



# ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES ACROSS THE FENCE



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Happy Fall everyone. It has been a memorable summer which looking back on it, it has gone far too quickly. The AAAS website and Facebook page has been very active promoting and relaying the amazing events of our members all summer. Fall arrived in the blink of an eye and announced itself with rain snow and cool weather. We will all keep our fingers crossed for a successful harvest and our farming community can breathe a sigh relief once again. As many of you have already heard we have had to say goodbye to Lisa Hardy. Lisa has been a tremendous advocate for Agricultural Societies and rural communities. Her influence will be felt with AAAS and with our members for a very long time. Lisa has embarked on a new career as the Executive Director for Skate Canada Alberta/NWT Region. We wish Lisa the greatest success in her new role and we look forward to crossing paths in the future.

AAAS continues to keep a watchful eye on federal legislation that may impact our members. Thanks to our relationship with the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions we have been advocating for changes to Bill S-228 which an amendment to the Canada Food & Drug Act which prohibits the marketing of unhealthy foods to children. With encouragement from CAFE AAAS has written to MP's expressing our concerns for our members. We will keep you informed as to how this new legislation may impact your organization. AAAS is also following the new traceability regulations. Our association in collaboration with the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies and CAFE are working to influence these regulations to have the least impact possible to Agricultural Societies, Fairs and Exhibitions across Canada. More information will be available as it is developed. Please stay tuned.

As many of our members are aware the result of the advocacy of Agricultural Societies from across Alberta as well as the efforts of AAAS a 3 year funding commitment was made by the government of Alberta for the Ag Societies program. With 2 years left in this agreement and a Provincial election on the horizon the time is upon all Ag Societies and AAAS to ensure we are telling our story to current and potential MLA's. No one

knows your impact in your community better than you. Each member should be dedicating some of your valuable time to communication for both the Provincial level but the Municipal officials as well. AAAS has developed some tools to assist Ag Societies with outlining their message. We would be very happy to share these with anyone.

Most of our members will be beginning to prepare for their annual general meetings. Don't miss this opportunity to speak to your members and community about your strategic plan, your accomplishments and your challenges. Your AGM is the perfect time to recruit new volunteers and revitalize those already on board. Your communications strategy can start here, be strategic in your reports and proud of your achievements. Invite community influencers to your meeting and give them positive things to take out to the rest of their peers. A little effort in preparation can go a long way. Make this your best AGM ever.

Speaking of AGM's the AAAS annual conference and AGM is set for February 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Edmonton Inn and Convention Center. Plans are well underway for our next epic event. Region 4 will be hosting this year's "To boldly go where no Ag Society has gone before..." conference. I'm certain they will have a terrific theme for the Saturday night gala. Check our website for details as they become available. I hope to see you there.

The fall regional meeting will begin in October. I'm looking forward to getting out and connecting with our members. Feels like a long time since we had a chance to chat. You can find a list of dates, times and locations for these informative networking opportunities on our website

[www.albertaagsocieties.ca](http://www.albertaagsocieties.ca). Choose a meeting that fits best into your schedule. I'll see you there.

I'm excited about the year ahead. The possibilities are endless for both AAAS and the Ag Societies. As always our office is here to help our members to the best of our ability. Drop us an e-mail or give us a call. We look forward to hearing from you.

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

*thank you*

The Board, Staff and Members of the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies would like to thank Lisa Hardy for her dedication and service to our organization. Lisa has been a great friend, her knowledge and passion for the industry will be missed. We wish her great success as she embarks on a new career path with Skate Canada.

