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**Starland County
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Assistant Ag Fieldman: Dara Calon

Trivia

1. How many kernels are in a bushel of wheat?
2. How many one pound loaves of white bread can be made from a bushel of wheat?
3. How many pounds of pasta can be made from a bushel of durum?
4. How many 24 oz. boxes of wheat flakes cereal can be made by a bushel of wheat?

Upcoming Events

Growing Rural Tourism
Camrose, March 3-5

Alberta Invasive Species
Council— 1st Annual
Conference and AGM
Lacombe, March 12

Ag Outlook 2014
Camrose, March 13

AFAC Livestock Care
Conference
Edmonton, March 26 & 27

Northlands Farm and Ranch
Show
Edmonton, March 27-29th

C-2000 Workshop/Tradeshow
Delia, March 20th

Rumsey Spring Fling
Dinner and Silent Auction
April 26

Answers: 1. About 1 million
2. 70-73 loaves 3. About 42 lbs

Parmesan Baked Potato Halves

Ingredients

- 6 small potatoes, scrubbed and cut in half
- 1/4 cup butter
- Grated parmesan cheese
- Garlic powder
- Other seasonings

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Melt butter and pour into a 9 x 13 inch pan and spread evenly across the bottom. Generously sprinkle parmesan cheese and lightly sprinkle other seasonings all over the butter. Place potato halves face down on the butter and seasonings. Place in preheated oven and back 40-45 minutes. Cool for at least a full 5 minutes before removing from the pan, otherwise parmesan crust wont stick to the potato. Serve on a plate with a side of sour cream.



Shandele's ol' boutique

Shop: 403-364-3300

120 Main Street Delia, AB

Shandele is pleased to welcome Carly-Jae a full time Master Stylist, Color Artist and Extension Technician, to her team! Carly-Jae is a Red Seal Licensed hairstylist and will be offering advanced sculpture cutting (specializes in straight blade), Color Artistry, Hair Extensions, Eyelash Extensions, Make-up Artistry, Full Body Waxing and Brazilian Waxing.

Carly-Jae comes to us from a salon in the Edmonton region. She and her boyfriend Derek Bramwell have decided to take up permanent residence in the Delia area.

For additional information or to connect with Carly, please call her @ (403)820-4814 or the shop (403)364-3300 or email @ Carly_marouelli@hotmail.com

CARLY'S HOURS:

Tuesday-Thursday 9-8
(Evenings by Appointment)
and Friday 9-3

Monday & Saturday by Appointment

SHANDELE'S HOURS: Tuesday & Wednesday 9-5 and
Thursdays 12-8

WALK INS WELCOME!

NOTICE TO FARMERS

2% Liquid Strychnine Control Program

The sale of 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate (LSC) for the control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels (RGS's) has been approved for the 2014 season.

Starland County is participating in this program and will have 2% LSC available to qualifying farmers from April 2nd until June 30th. The abbreviated details of the program are as follows:

- The product is only available to Agricultural Producers in Starland County
- Each producer is restricted to 2 cases (48 bottles) of Strychnine per purchase and the minimum purchase is 6 bottles
- The purchaser must sign a document that states:
 - A) they have a severe infestation as defined by AB Agriculture and Food,
 - B) they will use 2% LSC only for control of the RGS's,
 - C) they will not sell or give away any 2% LSC,
- Provincial Pest Inspectors may inspect your property to ensure that you are complying with all the label directions and conditions of use and registration
- Any non-target poisonings must be reported and the product cannot be used on any quarter which has burrowing owls or any other species at risk
- Violation of any of the outlined terms and conditions will result in the purchaser forfeiting the right to any further purchases of strychnine and could result in a fine of no less than \$1500.00

Cost of the product is \$180.00 per case or \$7.50 per bottle

For further information or to book your product please contact Alan Hampton or Dara Calon at 772-3793

Don't Forget to Test Your Seed

Fusarium graminearum infected grain has been positively identified at trace levels in Starland County. *F. graminearum* is a seed-borne pathogen, and infected seed or feed, along with infested crop residues such as straw represent the greatest risks of introducing or spreading this pest. *Fusarium graminearum* is the causal agent of Fusarium Head Blight (FHB). Once established, FHB is a costly disease to deal with and left untreated can impact yield, grain quality, feed efficiency, malt barley production and negatively impacts seed potential.

