

April 2018 Connections

*The pessimist sees difficulty in every
opportunity. The optimist sees the
opportunity in every difficulty.*
Winston Churchill

New Sampling Document



Check out the website
for the instruction sheet
on how to draw a
representative sample.
Go to seedprocessors.ca

& click on the Seed Smart Tab: you'll find it under
resources.

Know The New PBR Rules

- 1) If a variety is protected under PBR, **it is illegal to sell common seed, even if you don't use the variety name.**
- 2) Under PBR, it is OK to keep seed on your farm - as long as the farm-saved rights are not pre-empted by another agreement or contract.
- 3) Under the new PBR '91 rules, **the buyer, the processor, and the seller are responsible for the infringement.**
- 4) Visit PBRfacts.ca for more information.

The goal of Plant Breeders' Rights is to encourage investment in plant breeding in Canada. There is a misconception that PBR only benefits large companies - the fact is large companies often have other tools to protect their intellectual property (including patents and contracts). PBR is critically important for public breeders, (including universities) and smaller private breeders who may not have the resources or traits necessary to utilize other forms of protection.

Pesticide Applicator Credits

The Continuing Education Program requires an applicator to recertify by obtaining fifteen (15) Continuing Education Credits within their five-year certification period. Alberta Environment & Parks has posted new opportunities to obtain credits.

Click here: [Continuing Education Credits](#)

Note: up to 5 credits will be available at the Managers Training Event in June.

Save The Date June 19 & 20

Managers Association Training Event!



Planning is underway for the Managers Training Event that will include important safety training modules including up to 5 Pesticide Applicator credits. Stay tuned for more details. Registration details will be included in the spring edition of the Seed Plant News that will be mailed to all plants & chairmen near the end of April.

Change of Distribution of CDC Pulse CROP Varieties

Saskatchewan Pulse Growers (SPG) has licensed the distribution rights for select Crop Development Centre (CDC) pulse varieties in provinces outside of Saskatchewan to SeCan and SeedNet for a 10-year period. All varieties are protected by Plant Breeder's Rights. For further information and a listing of the affected varieties, [CLICK Here](#)

STRATEGIC PLANNING

"Fail to plan: plan to fail" ... If your plant is considering creating or updating your strategic plan and would like some assistance, please contact Monica in the office ASAP. There is an opportunity to share development & travel costs with other plants.

Farm Energy & Agri Processing Program

Receive funding for energy saving initiatives related to reducing energy consumption. Funding is on a first come, first-served basis. (AKA: early bird gets the worm!) For details go to agric.gov.ab.ca & search for "FEAP"

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT:

Seed Synergy Collaboration Project

4 people from the Association attended the Seed Synergy Collaboration Workshop on February 8th in Edmonton and engaged in discussions regarding the modernization of the Canadian Seed Industry. Everyone is encouraged to weigh in on this important project. Please visit <https://www.seedsynergy.net/> for your opportunity to read the guiding documents, then to engage in the discussion via an on-line survey.

Wondering HOW to Become a Bulk Storage Facility?

CSI is accredited by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to deliver the bulk storage facility (BSF) program. CFIA registers bulk storage facilities on the basis of a recommendation from CSI of successful accreditation. BSFs can handle, store, sell and label seed with a Canada pedigreed grade name and the variety name. Detailed records and samples must be kept to ensure that all of the requirements for seed certification have been satisfied. Every location must be individually registered. Click here for the [Application Form for CSI Seed Establishment Accreditation and CFIA Registration](#) (pdf format)

Announcement: SGS BioVision Authorized for Phytosanitary Analysis of Grain Exports

SGS BioVision is pleased to announce that our Sherwood Park, Alberta lab has been authorized by the CFIA to conduct analysis for issuance of Phytosanitary Certificates for grain destined to China, India and Mexico, known as the REGAL program. CFIA and SGS samplers (approved under the Canadian Grain Sampling Program) will continue to draw the official grain samples and will now submit them to SGS BioVision. Email us now for information: holly.gelech@biovision.ca.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Strathmore Seed Cleaning Plant

Employment Opportunity GENERAL MANAGER POSITION

The General Manager is responsible for the successful leadership and management of the organization according to the strategic direction set by the Board of Directors.

The GM is also responsible for overseeing day to day operations, team building and business development.

The ideal candidate will have a Degree in business and/or agriculture or a minimum 5 years ag business experience.

To apply, or for a detailed job description:

Email- cleanseed@cciwireless.ca or
straseed@cciwireless.ca

Resume should include salary & benefit expectations.

Apply by April 30, 2018

Taber Seed Cleaning Association

Is seeking a SEED PLANT OPERATOR

Remuneration commensurate with experience. To apply or for more details, contact Joe Hanson at joe.hansontsc@yahoo.ca

EQUIPMENT WANTED

Grimshaw Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant

Is looking for a gravity table.

Contact: Kelly Diebert (780) 332 4560

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Lougheed Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant

- 1- 6 row Carter Day indent
- 1- 6 row Precision grader
- 1- 2 row Carter Day indent
- 2- dust collectors
- 1- 10 x 80 foot steel scale
- Various legs and conveyors
- Call for details 780-386-3771