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A Message From the Chief Executive Officer

Welcome

to May everyone. It has certainly been a challenging time. Worldwide

pandemic, struggling energy industries, struggling agriculture industries, struggling service industries, nonexistent event industries, and flooding from the winter that just would not end. It has been several generations since the human resolve has been this tested. It is during these trying times that the real Alberta advantage shines brightly. That advantage is the people. Alberta and Canada are blessed with amazing people who never fail to step up when needed. Agricultural Societies are a catalyst for community vibrancy and will be instrumental in the recovery of the people we serve. Never underestimate the power of volunteers.

AAAS has been working diligently on behalf of the Membership. During the Regional meetings in April we went over our initial request to Minister Dreeshen which was to expedite the grant program. We are very excited to say that by the time you read this article you should have received your core funding. The remainder of the operating grant will be processed in May and sent to you once final calculations have been completed.

The second part of our request was for some "Emergency Stabilization" funds for Ag Societies. Since the initial request, AAAS has provided additional information to the Deputy Minister outlining rationale to support a \$10 million dollar request for Primary Ag Societies. Huge thank you to Richard Hudson for assisting in putting together the information. Mr. Hudson provided the Hudson Report for AAAS in 2017. AAAS also included an \$8 million request for the Regional Ag Societies based on information supplied by the Regional Managers. AAAS will continue to advocate for our members to ensure Ag Societies are ready to build consumer confidence and strengthen community physical and mental health post pandemic. Ag Societies will drive economic recovery for all Alberta's communities through their facilities, programs, and events.

AAAS has also requested an extension to the Farm Safety Grant program. Forced closures of facilities and events will seriously impact our members opportunity to implement the plans made to access the grant and therefore an extension request for one more year has been forwarded to the Deputy Minister. At the time of this article we had not received a response. Please stay tuned. In the meantime, your Ag Society can be imaginative on ways to deliver safety training and awareness to your community during the public restrictions. AAAS will be very interested in new proposals.

AAAS had also requested support for the Provincial Association in what has been called the "Capacity Grant" Unfortunately we have been declined for the second year. AAAS will be looking at new and innovative business delivery methods to continue improving the value we provide to our members.

The AAAS annual conference was a tremendous success this year. Thank you to all the great volunteers from Region 5 for making it happen. Feedback on the new facility was very positive. We are really looking forward to 2021. Conference saw the launch of our Treasure's Training program levels 1 and 2. AAAS is proud to have partnered with MNP to develop this valuable program. Feedback was very positive with great suggestions for improvement. AAAS and MNP will be implementing many of the suggestions as we prepare for the delivery of Level 3. We are exploring the opportunity to move the program online to allow for greater accessibility, but this may take some time.

The bylaw review workshop was also very well received. We hosted nearly 200 people for this informative program. AAAS will be launching the bylaw review program online in the coming weeks. We will provide a detailed overview of what should be in each section of your bylaws as well as providing a copy of the AAAS "Best Practice Bylaws" to all those who register. We look forward to providing the resources needed for Ag Societies to have strong and current bylaws for their organization. Reviewing your bylaws is a great exercise for your board during these unique times.

A Message From the Chief Executive Officer

AAAS is also extremely excited to launch our "Members Benefits Package" for your employees in this newsletter. We are extremely fortunate to work with our partners at Foster Park Brokers to bring you this unique and valuable opportunity. Although during this pandemic your employees may be scaled back, you may wish to consider implementing this program once business returns to its new reality. Retaining valuable staff for not for profits can be challenging which is why we have developed this program. Please contact Foster Park Brokers for more details and find out how you can support your staff and board. This opportunity is open to Service members as well.

AAAS will continue to look forward and provide resources, information and programs that benefit our members. Although these are trying times and you are no doubt mourning the loss of your events in 2020, this can be a time of new beginnings. With adversity comes

innovation, with every challenge, an opportunity. Amazing things can happen when we focus our energy on what we can accomplish and not what we have lost. I encourage all of us to look into our communities and find places we can make a positive difference. Plant a garden for the food bank, build a virtual tradeshow for the business' in your region, inspire your friends and neighbors to get involved and support those in need. We are all in this together and together we are stronger.