Starland County has a policy of zero tolerance on *fusarium graminearum* infected seed grain for use in our County. Due to the known occurrence of this pest in our County and the increasing presence of *F. graminearum* in Alberta, we advise that you test your seed for the presence of *F. graminearum* prior to planting and do not use this seed if *F. graminearum* is present.

Seed testing eliminates the unknown and is the first line of defense in reducing the potential spread of this disease. Seed testing along with a seed treatment, crop rotation and complementary agronomic practices will go a long way to reduce or prevent the establishment of not only *F. graminearum*, but a host of other potential crop diseases and pests.

The standard *fusarium graminearum* screen costs \$37.00 and a germination and fusarium test cost \$48.00. Seed is the ultimate crop input, and testing tells you everything you need to know to make an informed decision not only this season, but possibly in years to come. For more information contact Al Hampton or Dara Calon at the County office at 403-772-3793.

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Starland County follow
@StarlandCounty on Twitter



LAST CHANCE TO ORDER TREES

The deadline to order shelterbelt trees has been extended. Orders **MUST** be into the County no later than **March 31st**. Trees will be delivered in May, where they can be picked up. Fill out this form and fax to 403-772-3807, or contact Dara Calon at 772-3793 to place an order.

BULK SEEDLING PROGRAM



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

FIELD SHELTERBELT SPECIES

Seedlings in bundles of ten	Price Each + GST	Quantity (# of bundles)
CARAGANA *	\$1.00	
VILLOSA LILAC *	\$1.50	
COMMON LILAC *	\$1.50	
LAUREL WILLOW **	\$1.50	
SHARP LEAF WILLOW **	\$1.50	
NORTHWEST POPLAR **	\$1.50	
SCOTS PINE **	\$1.00	
COLORADO SPRUCE **	\$1.00	
WHITE SPRUCE **	\$1.00	
DOGWOOD *	\$1.25	
GREEN ASH *	\$1.25	
MANITOBA MAPLE *	\$1.25	

* Bare Root

** Plug Grown

NATIVE SPECIES

GREEN ALDER	\$1.50	
CHOKECHERRY	\$1.50	
TREMBLING ASPEN	\$1.50	
BALSAM POPLAR	\$2.00	
COYOTE WILLOW	\$2.50	
BEBBS WILLOW	\$2.50	
CANADA BUFFALOBERRY	\$2.50	
WOLF WILLOW	\$2.50	
SASKATOON	\$2.50	

Delia C-2000 Club Presents:

OUR 20TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND TRADESHOW

- ***AFSC Program Update***— Cam Sinclair
- ***Canola Agronomics***— Keith Gabert, Canola Council of Canada
- ***Fababean Production & Pulse Crop Diseases***
Robyne Bowness, Alberta Agriculture
- ***CWB Contract Options***— Ron Walker
- ***Agronomist vs. Economist***— Nevin Rosaasen, Alberta Agriculture
- ***2014 Market Outlook***-Neil Blue, Alberta Agriculture
- ***Grain Transportation Challenges and Issues***
Wendy Kaplan, Viterra

When: March 20th, Delia Hall

Registration & Tradeshow 8:30 A.M

Workshop: 9:30-4:00 P.M

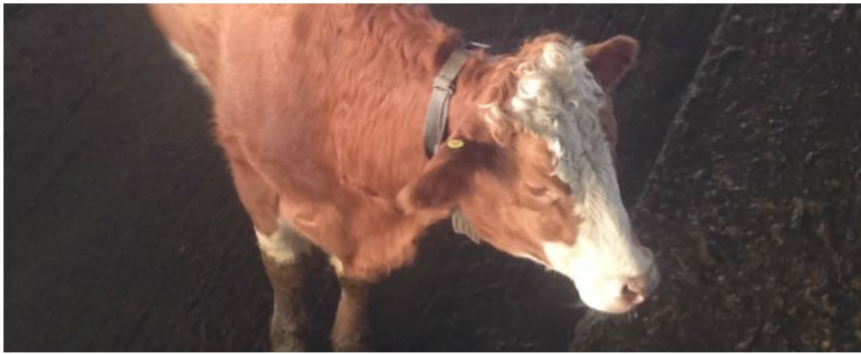
Cost: \$20.00/person, includes Lunch, Door Prizes & Tradeshow

