

# BOOTS IN THE FIELD

*The Alberta Wheat and Barley Commissions' research and agronomy team goes road tripping to Alberta field days*



## PLOT HOP, LETHBRIDGE

Our friends from Farming Smarter held their annual Plot Hop in early June to examine early plot development for all major crops. Despite the chillier than expected weather, the day was a great success with more than 50 people in attendance. Participants gained insight on topics such as pest management, herbicide efficiency, cover crops, weed management and much more.



Riding the Farming Smarter wagon, Brian Kennedy, grower relations and extension manager, did what he does best—connect with farmers and industry.



Hector Carcamo of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) Lethbridge Research and Development Centre presented a flea beetle management talk.



## CANOLAPALOOZA, LACOMBE

It was all fun and games in late June at the Lacombe Research and Development Centre for the agronomy event of the summer, Alberta Canola's fifth annual CanolaPALOOZA. The Alberta Wheat Commission (AWC) station featured skill-testing questions based on ultra-early seeding research by AAFC's Brian Beres and Nufarm technical services manager Graham Collier. Check out [albertawheat.com](http://albertawheat.com) to learn more about their work.



David Simbo, research program manager for the commissions, operated the AWC Early Bird Gets the Germ wheel. The game posed questions related to ultra-early seeding research, providing insight into the benefits of early seeding.



Luckily for Brian Kennedy, he can swim. Volunteering for a shift in the CanolaPALOOZA dunk tank, he helped raise money for a local charity.



Having correctly answered our skill testing question, happy winners of the Early Bird Gets the Germ contest took home excellent prizes—their own pairs of infamous AWC wheat socks.





## LACOMBE FIELD DAY, LACOMBE



Alberta Barley hosted the annual Lacombe Field Day at the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Lacombe Field Crop Development Centre in late July. The tour featured learning sessions on advances in spring and winter triticale breeding, forage focused barley breeding, disease demonstrations and a spotlight on new feed and malting barley varieties.

A large group of farmers and industry members gathered to hear the Centre's Joseph Nyachiro and Pat Juskiw discuss the latest lines produced by their barley breeding program.



Jeremy Boychyn, agronomy research extension specialist for the commissions, followed up with former Alberta Barley director and research chair Richard Mueller after finishing a short presentation on the *The Growing Point* newsletter.



Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's Mazen Aljarrah presented on the advances in spring and winter triticale to an eager group of producers during a full learning day at the Field Crop Development Centre.



## WHEATSTALK, TEEPEE CREEK



Despite less than ideal weather, Peace Country farmers were eager to hear from Jeremy Boychyn speak about Alberta Agriculture and Forestry crop research scientist Sheri Styrhorst's work with plant growth regulators and fungicide applications on CWRS and CPSR wheat varieties.



In early August, AWC held its annual field day in the TeePee Creek area of the Peace Country. This was the first time the event has been held in northern Alberta since its inception three years ago. The WheatStalk build-your-own-adventure model was well received by the 100-plus farmers who attended. Topics covered at 17 stations included demonstrations of University of Alberta plant breeder Dean Spaner's spring wheat lines, AAFC researcher Kelly Turkington's barley intercropping work and AAFC biologist Jennifer Otani's insect museum.

## AGSMART, OLDS



Olds College and Agri-Trade partnered in presenting Ag-Smart, a new agriculture event focused on technology and data use in the sector. AWC and FarmCash sponsored the two-day affair in mid-August. Held on the Olds College grounds, it featured hands-on demonstrations, education sessions and a tradeshow.

Commission staff in attendance included (left to right): Megan Evans, event and marketing lead, Tom Steve, general manager, Syeda Khurram, CFO and Brian Kennedy, grower relations and extension manager.



Join us at FarmTech for  
Alberta Wheat Commission's

# Annual General Meeting

Hear about the work we're doing  
for farmers.



January 29, 2020



10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



Edmonton Expo Centre, Hall F



Open to the general public

# Join the provincial crop commissions at your regional/zone meeting this fall

We invite you to connect with your neighbours, see how your commissions are working for you, and learn about timely industry issues from our informative lineup of speakers. Visit the commission websites for complete details and to pre-register for these events.

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<b>November 3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	Agri-Trad
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<p>▶ <b>Vulcan</b> Vulcan Lodge Hall ABC Region 2, AWC Region 2, APG Zone 2</p> <p>▶ <b>Lacombe</b> Lacombe ABC Region 2, AWC Region 2, APG Zone 2</p> <p>▶ <b>Vegreville</b> Vegreville Alberta Canola Region 10</p> <p>▶ <b>Nampa</b> Nampa Alberta Canola Region 10</p>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<p>▶ <b>Barrhead</b> Barrhead Arena ABC Region 5, AWC Region 5, APG Zone 3</p> <p>▶ <b>Vermilion</b> Vermilion Regional Centre Alberta Canola Region 10</p> <p>▶ <b>Lacombe</b> Lacombe Memorial Centre Alberta Canola Region 7</p> <p>▶ <b>Falher</b> Falher ABC Region 5, AWC Region 5, APG Zone 3</p> <p>▶ <b>Vegreville</b> Vegreville Alberta Canola Region 10</p> <p>▶ <b>Camrose</b> Norseman Alberta Canola Region 10</p>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<p>▶ <b>Airdrie</b> Apple Creek Golf Course Alberta Canola Region 8</p> <p>▶ <b>Manning</b> Manning Legion Hall Alberta Canola Region 1</p> <p>▶ <b>Camrose</b> Camrose ABC Region 10, AWC Region 10, APG Zone 10</p> <p>▶ <b>High Prairie</b> Triangle Alberta Canola Region 10</p>
<b>December 1</b>	<b>2</b>		<p>▶ <b>Taber</b> Heritage Inn APG Zone 1</p>



