



Agriculture industry working through COVID-19

ROB PAUL

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Canada continue to grow as more and more precautions are being taken.

Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia have all declared provincial states of emergency to combat the spread of the virus.

Businesses throughout Canada have either had to make major adjustments to promote social distancing or they've had to close all together.

One industry that cannot shut down during the COVID-19 pandemic is the agriculture industry.

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) recently put out a statement saying Saskatchewan farmers will continue to work through this time.

"Saskatchewan farmers are not shutting down," said APAS President Todd Lewis. "Farm families are hard at work every day to ensure stable supply of quality food for Canadian and international customers."

APAS also said they will need government support during the COVID-19 crisis to continue to produce at their highest level.

"People around the world will continue to rely on our products, and we will continue to operate while other sectors slow down," said Lewis. "However, as an industry that supports one in every eight Canadian jobs, farmers need assistance from governments and industry partners

to make sure we can continue to do our jobs."

"Our members are about to invest billions of dollars into this year's crop, and recent weather, trade, and transportation disruptions have stretched our financial capacity to the limit. We need the government and financial industry to assist us to make that investment possible," said Lewis.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced last week that there will be \$5 billion credit program to support farmers that will go to Farm Credit Canada (FCC) to boost its lending capacity.

"While much of the Canadian economy has shut down, Saskatchewan farmers are getting ready to put in this year's crop, and they need to know that credit is available to allow them to seed," said Lewis.

"This announcement is a good first step to help spring seeding move forward."

APAS is pleased with the government supporting agriculture, but wants more to be done.

"Our net farm incomes have dropped by over 40 per cent in the last two years, and many farm operations have been impacted by low commodity prices, poor weather, and trade and transportation disruptions," said Lewis.

"With COVID-19 we are now facing unprecedented business instability going into the 2020 production year and our Business Risk Management programs do not provide us with an adequate financial backstop needed to

manage these risks.

"We need further measures to ensure that we have the cash flow and financial means needed to produce food for Canadians and for export customers," said Lewis.

With the border closures, APAS has voiced their concerns about a lack of workers because of the non-Canadians many in the agriculture community employ.

"Many producers have relied on international seasonal labour to do essential work on Canadian farms, but it appears that workers may not be available this season due to border closures. People that have lost their jobs during the COVID-19 crisis need to be connected to agricultural work that urgently needs to be done," said Lewis.

"APAS and other agricultural groups need to engage with everyone that can help connect potential workers with employment opportunities."

APAS is also worried about potential supply chain issues due to COVID-19 and believe it's something that will need to be addressed.

"Whether it is transport of products to export markets, or availability of farm inputs or processing capacity, Canadian farmers depend on a fully functional transportation and supply chain. For the sake of maintaining a stable food supply globally, we all have to ensure there are no further disruptions to Canadian agriculture."

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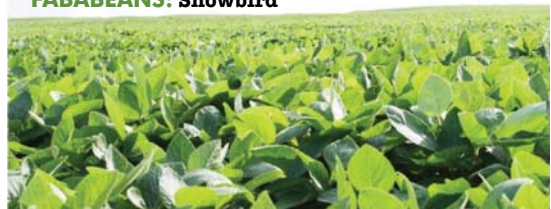
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FCC receives \$5 billion enhancement to lending program

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Last week Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced \$5 billion in credit for the agriculture industry in Canada to help during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau announced that Farm Credit Canada (FCC) received the \$5 billion enhancement to their lending program.

FCC is a Crown corporation with a loan portfolio of over \$38 billion to help producers with their operations and they own around 30 per cent of the agriculture and food lending market in Canada.

"Farmers and producers work hard to put food on tables across our country, and they should not have to worry about being able to afford their loan payments or having enough money to support their own families," said Trudeau.

"We are taking action now to give them more flexibility to meet the challenges ahead."

With COVID-19 impacting all of Canada, Minister Bibeau said the agriculture industry is more important than ever.

"Like many Canadians, I am truly grateful for our farmers and food business owners and employees, who continue working hard so we all have quality food on our grocery store shelves and kitchen tables," said Bibeau.

"Their continued work is essential to our plan to manage COVID-19."

"The measures announced today will provide farmers and food producers across the country with important fi-

nanacial flexibility they will need during these challenging times," said Bibeau.

FCC said they are here to help farmers get through an unprecedented time while dealing with COVID-19.

"If you are a producer concerned about having the cash flow required to plan your crop, or you are a food processor feeling the impact of a lost sale due to the financial downturn, FCC is here to support you in these uncertain economic times," said FCC President and CEO Michael Hoffort.

"It's in times like these that we are reminded how important Canadian producers and food processors are to our nation and to feeding the world."

FCC says they have the support and will work with all financial situations to help farmers get the loans they need during the COVID-19 crisis.

"Supporting the industry will also take strong collaboration between banks, credit unions, FCC, and other financial institutions," said Hoffort.

"FCC has served as a strong and stable industry presence for more than 60 years, and this current situation is no different," said Hoffort. "We will be working in partnership with other financial providers to offer the solutions needed by the agriculture and food industry to take on challenges ahead."

"Each business' financial situation is unique, so there may be a combination of options considered," said Hoffort. "The bottom line is that FCC is being supported by our shareholder to play a bigger role in supporting the success of the Canadian agriculture and food industry across Canada."

"The sooner we can discuss potential challenges, the more options we have."

FCC says they will use its resources to find solutions that offer the best chance for recovery going forward so the industry emerges stronger.

Program details from FCC:

- A deferral of principal and interest payments up to six months for existing loans.
- A deferral of principal payments up to 12 months.
- Access to an additional credit line up to \$500,000, secured by general security agreements or universal movable hypothec (Quebec only)
- FCC is asking customers who are experiencing financial pressures to contact them sooner rather than later because a combination of options will need to be considered.
- Business applying for FCC lending products will be subject to normal lending due diligence, which considers business viability, credit history, and management integrity and experience.

With the uncertainty around COVID-19 for the agriculture industry, FCC says they want to be there to help those who need it through this situation.

"FCC is committed to the long-term success of the Canadian agriculture industry," said FCC Senior Consultant, Media Relations Trevor Sutter. "FCC helps customers succeed through every business cycle and responds to unexpected circumstances such as the ones currently being faced."

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Thiessen recognized for his achievements as an AET

Lester Thiessen is busy. He's a skilled Red Seal Agricultural Equipment Technician (AET), a handy man at home, a husband and a father of three young children. He is a leader in his church and also loves watching and playing sports.

Recently, Thiessen received two scholarships for his achievements in the skilled trades: the inaugural Saskatchewan Apprenticeship Scholarship for Journeypersons with Disabilities at the 2019 Apprenticeship Awards and the Young's Equipment Inc. / Western Equipment Dealers Association Scholarship at the 2018 Apprenticeship Awards.

Thiessen and his identical twin brother were raised on a mixed farm in Maryfield, Saskatchewan. Both were born hard of hearing, and appreciated the support they received growing up.

"I am grateful to our parents, teachers and education assistants who supported us throughout our education," he said. "We were the first deaf students to graduate from our school. We kept the teachers on their toes."

Thiessen didn't pursue a career as an AET right after graduation.

While he enjoyed helping his dad and grandpa fix machinery as a young boy, he chose to attend Bible School, followed by a year at the University of



Above and above right: Lester Thiessen at work at Mazergroup in Moosomin where he started his apprenticeship and got his Red Seal AET Journeyperson with them in 2019.

Winnipeg. However, neither of those options felt like the right fit for him.

It wasn't until he recalled the pleasure he felt working on machinery with his family, and all the problem solving that was involved, that he decided to find a job and register as an AET apprentice. Right away,

he knew he had found his calling.

"I started my apprenticeship with Mazergroup, a New Holland dealership in Moosomin, and I got my Red Seal AET Journeyperson with them in 2019," Thiessen said.

