and because he was looking for a change in direction, we got together, drove out to Alberta and checked the business out." When the brothers returned home, they put a business plan together and launched Aberhart Ag Solutions.

"We were seeing the opportunity to think and be a bigger business at this time," says Dan. "In the last three years since, we've built a network with around 50 re-sellers and have nearly one million acres supplied with the product in these two provinces."

With Dan at the helm, Aberhart Ag Solutions unites the three Aberharts as shareholders. Along with their team, they're proud to be a part of advancing Canada's ag industry by offering products, technology and practices that reduce farming's environmental impact.

"If you use our products, it's not just something Terry's using on his farm to produce quality product. It's something you can tell your city friends about that will blow their minds when you tell them what we're doing in agriculture," says Dan.

For example, the Aberharts use zero-tillage practices, variable-rate and GPS technology, all to avoid erosion of

their soil and ensure inputs are used solely when and where required. Furthermore, Bio-Sul is a fertilizer made using Class A compost—certified as a soil amendment as its carrier and derived from using recycled urban waste (often grocery waste)—for the elemental sulphur, which is a byproduct of the oil industry.

"We're focused on growing food better and more sustainably. It only translates to better economics, soil health and yields; a better future," says Dan. "We're working to change the narrative about what we're doing in agriculture to enhance our environment."

What's next for Aberhart Ag? Bringing more products to market that increase the quality produced on the farm, and have positive environmental and social impacts.

"Our new platform is #farmersfixingtheworldsproblems and how we can help farmers achieve sustainability they can sell to their customers," says Dan. "Modern producers are getting lumped in with some bad public messaging from the customer's point of view."

"With Terry's knowledge and experience in the field, we have the ... credibility about important issues today that run counter-current to some of the negative messaging that's out there."

Growing through challenge

While the sky looks to be the limit for this family, it wasn't always straightforward.

After purchasing 10 quarters of land in 2002, the farm suffered a devastating early frost in 2004.

"It was the worst anyone around



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An aerial view of the Aberhart family farm. Today, the operation includes brothers Terry and Dan, as well as father Harvey.

us could remember," recalls Harvey. "That pushed us into doing more projections, and proving to the bank, the government and ourselves that we could survive."

Terry also recalls a tough stretch in 2011 and 2012, two of the worst years in the farm's history. "These were very poor production years with high financial losses shortly after expanding aggressively," he says. "I remember going through that and it was really demoralizing. I looked at it like, 'did I fail, did

we not make the right choices?'"

With that, the family instituted annual strategy meetings, bringing in trusted outside experts and coaches. "We look at where we're at, where we want to go, and how we move forward," says Terry. "It was tough getting through those two years, but we learned a lot, as we do from the biggest challenges. Part of farming is learning to overcome adversity and adapt."

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On the other hand, other professions are evergreen, continuously in demand and vital even in the face of technological advancement. And agriculture, it should go without saying, continues to be one of the most important industries in Canada. To mark Farm Safety Week, the Canada Safety Council wants to remind Canadians that fatalities and injuries on the farm are wholly preventable through pre-emptive awareness and preparedness.

According to the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, overall fatality rates continue to be on the decline, at a rate of approximately 1.1 per cent year over year. In 2012, the most recent year for which data is available, the industry saw 60 fatalities in Canada. This is down from 75 reported fatalities in 2011 and 91 in 2010.

Given the demographic of farmers, it should also come as no surprise that male adults continue to experience the highest fatality rates. Between 2003 and 2012, men over the age of 15 accounted for roughly 83 per cent of all fatalities, with a fairly even split between men aged 15-59 and those aged 60 or older.

"The agricultural domain has traditionally been a male-driven industry," said Jack Smith, president of the Can-

ada Safety Council. "While this context explains the demographics a bit more logically, the fact remains that too many people continue to lose their lives on farms. The statistics are trending in a positive direction — let's keep building on that momentum and help prevent needless fatalities."

This is not to diminish the importance of family-run farms, which tend to be fairly common. However, as the statistics show, the bulk of the fatalities are males.

Unsurprisingly, the bulk of these deaths occur during the summer months, peaking in July and September, with rollovers being the leading cause of fatalities during this peak season. They contributed to 19 per cent of total between June and November.

Additionally, machinery rollovers, runovers and being pinned or struck by a component contributing to 44 per cent of overall fatalities year-round, putting emphasis on the importance of a healthy respect for agricultural machinery.

Reading the owner's manual continues to be a farmer's best asset. With correct maintenance and operation, machines are inherently designed to keep their users safe. Trust that the manufacturer knows the best use for the machine and stick to it, even if it means taking the long way around rather than driving up a steep hill.

"Shortcuts too often lead to tragedy," said Smith. "Safety isn't a switch to be flicked on when it's convenient. It needs to be an attitude, a constant presence that pervades every action and every moment."



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Meet the 2018 Outstanding Young Farmers

By Miranda Burski
Sask. Ministry of Agriculture

The running of a family, century-old farm deserves to be recognized in its own right, but the extra steps that Jordan and Jennifer Lindgren have taken to make Lindgren Farms the operation it is today certainly make them deserving of their recent Outstanding Young Farmers (OYF) Award.

“The OYF program is an amazing experience,” Jennifer said. “It was an intense process of reflecting on where we started, where we are now and what we hope the future to be. It allowed us to look more closely at our farming and business practices and see what we can improve on, as well as ones we can celebrate.”

While the couple was nominated for the award for the farming operation as a whole, there are two elements of their work that often come up when they’re being discussed: the research they do on their farm and the agricultural education work they do with children.

