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Canada and Kazakhstan – Large Food Producers

By Al Scholz,
P.Ag

“Canada has both natural and accumulated advantages offering an opportunity to become the premier supplier of agricultural and agri-food products to the world. Canada has the third largest endowment of arable land per capita in the world behind **Australia** and **Kazakhstan**. However, Australia's arable land is of relatively low quality due to poor access to water and Kazakhstan lacks infrastructure”. Larry Martin and Kate Stiefelmeyer, 2011



Canada and Kazakhstan have much in common – both have a large agricultural land base, particularly when calculated on a per capita basis, and it's mostly dryland. This means there is excess production that is logically destined for export.

Kazakhstan is located across central Asia and is as large as Western Europe with a population of only 16 million. The western part shares borders with Eastern Europe and the eastern borders connect with Mongolia and China.

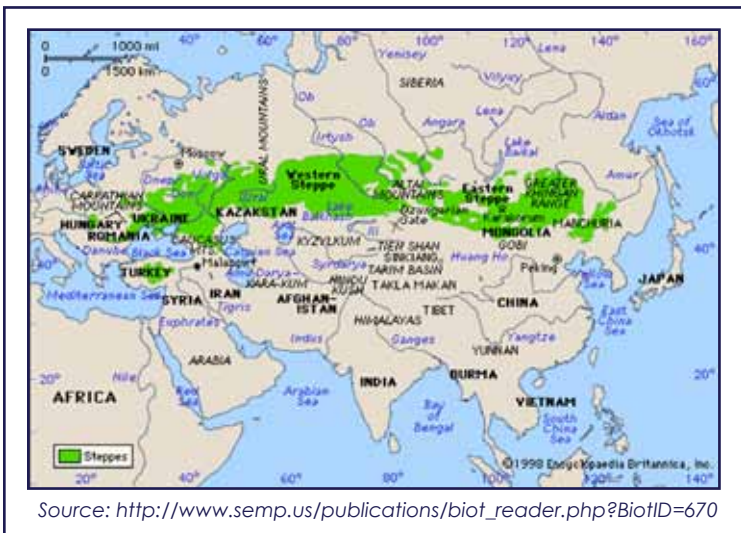
The rich grasslands of the Eurasian steppe flow across Northern Kazakhstan and the 90 million acres of arable land equals the entire Canadian Prairies. Although the Kazakh people are historically nomadic herders, the Russian leaders transformed the Central Asia steppe in the 1950's and 1960's into large grain and livestock operations managed by large, Soviet controlled state farms.

The state farms were highly integrated grain, livestock and vegetable producers with the objective to ensure the local population had employment and food – with enough surplus for Russia. Although not particularly high yielding, Kazakhstan was a surplus producer and exporter of grain, meat and dairy largely to Russia and surrounding Soviet Republics including Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

This all changed in 1991 with the collapse of the Soviet Union. The entire national infrastructure collapsed including the monetary system and the public bureaucracy, which was critical because government ran everything.

Throughout the 1990's Kazakhstan and other former Soviet republics slipped steadily backward until things bottomed-out. In order to survive, the largely rural population ate the massive livestock resources and about half of the arable crop land was abandoned.

Starting 1999-2000 Kazakhstan had established a



Source: http://www.semp.us/publications/biot_reader.php?BiotID=670

stable government, a new currency, rule-of-law and started negotiating joint venture arrangements with Western nations. Kazakhstan has an enormous natural resource based, with most of the minerals in the periodic table. It has one of the world's largest reserves of oil, gas and coal and, with Saskatchewan's help, is now the world's largest producer of uranium.

Since 2000 there have been several schemes to revitalize the agriculture sector. One model includes private sector initiatives to acquire the old state farms for transformation into privately owned corporate grain farms. This is based on importing state-of-the-art dryland equipment from around the world, including almost all of Saskatchewan's short-line farm equipment manufacturers.

I had an opportunity to work as a research agronomist for six months during the summer of 2010. I was contracted by one of the top five corporate holdings. I arrived on May 1st and worked with local agronomists on a 12,000 acre demonstration farm, part of a larger 50,000 acre farm. We focused on three areas: cereal variety trials, assessing different fertilizer treatments

and minimum tillage comparisons.