**Don't Miss it! Please pre-register with Starland County at
(403) 772-3793 or Barry Mason at (403) 364-2129**



Primrose Dairy Tour

Primrose Dairy and its new water treatment system “Bio-Water” was toured on January 24th. This new system was implemented with cattle health and increased production in mind. Water quality is often overlooked, and with this system the cattle are showing increases in milk production. Water is filtered by natural microbial processes through a series of tanks. Cornell and Cremona Primrose were gracious hosts and allowed a group of people to tour their barn and observe their new water treatment system on January 24th. The Primrose Dairy will also be toured on the Annual Starland County Summer Tour.





Ag Safety Week

**PASS
WITH
CARE**

MARCH 9TH-15TH 2014

Secure your hook up
Check reflector strips
Display SMV Emblem
Check the lights
Plan your route
Check your flags
Drive Responsibly
Secure your load
Obey traffic laws

***A Safe Farm is a
Great Place to
Grow!***

MAKE IT SAFE, MAKE IT VISIBLE



**STARLAND
COUNTY**

P.O. Box 249 Morrin, AB T0J 2B0

(403) 772-3793



Preparedness Tips for Rural Residents

Homeowners are often reminded to have a plan for emergencies, from food and water storage to an escape route in case of a fire. But rural residents and farmers can't simply leave with only their loved ones and important documents, as many have livestock and many other important things they have to protect. Brad Andres, emergency program manager for Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, said that preplanning for emergencies is essential to farm and rural life. "Part of what we found looking at the natural disasters – floods, fires, disease outbreaks and pest outbreaks – is that a lot of damage can be prevented by farmers and farms taking some of the early steps to prepare themselves," said Andres.

By thinking ahead and creating plans for a specific operation, farmers and landowners can hopefully prevent – or at least minimize – losses to their livelihood. There always needs to be an escape plan for family members, and important documents should be stored in an easy-to-access location in case of a fire, but he said livestock farmers should also have a plan to get their animals to safety. And every landowner should have a plan based on the layout of their particular property, he added. "There's no way to move 1,000 cows quickly. If you've got a grass fire coming at you, you need to have a plan in your head already on what you're going to do to protect your operation, your house and your buildings, because it's not going away," he said.

The first step is to know what risks a particular operation has. "And that really does depend on where your farm is, what the land is like. It really comes down to what are the risks around you. My parents' farm has a natural gas pipeline that runs right alongside it. So for them they should think about whether the gas company knows their number," he said. In that case, there should be a plan to evacuate in case there's a leak or explosion related to the pipeline.

Weather, fires, and even train tracks are all variables to consider when forming a plan, he added. The Alberta Emergency Alert (AEA) website (www.emergencyalert.alberta.ca) has local authorities that post up warnings for their respective areas, and people can sign up to receive text message or email alerts as well. If you have a plan, he suggested writing out the plan and discussing it with family members and even farmhands so that everybody knows what to do.

These warnings are not alarmism, it's simply about being prepared for all situations. rather than being caught off guard should the worst come to pass. "We're

Even if animals aren't in danger, he asked whether farmers are prepared in the case they are ordered to evacuate and their animals are left untended for a week or more. He urged people to simply play out all the various possibilities that could affect them to ensure that they will be as prepared as possible for any sort of disaster.

"And be realistic about what could happen. Is a tornado going to touch down in Peace Country? Possibly. But statistically, that's one of the low-risk areas. If I was living there I might not worry about it that much," he said. "If I lived up on the ridge above the North Saskatchewan River, would I be worried about flooding? Holy cow, if the river is leaving the valley, we've got bigger problems to worry about. Be practical about the risks that affect you, and be honest about the things that you can do something about."

Day-to-day emergencies should also be considered, so even something as simple as a few fire extinguishers scattered throughout shops and other buildings is a good idea. "All kinds of little accidents happen. Is my fuel and chemical storage properly done? If you haul your own animals, are you prepared for an accident, and do you know what you're going to do if you have one?" he said.