Although it may seem dark now, I am excited for the light you will bring to the table.

Thank you and good luck.

Sincerely, **Tim Carson,**Chief Executive Officer

Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies







Unfortunately, due to the health risks associated with the current COVID-19 global pandemic and the ban on public events with gatherings of more than 15 people through to the end of the summer announced by the Province of Alberta.

This announcement with heavy hearts, though deeply disappointing, was necessary protect the health of everyone and to respect the decisions taken by the Province of Alberta. But we are a strong organization and a strong community, we'll all get through this pandemic together and look forward to the events in 2021.



VIRTUAL SHOWS AND WEBINARS

Fri, 8 May 2020

Mental Health in Agriculture

With the support of The Do More Ag Foundation and Farm Credit Canada, Canadian Organic Growers is hosting a three hour Mental Health in Agriculture webinar.

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/moved-online-mental-health-in-agriculture-webinar-tickets-103454374820



Diamonds in the Rough Stage

Sirroma Entertainment along with LimeLite Audio and Media bring you #SundayNightLive on Facebook. An opportunity to showcase emerging country music artists from across Canada. A promotion for the Diamonds in the Rough Stage inconjunction with Canadian Country Music Week.

https://sirromaentertainment.com/diamonds-in-the-rough



Loggersports

Loggersports has been an integral part of many fairs for over a century. They are hosting a virtual hotsaw competition which will be aired on you tube over 4 weeks from May 16th, which usually marks the open of our logger sports season.

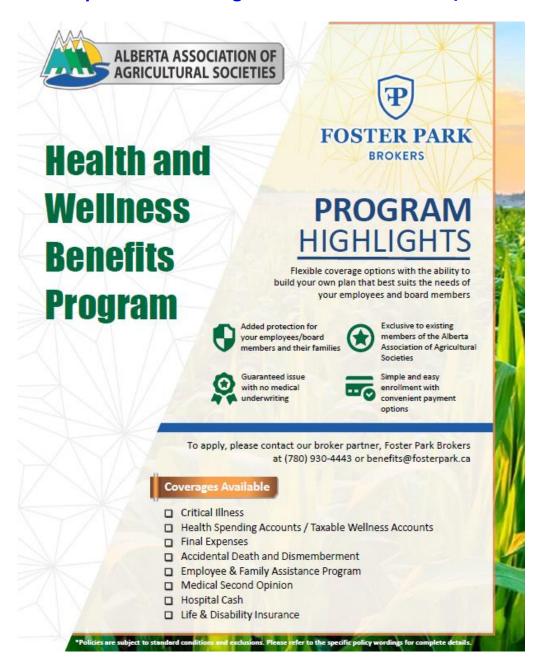
It will be aired on a youtube channel The Axe Box and on the Laughingloggers Facebook page.

www.laughinglogger.com



We are excited to present

a new HEALTH AND WELLNESS BENEFITS PROGRAM available to our AAAS Members https://www.albertaagsocieties.ca/member-benefits/



See link below to become an AAAS Service Member

https://www.albertaagsocieties.ca/service-member-application/

As a Service Member you can also and save on your Convention showcase fees and promote yourself to our member's year-round through the AAAS website and newsletters. Service Members also receive a discount on the AAAS Newsletter advertising rates. If you are not a member, please contact the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies office at (780) 427-2174 and discover the opportunities!

WEBSITE UPDATES



Our most updated page in recent weeks has been the COVID19—RESOURCE PAGE.

https://www.albertaagsocieties.ca/covid-19-resources/

Our Team has been working diligently to add the latest information to this page as it comes available.



WE HAVE ORGANIZED THE RESOURCES IN (3) CATEGORIES FOR OUR MEMBERS

- SUPPORTS FOR INDIVIDUALS
- SUPPORTS FOR BUSINESSES
- SUPPORTS FOR ENTERTAINERS



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan



PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT:

Measures to protect businesses and organizations from the economic disruption of COVID-19 and position Alberta for recovery.



INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/cpe-covid-19-factsheet-volunteers

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

With all of the announcements coming from the government recently, we understand that finding the most up to date and accurate information can be a challenge. Here are the most recent programs/subsidies that are available and may apply to your organization:

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) - 75% Wage Subsidy

A subsidy of 75% of employees' wages up to \$847 / week for up to 12 weeks (March 15 - June 6, 2020) for individuals, corporations, charities and partnerships who have seen a 15 - 30% decrease in revenues. The Canadian government is essentially giving you money to pay your employees so you don't have to terminate their employment. https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html

10% Wage Subsidy

A subsidy of 10% of remuneration paid up to a maximum subsidy of \$1,375 per employee and \$25,000 per employer for Canadian Controlled Private Corporations, sole proprietorships, partnerships, non-profit organizations and charities. In short, you get 10% of the salary you pay to your employees back from the government. https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/covid-19-update/frequently-asked-questions-wage-subsidy-small-businesses.html

Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)

Small business and not for profits with 2019 payroll between \$20,000 - \$1,500,000 are eligible for an interest free loan of up to \$40,000. If the loan is repaid in full before December 31, 2022, 25% of the loan (up to \$10,000) will be forgiven.

https://ceba-cuec.ca/

Temporary Changes to Canada Summer Jobs program

A 100% wage subsidy (up to provincial minimum wage) for private and public sector employees. https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs/temporary-flexibility.html

Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

Individuals who have lost their job or have seen a significant decrease in income (below \$1,000/month) as a result of COVID-19 are eligible if they had income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or the last 12 months. With the CERB, you would receive \$500 per week for up to 16 weeks.

https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html

Extension of Tax Deadlines

Any corporate taxes payable due after March 18, 2020 are now due on August 31, 2020. This applies to tax balances and instalments for both personal and corporate taxes. Corporate tax returns with filing deadlines after March 18, 2020 and before June 1, 2020 now have until June 1, 2020 to file.



AAAS 2020 AWARD WINNERS













General Scholarship Award Kelsey Eleniak



GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Amy Richardson

Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies

PROVINCIAL MARKETING AWARDS 2020 WINNERS



CATEGORY 1

(1A) - Promotional Posters attendance under 500 People

1st Place – Ardrossan AgSociety 2nd Place – Stettler Ag Society 3rd Place – Eaglesham Ag Society

(1B) - Promotional Posters attendance over 500 & under 5000 People

1st Place – Cold Lake Ag Society 2nd Place – Bonanza Ag Society 3rd Place – Millarville Ag Society

(1C)- Promotional Posters attendance over 5000 People

1st Place – Westerner Park 2nd Place – Strathmore Ag Society 3rd Place – High River

CATEGORY 2

(2A) Fair Book/Event Program Covers attendance under 500 People

1st Place – Grovedale Ag Society 2nd Place – Wembley Ag Society 3rd Place – Ponoka Ag Society

(2B) Fair Book/Event Program Covers attendance over 500 & under 5000 People

1st Place – Millarville Ag Society 2nd Place – Olds Ag Society 3rd Place – Andrew Ag Society

(2C) Fair Book/Event Program Covers attendance 5000 People

1st Place – Millarville Ag Society 2nd Place—Westerner Park

CATEGORY 3

(3A) Newsletters Distribution of 250 or less per issue

1st Place – PACO 2nd Place – Lakedell Ag Society 3rd Place – Wembley Ag Society

(3B) Newsletters Distribution of over 250 & less than 500 per issue

1st Place – Eaglesham Ag Society 2nd Place – Rosalind Ag Society

(3A) Newsletters Distribution of Over 500 per issue

1st Place – Cold Lake Ag Society 2nd Place – Millarville Ag Society 3rd Place – Saskatoon Lake Ag Society

CATEGORY 4

Website Development Budget under \$1,000

1st Place – Lamont Ag Society 2nd Place – Lloydminster Ag Society 3rd Place – Eaglesham Ag Society