We used John Deere tractors, Morris and Bourgault air-seeders, Brandt sprayers and Claas combines to seed hard spring wheat, barley, canola, flax and peas. The

soils, vegetation (trees and weeds), summer temperatures and annual rainfall of the Northern Kazakhstan steppe were almost identical to Saskatchewan – as this central Asia region is a continental climate and a long distance to tide water ports

Despite the best efforts to improve yields with world class equipment, varieties, fertilizer and crop protection products, the limiting factor to production turned out to be management. The management of the large farms generally defaults to the old Soviet "top-down" decision making. The best explanation I've heard

is that the old Soviet way-of-doing-things have become part of the peoples DNA.

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- Larry Martin and Kate Stiefelmeyer, 2011



Source: Al Scholz – Largely Solonchic soils with 12 to 18 inches of "A horizon" - and no stones



Source: Al Scholz – Bourgault air-drill seeding wheat on a single 1,800 acre field



Source Al Scholz – Abandoned hospital



Source Al Scholz – Abandoned dairy barn

For example, the seeding date for the farm where I worked was May 16th. It doesn't matter what the spring conditions are like – the crews start seeding on May 16th – every year is the same! Another example, the tractor driver of the air seeder unit is just that – a tractor driver. He doesn't help fill the unit with seed or fertilizer – or check the seeding rate or seeding depth. That's someone else's job. This becomes a massive management glitch. There's no multi-tasking – everyone has one specific job and there is no encouragement or reward for thinking broadly.

The management issue is multiplied by the fact that there were 200 people working on the 50,000 acre farm. It's part of the Soviet culture to employ all the local villagers – and everyone expects a job even though salaries are only \$3.00 per day or \$100 month. But more important, if the farm doesn't employ the local villagers, theft and vandalism will destroy the operation.

In 2011, all the former Soviet republics are celebrating 20 years of independence from the former Soviet Union. But here's the paradox, in every republic, the majority of people are not as well off as they were in 1991. The quality of life and standard of living is still lower than 1991. There is progress though – and it is accelerating. It may take another 10 years for the infrastructure (roads, schools, health care, markets, etc.) to reach same level as it was in Soviet times.

Despite the challenges, I had a marvelous experience in Kazakhstan. The people were open and friendly and there is so much potential. As Agrologists, we play a major role in solving world hunger and reducing poverty.

Saskatchewan has the most parallels to Kazakhstan and the most to offer this nation.

I'm still involved with projects in Kazakhstan, but more in the livestock sector. Although Kazakhstan has natural advantages in crop production, similar to Saskatchewan, they will always have a logistic challenge to reach world markets.

Livestock, on the other hand, is a better fit with Kazakh history and culture as nomadic cattle and horse herders. More importantly, increased beef, dairy and poultry production will match the rapidly growing demand for livestock products from neighbouring China, India and other Central Asian countries.

Based on our experience, a group of Agrologists have created CIBUS Management Group, a crop and livestock consortium of individuals with experience in the Former Soviet Union, and Mongolia to deliver much needed management experience and expertise to Central Asia.

For more information, email Al Scholz at al.scholz@cibusmanagement.com or go to www.cibusmanagement.com.

• *Martin, Larry and Kate Stiefelmeyer (2011) Canadian Agriculture and Food: A Growing Hunger for Change, the MacDonald-Laurier Institute, Ottawa. <http://www.macdonaldlaurier.ca/files/pdf/Canadian-Agriculture-and-Food-A-Growing-Hunger-for-Change-October-2011.pdf>*



President's Message

Craig Smith, PAg
SIA President

Soap Box Time: What am I up on the soap box about?

Professional Development

We all get side tracked after the annual conference due to the spring rush or in other words get bogged down performing our jobs. Then it is summer and our spare time is focused on family activities. Well now harvest is complete and over the next few months there will be many PD opportunities, Yorkton's Harvest Showdown, Regina's Agribition, Saskatoon's Crop Production Show plus lots of industry sponsored seminars.

Yes PD is a licensing requirement, but the real question is "why do I have to complete and document PD year after year". The answer certainly is not to provide the Executive Director a job following up who did and did not complete the requirement.