Lindgren Farms is 11,500 acres of land near Norquay, Sask., split between canola and wheat. After taking it over from Jordan’s parents, aunt and uncle a few years ago, Jordan and Jennifer expanded it from a production-only operation. For the past three years, the couple has partnered with agriculture distributors to plant research plots. Later in the season they host “Field of Dreams” tours to share the results with other members of the agriculture community.

“These trials focus on varieties, seed rate, fungicide, micronutrients and different equipment used to determine how to maximize our production,” Jordan said. He added that having the trials right on the farm provides the Lindgrens with first-hand experience with what works best, allowing them to apply the results of the research directly to their crops.

Reaction to the tours has been positive. Jennifer explained that they’re seen not only as days of learning, but also as days of networking and fellowship. So far, industry partners have included Prairie Soil Services, Pattison Ag, Bayer Crop Science and ATP Nutrition. In addition to the tours and networking, the days also include guest speakers and trade shows.

This summer was the first year that the Lindgrens expanded beyond inviting other members of the agriculture industry to visit their farm. In an effort to help build public trust in agriculture, the Lindgrens opened their doors to schoolchildren.

“This year we were able to work with Ministry of Agriculture, as well as Agriculture in the Classroom, to host our first food farm,” Jennifer said. The family invited students from grades 3 and 4 to visit the farm, where they learned about where food comes



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The 2018 Saskatchewan Outstanding Young Farmers, Jordan and Jennifer Lindgren. Lindgren Farms is 11,500 acres of land near Norquay, Sask., split between canola and wheat.

from, what a plant needs to grow and farm safety. They plan on inviting children back to the farm in future years.

“This day was so rewarding to us both, and exciting that we can share our passion for agriculture with the next generation. We look forward to our fall food farm, where we can teach the kids about what happens at harvest and how it gets to their plate.”

Including children in the future of agriculture is important to Jordan and Jennifer. They currently operate their farm with their four children, Jaxson, Alexis, Westin and Bristol. Keeping the farm a family operation is important to them. “Family is everything, and being able to share what we love with our kids is important,” Jordan said.

He added that he and Jennifer consider their employees to be a part of their farm family, as well, and are grateful for everything they’ve helped them accomplish. “We appreciate them and their families for being a part of what we do.”

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Manage stress and safety on the farm

By Sara Doerksen
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As the weather gets warmer, it won’t be long before seeding is in full swing. With this increase in activity on the farm it is especially important to take care of its most valuable asset — you.

Whether you have been farming for many years, or are just starting out, there are many things that are unique about the agricultural industry. For the most part, this uniqueness is what makes agriculture such a great industry to work and live in. But, like operating any business, there is also considerable stress on the farm.

It’s amazing how resilient producers in our province are, whether it be in response to unpredictable rainfall, sudden hailstorms, fluctuating crop prices, changes to regulations, propane shortages, or a variety of other factors that are generally out of their control. Even though these added stresses, especially during the busy seasons of seeding and harvest, seem to be a regular part of farming, it is always important to remember to take a step back.

We in agriculture must take care of ourselves and make sure that we are safe, both physically and mentally. This will not only enhance the efficiency of our operations, but more importantly it ensures we’ll be around for the future of our families and our farms. Fortunately, there are a variety of ways to help guarantee a safe growing season.

Some useful tips to keep in mind include:

- Take an extra second – turning off machinery before making repairs or adjustments and remembering

to replace guards and shields after repairs can save a limb or a life.

- Stay alert – changing activities or taking a short walk periodically will help to stay focused on the job at hand.
- Get regular sleep – ensuring regular sleeping habits will keep you more alert, allowing you to work more efficiently and safely.

- Stay nourished – drinking plenty of water and eating healthy snacks throughout the day will help to nourish your body and help you stay productive.

- Remember to communicate – communicating with family and friends keeps you connected during one of the busiest times of the year.

- Reach out – talking with family, friends, or professionals about stressful situations will allow you to maintain a farm that is healthy and productive.

The Farm Stress Line is a free and confidential phone line available to farmers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Calls are handled by trained staff and can help by:

- Clarifying the problem or concern and helping you work towards a solution.

- Connecting you to the appropriate organization, professional or program that best suits your needs.

- Listening and supporting in a safe, neutral and non-judgmental environment.

You can reach the Farm Stress Line at: 1-800-667-4442.

Whether it be taking a lunch break with family in the field, having a short phone call with a friend or reaching out to people when you feel overwhelmed, it is important to take care of our minds as well as our bodies. This is especially true during the busiest times of the year.

Nominate an Outstanding Young Farmer

By Nicole Lamers
Public Trust Specialist

Celebrating its 39th year, Canada’s Outstanding Young Farmers’ program is an annual competition to recognize farmers that exemplify excellence in their profession and promote the tremendous contribution of agriculture, and rural Canada.

Nominees may be an individual, couple or managing partner/shareholder of a farm group. To qualify, the nominee must derive a minimum of two-thirds of gross revenue from farming, have an invested interest in the farming operation, and not have reached the age of 40 as of Jan. 1 of this year.

- Demonstrating leadership in the agricultural industry, nominees are judged according to the following criteria:

- Progress made in their agriculture career
- Environmental and safety practices
- Crop and livestock production history
- Financial and management practices
- Contributions to the well-being of their community, province, nation

The 2019 winner will be selected at the Saskatchewan regional event being held in Regina from June 19 and 20. The winner will be announced at a luncheon June 20 at Canada’s Farm Progress Show. They will then represent Saskatchewan at the National Awards Program, to be held in Fredericton, N.B.