Website Development Budget over \$1,000 and Under \$5000

1st Place – Valleyview Ag Society 2nd Place – Bonanza Ag Society

Website Development Budget over \$5,000

1st Place – Millarville Ag Society 2nd Place – Winfield Ag Society

CATEGORY 5

(5A) Social Media following of less than 500 1st Place – Vauxhall Ag Society

2nd Place - Whitecourt Ag Society

(5B) Social Media following of more than 500 and less than 2500

1st Place – Olds Regional Exhibition 2nd Place – Glendon Ag Society 3rd Place – Millarville Ag Society

(5C) Social Media following of more than 2,500

1st Place – Westerner Park 2nd Place – Cold Lake Ag Society 3rd Place – Lloydminster Ag Society

CATEGORY 6

(6A) New Program/Event attendance/ Participants under 100

1st Place -Lakedell Ag Society

(6B) New Program/Event attendance/ participants over 100 and under 350 people

1st Place – Westerner Park 2nd Place – PACO 3rd Place - Whitecourt Ag Society

(6C) New Program/Event attendance/ participants over 350 people

1st Place – PACO 2nd Place – Lloydminster Ag Society 3rd Place - Winfield Ag Society

CATEGORY 7

Event/Organization Photo Collage

1st Place - Lakedell Ag Society 2nd Place - Cold Lake Ag Society 3rd Place — Bonanza Ag Society

Delegates Choice

1st Place – Lloydminster Ag Society 2nd Place - Ardrossan Ag Society 3rd Place – Grovedale Ag Society



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Grande Prairie Exhibition Grovedale Ag Society Lethbridge Exhibition
Lloydminster Exhibition Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede North American Midways
Olds Regional Exhibition Vauxhall Agricultural Society
Vegreville Agricultural Society Westerner Park

FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS







OUR NEXT CONVENTION WILL BE FEBRUARY 4 - 6, 2021

Hotel will begin taking room bookings in June







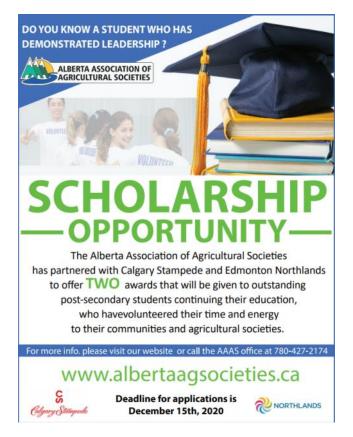
For a quote or to schedule a visit contact:

Perry Cramer
P 780-930-2950
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SCHOLARSHIPS & PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

WE HAVE POSTERS ON OUR WEBSITE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO PRINT OUT TO ASSIST IN RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR AG SOCIETY AND ADVERTISING THE AAAS SCHOLARSHIPS.

https://www.albertaagsocieties.ca/oprovincial-awards/





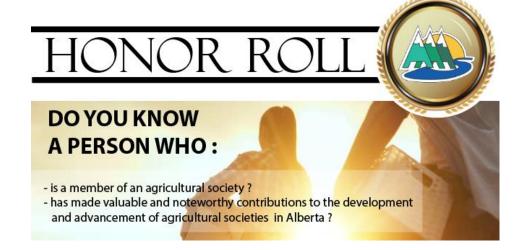
Do you know of someone who has made a valuable and noteworthy contribution to the development and advancement of agricultural societies in Alberta? The Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies invites agricultural societies to nominate a member of their association for their outstanding contribution to the development and advancement of agricultural societies in Alberta. Two members will be awarded the Honorary Life Memberships.