As a professional you have an obligation to provide your clients/ employer with the best information you can provide.

- Your direct employer requires and demands and expects the information and advice provided is correct, current and timely
- Your employer's customers demand, expect and deserve goods that are safe and desirable

Can you image being out of school for 15 years, assisting a rancher to set up a cattle handling system, with all the demands of safe and humane animal handling consumer want and you have not done any reading on technological changes in systems since graduation. Has such an agrologist met his obligations to the public?

Many of the more senior agrologists have been assigned training and mentoring of new work partners by employers. Without upgrading of the practices and skills how can we responsibly provide that training? Can you imagine the agrologist above mentoring the new guy? If you don't keep yourself current it certainly isn't fair to pass that information on in a training, mentoring situation.

The second part of the annual PD frustration is documenting. Great, I have gone to all the seminars, taken online courses and consulted others when I run into a situation I didn't understand, but Joe Public is not satisfied with my job and is coming after me stating I am negligent. Well documentation is the key. Taking that bit of time to complete the PD form, filing a copy and sending a copy to the office is the only way to verify what you have done to stay competent and current.

So why PD?

1. To be able to meet your client's expectations and demands
2. To be able to assist AAg's as they move through the system
3. To protect from frivolous negligent claims.

SIA, through vehicles such as the professional development committee is providing a vehicle to help provide more PD opportunities. If you see an area of need or see an excellent course or seminar, help SIA bring this to other members attention by letting the office or your branch's provincial councillor know.

Hope to see all of you on this fall's seminar cycle.

Executive Director's Report

Les McLean, PAg
SIA Executive Director



What a fantastic harvest season – great crops, excellent quality and generally high prices. The high prices have also materialized in the livestock industry with very good calf prices and in most areas an abundance of high quality feed. 2011 has truly been a very bountiful year.

During the past year, and as part of the Strategic planning process, your council has worked on developing a succession plan that would ease the transition challenges for a new Executive Director and Registrar. The time to initiate that plan has come to the Institute as I have announced my resignation from the Executive Director/Registrar position effective December 31, 2011. The transition plan was developed to essentially split the role of the Executive Director and Registrar by hiring a full-time Executive Director and contracting the services of a part-time Registrar. I have agreed to take the part-time contract as Registrar for the next one to three years. This contract will allow the Executive Director to directly work on many of the new tasks that the Executive Director/Registrar has had to respond to. Some of these new tasks include:

- Responding to challenges under the Agreement on Internal Trade and the New West Partnership. The most recent challenge targeting the need under our Agrologists Act for agrologists to complete the productivity based land assessments for taxation purposes
- The increased emphasis on compliance and professional development activities
- The involvement of many agrologists in the introduction or changes to the four Ministry of Environment Acts which involved agrologists on the Technical committees, the Code Development committee and the designation of Qualified Persons (Qualified Persons Advisory Committee). This process will likely continue to involve agrologists as other provincial legislation is introduced or changed
- Developing the national body of Agrologist Institutes

- Developing national standards that will ease the process of labour mobility as identified and listed in the Montreal Accord document. Such standards include education qualifications, articling procedure, continuing professional development, developing standardized scopes of practice and defining agrology
- Handling the needs of an increased membership particularly in the articling and professional development programs

As I indicated in my email to all members, the past five years have been an exciting time to be involved with our Institute. The many changes and challenges facing the membership related to the new environmental legislation and labour mobility have kept both employees and council very busy. The resulting increase in membership, stronger professional development and defining what Agrologists are in today's world are aspects that I have found to be particularly rewarding.

I wish you all the best in your careers and I encourage all to become involved with the SIA – it is a very rewarding and educational experience.

Remember if you haven't already paid your 2012 fees or submitted your 2011 professional development form that they are due December 31, 2011.

SIA Professionalism and Ethics Course Goes High-Tech!

By John Spencer, PAg

The Professionalism and Ethics Course for the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists has been delivered in a classroom environment for as long as the course has been offered. However, this delivery system will be a thing of the past starting in 2012.

The Institute has contracted BaseCorp Learning Systems of Edmonton to develop an on-line professionalism and ethics course. The course will replace the existing course for all Articling Agrologists and Articling Agricultural Technologists as a condition of completion for attaining full status under the Agrologists Act.