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Winter work with horses not an obstacle

Riding club wrapping up its season

By Julie Anne McRae
For Grasslands News

The Living Sky Trail Challengers (LSTC) riding club is close to wrapping up its 2018/19 Buckle Series. Just one more outing in April will complete another successful season that saw more than 40 riders come out to Clearview Arena over the winter.

Club treasurer Kathryn Lakeman, from Maclean, describes the challenge's primary goal. "Working through obstacles gets you a better relationship with your equine partner."

Since the club's start, Lakeman, also fills the role as "caller." In the centre of the arena, she guides riders to their next obstacle. From this vantage point, she has watched so many members grow their skills and confidence, and praises their dedication to improvement.

"I'm very impressed how our group gets along and encourages each other," she says. Indeed, each competition starts and ends with club members happily chipping in to set up and take down the course.

The club started out in 2013 as part of a horsemanship challenge club in Saskatoon, but grew into their own, becoming LSTC in 2016.

"Because we only ride from October to April it gives us something to do in the winter months," Lakeman said. "We have a buckles competition which rewards top riders and horsemanship and other prizes."

Each month a different course designer selects a handful of obstacles from the club's cache of over three dozen. Participants don't know until that day which challenges they will be asked to complete.

Competitors are divided into different age/experience divisions with the more experienced riders given the tougher challenges.

Barb Kerslake, judge, competitor and some-

times course designer, describes some of the qualities they are looking for as "even gaits, compliance, cadence and bend or flexibility."

Many of the tests closely resemble things one might come across on casual trail ride — cross a bridge, or step through a jumble of poles. But even the more unusual obstacles have a point for the working horse, pushing the noisy, rolling barrels contraption cleverly named "The Flintstone Car," for example. "It's similar to moving cattle — in a horse's mind," explains Kerslake. "They caused the movement."

A novice level competitor, Natasha Gray drives in from Bankend each month, bringing her mare Dot, a Percheron/Paint cross, her equine partner for the last three years.

"Dot is my heart horse. She and I have come a long way. We have learned lots, and have more to learn together yet."

While this is a Buckle Series, many riders admit, they are there for their horses. "As much as winning one year would be a sweet surprise, I love doing LSTC for fun," says Gray. "I started in hand, and now I'm riding. This has been my best ride yet!"

Another rider in the novice category, Amanda Saunders, agrees the social aspect keeps her coming back. "I do the challenge to see how much of a rock star Mischief is and improve and grow, as well as being able to socialize with people that have the same interests as me. It's a great day out"



Amanda Saunders' mare, Mischief, isn't quite sure she wants to stand next to the roping dummy, but still, she waits for Amanda to say when to move off.



Natasha Gray is all smiles as she and Dot "lasso" their steer. Class judge Bonnie Rutten watches them both, and later in the day competes as well. Rutten comes from three hours away to compete each month. She won the wrangler level buckle last year and moved up to the non-pro division. This is her first year as judge.



Curtis Kerslake, from Indian Head, rides Taz through the "Chicken Plucker." This is Curtis' second year riding with the LSTC, moving up to novice level, after winning a buckle for his category last year.

Well, those are weird obstacles:

The Chicken Plucker - Two rotating wheels of pool noodles. Entering, the horse pushes the noodles out of the way, but as they spin they brush the horse from behind on the way out.

The Teeter-Totter - a simple bridge but balanced on a center pivot, so it raises/lowers as the rider crosses it.

The Cowboy Curtain - Riders ask their horses to pass through a curtain of streamers or lengths of fabric hanging from a frame overhead.



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Women taking on ag leadership roles

By Nicole Lamers
Public Trust Specialist

Women have been involved in Saskatchewan agriculture since the beginning. Today, women are actively taking on agricultural leadership positions — from managing farms and agribusiness, to sitting on industry boards and commissions, to leading important causes and conversations. In fact, there are women represented on 70 per cent of Saskatchewan agricultural commissions, but there is room for more!

In celebration of International Women’s Day earlier in March, we heard from four women who are living out their dreams in agriculture and who may just inspire others to take the leap into industry leadership: Charlene Bradley, Laura Reiter, Tamara Carter and Kim Keller.

Charlene Bradley grew up in the city and is an accountant by trade. Although she never foresaw the path her career would take, today she is a proud producer, operates a family farm, serves as general manager of an inland terminal and vice-chair for the SaskCanola board of directors.

Growing up on the farm, Laura Reiter knew she wanted to be a part of agriculture but she was not sure what aspect interested her the most. While enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan, she spent her summers working at the Crop Development Centre.



She continued doing research after university and also spent time doing sales and agronomy work. Reiter is no stranger to the board table as the chair of the board of directors at the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission.

A former Calgarian, Tamara Carter, notes that a background in communications did not prepare her for the new language she would learn on the farm

and ranch. With no prior ranching experience, her passion for continual learning helped this self-proclaimed “cow boss” to hone her skills on the ranch, and implement new ways to ensure low stress and best practices for her herd. She is the president of the Saskatchewan Forage Council and sits on the Strategic Advisory Board for the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence.

Kim Keller grew up on the farm but vowed that she was never going to have a career in agriculture. It was not until she heard about another young woman who had joined her father on the farm as a career path that she realized it was a viable option for her too. Keller went on to co-found Farm at Hand, a farm management platform; Women in Agriculture, which has since grown into a network of women united in agriculture; and just last year, the Do More Ag Foundation, which focuses on bringing awareness to mental health in agriculture around Canada.

What have been some of the most rewarding aspects of your career so far?