Click here for a print out copy of the nomination form:

Honour-Roll-Nomination-Form

Click here for the online nomination form:

Honour Roll Nomination Form Online





THANK YOU

TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR FIRST ROUND OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS

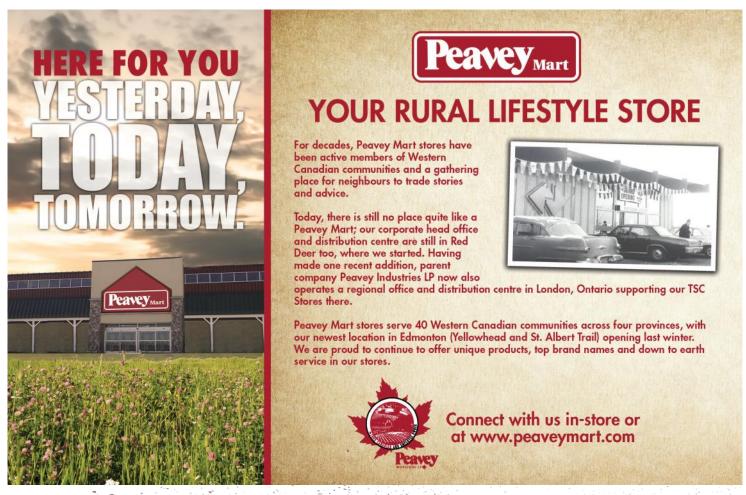
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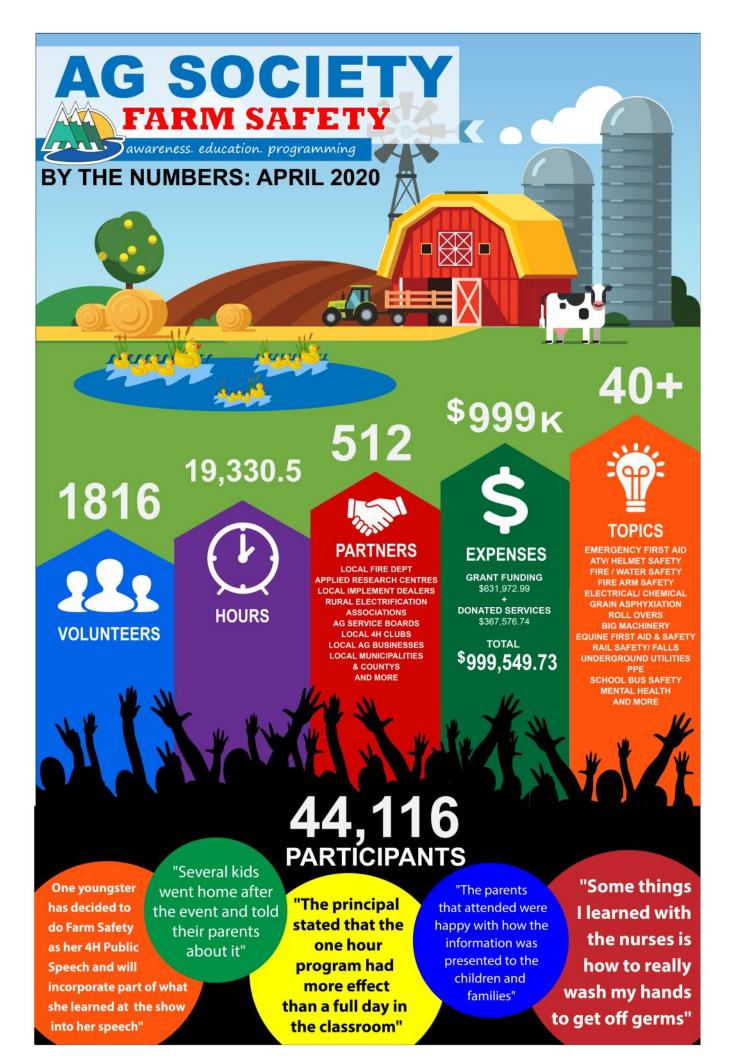
REGIONAL MEETING AGENDA

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SPRING MEETING VIDEOS

https://www.albertaagsocieties.ca/regional-meetingsevents/





FARM SAFETY - Resources



Farm Safety Grant Program Update

We have requested from the Government of Alberta an extension for the Farm Safety Grant with hopes for a new deadline of December 31, 2021. We will keep the Ag Societies updated when we hear a response. If you are cancelling your Farm Safety event, please email us and let us know.