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Stolen farm trucks and fishing stories

By DONNA BEUTLER

You would have to know my husband to understand how pumped he was (last September) to find a used half-ton, 10 years old with just 29K on it. Immaculate condition. Power seats, black leather—perfect for a “farm” truck being that our old half-ton was essentially on its last leg.

On the other hand was thinking a bit more along the lines of: “Do you really think we need a farm truck that’s in such great condition?” Long story short, he won, I didn’t. (Remember, though, I won the “new-to-us” camper debate last spring).

The one thing this “new” truck did not have was remote start. We washed it over now and again and by the time mid-January came, we thought we were close enough to spring to do without for this winter. This did mean, however, that we would have to go out and start the truck to warm it up.

And one bitterly cold morning in February (just before the break in temperatures), we started the truck, hoping that the frost would clear off the windshield by the time my husband headed out to the farm. Well, presumably it was cleared off enough for the thief that drove off with it!

And so began a series of misfortunes, shall we say, all started by the loss of a vehicle (though it was found but is likely totalled) that had little in it, but just enough to cause us some grief—namely blank cheques that were being fraudulently used (that’s a story in and of itself). Beware of the fact that with just your account number, the unsavory souls of this world can access your bank funds without using the cheques. Who knew?

In the ensuing days that followed, there were multiple calls and visits to police, bank, cell phone providers and on and on, and let’s just say, on some more. In light of what has happened though, we have been able to say, “It’s just a truck,” and have begun a preliminary search for a replacement as we await the insurance company’s final verdict.

We look at it as a lesson learned. Keep a couple of cheques in your wallet and not your vehicle; don’t leave your wallet in your vehicle, and mostly—ensure you have command starters on your vehicle, especially those you drive to work every single morning, seven days a week! Cell phones and tools and hitches and trucks are fairly easily replaced; peace of mind when your bank account is compromised? Not so much.

The perfect break in a several-days-long stretch of dealing with the aftermath of this particular incident was an



afternoon at the local 4-H speeches three of our grandchildren were participating in.

I hadn’t heard their speeches ahead of time and oh, yes I was a proud, proud Grandma hearing about their respective topics—Christmas break, getting stepped on the foot by a 4-H steer, and a summer fishing trip.

Our twin grandsons love fishing and I knew one of the speeches was about fishing. It could have been a speech about ice fishing with their dad, fishing in Manitoba with their parents during summer vacay, or fishing at the lake where the kids’ other grandparents’ have a cabin. Little did I know that part of this particular speech would include the story about some of the best fishing moments these kids had with my husband and I this past summer at Fishing Lake.

The story I haven’t dared repeat in my summer ‘lake column’ or in any column since was it was laid bare before a microphone on stage before dozens of 4-H’ers and their families in late February.

The story is totally true and it went like this (paraphrased): “I went to Fishing Lake with my Grandpa and Grandma in the summer and we caught lots of fish. Some days were too windy to go fishing with the boat, but one day, when the lake was like glass, we went out and decided to use the trolling motor that no one had ever used before. Grandpa was using the trolling motor remote but the boat was going in circles and he was getting frustrated. So Grandma Donna tried and she was going in circles and getting frustrated. Then Aunti (my sister in law) began singing, “The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round.” She was singing to make everyone happier.”

And so that’s kind of the story. Fortunately for us, dying of laughter as we sat in the audience listening to this speech, he didn’t tell the complete story. There was more.

As it was, as I was trying to figure out the remote and trying to keep the boat from going in circles, I decided that maybe more speed was needed. I figured it might be like driving a zero-turn mower—so much easier with a bit more speed than if you are going too slow. And that might have been the case, except that a bit more speed caused my \$40 wicker visor (so loved) to blow off my head and into the water. My husband grabbed the net and told me to turn around (no problem, I had that cased). Then, no, no, no, go back the other way. Go slower. Go faster. Turn left. Turn right. And we watched as that visor slowly, e-v-e-r s-o s-l-o-w-l-y, sunk to the depths of the sea. I mean, it literally took five minutes to sink and we couldn’t get the boat going in the right direction in order to retrieve the visor.

This is when my husband’s sister began singing to diffuse tension. Finally my husband said to her, “Will you shut up, Lori!” No word of a lie. In front of the grandchildren no less! Plus we were 50 yards from shore. And people were on the shore. Now that’s the whole truth. We lifted the trolling motor up, locked it into place, and started up the boat motor. Have we trolled since? I am not telling!

As spring locks itself firmly (hopefully) into place, and as farmers and their families watch their new crop of calves coming and as they prepare for a new seeding season, we are reminded that along with spring, hope eternal springs up—hope for a successful season, but more than that—hope for a season of families working and growing together and laughing along the way, whether it’s spending time together in a tractor or in the barn or maybe, if time allows this summer—in a boat! Here’s to spring on the farm—or wherever you may be!



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Scholarship support gives student global perspective on feeding world

BY CARLEE SNOW

College of Agriculture and Bioresources student David MacTaggart is learning how to feed the future through international conferences and research.

Growing up on a small beef cattle farm in Lacombe, Alta., David MacTaggart knew he wanted to leverage lessons learned from life in rural Alberta to use in his career.

"I interested me in becoming an agricultural scientist and how I could contribute to feeding the world while being a steward of the environment in the future," said the fourth-year College of Agriculture and Bioresources student at the University of Saskatchewan (USask).

MacTaggart is now majoring in crop science and hopes to make an impact on the world in the area of food security. He said he chose his path because of his interest in plant sciences and breeding.

"The combination of cutting-edge science and collaboration between farmers and consumers—that is what interested me and why I wanted to become involved in the process of plant breeding to deliver farmers the technology they need to be sustainable and profitable in the future."

Thanks to donor support, he received the Education Enhancement Grant that allowed him to supplement his education with unique learning opportunities.



David MacTaggart attended the 2019 One Day for Students kick-off event, with dozens of other community-minded students and donors. This year's fundraiser to support students is on March 17.

"With the support of donors, I was able to attend the Scale Up conference at Purdue University, which brought together agricultural leaders from around the world," explained MacTaggart. "Through informative sessions and networking with delegates, I gained a better understanding of the role of innovation in feeding the world. This experience helped to strengthen the direction of my developing career by providing a global perspective of agriculture that I can apply to my studies today."

MacTaggart plans to use his education to impact the world in three ways.

First, MacTaggart hopes to develop a collaborative environment to help bring different groups together through policy.

"I have always been interested in government and politics and would like to act as a mediator between groups that are at odds with each other, whether it is farmers and scientists or farmers and consumers," said MacTaggart, who hopes that working with all groups will help deliver food security in Canada and around the world.

Secondly, MacTaggart hopes to deliver broad-based solutions to the greater population. He

plans to work alongside scientists to develop more effective practices in the plant breeding process and improve agriculture for the future. Finally, MacTaggart hopes to inspire people through education.

MacTaggart credits donors for their support during his academic journey.

"Donors have given me the emotional support to know that people believed in me," he said. "The support has boosted my motivation during university because I know that the education I am receiving will help me accomplish the goals I have for the future."

His scholarship was supported by alumni and donors to the university's Campaign for Students, an annual appeal that raises over \$1.19-million each year to give students additional support to pursue their educational goals.

With scholarships easing his financial concerns, MacTaggart has had more time to get involved on campus, as an undergraduate research assistant as well as through the USask Horticulture Club.

"We help teach students skills like growing their own food, but also preparing it as well," he said. "Right now, we have our field project that is underway and we are growing lots of fresh produce out in the field and that goes towards members—but we also use it to support the (local community) food bank."

MacTaggart said he felt very fortunate to have received assistance in his education, as he gets ready to graduate in the spring of 2020.

"The support I received from donors encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone," he said. "I am a person that likes to focus on one specific thing. Being supported by scholarships has helped me take off those blinders and be able to see what the entire university experience has to offer."