# NEXT LEVEL FARMING

Next Level Farming events are in **green**

# Powering Your Profits

Powering Your Profits events are in **yellow**

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6</p> <p>Agri-Trade <i>Alberta Crops Breakfast</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>Agri-Trade</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Grande Prairie Memorial Centre Region 3, AWC Region 3</p> <p>Westlock Social Centre Canola Region 4</p> <p>Complex Canola Region 3</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Grande Prairie Paradise Inn &amp; Conference Centre Alberta Canola Region 5</p> <p>Westlock Westlock &amp; District Community Hall Alberta Canola Region 2</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Westlock Curling Rink Region 6, AWC Region 5, APG Zone 4</p> <p>Westlock Social Centre Canola Region 4</p> <p>Westlock Inn Canola Region 11</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Westlock Westlock &amp; District Community Hall Alberta Canola Region 2</p> <p>Nisku Holiday Inn &amp; Suites Edmonton Airport - Conference Centre Alberta Canola Region 6</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Westlock Best Western Region 4, AWC Region 4, APG Zone 5</p> <p>Grande Prairie Hall Canola Region 3</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Lethbridge Lethbridge Coast Hotel ABC Region 1, AWC Region 1</p> <p>Drumheller The Cretaceous Conference Centre Alberta Canola Region 12</p> <p>Grande Prairie Paradise Inn &amp; Conference Centre Alberta Canola Region 2</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
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December 11 – 12, 2019  
Fairmont Banff Springs

## Agenda Highlights

- Hon. Stockwell Day  
International Trade & China
- Market Access
- Transportation
- Research & Technology
- Federal Election Implications

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(Full conference access - AGM,  
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Join us at Next Level Farming, featuring regional commission updates, market insights, regional agronomy experts and water management information.

Be one of the first 10 people to pre-register for any Next Level Farming meetings to secure a pair of wheat socks!

**We hope to see you there.**

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## ALBERTA WHEAT AND BARLEY IN THE NEWS

*The Alberta Wheat and Barley Commissions are regularly featured in the media where they provide the farmer perspective on key issues.*



Crop conditions were a hot topic this summer. Global Lethbridge called on Jeremy Boychyn and Alberta Barley chair Dave Bishop to provide insights.



Tom Steve, general manager of the commissions, told CBC's The National that increased wheat exports to China do not make up for the losses farmers face in the canola market.

## ADVANCING AG TAKES ON ITS NEXT BATCH OF MENTEES



**Advancing Ag**  
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At a meet-and-greet held at Calgary's Hotel Arts in late July, the AdvancingAg graduating class of 2018 spoke to the 2019 incoming mentees about their experiences in the program. Left to right: Addison Cullen, Natasha Peiskar, Logan Skori, Isabelle Thibout and Steven Vincett. Not pictured are Carly Schoorlemmer and Marissa Gehlert.



During the event, mentees and mentors met and planned out their goals. Representing Corteva Agriscience, which is a mentor sponsor, Loralee Orr (far right) spoke at the event. Also pictured are (left to right) David Simbo, Isabelle Thibout and Cole Christensen of Cole's Ag Communications.

## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS OVER BARLEY AND BEER



In partnership with the Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre, the Brewing and Malting Barley Research Institute and SaskBarley, Alberta Barley hosted the two-day Made in Canada Crop Tour to encourage brewers to use new malting barley varieties.

The tour showcased Alberta's grain-to-glass value chain to a small contingent of Canadian and American brewers. The tour visited three barley farms growing these new malt barley varieties, the Red Shed malthouse and the provincial Field Crop Development Centre near Lacombe.





Made in Canada Crop Tour attendees visited three farms, Red Shed Malthouse and the provincial Field Crop Development Centre.



At Antler Valley Farm, the McAllister family spoke about the benefits of using newer malting barley varieties.





Joining brewers on the tour, representatives of the entire barley value chain included seed companies, researchers, maltsters and exporters. This variety of industry experience provided attendees with insight and networking opportunities.



## TALKING TRADE

As part of an industry roundtable meeting in Calgary, Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland, met with farm groups, including the commissions, to offer an update on the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement.



Tom Steve (middle) attended with Alberta Barley directors, Jeff Nielsen (second from left) and Dave Bishop (back, fourth from left).