BaseCorp is an experienced developer of this type of training material. Courses have been prepared for all levels of government and for many companies across Canada. Meetings between the SIA Executive Director and members of the delivery team for the existing Professionalism and Ethics course helped the Institute see the potential for on-line delivery of this material. Council approved development at its October 2011 meetings.

Many of the benefits of on-line delivery relate to flexibility for completing the course requirements. It is a major time commitment for candidates to come to a central location for the course, often requiring overnight

arrangements. By having the course set up by chapters, candidates can spend the same amount of time on the course as if they were in a classroom, but can spread this over a number of visits to the website. Exams will still be marked by SIA examiners.

Recognizing that face-to-face discussions are very useful in cementing the principles taught in any course, the Institute is developing plans to include a discussion session at the Annual General Meeting to allow candidates to review the material from the course. In addition, there will be a mentoring component to the on-line course. Candidates will have access to the existing delivery team to obtain clarification on the material or to ask for more information or case studies. An on-line forum is also being investigated.

Having this course available on-line will help all Articling Agrologists and Articling Agricultural Technologists take the course in a timely manner. It also will allow Professional Agrologists and Agricultural Technologists to either take or re-take the course as part of professional development plans or to meet employment conditions for regular Ethics courses.

Once the Professionalism and Ethics course is up and fully operational, there are opportunities to develop other on-line courses for professional development. At this time, it is likely the courses would be "soft skills", since the range of technical offerings for all specialities would be massive and updating materials would be a constant cost. However, a poll of membership would be needed before making a larger investment in our on-line "College" to ensure adequate enrolment in the courses to cover the costs of development and maintenance of each course.

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Annual SIA BBQ



**By Jeremy German, PAg
Chairman,
Student Relations Committee**

Our Annual SIA BBQ for the students and faculty at the U of S was held Friday September 16th. This event continues to create great exposure and awareness for our profession. I truly appreciate everyone who lent a hand to plan and prepare the food for the event. The positive energy and notes of appreciation we received from students and faculty were amazing. Students at the U of S seem more informed about the role of the SIA and I am looking forward to cultivating further relations between the SIA and our future colleagues in the next year. We are excited to carry this momentum into the Career Fair on November 3rd.



2011 Scholarships

Recipients of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists Scholarships 2011 - 2012 are:

Angela Japp, a fourth year Animal Science Student from Eston, SK

Seraina Giovanoli, a third year Agribusiness Student from Switzerland

Steven Tetreault, a second year Agronomy Student from Leoville, SK

Bennett Bayes, a second year Diploma in Agribusiness student from Trochu, AB

POSTGRADUATE AWARD WINNER

Morgan Sather, a Master's student in the Department of Soil Science - thesis title is "Hydrogen evolution from field pea biological nitrogen fixation and the effect on nitrous oxide emissions from soil."

Dear Mr. McLean,

As a recipient of a Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists scholarship, I would like to thank you for choosing me for this award. The scholarship is a great help in funding my education, and I am honoured to be invited to join the S.I.A.

Thanks again,

Steven Tetreault

Dear Mr. Les McLean,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and the SIA for the gift of the SIA scholarship I received. The scholarship will be a tremendous help this year as I pursue my fourth year of studies. Thank you very much,

Sincerely,

Angela Japp

Dear Les McLean,

I personally thank you as the recipient of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists Scholarship. The SIA's generosity will go a long way to further my education at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Agriculture and Bioresources in the Agribusiness

Program.
Sincerely,

Bennett Bayes

Dear Mr. Les McLean

September 2011

I would like to thank you very much for the generous scholarship that you have given me. I truly appreciate the award and it will help me in my continuous success at the University of Saskatchewan. I am in my 3rd year of Agribusiness and would like to continue my education with a Masters-degree in two years. My goal is to work in the Agricultural sector in Saskatchewan and work closely with primary producers. Also, I would enjoy working towards my P.Ag. through the SIA.