If you would like to support students and the great work they are doing in the community, save the date for One Day for Students on March 17, a day to celebrate philanthropy across the university. Please visit give.usask.ca/oneday for more information or to make a gift.

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 "What I really like about the trade is that every day is so different. There are many different types of equipment I can work on such as sprayers, combines, tractors, skid steers, balers, and swathers. I really enjoy problem solving why something is not working. I get satisfaction from fixing it."

Thiessen understands how important it is to have access to inclusive, welcoming work environments that support and encourage people from

underrepresented groups, including people with disabilities.

"Having a disability is such a small part of who I am," said Thiessen. "I don't think of myself that way. What surprises me is that the biggest challenge isn't my hearing. It is encountering people who don't understand my abilities and make assumptions about me."

"In a job interview one time the person realized I was hard of hearing and he got upset, made condescending comments, and

left the interview."

Thiessen notes that once people notice how hard he works and what he achieves, they warm up to him. He is grateful for the supportive environment he has with Mazergroup.

Thiessen's wife, Melissa, is proud of his achievements. "Lester's journey person certification is something that will speak for him, it's not just him saying 'I'm good at fixing combines' and hoping the person he is speaking to takes his word for it. The certification says:

"I've earned the highest level of achievement for my knowledge of agricultural machinery.' It carries a weight of proof. It also shows our kids that if they put in the effort, they can follow through with things that are important to them as well."

While Thiessen's challenges may be different than what others have experienced, he shared some advice for other people with disabilities interested in pursuing a skilled trades career.

"Don't be afraid to ask



Lester with his wife Melissa and their two children.

for help. Don't get frustrated too easily if stigma is placed on you. Work hard and show society that you can do anything. Don't give up. You must expect there will be resistance and problems that you will need to overcome. Follow your passion and talents and don't wait for a later stage of life. Time is going to pass anyway, so enjoy what you are going to spend your life doing."

Thiessen continues to follow his own advice.

"I want to keep learning and getting better at what I do. My employer is very good with keeping us up to date with training, especially on new equipment. I enjoy learning new things in this field and being able to apply them in my work."

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COVID-19 impacts economy, agri-food markets

BY J.P. GERVAIS

Governments around the world are taking steps to control the speed at which COVID-19 spreads, but the economic impacts are only starting to materialize. Proper risk management strategies start with understanding these economic trends:

Weaker economic growth

Necessary restrictions on the movement of people and workplace policies are disrupting supply chains. An economic slowdown is inevitable, but questions remain around its magnitude and length.

The U.S. Federal Reserve brought its policy rate close to zero. The Bank of Canada has taken steps to mitigate the risk of a major slowdown. It lowered its overnight rate and took steps to ensure financial markets have liquidity. The government of Canada also announced a series of measures to support business financing and is working towards other stimulus measures.

Weaker Canadian dollar

Tumbling oil prices and overall economic uncertainty are weakening the loonie. Oil is pressured on two fronts: travel bans cutting the demand outlook for fuel, and oil-producing countries fighting a price war.

Investors are also turning toward the greenback as a safe haven currency given the uncertainty. The Canadian dollar was at C\$0.76 per U.S. dollar at the end of February and closed slightly over C\$0.71 on March 16.

Downward pressures on commodity prices

The weaker loonie partially offsets the generalized decline in commodity prices since the beginning of the year. Cattle and hog prices are down 20 per cent and are below the levels observed when China stopped importing beef and pork in September. Canola, soybeans and wheat are down around 8 per cent. Corn prices are down 2 per cent.

We project tighter profit margins in 2020, given the signals sent by futures markets. Returns for some crops are now projected under break-even levels. Livestock profitability is also pressured even if the gap between the supply and demand of animal proteins due to ASF supports margins. However, there's a real risk that margins will decline if demand weakens, considering the large meat supplies expected to be available in North America.

Takeaways

Agriculture and food are resilient economic sectors. After all, people still need to eat. But food purchasing patterns at home and abroad will be influenced by economic fluctuations. Demand in emerging markets may weaken, given foreign consumers' food demand is sensitive to income. Domestic spending can shift from indulgence-type food to more basic food staples, from food away-from-home to at-home prepared foods, for example. While an economic slowdown is inevitable, the economy will rebound. Sound cash flow management and HR planning are useful strategies to be ready for the coming economic disruptions.

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FCC receives \$5 billion enhancement to lending program

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"FCC's support for customers is a regular part of our business and we're monitoring situations in various parts of the country and within certain sectors to ensure customers are able to manage through circumstances beyond their control," said Sutter.

As for how COVID-19 could impact FCC, they have plans in place to continue operating during the pandemic. "FCC is taking steps to protect our customers and employees while attempting to help prevent the spread of the virus," said Sutter. "The health and safety of our employees and customers is our top priority. We are asking employees who feel ill to stay home and not meet in person with customers."

FCC details on operating during COVID-19:

- We have reduced the number of FCC staff at our offices, both in the field and at Corporate Office. The

number of employees working remotely could increase as we continue to assess the situation.

- If a customer is feeling unwell or prefers not to meet in person, we will assist over the phone, through our customer service centre or we have self-serve options through Online Services.
- Should customers experience challenges as a result of the current economic impact of the COVID-19 situation, please contact your local Relationship Manager to discuss.

"FCC exists for the success of the Canadian agriculture and food sector and we are here to work with our customers during these challenging times," said Sutter.

For those looking for information on how to access the lending program, FCC says to contact them because every case is different.

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Keeping kids safe on the farm during COVID-19

BY RICHARD KAMCHEN

The closure of schools and daycares to curb the spread of COVID-19 means there are thousands of children home across the country, including those on farms.

Although working with children around isn't new for most agricultural operations, spring—a busy time of year for farms—is just around the corner. Heightened safety measures might be needed to protect the young ones nearby.

Robin Anderson, the communications co-ordinator with the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, says self-isolating farm families could consider having a healthy relative come live with the family to assist with childcare. Or share chores with neighbours, so one parent is available for childcare.

"Every farm has unique childcare needs and hazards," Anderson says.

Safe play areas and supervision are essential to preventing child farm-related injuries, Anderson says. If you plan to have school-age children help at the farm, but are uncertain if a job is age-appropriate, CASA provides a decision-making framework for 10 of the tasks most frequently associated with injuries to children.

For children old enough to help, CASA urges families to follow its Ag Youth Work Guidelines.

COVID-19's anticipated stress on healthcare may limit usually available medical resources. CASA recommends making a concerted safety effort on the farm.

"Preventing injuries and staying healthy and safe is something that we can do not just for ourselves, but for our families, our farms and our communities," Anderson says.

Helping children and youth manage their mental health during this time of high uncertainty is also important.

Anderson encourages that parents talk to their kids about COVID-19 and refers them to the U.S. Center for Disease Control's "for parents" section. The CDC points out that while everyone is different, reactions such as reverting to younger behaviours, unhealthy eating or sleeping habits and avoiding previously enjoyed activi-



ties can be signs of stress.

The CDC also recommends that talking with kids and sharing facts from reliable sources like Health Canada, may help them deal with worries.

Farm family transition coach and farmer, Elaine Froese, says the COVID-19 pandemic creates the need for a sense of hope and community among farm families and Canadians. She recommends staying connected through phone calls or video calls.

"Plant seeds of hope and listen to the concerns of others," Froese says.

Children are unexpectedly back on the farm as schools and daycares across the country close to keep the COVID-19 virus from spreading. The influx means heightened safety measures as spring yard work gears up, or looking for alternative childcare options, such as chore-sharing with neighbours and taking turns watching the kids. Experts say it's important to be mindful of children's mental health as well, speaking to them about the pandemic to ease distress.

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Ease worry with a mental health check-in

BY TARYN MILTON

COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. Watching the situation unfold around the world and in our backyards can induce anxiety, including on the farm. Balancing life, farm work and sickness worries can make for a stressful time for farmers.