Bradley: Being able to touch the industry in such a variety of ways. From working with grain companies and seeing the products moving from start to finish, to sitting at the board table and working on strategic planning.

Reiter: The ‘most rewarding’ is difficult to pick as each stage has had its achievements. Some of them included getting my first set of results as a researcher, our first harvest, and being elected to the Sask Wheat board. Maybe the most rewarding is my son deciding that agriculture is an industry he is interested in and having him enrol as an Agro at the University of Saskatchewan.

Carter: I love the diversity of agriculture. There is so much variety and so much to learn. Being able to raise a family, while producing food for my family and fellow Canadians, makes farming rewarding and meaningful for me.

Keller: First, would be creating Farm at Hand with a team who had never been involved in agriculture until that point. Watching them develop a love for the industry that I had as well. Second, would be working with the farmers and industry with the Do More Agriculture Foundation.

What role has mentorship played in your development as a leader?

Reiter: I have been lucky enough to have several individuals over my time in ag that have had a positive influence. It is important to have someone that you can discuss things with, to draw on their knowledge and experience. If they have not gone through something before, at least you can talk through things and work on a solution together.

Keller: Mentorship can sound really formal, but it does not have to be. I am a really big fan of casual mentorship. I like to take little bits from every interaction I have with people across the industry. Turning these conversations into opportunities for me to grow and learn and adapt.

Carter: Anytime that young people can get some experience, advice or support from somebody else that has lived it already in the industry is an excellent opportunity, it does not have to be someone older than them. I would have loved to have had that as I began my journey in agriculture, someone to give me advice on some of the bumpy situations.

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Network empowers women in ag

Erin Kelly
Canadian Agricultural Safety Assoc.

When asked about the importance of empowering women in agriculture, Pam Bailey’s response is simple: “Empowering women is always beneficial in every community, so why should agriculture be any different?”

While strides have been made over the years to improve inclusivity in agriculture, it’s important to build on that momentum. Building women up in agriculture can lead to improved health and safety measures and enhanced decision-making across the industry.

And that’s just what Ag Women Manitoba hopes to contribute to, says Bailey, chair and co-founder of the group.

The idea for the group started when Bailey participated in a mentorship program for women in agriculture facilitated by the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. Realizing the benefits of having someone to talk to who has gone through similar experiences, Pam and her mentorship partner worked to launch Ag Women Manitoba, which marks its first anniversary as a non-profit in March.

With around 40 members already, Bailey notes that the supportive response to Ag Women Manitoba is “evidence that people are eager to be involved and be part of something like this.”

“Ag Women Manitoba is not farmer specific, and it’s not sector



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Pam Bailey, chair and co-founder of Ag Women Manitoba,, farms with her husband and in-laws in Dacotah, Man. She is also a director with Manitoba Canola Growers.

specific. It’s just about women in agriculture and how we can navigate our careers or whatever successes we are aiming for,” explains Pam, who farms with her husband and in-laws in Dacotah, Man. and is also a director with Manitoba Canola Growers.

“Empowering women helps them make their own choices for work, for business, and for their families.”

Having an outlet to talk with like-minded individuals can also be beneficial for mental wellness, an issue that has become an increasing concern in recent years. After polling

members about topics to focus on, Bailey says they heard a lot about burnout, loneliness, and isolation, leading the

group to make mental health a key priority.

“Mental health is something that really impacts women in agriculture, whether it be low self-esteem... or isolation if they’re on the farm with three kids and no access to daycare. [Mental health] ranges in a lot of ways for different people,” says Bailey, noting that mental health and other farm safety topics will continue to be incorporated into the group’s areas of focus in the future.

Part of the self-care equation is finding balance. However, that can be a difficult feat for women in agriculture who fulfill several roles, which often includes being responsible for the well-being and safety of all family members on the farm.

“It can be hard to do all these different jobs and figure out how to make it work,” Bailey explains. “Sometimes just having the opportunity to talk... and say ‘I’m struggling’ or ‘I’m not sure I’m doing this right’ can make such a difference. Because you’re not the only one who feels that way.”

Change may not happen overnight, but judging by the phenomenal response that the group has received in its first year, it seems safe to say that Ag Women Manitoba is already having a positive impact for its members and the broader agriculture community.

“We have a wonderful diverse agriculture industry... there is a place for everyone.”

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW) is an annual campaign held in March.

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Antibiotics: Less is best in cow-calf operation

Jenay Werle, PAg,
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Preventing illness is as important as treatment when it comes to herd health.

New antimicrobial regulations have come into effect to encourage prudent use of antibiotics in animal agriculture. Reducing the use of antibiotics is a best practice and can be achieved through a variety of ways.

Good nutrition - The cornerstone of herd health is a good nutrition program. Analyzing your feed and using the services of a nutritionist will ensure the needs of your cattle are met and their immune systems are fully functional. Livestock and Feed Extension Specialists with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture can assist with interpretation of feed test results and ration formulation. Water quality should also be measured as it can affect absorption of important nutrients.

Prebiotics and Probiotics - A healthy rumen is important for good digestion, performance and immune function. Prebiotics and probiotics are products that work to improve digestive function. Probiotics introduce beneficial microbes, and prebiotics provide food for them.

Vaccination Protocols - Outbreaks of many common diseases can be prevented or controlled through the use of vaccines. Vaccinations for black-leg, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR), bovine viral diarrhea (BVD), bovine respiratory disease (BRD) and scours are important tools that may directly reduce the requirement for antibiotic use in vaccinated versus non-vaccinated cattle. Work with your veterinarian to develop a vaccination protocol for your herd.