*Best Wishes*



# REGIONAL MEETINGS & CONVENTION DATES

## **Regional Meetings:**

### **Region 1 – Silver Sage Agricultural Society, Brooks**

Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Location - Heritage Inn & Suites 1239 2 St W, Brooks, AB

Doors open @ 5:30, supper at 6:00, meeting to follow

Cost \$20.00/person

Please by September 26, 2018

### **Region 2 – Big Country Agricultural Society, Oyen**

Saturday October 13, 2018

Location - The Crossroads Centre is located at 1100 Main Street East

Doors open @ 9:30, meeting @ 10:00

Cost \$20.00/person

Please RSVP by September 28, 2018

### **Region 3 – Bashaw Agricultural Society, Bashaw**

Wednesday October 24, 2018

Location - 4750 45 Avenue Bashaw Alberta

Doors open @ 5:30, Supper @ 6:00, meeting to follow

Cost \$20.00/person

Please RSVP October 17, 2018

### **Region 4 – Edgerton Agricultural Society, Edgerton**

Wednesday December 5, 2018

Location – The Hall is located at 4916 50<sup>th</sup> Street. Edgerton Alberta

Doors open @ 5:30, Supper @ 6:00, Meeting to follow

Cost \$20.00/person

Please RSVP by November 28, 2018

### **Region 5 – Drayton Valley Agricultural Society, Drayton Valley**

Wednesday October 17, 2018

Location – MacKenzie Centre (5737 45 Ave)

Doors open at 5:30, Supper @ 6:00, meeting to follow

Cost \$20.00/person

Please RSVP by October 10, 2018

### **Region 6 – Harmon Valley Agricultural Society, Nampa**

Saturday November 3, 2018

Location : Harmon Valley Community Hall

Doors open at 9:30, Meeting @ 10:00

Cost \$20.00/person

Please RSVP by October 26, 2018

## **FALL MEETING AGENDA :**

- Update on Funding / Update on Ag Society Act and Regulation
- Update from AAAS : Advocacy / Open Farm Days / Farm Safety Grant & Other Grant Initiatives / Convention Update
- Convention topic suggestion
- Bull pit session

**Please watch the AAAS website for agenda details.**

For more information Or to Register—Contact the AAAS office

Phone :780-427-2174 Email : aaas@gov.ab.ca



### **Royal Ag Societies of the Commonwealth**

November 5-8, 2018

The Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth (RASC) is a confederation of over fifty leading national and regional Agricultural Show Societies, Agricultural Associations and Research Bodies working in twenty Commonwealth countries.

<http://rasc2018canada.com/>

### **Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs ( RMAF )**

November 7-10, 2018

The 93rd Annual Convention will be held in Billings, Montana. The four-day convention is filled with educational workshop, entertainment showcasing and networking for fair & festival members.

<http://www.rmaf.net/>

*\*Does not qualify under AG Society Grant Program*

### **Greener Facilities Conference & Expo.**

November 14-15, 2018

The 2018 Greener Facilities Conference & Expo will be held on at the Edmonton Inn.

<https://arpaonline.ca/events/greener-facilities-conference-expo/>

### **Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions**

November 21-23, 2018

CAFE 92nd Annual Convention

Banff, AB

<http://www.canadian-fairs.ca/en/annual-convention/>

### **International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions**

November 25-28, 2018

IAFE Annual Convention and Trade Show

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center -San Antonio, Texas

[www.fairsandexpos.com](http://www.fairsandexpos.com)

*\*Does not qualify under AG Society Grant Program*

### **2019 AAAS Convention**

February 8 –10, 2019

Edmonton Inn & Conference Centre Hotel

11834 Kingsway NW, Edmonton, AB

# ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



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Dear Members, 6 August 2018

28th Commonwealth Agriculture Conference – 5 – 8 Nov 2018

We would like to personally extend the invitation for you to join us in Edmonton, Alberta for the 28th Commonwealth Agriculture Conference, hosted by Northlands. This biennial gathering of people from around the world is the pre- eminent conference of its kind. It offers a unique opportunity to meet, share ideas and experience a global agriculture showcase with like-minded professionals. We are very excited to host this event in Canada this year.

The Commonwealth Agriculture Conference has something for everyone in leadership roles in agriculture societies industry, including special pre-conference sessions held on Nov 3 and 4 targeted to CEO's, Executive Directors, Board Members and Next Generation leaders.

This year, the conference will cover issues that concern today's leaders of our industry, including security, volunteer management and more of the strategic issues 'in the business' that shape and influence what we do. The conference is designed to support our leaders' development and learning more about the challenges and opportunities facing the world of shows, fairs and the agriculture industry. With the global learnings, we can strive to face our mutual challenges and opportunities with new insight for the future.