And combined with the potential financial impacts of an uncertain economy, can add even more worry.

Lesly Kelly, the co-founder of Do More Ag, who farms with her family in Watrous, Sask, says during highly stressful times, in the past, she worked to find allies.

"It helped us feel like we weren't alone, and you could talk to your neighbour down the road or someone across Canada, Kelly says.

Now, at a time where social distancing is the new normal and large gatherings of people discouraged, connecting with loved ones and family may mean the use of technology for video chat or phone calls.

Kelly says she and her family focus on open communication.

Being open helps when someone is having a rough day. It means everyone is comfortable checking on each other and open to conversation during the rough patches, whether it's concerns about the farm or anxiety about COVID-19.

During a rough day, they also keep an ongoing conversation about mental health. They check on how everyone's feeling, and if anyone is weighed down. And to



help keep their spirits high during the long hours, Kelly says they like to text to keep the lines of communication open.

"My mom would text a picture of my dad having a really good day, and that would boost our spirits," Kelly says.

Adelle Stewart, executive director of Do More Ag, recommends beating worries and stress by personally figuring out what works best.

"Self-care is an extremely individualized coping strategy," Stewart says. "So, have some openness with yourself to explore what that may mean."

For some, that may mean curling up with a good book, while for others, it may involve physical activity. Try various activities, Stewart says, to find what works best.

With current COVID-19 worries, Psychology Today suggests these strategies to help stay men-

tally healthy during this time of uncertainty. Pay attention to your physical health and your emotions, embrace health practices, share reliable information and step away from breaking news when feeling overwhelmed.

Stewart says producers at busy times of the year like during calving, need to pay attention to their mental health.

"Anybody out calving probably doesn't have good sleep hygiene, so it's being forgiving with yourself," Stewart says.

Sleep hygiene refers to healthy habits that help us sleep better at night and stay asleep. However, when producers are waking up every few hours to check on their animals, their sleep is interrupted.

"Sleep hygiene is different for everyone, and some people need more sleep than others," Stewart says. "Getting the appropriate amount of rest is important be-

cause going prolonged periods without sleep or quality rest diminishes our mental and physical functions and coordination, which can lead to irritability, accidents and poor decisions."

It's difficult for farmers to maintain good sleep habits during calving, seeding and harvest. But being aware of how it can affect them can help identify how they feel or act during prolonged periods of fatigue.

As for spring planting, both Kelly and Stewart recommend farmers sit down with family now and make contingency plans. Having backup plans helps ease stress, they say.

"Even the best-laid plan and back-ups may not come to fruition, so self-care strategies and asking or reaching out for support can help our mental wellness," Stewart says.

Kelly and her family have already started making their seeding, rotation and marketing plans.

"We try to do as much as we can ahead of time and feel confident and know that things change, but at least we have a Plan A and B for right now," Kelly says.

And during seeding and harvest, they meet every morning to discuss what's going on around them and plan for that day.

"It helps alleviate elevated stress and know, even though things are out of your control - the weather is out of your control, you can't manage the weather - but you can manage what you can do with it up to a certain point. It's knowing that you've tried your best," Kelly says.

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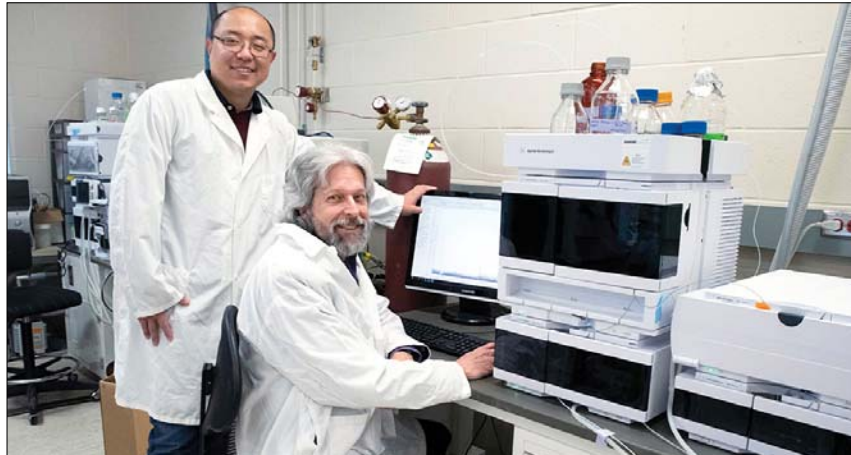
USask researchers develop fast, accurate test to identify toxins in cereal crops

Researchers at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) Crop Development Centre (CDC) have developed a fast and accurate method for identifying and quantifying toxins in fusarium-infected cereal grain, an innovation that could reduce toxins that are harmful to both animals and humans.

Fusarium head blight (FHB), a fungal disease affecting kernel development, causes millions of dollars in annual losses in Canadian cereal crops such as barley, wheat and oats.

With warming weather patterns and more intensive farming practices, fusarium has been spreading across the Prairie provinces. The infected grain is often both lower in quality and kernel weight, and may be unsuitable for human and animal consumption.

That's because the fusarium infection process produces mycotoxins such as deoxynivalenol (DON), which in severe cases can reduce the market value of a crop to zero. Animals consuming feed containing high levels of DON may have reduced growth, as well as reduced fertility and reduced immune response. In worst cases, the toxins can lead to death of the animal. There can also be long-term impacts on human health from



Researchers Lipu Wang and Randy Kutcher use the Core Mass Spectrometry Facility Lab in the USask College of Pharmacy and Nutrition to test for toxins in cereal grains.

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consuming mycotoxins in food.

As mycotoxins such as DON are not destroyed during processing such as milling, baking or malting, testing infected feed grain for the concentration of DON is becoming critically important. To limit mycotoxins in food and feed, regulations specify maximum allowable concentrations, and if these limits are exceeded, products cannot be sold.

Breeding for low DON concentration in cereal

crops is an important control measure for the disease, said CDC research officer Lipu Wang.

"The problem has been that crop breeders and researchers have lacked a way to measure DON that is both quick and accurate," said Wang.

Wang and USask researcher Randy Kutcher of the CDC's cereal and flax pathology program have come up with a new way to test for DON that involves a one-step extraction of the mycotoxins using the

chemical solvent acetonitrile, followed by direct injection of the toxins into a mass spectrometer to identify and quantify them. This method eliminates the lengthy process of separating the compounds and lowers the cost, while providing high sensitivity and accuracy compared to other methods.

"Analysis that previously took 20 minutes per sample can now be done in less than two minutes, which is very important when testing thousands

of samples," Wang said. "This new method offers breeders a much more efficient way to select wheat or barley lines that accumulate less DON."

Eventual use of the new method by grain companies has the potential to enhance quality assurance for the grain industry in domestic and export markets, said Kutcher.

"Our customers want no contaminants—no toxins—in our grain," said Kutcher. "It may also help in deciding whether grain should be processed as food or animal feed."

The research team is now using the new mycotoxin test in their plant pathology program at the CDC, using the mass spectrometer in the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition. They are seeking to expand the diagnostic testing with research collaborators, interested breeders, and clients.

The team has also developed a way to identify and quantify other toxins, providing a powerful tool to detect new types of mycotoxins in newly developed cereal grain varieties.

The project is supported by the Saskatchewan Agriculture Development Fund and the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission.

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Spring on the farm

Spring has brought with it the usual excitement and anticipation of warmer weather, a new crop of calves and the ultimate joy—getting that crop into the ground. Well, in theory at least!

While my husband and I don't technically raise cattle, we have a handful out at the farm and the farm-grandkids know exactly which calf belongs to who—their dad, their mom, themselves, Grandpa. Well, and Grandma's I tell them. Their eyes shift towards Grandpa. You have to wonder sometimes if there's a conspiracy going on, I tell you. The look says it all—Grandma has no cows.