Thank you again,

Sincerely yours Seraina Giovanoli

Les McLean

I am very thankful that the SIA made this award available. The award will make it possible for me to finish my studies in the coming year. Thank you

Sincerely, Morgan Sather

Future of Feeds Forum

By Colleen Christensen, PAg

In April 2011, the Western Canadian Feed Innovation Network held a foresighting strategy event in Saskatoon to examine the future of Western Canadian grains and by-products and their use in the livestock sectors. Forty participants were gathered from all aspects of the feed sector from British Columbia to Manitoba. A foresighting technique called "Scenario Development" was utilized to describe four potential future scenarios of how the feeds sector may develop over the next twenty years.

These four scenarios and a set of background slides are located within the Members Only Section of the SIA website <https://sia.sk.ca/members/>. SIA Executive Director Les McLean has indicated that professional development time can be credited for members that spend time reviewing the Future of Feeds Forum Scenarios and background slides.

The four scenarios are based on forty-two drivers of change that were described by the participants of the strategy event. All of the scenarios are plausible and they are linked as they are based on the same drivers of change. In reviewing the scenarios, common themes of communication, value chain participation, consumer engagement, regulatory, R&D and technology innovation are readily apparent. Viewing the scenarios will stimulate you into thinking about the future activities that all of us are involved in as agrologists.

Currently, I am contacting relevant agriculture groups throughout Western Canada to obtain feedback on the scenarios and to engage in dialogue on where we are moving as an industry and a region. If you have any comments on the scenarios, or ideas on groups which may be interested in learning more about this activity, please contact Colleen Christensen, P.Ag., Executive Director Feeds Innovation Institute, University of Saskatchewan at 966-4154 or colleen.christensen@usask.ca.

The Western Canadian Feed Innovation Network (WCFIN) is an initiative of the Feeds Innovation Institute at the University of Saskatchewan. WCFIN <http://www.wcfi.ca/> is a facilitation and networking program. The Feeds Innovation Institute <http://feeds.innovation.usask.ca/> is a commercialization centre of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

Coming Events...

Saturday, November 19, 2011

SIA Professionalism & Ethic Seminar - seminar is full

Saturday, February 25, 2012

SIA Professionalism & Ethic Seminar - spots still available

Saturday, March 24, 2012

SIA Professionalism & Ethic Seminar - spots still available

Saturday, April 21, 2012

SIA Professionalism & Ethic Seminar - spots still available

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Friday, March 30, 2012

SIA Annual General Meeting & Convention

Painted Hand Casino, Yorkton SK

***SIA Branches, please remember to let the SIA office know about your upcoming events. SIA members, remember to check www.sia.sk.ca under Upcoming Events.**

Crop Production Show

By Wade Annand, PAg

Chairman

Professional Development Committee

The SIA is proud to present 2 days of meetings for SIA members and the general public at the upcoming Crop Production Show in Saskatoon. Wednesday and Thursday the 11 and 12 of January we will be hosting an agronomy forum aimed at bringing agronomy information to the producer.

The focus of the day on Wednesday will be Disease in field crops in Saskatchewan. Looking at the year that was and the problems that may be for 2012. Drew Lehner will be the keynote speaker of the day speaking from 1 to 3 in the afternoon. Thursdays focus will revolve around fertility, looking at current trends in fertility while revisiting some of the lost basics for prairie soils. We hope to provide opportunities to learn for both producers and members.

Branch Updates

Highlights of the North Battleford. Branch Summer Professional Development. Tour to Osler Area Farm

By Tom Brown, PAg.
Turtleford, SK

After an early morning wake-up coffee at North Battleford's Tim Horton's, our group arrived by vans at Floating Gardens (1/2 an acre under glass) owned by siblings, Chris and Rachel Buhler. We were shown an innovative custom-built furnace designed to use waste wood products from a house builder to provide heat for their year-round vegetable and fruit growing operation. A computer-controlled atmosphere for the plants provides ideal growing conditions for tomatoes, eggplants, strawberries, cucumbers, melons, green beans, lettuce, kale and herbs, to name a few (see pictures).



