



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW DIRECTORS

The Alberta Wheat and Barley Commissions have recently elected several directors. These new faces join the commissions with a great deal of industry experience between them. Their insight and unique perspectives are a valuable asset to the commissions and the strategic planning work the two groups conduct.

Sean Stanford

Alberta Barley region one director

Farm: Twisted Iron Farming
Commodities: barley, canola, flax and wheat
Magrath, Cardston County

A third generation farmer, Sean, his father Gary and brother Matthew operate separate farms but work together throughout the growing season. Having served as an Alberta Barley delegate for the last two years he is excited to become further engaged as a newly minted director. Sean has served on the commission's trade and policy committees, as he is passionate about these programming areas.

Bernie Klammer

Alberta Barley region four director

Farm: Corner View Land & Cattle
Commodities: barley, canola, wheat and purebred Simmental cattle
Vegreville, County of Minburn

Bernie is a third generation farmer in the Vegreville area. He and his wife Georgina and their two sons Kris and Kaleb farm on much of the same land Bernie's father and grandfather have worked since 1946. Having served more than 25 years as a delegate for Alberta Barley and six years as a director in two previous terms, Bernie brings years of dedication and experience to the board. He aims to understand the issues that are top of mind for farmers across the province and ensure that they are fairly represented. Of Alberta Barley's core program areas, his interests are focused on policy and trade.

Roy Newman

Alberta Barley region two director

Farm: Newman Farms
Commodities: barley, canola, hay, peas, wheat and cattle
Blackie, M.D. of Foothills

With his wife Robin, Roy operates a fourth generation family farm, which was established in 1904. Their sons Aaron and Mitch will soon join the operation as the fifth. Roy has participated in several commodity and community boards over the years and looks forward to spending more of his time on committee work. Of Alberta Barley's core program areas, he is interested in market access, trade and communications.

Shawn Jacula

Alberta Wheat Commission region four director

Farm: Canola Farms
Commodities: barley, canola, peas and wheat
Vermilion, County of Vermilion River

Shawn is a third generation farmer who works his land northwest of Vermilion with wife Bethany. His family has farmed the area since the early 1900s. As a new director he aspires to help the commission evolve and progress to continue the work of building a better future for wheat farmers. He looks forward to making a strong contribution within the Alberta Wheat Commission's core program areas.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Jeremy Boychyn is the Alberta Wheat and Barley Commissions' agronomy research extension specialist. Boychyn strives to bridge the gap between agronomic research and Alberta wheat and barley farmers.



Why did you choose a career in agriculture?

I grew up in agriculture. My grandparents had an apple orchard while my father owned a horticulture farm and market. I spent most of my childhood seeding, growing and harvesting fruits and veggies. Agriculture feels like my whole world sometimes and I wouldn't have it any other way.

What did you study?

I completed both my bachelor of science and master's of science at the University of Guelph. For my B.Sc., I majored in horticultural science. My M.Sc. was in plant physiology. I studied the effects of drought and low fertility on native perennial ornamentals.

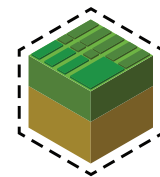
What do you like most about your role at the commissions?

The best part is helping farmers with agronomic knowledge that brings value to their farms. It is also a great opportunity to work with amazing, driven people. Agriculture is full of inspiring folks looking to make a difference in the world through agriculture.

What projects are you working on?

There are a number of projects on the go. I am working on production manuals for both wheat and barley. These production manuals, written by numerous experts, cover topics from field and variety selection to storage management.

I am also heading into our second season of Plot2Farm. This project provides on-farm research protocols and resources to farmers who want to understand the impact of certain management practices on their farm through on-farm trials. The first season was a success with two trials conducted. This next year I am looking to expand with more farmers and different regions of the province.



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What is a fun fact about you?

In my spare time I enjoy hunting upland birds with our family dog Birdie who is a versatile hunting dog in training.

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