The kids were over a few days ago and one of the twins (eight years old) happened to notice Grandpa's little diabetic-record book and he tells me he didn't know Grandpa had a calf-record book ('cause his dad always records the births). I told him Grandpa doesn't have a calf-record book. "Your dad always records the births," I say to him. A puzzled look comes across his face as his eyes shift toward the diabetic book. "Oh, that's not a calf-record book," I say and he looks closer at the book and says, "Oh I guess not, there's no column for sex." Well, I certainly hope not because that's not information you want to take to your diabetic nurse or nutritionist!

Near the end of February, the excitement of a trip to the city and away from all things 'farm' was counter balanced with the fact that this trip meant going under the knife and spending a few days in a Regina hospital.

A visit with my five-year-old grandson the night before the big event was filled with his questions. "How do you get a new hip, Grandma?" "Will you be able to bend when you get a new hip?" "Will you throw away your cane after your operation?" "How much about the 'knife' can you tell a little fellow?"

The following day, I submitted myself to the inevitable—the knife—under what could only be described as the



best care in the world. I cannot say enough for the doctors, nurses and staff who find this to be an interesting way to make a living.

My biggest fear that day was that I would freak out when they wheeled me into the OR and that I would hop off that gurney and take off running down the hall—in a hospital gown no less. But no, I was calm, cool and collected and joking with everyone right until they shut me up so to speak. By the time I hit recovery it was apparent that I would never make a good junkie, so badly do I react to morphine.

A couple of weeks later, I was back in the city to have my staples removed, chatting once again with my grandson. His first question was, "Can you bend now you have a new hip?" "Can you throw your cane away now?" Well, no, not yet. And then we moved on to discussing something he and his dad enjoy doing—drumming! This five-year-old has a little beat in his soul, let me tell you! I told him all about Alvin Law, who even though he has no

arms, can play piano and trombone and the drums—with his feet!

When I pulled up a video so we could watch Alvin playing the drums and driving a car, my grandson was totally fascinated as he watched, especially with how Alvin could drive a car with his feet. As he watched, he turned to me and said, "It's a good thing you have arms, Grandma!"

I could just see his little mind trying to envision Grandma, with a bad hip, trying to get her feet up to the steering wheel of her car. Yeah, not happening—at least not yet!

That could well be the last trip to Regina for us for now (as for many people) amid COVID-19 concerns. When the grandkids, who are no longer attending school, came to spend a day with me, I was the dutiful Grandma—games, comprehension and math lessons, lots of screen time (without guilt on my part). We each had our own hand towel and washed our hands often. And then we cut up a pineapple and told them each to get a bowl and fork and take a few pieces each. Next thing I knew they were basically using their forks and all eating out of the same bowl. How's that for listening to instruction?

Isn't it interesting how suddenly everything can change? Everyone has become that much more precious to us. The woes of life in comparison to the threat of severe illness due to COVID-19 seem a little less troublesome. Our appreciation for those in the medical field and those who provide essential services and transport goods has expanded exponentially. I don't know where I read it or who wrote it and I can only paraphrase it, but here's something I think of every time I wash my hands and every time I wash down the front of my appliances with disinfectant: Every step we take now (against COVID-19) will seem alarmist, but in a week or two, every step we took will not have been enough. Take care and stay safe.

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BY DONNA BEUTLER

It was a very special moment for Wawota's Jean Bogner when she was inducted into the Saskatchewan Horse Federation Hall of Fame on March 14. Not only was it special, it was very humbling for the 92-year-young Bogner who shared her story with the World-Spectator in a recent interview.

"It was a tremendous honour to be awarded for something that I've loved doing all my life," Bogner said.

Bogner's love of horses and of riding and driving horses is something that has been with her for her entire life and is probably why she can honestly say that some of her best friends are horses.

There's a lifetime of history that has taken Bogner from working with horses from the time she was little to the Delta Hotel in Regina to not only receive this award, but to be the very first one ever to be inducted into the newly formed Sask Horse Federation Hall of Fame. There was no other person inducted that day, as well as three others who were recognized posthumously.

Bogner was nominated by members of The Wheels and Saddles Horse Club of Wawota. According to Bogner, some of them wrote letters about what she has done in the world of horses and the nomination was accepted.

"I grew up during the years of working with horses," Bogner said, having driven a four-horse hitch in the field when she was young. "In fact," she continued, "my family was known as the riding Dennises and were known for their work with horses and their jumping demonstrations."

The love Bogner had for horses was passed on to her three daughters who did a lot of riding and attended numerous horse shows.

"When the girls were young," Bogner said, "a friend and I started a 4-H Horse Club known as The Prairie Riders. We ran this club for 15 years until we ran out of kids and folded."

But only a few years passed before Bogner was involved, along with others, in forming a driving club for those who wanted to learn more about driving horses. That was 1982 and there were four interested people. In order to attract more people, the group decided to make the club a driving and riding club and they called it the Wheels and Saddles Driving and Riding Club Inc.

Today, that club is still going. Bogner herself, still a member though not physically riding or driving, was president of the club for 27 years, having stepped back



Above: Jean Bogner with her Welsh ponies, Cloud and Cricket

Below: Jean with Cricket, a Welsh pony



from the position eight years ago.

Not only is the driving and riding club still going, but it boasts 70 members which Bogner feels is "pretty darn good!"

"Quite a few members have joined to learn to drive," Bogner said, explaining that it is quite a step to go from riding a horse to driving a horse. Several years

ago, Bogner put on some driving classes for people and was pleased to see about 20 people learning to drive, but it began to fade and so more driving classes were put on.

"I am happy to say," Bogner added, "that some of my students are fully capable of instructing classes. In the winter

when we meet, there is cleaning of harnesses and learning about harnesses and then in the summer, there's lots of actual driving, and today there are several who are now taking part in parades, horse shows and various other driving events."

As to her honorary membership in the club, Bogner believes there is always more to learn about horses, no matter how old a person is. She says she may not be physically able to do what she once did, but mentally, it's obvious she's right there with the best of them. The club has clinicians come every summer to give instruction to club members.

"It's an adult club," Bogner explained. "We have done our share with kids and that was good, but this is an adult only club where nothing circles around kids. Plus we are not in competition with each other, that was something we decided upon early on."

As for breeds of horses that she prefers to ride or drive, she says "any breed—Thoroughbreds, Clydes, Minis, Quarter-horses, Arabians." Her personal favorites for driving are Welsh ponies.

And so today, Bogner, as a gracious recipient of the Hall of Fame recognition, proudly displays the framed award in her home. Along with a Sask Horse Federation logo on this award is her name and photo and a summary of her story. Along with a life time of working and being with horses, it is apparent that this horse-lady has no intention of ever losing interest in learning more about horses or being involved with the horse club that she has invested so much time into.

These are the words from the framed award that Jean Bogner received:

Jean has always had a passion for horses. She was leader of a 4-H Light Horse Club for 15 years and has been a driving force for the Wheels and Saddles Driving Club since its inception in 1982. She was president of the Club for 27 years.

Jean is accomplished in English and Western, is a seasoned driver, having driven a four-horse hitch for field work. She has been teaching driving for many years and has some willing students to carry on her work. For 21 years she and Clarence hosted trail rides at their farm.

Jean willingly shares her time and knowledge. Her compassion for horses and people is obvious. Reaching 90 years has slowed her down but she still manages to help and inspire others. Jean maintains there is always more to learn about horses! She has been heard to say, "Some of my best friends are horses."

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Computer-based simulator tests insects for effects of new pesticide

USask biology professor Jack Gray's research on locusts, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), may have implications for understanding the link between these pesticides and mortality in other species such as the "colony collapse disorder" responsible for the deaths of millions of bees worldwide.