Highlights of the conference will include attendance by Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, an amazing Taste of Canada gala dinner featuring renowned Canadian, Chef Michael Smith, and an exciting line-up of speakers from across the Commonwealth, the USA and Europe.

Registration for the Commonwealth Agriculture Conference is open – see <http://rasc2018canada.com/> for further details and to register. Air Canada is offering a discount code for airline travel booked for the conference.

We look forward to seeing you in Edmonton later this fall – but in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you would like to participate or have specific questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

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# NOMINATIONS INFORMATION



## SCHOLARSHIPS



# \$1500

The Alberta Association Agricultural Societies has partnered with Calgary Stampede and Edmonton Northlands to offer **TWO AWARDS** that will be given to outstanding post-secondary students continuing their education, who have volunteered their time and energy to their communities and agricultural societies.

*Nominate a student who has demonstrated leadership!*



Deadline for applications is  
**December 31st 2018**



## HONOR ROLL

### DO YOU KNOW A PERSON WHO :

- is a member of an agricultural society ?
- has made valuable and noteworthy contributions 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. Winners will be recognized at the AAAS Convention. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding volunteers for their dedication to local, regional and provincial levels of agriculture.

Nomination form consists of three sections.

- ★ CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
- ★ REGIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS
- ★ HISTORY OF COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

**A maximum point value of 100 can be awarded.**  
**The person(s) with the highest points will receive the award.**

**Nomination Deadline is December 31st, 2018**

**For more info. please visit our website [www.albertaagsocieties.ca](http://www.albertaagsocieties.ca) or call the AAAS office at 780-427-2174**



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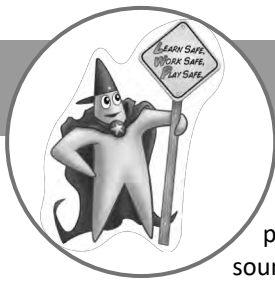
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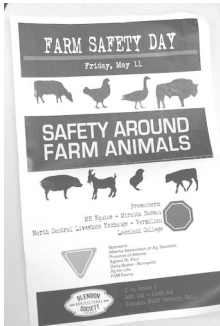
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## FARM SAFETY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

**Vauxhall Agricultural Society** hosted Safety Day presentations for 150 Junior High Students from Vauxhall, Enchant and Hays. Nine stations with presentations at each, including water, gas, electrical, PTOs, grain handling, sound, concussion, chemical and fire safety. The local businesses who made presentations were: BRID, BRGC, Vauxhall Emergency Services, Western Tractor– Taber and Fortis. Students were also given take home bags with additional information for family & friends, safety goggles & hearing plugs.



**The Glendon Agricultural Society** hosted a an event focusing on Safety around Farm Animals. There were about 135 students ( K-6) from Glendon School. Presenters from North Central Livestock Exchange, MH Equine and Bevin and Lakeland College, spoke about handling cattle, and horses. They had displays about production and products. Students had the opportunity to learn about animal behavior, animal triggers and physical indicators. The take home bag the students were given had some useful information for them to use at home like "Hand Signals of the Farm" and a "Farm Safety Walkabout" booklet.

### Lac La Biche Ag Society

The Lac La Biche Safety Days & Devon Community Safety Night is an annual event. This year they had over 850 people in attendance. It was a family event which included safety sessions on: Railway, gun, bike, quad, underground utility, school bus, bear safety, farm, electrical, water, fire safety & life jacket safety. There was also interactive demos with an AMA Driving Simulator.



