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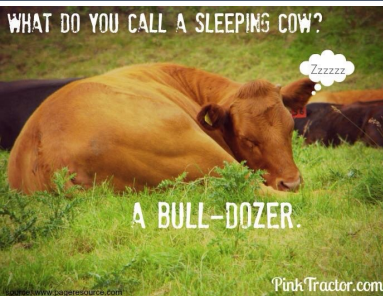


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Canadian ag is the 3RD LARGEST

contributor to our GDP after the finance sector and manufacturing industries. Canadian **agriculture** is **more** important and productive **than ever**.

Source: Overview of the Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food System, 2012. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.



A Warm Welcome to a New PCBFA Staff Member!

By: Liisa Vihvelin & Codie lee Yasieniuk

On September 5th, PCBFA welcomes our newest team member, Codie Lee Yasieniuk, as our Environmental & Communications Coordinator. Codie lee will be working out of the Fairview office, so stop by and meet her!

Now, a little about Codie lee...

"Hello everyone!

My name is Codie lee Yasieniuk, and I am beyond excited to be the new Environmental and Communications Coordinator for the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association. A little bit about myself - I grew up on a ranch in central Saskatchewan. Our black angus/ simmental commercial ranch is located in Saskatchewan's only biosphere reserve, the Redberry Biosphere, where my family practiced and still practises environmentally friendly farming and ranching techniques. My interest in agriculture, and the environment, sparked when my family and I began leading tours of our ranch for the biosphere. We explained our operations to people from around the world, and in turn, we learned a lot about their experiences!

I was also a 4H member for 14 years. While in 4H, I was chosen to represent Saskatchewan as a delegate at the national level.

More recently, I attended Lakeland College where I studied Environmental Conservation



and Reclamation. At Lakeland College I studied many topics, including soil science, rangeland management and extensive plant biology. I also held the position of Conservation and Reclamation Class Representative on the Student Affairs Council.

This spring I furthered my education by travelling to Texas to acquire my Equine Sports Massage certification.

I love meeting new people, so I can't wait to visit with and to get to know all of you!"

Farm Safety - Your Way!



AgSafe
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AgSafe Alberta is a collaboration of crop and livestock producer groups that have come together to develop and deliver industry led farm safety management tools and programs for farmers and ranchers in the province of Alberta.

The overall goal is to help farmers and ranchers integrate practical safety management programs into everyday operations of the farm, in order to prevent illness and injury for everyone involved on the farm.

Visit

AgSafeAB.ca

for more details

FARM SAFETY - YOUR WAY

As part of a pilot project, AgSafe Alberta Advisors are available to help Alberta agricultural producers set up farm safety management systems customized to each farm. Producers can start with one farm safety component, using one of the QuickStart Guides such as "Emergency Response Planning." Producers may choose to build a full farm safety program with guidance from an AgSafe Advisor. The key to success will be to start with something manageable and then let the program grow and change over time. AgSafe Alberta Advisors are available to help producers walk through the process at whatever level they are comfortable with. Producers will not be charged for Advisor services during the pilot project.

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Contact an AgSafe Advisor

- Email: donna@agsafeab.ca
- Call 403.348.9321
- Sign up at www.agsafeab.ca

2

Decide preferred level of farm safety programming

- One or two QuickStart topics
- Hazard assessment introduction
- Full safety management system

3

Meet with the AgSafe Advisor

Start working towards your farm safety goals with help from an AgSafe Alberta advisor.

4

Implement your Program

Enjoy the reassurance that you are working to protect the people on your farm.

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Have Project or Workshop Ideas?

We are always looking for ideas! Give us a call!

PCBFA Member Perks

- Two Free Feed Tests/Year
- Ration Balancing Assistance
- Growing Forward 2 Assistance
- Environmental Farm Plans
- Scale & Tag Reader available for member use
- Soil & Livestock Water Quality Testing

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Farm Safety: Start small and let it grow!

ALUS Program



"Conservation will ultimately boil down to rewarding the private landowner who conserves the public interest."

-Aldo Leopold, 1934



A Weston Family Initiative

ALUS seeks new participants for 2017!

Are you a farmer or rancher with some marginal or ecologically sensitive acres? ALUS can help you establish wetlands, native prairie, pollinator habitat and other projects on your land.

Even better, ALUS pays you annually to keep these projects in prime working order.

Your ALUS projects will produce cleaner air, cleaner water and more biodiversity, benefiting both your farm and your community.

Across Canada, more than 700 agricultural producers have already enrolled over 18,000 acres in the ALUS program.

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**For more information,
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COUNTY**

Director's Corner - *with Thomas Claydon*

Hello everyone,

With summer on the way out, now is the time to check your feed quality! PCBFA offers their members two free feed samples each year, and the tools for taking the hay samples. Not a member yet? Talk to PCBFA staff to become a member! Now is also time to look back at your grazing plans to see what worked well and what didn't, so you can improve your rotational grazing plans for next year.

A big thank you from us at PCBFA to all of you that came out to the annual field day at the research farm. The turn out was fabulous!

Watch for more upcoming events on the website and in the newsletter, with a reminder for the Western Canadian Conference on Soil Health and Grazing coming up Dec 5th – 7th this year.

Thomas Claydon
Director, PCBFA



Upcoming Events

Cows, Crops, Culverts & Fish Projects Tour

Heart River Watershed Restoration Plan Update

Sept 8th, 2017
9:00am-4:00pm

Meet at Nampa
Museum

Stockmanship School with Dylan Biggs - Day One

September 15th
9:00am-5:00pm

Gordondale Hall

Stockmanship School with Dylan Biggs - Optional Day Two *Attendance limited*

September 16th
9:00am-5:00pm

Gordondale

Cattle Market Outlook

September 20th
5:00pm

Rycroft Ag Events
Centre

New Zealand Ag Study Tour

Nov 23rd-Dec 12th

New Zealand

Western Canada Conference on Soil Health & Grazing

December 5th-7th
www.absoilgrazing.com

Radisson Hotel
Edmonton

For more information or to register for any of these great events, please visit our website or call the Fairview office at 780-835-6799 or email info@pcbfa.ca

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