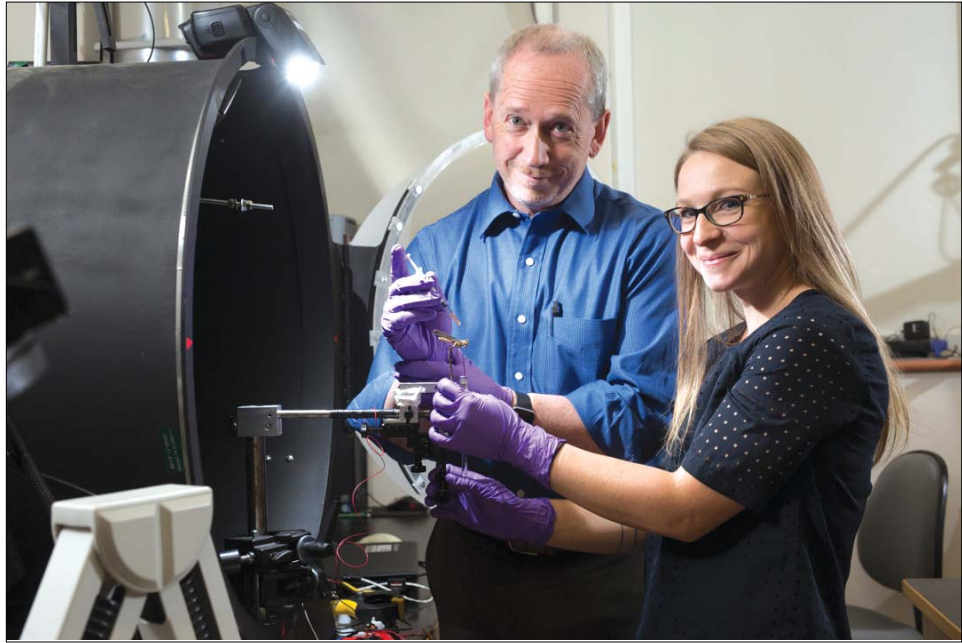
"There is controversy over neonicotinoid pesticides," said Gray. "Their development suggested they were safer than other pesticides, but it is more complicated because their effects at non-lethal doses on insects and other species needed to be investigated further."

From his previous studies with locusts, Gray designed a virtual flight simulator in which he tested how non-lethal doses of pesticides can affect the insects' ability to visually detect moving objects such as trees and predators. He and his team found that the newer sulfoxamine pesticide, sulfoxaflor (SFX), does not impair the insects' motion detection ability, while the current neonicotinoid imidacloprid (IMD) does.

"Even though this suggests that SFX isn't as toxic as the other pesticide at low dosages, more testing is needed to establish whether it a safer, preferable option for agriculture use," said Gray.

Gray and his team used an approach that looks at behaviour and neurophysiology, which have seldom been applied together for studying pesticide effects. The results confirmed that IMD had negative effects on the locusts' ability to jump and escape dangers, while SFX did not. A potential explanation may be that SFX does not bind as strongly to the same receptor that determines the insects' sensitivity to the pesticides.

The USask team chose locusts because their nervous system is well-studied, and the neurons that regulate their motion detection are common to a variety of other species including birds, and likely even humans.



Jack Gray (left) and Rachel Parkinson study pesticide effects on locusts' behavior.

"These findings may be applicable to other species to understand how these pesticides affect how fast the nervous system can send information," said Gray.

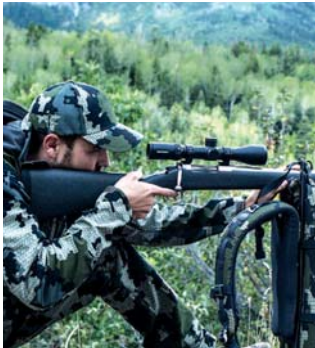
By using small electrodes in the insect's thorax, former USask PhD student Rachel Parkinson—first author of the paper—measured the electrical signals directly from a neuron in the insect's nervous sys-

tem that detects visual motion and controls flight.

"The reaction time of locusts treated with the IMD pesticide slows down, impairing their ability to avoid objects," said Parkinson, now post-doctoral fellow at the

University of Oxford.

The USask team also includes PhD student Sinan Zhang. The research is funded by Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Canada Foundation for Innovation, and USask.



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Brexit could boost Canada's ag industry by billions

Britain has officially left the European Union and faces the challenge of negotiating a new trading relationship with the bloc before the end of the transition period on Dec. 31, 2020.

As a net importer of most food products, the United Kingdom faces a choice of making concessions to the European Union to maintain access to its agri-food market or forging new trading relationships with Commonwealth countries like Canada that offer high-quality products with fewer regulatory barriers.

Any new agreement would come in the wake of an ineffectual rollout of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), a deal between the EU and Canada.

Any new agreement would also be dependent on Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau abandoning his wait-and-see policy and becoming more proactive in trade talks with the U.K.

CETA's failure is evident in the example of True North Foods, a Canadian beef processing plant that spent \$100,000 obtaining certification to export its products to Europe, only to see vastly insufficient return. The Financial Times reported that True North sent a single shipment of beef to the EU in 2019.

The owner of the plant, Calvin Vaags, said the company wasn't motivated to export to Europe and had no immediate plans to increase shipments.

Despite the promises of improved trade following the implementation of CETA, agricultural exports from Canada to the EU fell by 15 per cent in 2018 and those numbers are not improving in any meaningful way.

Canada is unable to export much of its agricultural goods because of Europe's strict standards relating to the use of antibiotics and growth enhancement. But Britain's departure from the European Union could result in freer co-operation with Canada. The United Kingdom is no longer bound by Europe's strict regulations.

In recent weeks, EU negotiators have suggested any future U.K.-EU trade deal might have even more stringent terms than currently required of Canada. The European Commission suggested it would be a mistake to allow U.K. industry bodies to certify products as compliant with the EU's regulatory standards, signaling a potential end to a U.K.-EU Mutual Recognition Agreement that removes some of the red tape when transporting goods onto the continent.

Bad faith tactics like this were expected by Brexit supporters. And while it will likely be overcome in time, it means there has never been a better time for trade discussion between the U.K. and Canada—particularly with regards to agri-food products.

Figures from the Department for Environment, Food



Jack Buckby

and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) show that the U.K. is less than 60 per cent self-sufficient in terms of fruit and vegetable production. Similarly, the U.K. still imports small quantities of wheat, more than 20 per cent of its beef and poultry, and almost 50 per cent of its pork.

This signals that the U.K. is very much open for business and ready to take new deals on agri-food imports if a deal with the European Union sours. Currently, 73 per cent of the United Kingdom's agri-food imports come from the EU. That figure that should be enticing for Canadian businesses struggling to overcome the EU's demanding regulatory barriers.

Co-operation between the U.K. and Canada has tentatively begun, albeit in a different form than early trade talks. U.K. Research and Innovation has offered a £2-million fund for small and medium-sized farming operations in Canada. As part of the U.K. government's Transforming Food Production Challenge, Canadian businesses can access funding to change the way food is produced with a view to reducing emissions and improving efficiency.

The European Union's inflexibility around the importation of modified foods could mean that such an endeavour would only benefit the U.K. and Canada, assuming an improved agri-food trade deal is agreed as part of the Brexit transition.

The U.K. imports around £3 billion worth (C\$5.19 billion) of agricultural products every year. In 2015, it im-

ported 968,000 tonnes of pork, primarily from the European Union. A new U.K.-Canada trade agreement could vastly increase pork imported from Canada.

The temporary suspension of beef and pork exports from Canada to China in 2019 cost the industry almost C\$100 million, signalling both the size and strength of this industry in Canada.

The European Union's tough quality assurance rules mean CETA hasn't delivered for Canadian farmers. Brexit could be a light at the end of the tunnel.