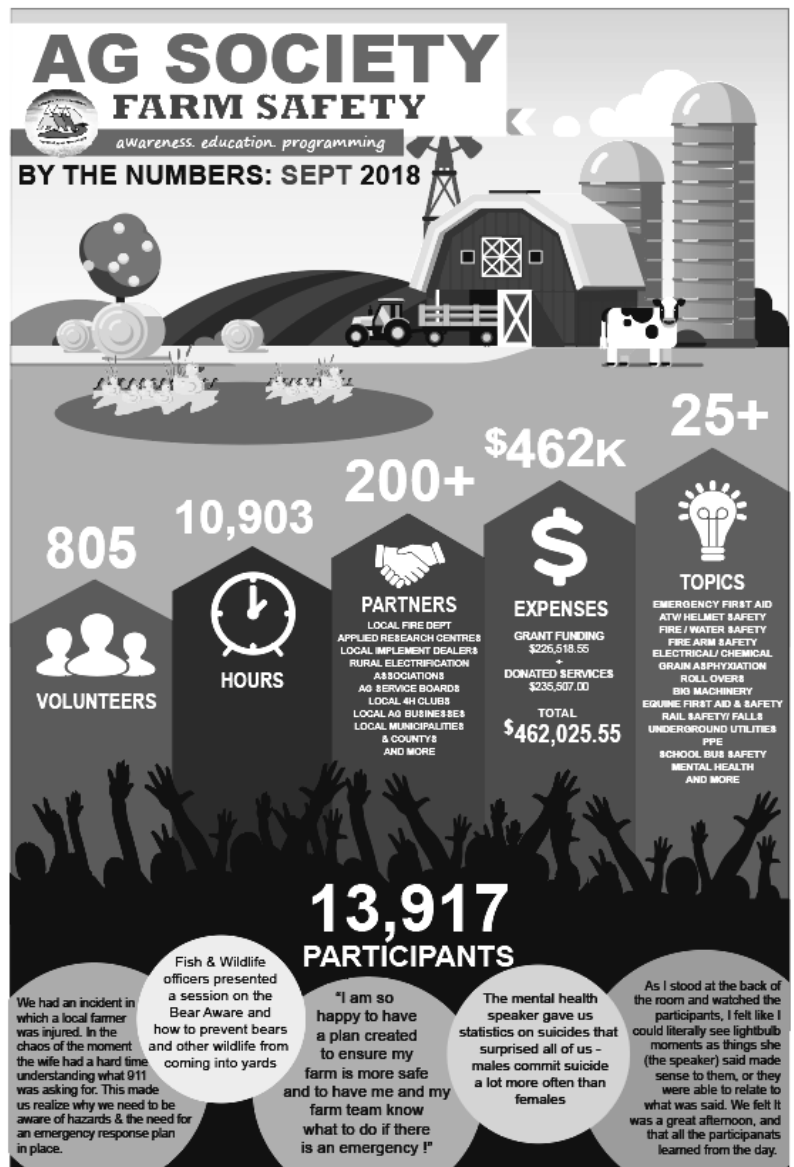
### Buffalo & District Ag Society

Presented a Mother's Day with a Difference.

Rather than just have a typical Mother's Day brunch, they also had a presentation of "Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Go Kit" as well as "Safety in the Kitchen" and a mini trade fair including safety and skin care.

Some of the comments from the guests were :  
" This has been so much more than a day away—it was a really worth while experience"

" ...We get to chat with all these people, buy all sorts of goodies and actually learn something valuable! "



# ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FARM SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

Last year AAAS received funding to deliver a Farm Safety Grant Program to our members. The grant applications were distributed to our members last fall both by email and mail, we had the applications available at any of our events we have hosted such as regional meetings and the annual convention. If you need an additional copy of the grant application form please contact our office at 780-427-2174 or by email at [aaas@gov.ab.ca](mailto:aaas@gov.ab.ca)

The program has \$900,000.00 to be distributed by December 31, 2018 for the purpose of providing farm safety awareness, education and programming that will be delivered in diverse ways across Alberta, influencing behavioral changes on family farms and in the agriculture community.

There are many opportunities and resources to assist you with planning an initiative. Alberta Agriculture has developed a toolkit to assist you with planning an initiative as well as a variety of resources and contacts to help you with your initiative that you can access at no charge. Their website is [http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/All/aet623](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/All/aet623) or you can contact one of their coordinators listed below for the Alberta Farm Safety Program.