Saskatchewan produces only 4% of the fruit and vegetables consumed. This couple is setting out to change that, by example. Produce is sold at farmers markets, as well as selected stores and restaurants. Every aspect of this operation had to be customized for Saskatchewan conditions. There were no provincial guidelines for our conditions. Fertilizer levels are regulated by a computer, which injects nutrients into the system, based on CO2 levels. Another computer controls light, temperature, humidity, and vent opening and closing. Insect screens on the vents were another innovation needed for local conditions.

We also stopped at Living Soils Farms owned by Steve and Jan Guenther, specializing in organically grown vegetable crops on a field scale, using a drip-type irrigation system, and rotations produce for local farmers markets. The group got to sample his GO organic fries at his Osler Farmers Market booth.

Pine View Farms provided a bagged lunch from Souleil Restaurant. This is a partnership between Kevin and Melanie Boldt, who switched from a grain farming operation to producing all natural food and fresh cuisine and baking in Saskatoon's Broadway district, 265 – 3rd Avenue S. The Boldts provide the consumer with a local alternative for meat and vegetables. Sixty families drive out each month from Saskatoon to pick up a prepaid, packaged assortment of fruits and vegetables in a program called Community Supported Agriculture. A butcher shop is open five days a week,

stocked with a variety of meats produced under protocol of low stress without the use of growth-promoting medication or hormones from area farms. The tastefully landscaped grounds also offer photo opportunities.

Thank you to Angela Booy, PAg, CCA, for organizing this tour for S.I.A. Northwest Branch. It was a pleasure to see how these families are adapting

to increase availability of fresh produce and market direct to the consumer, but also providing an education function, which all producers need to do.



Northeast Branch

By Chad Bohachewski, PAg
SIA Northeast Branch - President

The Northeast Branch is once again gearing up for a winter of branch activities. The biggest news for the branch is that the date of our AgUpdate has been changed. Although originally scheduled for January 26, the date has been **changed to February 2**. The venue will stay the same, being held at the Kerry Vickar Centre in Melfort. We are currently working on our line up of speakers to make this year's event as successful as the years past. Details of the event will be advertised as soon as they are finalized and we hope to see everyone there.

Northwest Branch

By Angela Booy, PAg
SIA Northwest Branch - President

In October, our branch discussed the idea of hiring a part time administrator to handle co-ordinating professional events, meetings, publicity of the SIA and our branch, along with other small administrative duties. Part of our rationale for considering this opportunity was that we have the second smallest branch, with 80 members, and it has been difficult to get the workload spread around with a limited volunteer base. We are currently drawing up a job description for this position.

The Northwest branch has also presented six new PAg certificates to our branch members in the last six months. We are currently submitting an article describing "What is a Professional Agrologist?" along with the new PAg's pictures, their place of work and a job description to the local newspapers in the North West branch area.