Both Canadian and U.K. governments would be wise to begin trade talks and agree to a streamlined quality assurance process that encourages farmers to export meat and agricultural products.

Combined with new technology that increases yield and efficiency—something the European Union appears averse to—any new deal could see an injection of billions of dollars a year into the Canadian farming industry.

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Update your HR plan for Covid-19

BY RICHARD KAMCHEN

As COVID-19 spreads around the world, so does concern about its impact on public health. And while we learn more about how to prevent ourselves from contracting it, businesses, including farms, should have an updated HR plan in case of an employee outbreak.

UPDATE SICK LEAVE POLICIES

Caused by the coronavirus, COVID-19 symptoms may take up to 14 days to appear, and even then, can be difficult to detect. Some may think they have a cold or influenza.

"Farmers and farm employers must support workers to stay home if they're sick, particularly with COVID-19 symptoms," says Jennifer Wright, a senior human resources advisor with the Canadian

Agricultural Human Resource Council. "Employers should ensure they're following recommendations put out by Public Health Agency of Canada."

Some preventative measures include:

- Encourage employees to self-isolate when ill
- Suspend requests for medical notes
- Prepare for increased absenteeism due to employee and family illness and possibly school closures
- Increase distance between office workstations to two metres

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The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) says it's monitoring COVID-19 as it relates to Canadian agriculture and will provide weekly updates.

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Carbon costing review confirms huge loss to farm income

APAS analysis shows Saskatchewan farmers will lose 12% of net income to carbon tax by 2022

Contributed by the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) has released updated estimates on the financial impacts of the federal carbon tax on Saskatchewan producers.

"Federal Minister of Agriculture Marie-Claude Bibeau has asked the agriculture industry for evidence of what the carbon tax is costing Canadian farmers," says APAS President Todd Lewis, who farms near Gray, SK. "We've responded with estimates that are backed up by producer bills in 2019."

APAS's costing review takes into consideration all major farm expenses not

currently exempt from the carbon tax. These include grain drying, rail transportation, heating and electricity, and truck hauling of crops off the farm.

The evidence is stark: on average, Saskatchewan farmers can expect to lose 8% of their total net income in 2020 to the carbon tax. For a household managing a 5,000-acre grain farm in Saskatchewan, this will take the form of a \$8,000-10,000 bill.

In less than two years, when the carbon tax increases to \$50/tonne in 2022, this bill will go up to \$13,000-17,000 for the same household – the equivalent of a 12% decrease in net income.

"It's comparable to having 12% of your pay cheque disappear," says Lewis. "Farmers don't set our prices, so those increased costs are coming directly off

our bottom line."

"APAS's numbers reflect my personal experience down to the penny," says APAS Vice-President Bill Prybylski, who operates a grain, oilseed, pulse and cattle farm with his son, brother, and nephews near Willowbrook, SK. "This past year was unprecedented in terms of the role grain drying played for farmers in our province. Without using propane to dry our grain, the wet fall would have meant losing a huge portion of our crop."

Rail transportation is another huge and unavoidable taxable expense incurred by farmers.

"Trucking my crop to the grain elevator, and then shipping it by rail to the coast is one of my biggest annual expenses," says APAS Vice-President Ian Boxall, who farms at his century farm near Tisdale, SK. "Transporting crops is a necessary farm expense, but for some reason it's not exempt from the carbon tax."

APAS is advocating, on behalf of Saskatchewan farmers, for a carbon tax exemption on all farm expenses, including those from 2019. "Our hope is that this is the evidence the Minister is looking for," says Lewis, "and that the Federal Government will step in to help farmers."



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Making digital farm data work for you

BY CRAIG LESTER

With the days of financial bookkeeping, livestock record keeping and writing crop input data on paper quickly disappearing, it's essential to keep up with the digital times.

Evan Shout, CEO and cofounder of Maverick Ag, a risk management and consulting business based in Saskatchewan, says there are usually three factors that keep farmers from adopting technology and data: thinking it's too hard, not believing in the cost-effectiveness and not seeing any tangible value.

The switch to digital can be daunting after decades of working by hand. However, as Shout points out, farmers don't have to move every element of the farm to digital all at the same time.

Shout recommends farmers look at one or two elements of their business to move to digital, such as using a software program for doing bookkeeping



and accounting.

He adds that keeping it simple is as easy as asking for help from someone who understands that platform, a thought echoed by Emmett Sawyer, a young farmer, who is also a technology and data enthusiast.

"Just keep to platforms you are comfortable with," Sawyer says, pointing out the need to recog-

nize abilities and comfort levels.

Shout says a common misconception is the belief that technology and data require a major capital investment like farm machinery, when in fact, readily available data can be used to make better decisions.

Shout says finances prepared for a tax return, for example, can be used to

improve efficiencies on the farm once carefully reviewed.

He adds many don't put the same value on that information as they would on data collected from equipment, but the efficiency potential is large.

Shout says there's likely already equipment data on the farm - it just isn't being pulled and analyzed.

Amount of time on repairs, for instance, is valuable data, Shout points out. He adds some farmers may miss out by not using recorded data if they don't think they know how to access it, but help is available.

"They don't have to be the ones analyzing," Shout says. "Every day there are more platforms, there are more advisors

and more people out there to analyze."

Moving a farm to digital platforms and harnessing the power of digital needs a measured approach. Start small—maybe with accounting—and move

through various areas of the farm individually. Be sure to review existing data for cost saving possibilities, experts say. They also advise asking for help with moving, gathering and analyzing the data.

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COVID-19 impacts on Canadians working in agriculture and agri-food

BY MARTHA ROBERTS

FCC Ag Economics is working to help you understand the rapidly evolving business environment due to COVID-19. With the costs to families continuing to climb and potentially unprecedented associated economic costs, central banks around the world are now working together to find ways to halt the damage.

In this article, I'll explain several tools—both conventional and unconventional—the Bank of Canada (BoC) has available to mitigate the biggest economic risks facing Canadians today. Keep an eye on these in the weeks ahead. The government of Canada, which works independently of the Bank, is also helping with its own measures.

How interest rates can moderate a pandemic's economic impacts

The economic damage from COVID-19 will include layoffs and supply chain disruptions, leading to expected declines in spending, business investment and exports. To slow this, banks use conventional tools to make it easier for households and businesses to access money and spend it. And an easy way to do that is lower interest rates. It brings immediate relief although it often takes over a year to feel the full effect.

Get comfortable with the following terms, so you can anticipate and respond to a quickly evolving interest rate environment.

Overnight rate: The rate banks charge each other on daily loans.

Policy rate: The BoC sets a target for the overnight rate used by financial institutions (FIs). This target is the policy rate. The BoC cut the policy interest rate from 1.25% to 0.75% on Friday, March 13, to help weaken the economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak and plummeting oil prices. Underscoring the threat posed by the disease outbreak, the cut was the second in just over a week.

Prime rate: The rate of interest commercial banks use to set the rate on variable loans and lines of credit. Each major financial institution (FI) has its own prime rate.

When the policy rate changes, an FI can change its prime rate by a similar amount—although they don't always do so.

Interest rates and you

Borrowers' interest rates can also vary for other reasons. The rates you pay on variable rate loans will differ from your fixed-rate loans because an FI faces different risks with each fund source. When changes occur in financial markets—as is happening now—the rates charged to borrowers fluctuate.

There's no correct answer as to which rate is better. Interest rates on variable-rate loans are stated as a percentage above or below the prime rate. How much above or below prime depends on your own borrowing situation, but that adjustment will be fixed for the loan term. The prime rate may subsequently vary.

Long-term fixed rates are usually higher than variable rates. But these borrowing costs won't climb as variable rates might over the term of the loan. Fixed rates are based on long-term bond yields, which tend to be less volatile than short-term rates. But as major shocks erode current estimates of inflation and interest rate adjustments over time, the value of investments in bonds also erodes. That's why yields have declined from 1.53 on January 2 to .78 on March 16 for the 10-year government bonds.

