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## The Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) is Here!

By: Katie McLachlan

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) is a five year, \$3 billion federal-provincial-territorial initiative that has replaced the Growing Forward 2 program. In Alberta, we will see \$406 million in programs and initiatives relating to the agriculture and agri-food industry.

Based on consultations leading up April 2018, CAP in Alberta will deliver programs under five themes: Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change, Products, Market Growth and Distribution, Science and Research, Risk Management, and Public Trust. In total, there will be 15 programs under CAP. These programs will be released in a phased roll out from April - Fall 2018.

Currently, there are 2 programs open to producers in the Peace Country; Farm Water Supply, and Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change.

The Farm Water Supply program is quite similar to the On-Farm Water Management Program offered under Growing Forward 2. The purpose of the Farm Water Supply Program is to support producers in improving their water supply, water security, and more efficiently

manage on-farm water resources through implementation of beneficial management practices. Eligible activities under this program include water supply development (such as building dugouts, wells, pipelines, and connections to multi-user pipelines), as well as projects that protect water sources, such as aeration systems, off-site waterers (off of constructed water sources, such as a well or dugout) and water monitors. As seen with the previous program, these projects are eligible for up to 1/3 reimbursement to a maximum of \$5,000 per applicant. Special incentives under this program include well pit conversions and well decommissioning. Cost share is up to 50% for these special projects.

As before, in order to qualify for funding through this program, producers will need to complete a Long Term Water Management Plan (LTWMP). This LTWMP will

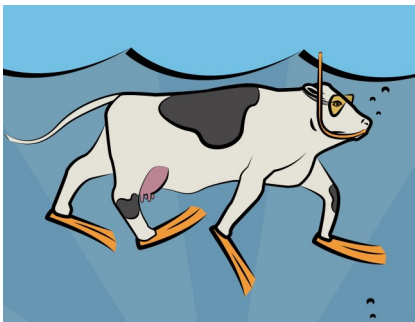


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then need to be approved by an AF Water Specialist. PCBFA can help you with completing your LTWMP and get you in contact with our local AF Water Specialist.

The Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change Producer Program is similar again to its Growing Forward 2 predecessor, the On-Farm Stewardship program. This program is meant to support sustainable production practices, while reducing producer impact on the environment. Eligible activities under this program include: off-site watering systems (off of natural water bodies, such as ponds or creeks), riparian fencing, manure

management, shelterbelts, and equipment such as sectional control for sprayers and grain bag rollers. Cost share under this program is up to 70% of eligible expenses to a maximum of \$100,000 over the term of the program.

The Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change program does require the applicant to have a completed Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) within the last 10 years. If you would like to complete an EFP, or would like to look into applying for funding through this program, please give us a call!

## Introducing a New PCBFA Director

# Kelvin Krahn

“Hello, My name is Kelvin Krahn. My wife Marianne and I bought a farm south west of High Prairie in 2015. We have a 2 year old son Elias. We’ve been custom grazing in the summer time since the beginning. We do some rotational grazing in order to maximize our pasture. Even though we believe in the benefits of rotational grazing, it has been quite time consuming so we’re always looking for ways to do it more efficiently. This winter we bought a few steers that we bale graze. So far we like the simplicity of bale grazing. We’re also looking forward to seeing what kind of regrowth we’ll have on the bale grazing site. If the experience is a success, we’re considering moving our bale grazing site each year in order to rejuvenate our pasture.



Starting to farm from scratch has been a challenge and the learning curve is steep. We would like to farm in such a way that we improve the health of the animal, the land and the people, while being profitable so the next generation can thrive. I’m thankful for the chance that was given to me to join the PCBFA board. I’m excited for all the networking and learning opportunities it will give me. I’m looking forward to learning about all the exciting projects going on and helping the association move forward.

## Thank you to the PCBFA Board of Directors

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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
- CAP Assistance
- Environmental Farm Plans
- Scale & Tag Reader available for member use
- Soil & Livestock Water Quality Testing

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# Staffing Changes at PCBFA

By Katie McLachlan & Codie lee Yasieniuk



On April 12th, we bid farewell to our Environmental & Communications Coordinator, Codie lee Yasieniuk.

"I'd like to thank everyone who made my experience with PCBFA as great as it was! I had an amazing time getting to know our members, staff, and supporters.

I have learned so much through PCBFA! I am very grateful that I got to work with such an innovative, hardworking association. The Peace Region should be proud to have PCBFA!"

On April 9th, Katie McLachlan rejoined the PCBFA team as our new Environmental & Communications Coordinator!

"Hey Everyone! I'm back! For those who do not know me, my name is Katie McLachlan, and I am PCBFA's new Environmental & Communications Coordinator, working primarily out of the Fairview Office.

I grew up southwest of Fairview on our family ranch near Dunvegan, where I am still managing to find the time to farm part time with my mom and brother. We calve out 170 cows, and we typically buy and background 400-500 calves every winter.

I was a long time member of the local 4-H beef club, and still volunteer with the club when I can. I completed my schooling at Lakeland College in Vermillion, where I obtained my diploma in Agribusiness, majoring in Marketing and Communications.

Past work experience has taken me from PCBFA, to crop insurance, back to PCBFA, then to the banking industry!

To say the least, I am very pleased to be back with PCBFA! This association - the staff, membership, and the work we do here - holds a very special place in my heart!

I am a self proclaimed soil nerd, and am very passionate about the soil health work that PCBFA has been doing. I get very excited about cocktail cover crops, and can talk all day about them! This will be our 3rd year planting a cocktail cover crop on our annual crop land. We have seen some incredible changes in our land over the past two years, from visual indicators like increased numbers of beneficial insects and bees, to the fact that we have never been able to produce as much forage matter on our land before! All while cutting back on inputs!

I am excited to get back at it and am looking forward to seeing everyone again! And of course, meeting some new faces! If you are ever through Fairview, be sure to pop in the office for a coffee and say hi!"



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! GRAZING WEEK '18

JUNE 18-23RD 2018

Join PCBFA for a Series of Grazing  
Workshops & Field Days in June!

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# Upcoming Events

**Ranching for Profit: An Introduction & Grazing Workshop with Dave Pratt**

June 19th

Brownvale

**Ranching for Profit: An Introduction & Grazing Workshop with Dave Pratt**

June 20th

Dunvegan

**Pasture Rejuvenation Project Field Day with Dave Pratt**

June 20th

Wanham PGR

**More Grass, More Profit & A Better Quality of Life with Kelly Sidoryk**

June 23rd

Hanson Ranch, Valleyview

**High Prairie Field Day**

Mid Summer

High Prairie

**Soil Health School**

Mid Summer

Teepee Creek

**Field Day at the Research Farm**

August

Fairview Research Farm

**Cocktail Cover Crop Tour**

August

Fairview/Hines Creek

For more information or to register for any of these great events, please visit our website, call the Fairview office at 780-835-6799 ext. 3 or email [info@pcbfa.ca](mailto:info@pcbfa.ca)

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