MANY RESOURCES EXIST TO HELP YOU WITH PLANNING OR PROGRAMMING YOUR FARM SAFETY INITIATIVE

http://albertaagsocieties.ca/farm-safety-grant/

Team T&J

Name: Jory Berger Phone: 413-557-7690 Email: tandj@teamtanj.com

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Alberta

https://www.teamtandj.com/no-harm-on-the-farm

Able to offer both TEAM T&J Live Interactive Music and Dance Shows and/or No Harm on the Farm as **Virtual shows/ presentations!** They can do Zoom, if given Admin access to Facebook pages, we can connect to specific Ag Societies and go live on their Facebook or Instagram pages. Please contact for more info.

The Joe Show

Name: Joe

Phone: 403-232-4950

Email: Joe@JoeShowOnline.com

Joe's Farm Show Covers; Boundaries on the farm, what to do with tools, safety with moving vehicles and machinery and warning signs on the farm. The Joe Show is currently working on some online episodes on animal safety. Email the Joe show for more information.

<u>ATCO</u>

Name: Erin Newell-Lupien Phone: 780-420-3419

Email: erin.newell-Lupien@atco.com Electric Hazard Demonstration

https://www.atco.com/en-ca/for-home/electricity/safety/

safety-emergency-education-resources.html

Government of Alberta

Phone: 310-FARM (3276) Email: farm.safety@gov.ab.ca

Helmet, concussion, farm machinery, injury awareness, grain safety, sun safety, livestock safety, hearing safety, hazard as-

sessment. Interactive and Static Displays

https://www.alberta.ca/farm-safety-program.aspx

VDM Fire Inc.

Name: Scott VanderMeer Phone: 403-707-9200

Email: scottvandermeer2@gmail.com

Farm Fire Safety, Grassfire Awareness, Preparing Your Property, Basic FireSmart Principles, Farm Equipment Fire Safety, Farm Animal Fire Safety, Feed Storage Fire Safety, Firebreaks & Fire Safety, Burning Safety, Backyard Fire Safety-

Fire Preparedness & Mitigation Workshop.



FARM SAFETY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

CALVING & HOW TO DO IT SAFELY

The Vegreville Agricultural Society Had a great turn out for their calving event. They had 70 Attendees and 20 Volunteers come out to learn some new information and techniques.

Topics covered:
Pulling calves, correctly and safely
Potential complications
Postpartum care
Human safety
Supplies to have on hand
Assessing the Calf and Cow
Hands on with Cow/Calf Simulator

Presented by Vegreville Ag Society





OPEN FARM DAYS UPDATE



OPEN FARM DAYS BOX PARTNER WITH THE ORGANIC BOX

Open Farm Days creates a unique farm box in partnership with The Organic Box We are excited to announce a pilot program with The Organic Box.

Starting April 24, customers will be able to purchase one of three curated boxes filled with products from the farms you've visited over the last 7 years.

There are a limited number of boxes to be purchased, and so it's best to buy one before they're gone! <a href="https://albertafarmdays.ca/open-farm-days-box/open-far



MEAT BOX NORTH – \$99.99

Including meat products from northern Albertan Farmers
Grass-Fed ground beef from Stonepost Farms
Burgers (5/pack) and jumbo hotdogs (4/pack) from Blue Ridge Farms
Two sausage packs (classic and rosemary garlic) from Serben Farms
Elk ribeye steaks from Golden Willow
Turkey fillet and tenders from Winters Turkeys



MEAT BOX SOUTH - \$100

Including meat products from southern Albertan Farmers
Breakfast sausage and Italian sausage from Broek Pork Acres
Grass-fed stewing beef from TK Ranch
Hungarian rice sausage from Premium Sausage
Elk New York steaks from Golden Willow
Turkey fillet and tenders from Winters Turkeys



ALBERTA PANTRY BOX - \$49.99

Includes pantry products from around the province.