Extra measures needed to boost Canadian households and businesses

Interest rates are among the tools central banks most often use to mitigate unforeseen changes to their economies. In extraordinary times, they also have several unconventional tools to jumpstart the economy. Here are a few happening in Canada, the U.S. and elsewhere.

Buying Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities: Used broadly in the 2008 crisis and otherwise known as quantitative easing, these purchases by central banks inject liquidity (increase the supply of money) into the financial system and the broader

economy. Asset purchases (demand) push bond yields lower, encouraging greater lending and investment. Bond yields may also be pushed higher in response to an expected increase in the supply of Treasuries as government stimulus packages are rolled-out. Remember—it's always about demand and supply.

Buying commercial paper: The purchases (typically by banks, wealthy investors or large institutions) of debt for the financing of short-term liabilities (wages, operational expenses, etc.). Issuing commercial paper can help businesses such as huge retailers or manufacturers finance activities when revenues that are expected to grow eventually may not yet be available to pay current expenses.

of Financial Institutions (OFSD): Under normal economic conditions, an FI is required to keep a specified percentage of assets out of circulation to safeguard against the risks they take. OSFI is loosening these requirements by lowering the buffer from 2.25% to 1%, to increase the money available for lending.

Also, the BoC is coordinating action with other central banks to provide some of the world's largest banks with cheaper access to funds in U.S. dollars. The USD is a "safe-haven" currency—a safe, reliable investment relative to other currencies in periods of high uncertainty. Giving banks around the world cheaper access to funds in USD helps to calm fears of currency instability and deepens liquidity everywhere.

Government coordinating with BoC to ease pressure Canada's Office of the Superintendent

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Agriculture industry working through COVID-19

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 APAS President Todd Lewis told the World-Spectator that the most important thing for the agriculture industry is to keep the transportation corridors open.

"Doesn't matter if it's going to be crops or livestock to export position across the U.S. border or to tidewater, that's important," said Lewis. "Also that the same corridors remain open for inputs like fertilizer, machinery parts, or anything else producers have."

"We're in a busy time of year with spring seeding and it's going to be important we have a good supply of what we need to get the crop in," said Lewis. "On the livestock side the processing side is going to be important to ensure our processors are able to run efficiently."

Lewis says the federal government is already stepping up to help answer some of the biggest questions around the agriculture industry during the COVID-19 situation.

"There are lots of question around credit," said Lewis. "The federal government put \$5 billion towards capital needs within agriculture and that's important."

"It's important that we see that credit's available, the federal government has done a number of moves there to make more money available to the financial system and we want to make sure that money is available for agriculture."

"The governments, both provincial and federally, have shown they recognize the importance of agriculture and it's going to be one of the few industries in the country that won't see a drop in

demand," said Lewis. With many other industries stopping or slowing down due to COVID-19, Lewis says there will be more opportunities for work in agriculture.

"There's going to be lots of opportunity in agriculture," said Lewis. "It seems like there are lots of unemployed and underemployed people that agriculture can offer job opportunities to going forward into the upcoming growing season."

Even with the unknown that is coming forward during COVID-19, Lewis remains positive and says the agriculture industry will get through this.

"It's going to get worse before it gets better, but with good planning producers will get through this as best we can," said Lewis. "We're a pretty resilient bunch in the province and we've seen some good leadership at the provincial level."

Grain farmer Craig Roy says the biggest impact COVID-19 could have on him is if he gets sick.

"If I can't work during seeding than that's a problem," said Roy.

Roy says that's probably the main worry for most farmers.

"Not being out there when we need to be out there would be a major disruption," said Roy.

Moosomin grain farmer Mark McCorriston says COVID-19 hasn't affected him yet, but he's concerned what will happen if he gets sick.

"It hasn't impacted me yet, but the procedures for selling grain are a little bit different now," said McCorriston. "Everything is done via text or on the phone."

"It puts a little bit more

stress on your plate, but the impact hasn't happened yet," said McCorriston. "I would think it would be more in the coming weeks that we have to deal with the impact of it."

"In the beginning of the COVID-19 scare, grain prices tanked, but they seem to be coming back up," said McCorriston. "The scariness around COVID-19 is more as we get into seeding."

"My biggest concern is if I got it myself, I'm the business owner, I run the air seeder, and if I wasn't able to run the air seeder, that's my biggest fear," said McCorriston.

"You don't really know when you do get it what to expect for symptoms, sometimes it's a runny nose and a headache and then on the news you see it's respiratory problems and weakness," said McCorriston. "It's a little bit of a scary situation."

McCorriston says with the amount of traffic that comes through Moosomin from all over the country, COVID-19 will spread

here at some point.

"Being in Moosomin, we're going to get it I feel like," said McCorriston. "I farm right beside number one highway and you think about the transport traffic coming from British Columbia and southern Ontario, those people are passing through Moosomin, eventually a truck driver will bring it to our town. It's only a matter of when."

As COVID-19 continues to spread in Canada, McCorriston worries that it will have a negative impact on farmers ability to acquire the supplies they need during seeding.

"Once the farmers go to the field we need a lot of diesel fuel, liquid fertilizer, and granular fertilizer," said McCorriston. "So if COVID-19 spreads to the refinery and you're halfway through seeding and Co-op says they can't deliver diesel, then what do you do?"

"Some farmers are talking about buying more fuel tanks and trying to store more fuel on the farm," said McCorriston

"The other side is, the longer you hold on right now to buy your diesel, the cheaper it's going to be because oil is plummeting."

"There's hysteria that if they don't fill their tanks now then they might not get it filled so they're forcing themselves to pay more money for their spring diesel then they have to."

"My biggest concern would be if I got sick myself and couldn't operate my air seeder or if we couldn't get the supplies we need to put the crop in," said McCorriston.

McCorriston doesn't think the government will give the agriculture industry enough extra support during this crisis.

"In all honesty I don't think the Liberal government really cares about the farmers in western Canada or the oil patch

workers," said McCorriston. "The oil patch workers are off and lots of those guys won't have a job to go back to when the industry starts up in June or July again."

"I don't anticipate any help from the Liberal government for our grain farmers or for our local oil patch workers."

For now, McCorriston says the overall impact is unknown with a situation they've never seen before, but there's no shortage of concern.

"Optimism in agriculture has definitely dwindled over the last eight or nine months," said McCorriston.

"There are concerned farmers that are nervous about getting their fertilizer and diesel when they need it and we're all in the same boat because we don't know what to expect with COVID-19."

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They've also compiled a list of resources for farmers to learn more information about the virus and its spread.

Laurie Karson of CFA also recommends reading Harvard Business Review's 8 Questions Employers Should Ask About Coronavirus. The article offers common-sense tips and advice that would resonate with farmers or any business owner.

Tips include: how to best protect employees, when to exclude public or employees from the workplace and to review benefit policies if the workplace closes due to COVID-19.

REVIEW YOUR RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

It's crucial farmers have a risk management plan for their operations that factor in HR, communications and contingency plans for sickness outbreaks, says Wright.

"Having a risk management plan in place will ensure that if or when a crisis happens, there's a structured, controlled response to it," Wright explains.

The plan should also identify what to do if illness causes staffing shortfalls that prevent conducting time-sensitive work. "This may include having agreements with surrounding farmers for back-up support," Wright says.

HAVE ON-SITE QUARANTINE PROCEDURES

Farm operations that provide housing for their workers must ensure their risk management plans consider large numbers of employees being quarantined or requiring health care, Wright says.

That includes identifying decision-makers, roles and responsibilities, access to medical care and plans for both quarantine and transportation to medical facilities.

"They should also include communications planning, such as who's the point of contact, medical contacts, internal and external communication plans, contact information for all staff, suppliers and community services," Wright says.

BOTTOM LINE

Farmers should adapt


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