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Updates and information from across the industry

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Sask. Agricultural Hall of Fame announces 2024 inductees

We are delighted to see Dr. Bruce Coulman among the list of 2024 inductees into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame, in recognition of his significant contributions to agriculture. A long-time member of the SFC board of directors, Bruce was also the 2014 recipient of the SFC Forage Innovation Award, which recognizes exemplary innovation, leadership, service and leadership in Saskatchewan's forage industry. Congratulations to Bruce, and all of this year's Hall of Fame inductees!

CTV News Saskatoon, January 11, 2024

The Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame announced its latest crop of inductees.

"The commitment, innovation and dedicated work of these individuals have had a lasting impact on the agriculture sector in our province," president Reed Andrew said in a news release.

The inductees include Abdul Jalil, Brian Olsen, Bruce Coulman, Grant Carlson, Les Johnston and Stewart Stone.

[Read more](#)

Canadian Cow-Calf Survey 2023-2024

The Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC) is asking cow-calf producers to share insight into their on-farm management practices and production methods. The 2023 Canadian Cow-Calf Survey is an online questionnaire that will collect data to help understand trends in production practices and efficiencies over time.

The last day to participate in the survey is March 31, 2024.

[Click here to read more and start the survey](#)



Agriculture Student Scholarship

By: Saskatchewan Agriculture

Benefits of Applying

Saskatchewan's agriculture and agri-food industry offers numerous career opportunities - from production, research, processing, manufacturing, to finance and everything in between. In fact, the industry accounts for about 50,000 jobs across the province.

For students who want to tell the exciting story of agriculture, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture offers the Agriculture Student Scholarship. The winning scholarship is valued at \$6,000 and the three runner-up scholarships are valued at \$3,000 each.

[Learn more and download the application form here.](#)

Swath grazing warm-season crops

Summer heat and dry conditions often leave livestock producers struggling with low-quality forage late in the summer and fall grazing season. Warm-season annuals may present an opportunity to provide higher-quality feed once cool season grasses and legumes are no longer packing a punch. Check out the following resources to learn more about using warm-season crops for swath grazing:



[Swath Grazing](#) by SDSU Extension is a discussion of the results of a study from 2022 examining swath grazing forage sorghum and pearl millet for winter feed.

[Swath Grazing Poly Crops Project Fact Sheet](#) by BCRC shares information about a current research project underway led by Aklilu Alemu (AAFC Swift Current) to investigate the potential of polycrop blends for swath grazing.

The Peace Country Beef and Forage Association shared details of a project that investigated mixtures of fall rye, sweet clover, and proso millet for grazing near High Prairie, Alberta. [Learn more here.](#)

[This article from Top Crop Manager](#) in 2007 gives a good background on work comparing warm- and cool-season annual crops for swath grazing in Saskatchewan.

Watch this [YouTube Farmer Panel from Covers & Co.](#) on the evolution of swath grazing. Cattle producers discuss their experiences swath grazing in Western Canada, including the incorporation of warm-season cover crops.

Understanding ADF and NDF

By: Brad Schick, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Understanding a hay test can be difficult. Today, we will look at fiber tests — Acid Detergent Fiber, or ADF, and Neutral Detergent Fiber, or NDF.

Both ADF and NDF are part of the detergent analysis system used to analyze forages. NDF provides us with a measure of the forage sample's cell wall, basically the total fiber. This includes the cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin and silica portions of the forage, which are the primary structural components for all plants. ADF, on the other hand, measures only the least digestible parts of the plant: cellulose, lignin and silica.

[Read more](#)

Opportunity: Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association

The Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association is seeking a Communications and Marketing Coordinator.

The Communications & Marketing Coordinator is responsible for the planning and execution of the annual marketing and communication strategies. The focus of this position is to develop and execute tactics to grow the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's digital reach and deliver an effective communications strategy. This role works closely with the SCA Staff Team and the SCA Communications Committee to create a yearly engagement plan and then execute digital engagement, marketing and communications.

[Learn more and apply at SaskJobs](#)



Drought: more than a summer challenge. BCRC Webinar

Drought has been a common occurrence on the prairies. With extreme drought conditions and feed shortages, producers are making critical decisions that can have a big impact on productivity and profitability that goes beyond the summer season.

This webinar will share key insights on what to look out for to give your herd its best change to withstand severe or prolonged drought.

Watch here: <https://youtu.be/Tbys2nOTj4c>

Upcoming Events

Saskatchewan Beef Industry Conference

January 22-24, 2024

Regina, SK

[Register here](#)

Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds Conference

January 30-31, 2024

Regina, SK

[Learn more here](#)

Celebrating Rural Ranching Women

February 1-2, 2024

Rockglen, SK
[Register here](#)

Embers of Insight Prescribed Fire Webinar Series part 1

February 5, 2024

via Webinar

[Learn more and register here](#)

Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop

February 7-8, 2024

Saskatoon, SK

[Learn more here](#)

Cultivating Trust Conference

February 8, 2024

Saskatoon, SK

[Read more and register here](#)

SaskSoil Soil Health Conference

February 13-14, 2024

Saskatoon, SK

[Learn more here](#)

Embers of Insight Prescribed Fire Webinar Series part 2

March 5, 2024

via Webinar

[Learn more and register here](#)

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