Calving Management - Newborn calves have a four to six-hour window whereby the cow's colostrum is most effective. If you suspect a newborn calf has not received much or any colostrum during this time, then intervene. It is best if colostrum can be obtained from the cow, as the dam will provide an-

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How do you Celebrate International Women's Day?

Keller: By doing what I do every day! I love supporting women and empowering women. And I just want any woman out there to be able to be involved in the industry in any capacity she wants to be.

Bradley: Agriculture is still a male dominated industry. Females traditionally had more administrative roles, but it does not have to be that way. I do not think men or women should be singled out by their gender, but rather by their skills and the effort they display to get to where they are today. There were not a lot of people like me out there when I started out, but it is great to see that changing.

Reiter: I think that in Canada, while we have some issues to deal with, women do not face the struggles that they do in other parts of the world. I have run into some individuals who have been less than happy about my involvement in the industry. Thankfully, they have been outweighed by supportive folks, both men and women. There have been a lot of changes in agriculture since I started and I think it is moving in a positive direction. International Women's Day gives us a reason to look back at what we have accomplished and be proud of where we are today.

What is one piece of advice you would like to give to a young person contemplating taking on a leadership role in agriculture?

Reiter: Think about where your strengths are. What do you like doing? There is so much more to agriculture than driving a tractor! The opportunities are endless so take the first step and see where it leads you!

Bradley: This is a fascinating industry to be in, truly a hidden gem. There are lots of opportunities for your career and different avenues to take. It is a progressive industry and the sky is the limit!

Carter: Consider mentorship. Reach out to find someone who can help guide you. Find someone who can help you identify your strengths and where your passion lies. We are really fortunate in Canada to have so many opportunities for men and women.

Keller: Just do it!

tibodies common to the bacteria already present in your herd, but purchased colostrum is a good substitute. Replacement colostrum must have 100 grams of IgG; lower levels are for supplemental purposes only. Clean the stomach tube well between uses.

Biosecurity - Practicing good biosecurity aims to prevent the introduction of diseases not already present in your herd and restrict the spread of outbreaks when they do occur. Isolate animals that are sick and require treatment, as well as any animals that are brought into the herd. Visitors should wear clean clothing and footwear should be disinfected. Funding through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) program is available to assist producers with the purchase of equipment or materials to assist with biosecurity. Contact your local Ministry

Entrepreneur Aberharts still believe in family first

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Evolution

For two young men and their father, each headed in different directions at the turn of this century, fate brought everyone back together. When Terry came back to the farm to avoid working away from it, he would have never expected to be part of two growing businesses today, working with Harvey and Dan. Rather than looking back, they're focusing forward.

"We're looking a lot at managing our land, the health of our soil and ensuring we're improving," says Terry. "We want to leave our land and businesses in better shape than when we took them on."

Farming between his previous and next generation, Harvey has seen massive changes in the way things are done. "My parents farmed the best they knew at the time, and they did a good job," he says. "But back then, whoever sat on the tractor the longest, was the most successful. The more times they worked the field, the more money they were going to make."

Today, that's no longer true.

"We've focused on leveraging technology, data, new science, efficiency and just doing things better than we did yesterday. That's all we need to do to keep improving," says Terry.

And doing better involves planning.

Terry strongly believes that in business, especially farming, one of the biggest risks comes when something happens to the principal operator. "If they're doing everything themselves, that's a really dangerous situation," he says. "I've strived to build a team and organization that can live on, even if something happens to any of us."

This includes having the right structure, tools,

of Agriculture regional office for more information.

Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship - As stated in the Canadian Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Beef Cattle, producers should establish an ongoing working relationship (VCPR) with a licensed practicing veterinarian and develop a strategy for disease prevention and herd health. The VCPR is required to purchase antimicrobials, but this relationship is of much greater benefit than just access to medications.

Changes to antimicrobial regulation in Canada should not negatively impact the overall health and productivity of our beef industry. Implementing strategies such as these are helpful in maintaining good health and reducing the requirement to use antibiotics.

support, planning, and also the right advisors in place. "We can leverage each team member's unique abilities, but also we can fill in the gap if anything comes up. One of our core values is supporting family."

And the family dynamic, like farming, has also evolved with the third generation of Aberharts. Both Terry and Dan have created amazing families in not-so-conventional ways.

Terry, Lichelle and their children Sarrikah, 17, Asceline, 15 and Holden, 11, doubled their kid count last September, opening their home on the farm to three foster children, Rydar, 8, Hailee, 6, and Octavia, one-and-a-half. Living in Brandon, Man., Dan is blessed with a beautiful blended family that includes Gavin, 20, Zack, 18, Trinity, 15, and Evanka, 3.

Harvey remains heavily involved in the farm's operation through the growing season, but he and Debbie head south to Arizona along with their trusty Harley Davidson, for the winter. "I'll probably never retire," he says. "I won't quit. I'll just slow down and take more time to hit the roads on the Harley with Debbie."

No matter what's next, family is the Aberharts' guiding principle. "Our companies are family companies and if they aren't enhancing our family relationships, they're no-gos," says Dan.

Terry agrees. "My ultimate goal is to build businesses that can carry on successfully beyond me. I think a lot about not just making the farm and the businesses successful today, but also ensuring they're successful tomorrow and for our future generations."

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Jacquie Marshall (right) and husband Rob work seven days a week to create handmade body and cleansing products that are sold from their Salisbury Lane Country Store in Wolseley.

Salisbury Lane started with old-fashioned soap recipe

By Christalee Froese
For Grasslands News

Jacquie Marshall doesn't do anything halfway.