Train track location and dangerous goods routes, as well as possible diseases that can affect livestock and crops are also possible situations to consider. "And then the big natural disasters: floods, fires. I don't know if I would call the heavy snow lately a natural disaster, but on the day-to-day emergency side it's something to consider," he said.

"It comes down to the operation and what kind of land you have nearby. That's why having a general plan that everybody uses doesn't make much sense. Each operation is so unique in its numbers, its layout and its alternates for sites, that it's something every farmer has to do for themselves." In most cases, he said there's a couple of choices in evacuating animals, from transporting them, hunkering them down and hoping it works out, or just opening the gates and letting them loose.

For some animals, a barn may be the safety zone for animals if they aren't free range animals, he added. "So your plan has to make sense for the risks and your own operation," he said. It is also important to know where to get warnings from and how to ensure that the warnings get to you in a timely manner.

More information on creating a Rural Emergency Plan can be picked up at the



ATTENTION

*Young Farm Workers
Green Certificate Students*

YOUNG FARM WORKER SAFETY TRAINING

Tues, April 29-OLDS COLLEGE

★ *Attend the workshop, complete the workbook and farm hazard assessment and receive 1 high school credit!*

Safety Training Available in:

Power Line Safety
Confined Spaces
Distracted Driving
Equine & Cattle Safety
Large Machinery & Fire Extinguisher

Registration Fee: \$40

Green Certificate Students: Free
Green Certificate Trainers and Parents of
Young Farm Workers welcome.

Red Cross Emergency First Aid Training

Full Day Session: \$45 additional fee

free lunch ★ free swag ★ awesome prizes

INFO:

See your school's off-campus coordinator

Contact: farmsafe@telus.net or 403-346-8101

Online Registration @ www.regonline.ca/2014youngfarmworker

Scan QR code above on your mobile device

SCAN



for more info
& to REGISTER

GROWING FORWARD 2 UPDATES

There is still funding for many projects under Growing Forward 2

On Farm Stewardship

- Grazing Management
- Manure Management
- Improved Pesticide Management
- Fuel and Used Oil Management
- Riparian Areas Fencing and Management
- Year Round/Summer Watering Systems
- Portable Shelters and Windbreaks
- Wetland Restoration
- Improved Manure Storage Facilities
- Livestock Facility Runoff Control
- Livestock Facility and Permanent Watering Site Relocation

Environmental Farm Plan material can be picked up at the County Office. Growing Forward 2 application forms are also available. If you are interested in more information on Growing Forward 2 or the Environmental Farm Plan call Dara at 403-772-3793.

Other Programs are:

- Agri Processing Automation Efficiency– Livestock
- Agri Processing Product and Market Development– Crop
- Agri Processing Product and Market Development– Livestock
- Business Management Skills Development
- Business Opportunity
- Confined Feeding Operation Stewardship
- Food Safety Systems Delivery Agent
- Irrigation Efficiency
- Livestock Welfare Delivery Agent
- Livestock Welfare Processor
- On Farm Energy Management
- Regional Water Supply
- Traceability Pilot
- Traceability Technology Adoption
- Traceability Training

**Enter for a chance
to curl with Gold
Medal Olympian
Kevin Martin**

**We hope to see you in
Rumsey for a night of
great entertainment with
our friends & neighbors!**



**ickets:
40.00 for supper & dance**

**or more info or tickets contact:
ent Holowath (403) 368-3733
eanne Griffith (403) 820-4815**

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Kevin Martin in Rumsey



**March 21, 2014—supper
& dance**

**March 22, 2014—raffle
winners partake in curling
clinic with Kevin Martin**

Olympic gold medalist Kevin Martin will be speaking in Rumsey on March 21, 2014. There will be a supper provided by the Country Cookers and a draw to follow featuring ACMA nominated band Domino. For \$100.00 you can be entered into a draw to take part in a curling clinic with Kevin the next day! There will be auction items donated by Kevin as well as items donated by local merchants available for bid. We will also be holding a live auction that gives the highest bidder the chance to sit with Kevin Martin and his coach during supper.