Jar of honey from Paradis Valley Honey
Cherry syrup from DNA Gardens
Strawberry-rhubarb jam from Wild Country Gardens
Dried herbs and blossom infused vinegar dressing from Prairie Gardens
Lard from Eh Farms



ABOUT THE ORGANIC BOX

<u>The Organic Box</u> is owned and operated by a local Edmonton farming family. With more than 40 team members in Alberta and a network of supporting families across western Canada, we work together to find ways to eat sustainably. https://www.theorganicbox.ca/catalogue/

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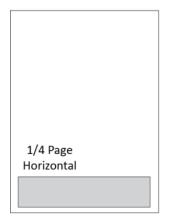
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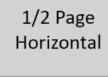
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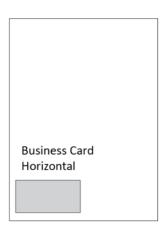
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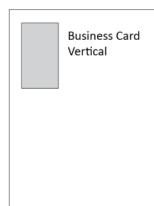


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All image files should be : JPG, PNG or EPS.

(* <u>PICT and GIF files are low-resolution web files not suitable for printing.)</u>



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Flyer / Insert	\$150.00	\$300.00

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VISION

AAAS inspires Vibrancy in Alberta Communities

MISSION

Through education, facilitation and collaboration,
AAAS **empowers** people to be leaders in high quality communities

VALUES

Excellence in direction and execution. Success through collaboration.

Motivation through education and engagement. Advocacy through example.

Dedicated to strengthen Agricultural Societies and their communities

GOAL

SUSTAINABILITY

- Funding:
- Staff Stakeholders Relations
- Board Stakeholder Relations

ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH

- Succession Planning
- Board Analysis
- Technology

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Capacity Building
- Provincial Infrastructure Project

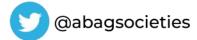
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Region 4: Rebecca Joseph
Region 4: Rick McCarthy

Region 5: Natasha Dombrosky

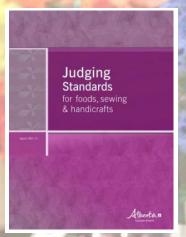
Region 5: Bruce Walker
Region 6: Darlene Corriveau

Service Member Director: Chris Sisson Chief Executive Officer: Tim Carson



PLANNING A BENCH SHOW

Using a step-by-step format, this guide provides good reference for anyone planning their first bench show. The hints, activities and ideas are also useful to established committees looking for ideas to improve their show. It covers such topics as developing a plan, budgeting, working with volunteers, preparing the prize list, advertising, hiring judges, displaying exhibits, and evaluation. It also includes worksheets that can serve as an ongoing record for future planning committees. This workbook comes three-hole punched, and is ready to be inserted into any standard binder.



JUDGING STANDARDS FOR FOODS, SEWING & HANDICRAFTS

This judging standards publication has been created to achieve the following:

- Indicate standards of quality for a variety of food products, sewing and handicraft articles.
- Aid judges by identifying specific techniques and methods characteristic of that
 product and by suggesting points to consider relative to texture, flavour, design, etc. of that article. Where a type of food product or craft technique is not
 included, it is suggested that the standards of a similar product be used, or
 that general standards be applied, at the discretion of the judge.

Help exhibitors by identifying the desired qualities of the product



JUDGING STANDARDS FOR HORTICULTURAL SHOWS

This is a revision of the old Judging Standards for Horticultural Shows. It is THE book that Alberta Horticultural Association judges will follow when judging exhibits. This new edition simplifies the guidelines so that beginner and novice alike can interpret them with little difficulty, while providing clarity for the more experienced judge and exhibitor.

- updated information on all flower, vegetable and fruit classes
- a recommended show schedule including correct terminology and wording
- an updated scales of points
- sections on photography, floral arrangements, judging systems, planning a show, yards and gardens, agricultural exhibits and much more!

Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticultural Shows is a must-have for judges, exhibitors and anyone interested in horticultural shows.

PLEASE CONTACT THE AAAS OFFICE FOR A PDF COPY OF THE ABOVE PUBLICATIONS

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