Her type-A personality led her to excellence in nursing for 25 years, and it's now the driving force behind her success in the soap business.

Whatever the Toronto native takes on is done with 100-per-cent effort, and the same can be said for her husband,

Rob Marshall, who is the soap maven's right-hand man.

The semi-retired pair work seven days a week to create handmade body and cleansing products that are not only unique and creative, but that are also toxin-free. After spending 20 years in Cochrane, Alta., where Jacquie worked at the Foothills Hospital and Rob was at the Spray Lakes sawmill, the couple discovered the quiet

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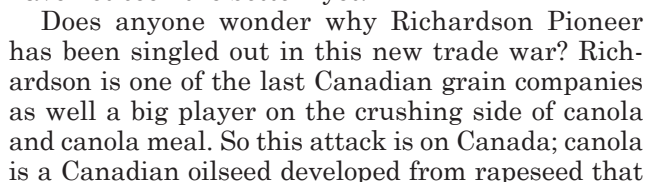
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Ottenbreits talk about passing on the farm the right way

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going to stay in farming or not,” Ivan chuckles.

“A lot of people have trouble turning over the major workload. I made him do the major operations, everything from seeding to spraying,” Ivan says. “It gave him confidence, but under the watchful eye of dad.”

Danny also handles all of the marketing and works closely with their agronomist, interpreting all recommendations on seeding, fertilizing, and fungicide and herbicide operations.

It is here, when the conversation detours into an enthusiastic discussion about the new online options for marketing grain, (Danny: “I was riding the chairlift at Asessippi and I got an offer on our wheat...”) that a side benefit of having a defined, well-thought-out, farm succession plan that unfolds over several years becomes clear: that the farming operation benefits from the overlap of the wisdom and ideas of two generations at once.

“Most farmers want to experiment,” Danny says, “but some of your parents have already tried this stuff. You really have to tap into your parents’ wisdom. Maybe they tried it in the 80s and it didn’t work, or maybe it worked really well.”

One thing the Ottenbreits have made sure to include in their succession plan, is a few different options that allow for either of Danny’s two siblings to become more involved in the farm, should they choose to at some point.

“If they decide they want to come home, we have a base that we can expand,” Danny says.

Too often you hear of rifts happening in farm families because of disagreements over the succession plan or lack there of. The Ottenbreits have made sure that everyone in the family knows what the plan is, and agrees that it is fair to all, although Danny also points out that it is important to

be a bit flexible.

“If you have a plan, you don’t have to stick to it 100 per cent,” Danny says, “but at least that stress of not knowing what is going to happen is gone.”

“The uncertainty,” Ivan nods.

One thing Ivan is certain about is that the Ottenbreit farm is in good hands.

“In the end, you have to have confidence in the generation taking over. If you have some doubt, you’re going to run into some problems,” Ivan says. “I have confidence in Danny taking over.”

“That’s tough, letting the next generation take over,” Ivan continues. “Its about letting go. I’ve seen in other farm families, it can be really, really tough,” he adds, admitting that that his parents ‘absolutely’ had trouble letting go as well.

It is clear, sitting around the kitchen table with Ivan and Danny, that the Ottenbreits have tackled the issue of farm succession head on. They understand that there may be some difficult conversations along the way, but it is better to have those conversations now, rather than put them off.

“Communication is a big one. On a daily basis or as frequently as possible. We talk all the time. We might not talk about farming all the time,” Ivan says,

to which Danny cuts his father off, laughing — “No, we pretty much talk about farming all the time...”

It’s not all work though, and that is an attitude that Ivan is adamant is part of a healthy farm succession process.

“You have to allow both generations to take time off. Time to renew. Fishing, hunting, skiing, whatever it is,” he says. “Your mental health, you’ve gotta take care of that. Farming is stressful, you’ve got to take care of yourself.”

It’s probably for the best, then, that Danny’s first year farming full-time coincided with, as Ivan puts it, ‘the most adverse conditions this farm has ever seen.’

“We seeded 900 out of 2,000 acres in 2011 because it was extremely damp,” he says.

“We seeded winter wheat in the fall, and it was like, my whole life the way I thought farming was and then 2011 was just not even close,” Danny shakes his head.

“A reality check,” Ivan chimes in.

Did Danny have second thoughts in that first year?

“No,” says Danny, without a second’s hesitation.

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Danny and Ivan Ottenbreit are still about five years out from fully completing the transition process, but in the meantime, the Ottenbreits have a strategy in place that has been working well for them.