Status Updates

Resigned - PAg

Donald Sutherland

Resigned - AAg

Nail Colak

Removal From Register

Rene Stock

Leave of Absence

Patricia Chernoff

Allison Fletcher

William Hicks

Patricia Huber

Chantal Jacobs

Eliza Kapeller

Stacey Kosior

Jackie Maxwell

Kimberly Rowan

Carolyn Ruzicka

Tracey Wickstrom

New AAg

Maqsood Butt

Leah Clark

David Greenshields

Kyle Gross

Marcy Grywacheski

Shambhu Katel

Gina Kelln

Anne Kirk

Benjamin McEwen

Kim McLean

Bradley Meiklejohn

Shannon Metzger

Kendal Moore

Michelle Panko

Muhammad Rehan

Richard Reiger

Jordan Rempel

Lynne Roszell

Brian Tittlemore

Nathan Trowell

Rachel Turnquist

Robyn Waldenberger

New ATT

Benjamin Gagnon

Megan Jordison

Reid McLeod

Carly March

Michael Wagner

From AAg to PAg

Ryan Erickson

Colleen Fennig

Cory Laczko

Jin Li

Steven Myers

Scott Paton

Tracy Roy

Brent Zelensky

Reinstatement, AAg

Jeneen Ewen

Shakeel George

Reinstatement, PAg

Juanita Allin

Reinstatement, AT

Mateyenu Chint

Transfer In, PAg

Beth Trueman

Transfer In, AAT

Kelly Hoffman

Transfer Out

John Howard

Ron Witherspoon

Dual Memberships, PAg

Darryl Armitage, AIA

Jim Fairgrieve, AIA

Shawn Hipkiss, AIA

Darren Keam, MIA
Danette Sahulka, MIA

New Student Members

Carleen Alexander

Kyle Ashworth

Matthew Bernard

Mitchell Bond

Travis Brisebois

Billy Brown

Lexie Cook

Blaine Cowan

William Dodd

Jeremy Doerksen

Javan Fisher

Todd Gallais

Gillian Halyk

Jillian Heatcoat

Allison Hebert

Ryan Hulburt

Brett Jans

Angela Japp

Kali Kasper

Vicki Kennedy

Beckie Marchessault

Randi Mattus

Kendra Purton

Haley Ruether

Lucas Ringdal

Nadine Robin

Kaitlyn Schurmann

Steven Somerville

Laura Soucy

Tess Strand

Travis Sunderland

Braedon Syrateuk

Steven Tetreault

Wenzheng Ye

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Saskatoon Branch	489
Regina Branch	386
North East Branch	111
North West Branch	89
South West Branch	107
Yorkton Branch	86
At Large Members	35
Student Members	65

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP **1368**



IN MEMORIUM

Harold Reid Baker – June 29, 1927 to March 18, 2011

Harold was a native of Merrickville, Ontario. In 1947 he received a Diploma in Agriculture from Kempville Agricultural School, a degree in Agriculture from the Ontario Agriculture College in Guelph in 1950 followed by a MSc from the University of Wisconsin and a PHD from Cornell University (1959).

Harold was an Agricultural Representative with the Ontario Department of Agriculture from 1950 to 1955. He directed the Consulting Division of the Centre for Community Studies at the University of Saskatchewan from 1958 to 1963, served as director of University Extension from 1963 to 1973, and continued as professor of Extension and administrator of the Community and Rural Development Program (1974–94) at the University of Saskatchewan.

His research and teaching interests included agricultural extension, community planning, and rural development.

He became a member of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists in 1961 and a life member in 1997.

Continuing Education and Rural Extension has lost a strong advocate.

Donald Claude Perrault PAg – May 28, 1950 to October 21, 2011

Don was born on May 28th, 1950 into the life of farming (in Zenon Park) which he had a passion for all his life. He graduated from the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan in 1972. He graduated with a specialization in Animal Science. Don joined the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists as an Agrologist in Training in 1973 and was licensed as a Professional Agrologist in 1976. He worked for the Department of Agriculture in various roles for 27 years and most recently was the Regional Forage Specialist in the Prince Albert area. In his spare time he enjoyed spending time parenting, orcharding and gardening. Don recently acted on a life, long dream of developing an orchard. With the help of family and friends, the land started to produce in 2011, in what will be Jardins St.Louis Gardens. Don will be missed by family, friends and the agricultural community.



John George Braidek (Jack) May 14, 1927 to August 19, 2011

Jack was born May 14, 1927 in Hafford, Saskatchewan and was raised on a farm near Speers. He passed away on Friday, August 19, 2011, at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon. He graduated from the College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan in 1951 and received a Masters in Extension from the University of Wisconsin. He started his career as an Ag-rep, first out of Delisle and later based in Moose Jaw, where he met Joan. He moved his family to Regina, where he worked for the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool for many years, including three years in Zambia. On his return to Saskatchewan, he joined the staff of the Western Producer, where he finished his career as Managing Editor. Jack was the recipient of many awards, and was particularly proud of being inducted as a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada in 1992. He was an active member of his profession and community.

John (Jack) Quick – December 25, 1927 to October 12, 2011

Jack was born December 25, 1927 in Senlac. He went to school in Senlac and then attended the University of Saskatchewan where he received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1952. He became an agrologist in training and in 1955 was licensed as a Professional Agrologist. He worked for more than 30 years in various positions in the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture (including land assessment and the Land Bank). Jack became a life member of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists in 1997. He enjoyed annual reunions with classmates from his university days and looked forward to his daily discussions with his group of friends from coffee row. He was known for his interest in all things agricultural and horticultural and took special pride in his apple and plum trees, beautiful lilies, and vegetables. Jack will be missed by the agriculture community.



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