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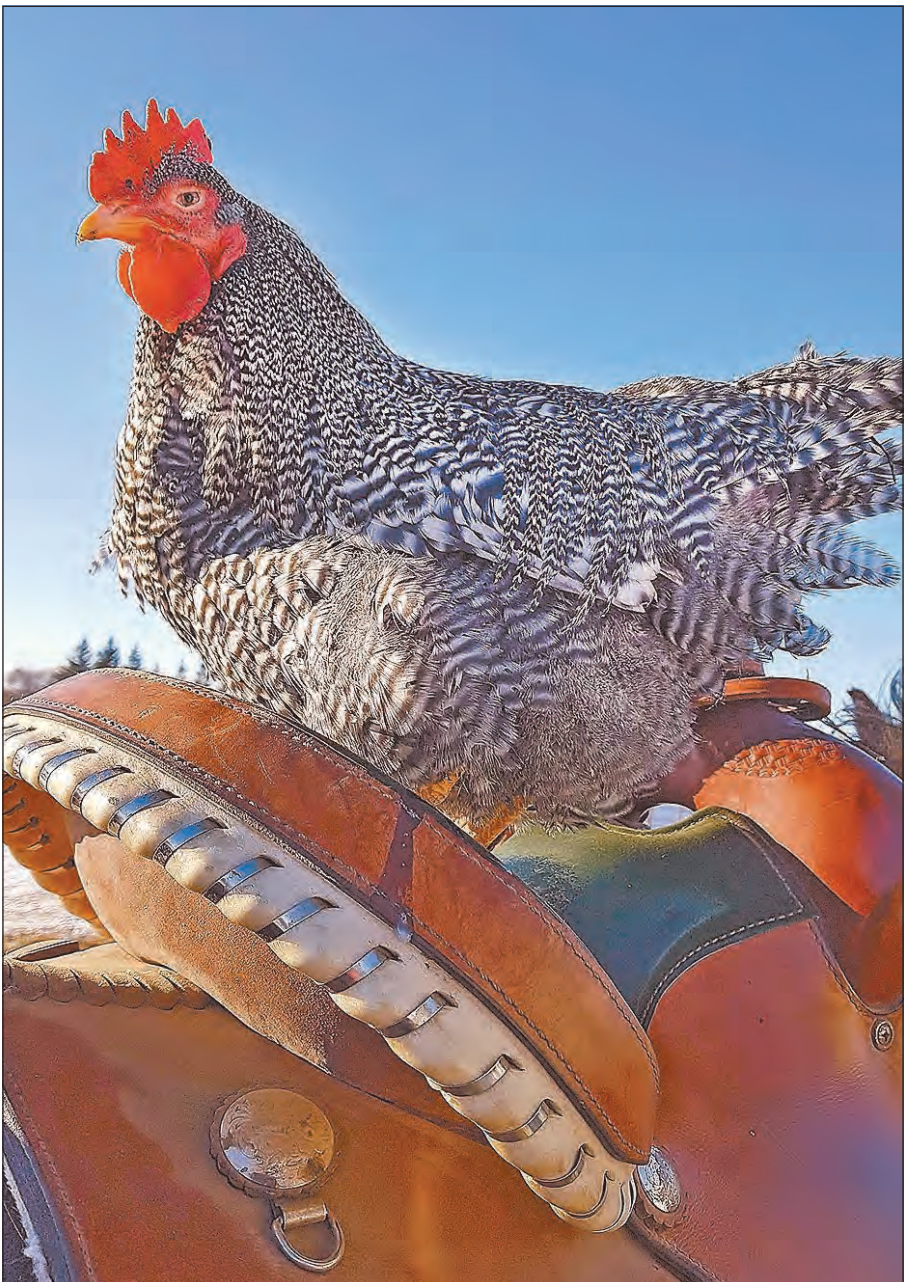
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2014 John Deere W150 30 Ft



2010 J&M 750



2015 Kelly 45D 45 Ft



1998 International Eagle 9200 & 2019 Lode King Prestige 45 Ft



2017 Degelman RP7200



2017 Bridgeview 2410 24 Ft



2007 Hitachi ZX270LC-3

Directions: From **ESTERHAZY, SK**, go 4.8 km (3 miles) West, then go 6.4 km (4 miles) North, then 1.6 km (1 mile) West, then 2.4 km (1.5 miles) North. Yard on West side.
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Tractors

2013 Case IH 500 Quadtrac, s/n ZDF139406, powershift LH rev, diff lock, AFS Pro 700 display, Twin Flow hyd, 5 hyd outlets, 1 aux hyd, frt weights, 36 in. tracks, 2235 hrs showing.
2013 Versatile 450 4WD, s/n 704332, 450 hp, powershift, Hemisphere A101 receiver, Outback eDrive autosteer, hi flow hyd, 6 hyd outlets, 1 aux hyd, Big 1000 PTO, 800/70R38 duals, 932 hrs showing.
2014 John Deere 7270R MFWD, s/n 1RW7270RTED082685, 270 hp, frt axle susp, IVT, diff lock, CommandView III cab, Gen 4 4640 display, AutoTrac SF1 activation, StarFire iTC receiver, 4 hyd outlets, 540/1000 PTO, HID lighting, IF600/70R30 F, IF710/70R42 R duals, fluid weights, 2372 hrs showing.
Allis-Chalmers AC7040 2WD, partial powershift, cab, 3 hyd outlets, 540 PTO, rear wheel weights, 11.00x16 F, 20.8x38 R, 5247 hrs showing.

Combines

2013 Case IH 9230, s/n YCG217335, 2011 3016 15 ft hdr, s/n YBS026275, reverser, VSR, auto HHC, long auger, grain tank exts, chaff spreader, internal chopper, yield & moisture, AFS Pro 700 display, AFS AccuGuide activation, 372 receiver, lateral tilt fdr house, 520/85R42 duals F, 750/65R26 R, 967 sep hrs showing.
2013 Case IH 9230, s/n YDG220839, 2016 15 ft hdr, s/n YDS037210, reverser, VSR, auto HHC, long auger, grain tank exts, chaff spreader, internal chopper, yield & moisture, AFS Pro 700 display, AFS AccuGuide activation, 372 receiver, lateral tilt fdr house, 620/70R42 duals F, 750/65R26 R, 1034 sep hrs showing.
(2) 2011 Case IH 3020 TerraFlex 35 Ft Flex, s/n YBZL56668 & YBZL56789, to fit AFS combine, P/U reel, hyd F&A.
2016 Arc Fab SB36 36 Ft Header Transport, s/n 16482.

Swather

2014 John Deere W150 30 Ft, s/n 1E0W150XCDE400058, 430D hdr, s/n 1E0430DXLEE400050, factory transport, P/U reel, F&A, Roto Shears, MT2000 8-10 ft hyd poly swath roller, 600/65R28 F, 10.00x16 R, 730 machine hrs showing.

Truck Tractors

1998 International Eagle 9200 Sleeper T/A, s/n 2HSFMMAMR3WC043382, Detroit 60 series, 460 hp, eng brake, Eaton Fuller 13 spd, PTO, A/R susp, 14000 lb frt, 40000 lb rears, 209 in. WB, 45 in. sleeper, 1,623,231 km showing.

1992 Kenworth T600A Day Cab T/A · 1986 Mack R688ST Day Cab T/A.

Trucks & Automobile

2001 Dodge Ram 2500 Laramie SLT 4x4 Service, s/n 1B7KF23651J601726, Cummins 5.9 L, A/T, 5200 lb frt, 6084 lb rears, 175 psi air comp, 5000 watts gen set, New Holland 3 in 1 250 amps welder, hose reels, Honda GX390, 45 gal DEF tank w/pump & nozzle, 190 gal fuel tank w/pump & nozzle, 281,513 km showing.
1971 Mack R685ST T/A Grain · 1989 Lincoln Continental Sedan.

Trailers

2019 Lode King Prestige 45 Ft Tri/A Grain, s/n 2LDHG4534KF065890, open ended, A/R susp, CTL, air gauges, roll tarp, alum wheels.
2017 Emerald Mfg Ltd 36 Ft T/A Grain, s/n 2B9F54270HG121234, open ended, steel box, A/R susp, air gauges, roll tarp.
2009 Castleton 36 Ft T/A Grain · 2004 Castleton 3675A 36 Ft T/A Grain · Trailmobile 40 Ft T/A Sprayer · T/A Dolly.

Industrial

2007 Hitachi ZX270LC-3 Hydraulic Excavator, s/n FF01V4Q030823, cleanup bkt w/hyd thumb, 12 ft stick, A/C, E.F. eng htr, POS air shut off, 9962 hrs showing.

Lever Cat 70F 18 CY Pull Scraper · WBM HDD 44 In. Excavator Bucket.

Seeding, Tillage & Breaking

2015 Seedmaster TXB CT 60 Ft Air Drill, s/n SM151252, 10 in. spacing, dbl shoot, pneu packers, 2016 New Holland P4760 4 comp't tow-behind tank, s/n YFS057020, variable rate ctrl, dbl fan, 20 in. load conv, sec ctrl, pneumatic aux fill system, monitor, 800/70R38 F, 800/70R38 R duals.
2018 Degelman SM7000 70 Ft Heavy Harrows, s/n SM8106, 28 in. x 5/8 in. tines, hyd tine adj, carbide tips.
2015 Kelly 45D 45 Ft Disc Harrows, s/n 1150105, 12 in. blades, 6.5 in. spacing.
2017 Bridgeview 2410 24 Ft Pull Dozer, s/n 1196, 28Lx26.
2017 Degelman RP7200 Rock Picker, s/n RP25634, hyd driven. 1982 & 1981 Morris CP7-31 35 Ft Cultivator · 1999 Degelman LR7640 40 Ft Land Roller · Euclid 11 Ft Pull Dozer.

Sprayer

2012 John Deere 4730 100 Ft High Clearance, s/n 1N04730XTB0018255, 800 gal poly tank, 5 nozzle bodies, fence row nozzles, rinse tank, 5 sensor BoomTracPro, sec ctrl, GS3 2630 display, AutoTrac SF1 activation, StarFire 3000 receiver, hyd axle adj, 320/90R46, 1700 hrs showing.

(4) Firestone 520/85R38 Tires & Rims, to fit John Deere 4730 high clearance sprayer · (4) Tridekon Crop Dividers, to fit John Deere 4730 high clearance sprayer.

Grain Bin

(3) Westeel 1620F Magnum F 150± Tonnes 16 Ft Hopper · 2017 Westeel 1616F Magnum F 125± Tonnes 16 Ft Hopper · Trail-Rite FB100 100± Tonnes 16 Ft Hopper · Trail-Rite FB53 53± Tonnes 14 Ft Hopper · CPS 4920± Bushel 18 Ft 5 Ring Hopper · Prairie Steel 1750± Bushel 14 Ft 4 Ring Hopper.

Grain Handling Equipment

2017 Wheatheart X130-74 13 In. x 74 Ft Mechanical Swing Grain Auger, s/n WH18911, 540 PTO, reverser, hyd lift, hyd winch, back-up camera.
2010 J&M 7508 750± Bushel S/A, s/n 4327, 18 in. auger, 1000 PTO or hyd driven, hyd spout, 30.5Lx32, 3 cameras, clean out doors, roll tarp, scale, monitor.
2010 Wheatheart SA1371 13 In. x 71 Ft Mechanical Swing Grain Auger · 2010 Wheatheart BH851 8 In. x 51 Ft Grain Auger · 1998 Sakundiak T710-1000 10 In. x 33 Ft Grain Auger · 1978 Sakundiak 7 In. x 40 Ft Grain Auger · Wheatheart 10 In. Transfer Auger · 2010 Graham TX7E 7 In. x 12 Ft Seed Treater · 2018 Grain Guard GG1-80711 7.5 HP Aeration Fan.

Other Items Include

2015 Westeel Road Vault 200 Gallon Fuel Tank · 2014 Degelman 14-46/57 14 Ft 4 Way Dozer...AND MUCH MORE!

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