## Some highlights of the program are:

- No matching component required
- Grant funds are disbursed once the project is complete and reporting is received
- Projects and reporting must be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- Maximum up to \$10,000 per project
- Partnering with other Ag Societies increases the amount you can apply for – example 3 Ag Societies can partner together for an initiative and be eligible for up to \$30,000
- More than one project per year can be applied for by an Ag Society
- Approved projects must be completed and reporting submitted prior to receiving full approval of another project
- Multiple components over a time period can be compiled into 1 grant application however the funding is not disbursed until the project has been fully completed and the reporting submitted
- Projects that have already been completed in the last year may be considered as eligible projects if they meet the program criteria
- Ineligible expenses include entertainment, liquor, donations, Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machines, programs already supported by other provincial farm safety grants

Examples of eligible projects and expenses are advertising campaigns, guest speakers, qualified instructors, training courses and workshops, farm safety day camps, training materials, external facility rental fees, wages, rental equipment, etc.

**\* WATCH WEBSITE FOR GRANT PROGRAM UPDATES AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE \***

## Alberta Farm Safety Program

Are you looking for ideas or resources for a farm safety program in your community? The Alberta Farm Safety Program with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has some great ideas and resources and contacts for you!



## Contact an Alberta Agriculture & Forestry Farm Safety Coordinator

### Kenda Lubeck

Farm Safety Coordinator  
780-538-5606  
[Kenda.lubeck@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Kenda.lubeck@gov.ab.ca)

### Blair Takahashi

Farm Safety Specialist  
403-388-4030  
[Blair.takahashi@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Blair.takahashi@gov.ab.ca)

### Raelyn Peterson

Farm Safety Coordinator  
780-538-5633  
[Raelyn.d.peterson@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Raelyn.d.peterson@gov.ab.ca)

### Janice Donkers

Youth Farm Safety Coordinator  
403-388-4032  
[Janice.donkers@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Janice.donkers@gov.ab.ca)



# GRANTS, FUNDING & RESOURCES

## Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage

The Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage program was created to help you celebrate your community – both its past and its present. This program increases opportunities for local artists, artisans, heritage performers or specialists to be involved in their community through festivals, events and projects. It also allows local groups to commemorate their local history and heritage. The Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage program offers funding through three separate components:

### Local Festivals

The Local Festivals component provides funding to local groups for recurring festivals that present the work of local artists, artisans and heritage performers.

Read more about who can apply for funding through the [Local Festivals](#) component.

### Community Anniversaries

The Community Anniversaries component provides funding to local groups for nonrecurring local events, with or without a minor capital project. Eligible events and capital projects are those that commemorate the 100th anniversary or greater (in increments of 25 years) of a significant local historical event or personality.

Eligible capital projects such as community art projects, restoration of objects, community history books, statues and murals can be funded up to a maximum \$25,000.

Read more about who can apply for funding through the [Community Anniversaries](#) component.

### Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund component provides funding for community initiated capital projects that restore, renovate or transform an existing building or exterior space (such as a statue, community hall, monument, garden or work of art) intended for community use. Eligible capital projects are those that commemorate the 100th anniversary or greater (in increments of 25 years), of a significant local historical event or personality.

Read more about who can apply for funding through the [Legacy Fund](#) component.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/building-communities.html>

## The Tourism Growth Innovation Fund

This new program to boost the tourism sector will help communities and non-profit tourism organizations create jobs and memorable travel experiences. The Tourism Growth Innovation Fund (TGIF) will provide \$1 million to support economic growth by helping expand Alberta's tourism offerings, with a focus on winter and shoulder-season tourism development, rural projects and Indigenous cultural experiences. The fund offers matching grants up to \$75,000.

Funding priority will go to projects that help grow tourism in communities beyond the province's two major cities and mountain parks. The grant program focuses on strengthening collaboration among tourism stakeholders and will accept applications in two separate streams: destination development support and product development support.

Applications for TGIF will be accepted twice each fiscal year, with the first intake running from April 1 to 30. A second intake will run in October. Communities and non-profit tourism organizations from across the province are encouraged to apply.

TGIF is included in Budget 2018, which provides \$56.4 million to further grow Alberta as a premier destination for domestic and international travelers, while providing exciting and affordable vacation options for families.



**Applications accepted every year during the following periods:**

- April 1 – 30
- October 1 – 31

Eligible applicants will be notified within an estimated 8 weeks of the application deadline. More information about the fund, including eligibility and application forms, available at: [culturetourism.alberta.ca/TGIF](http://culturetourism.alberta.ca/TGIF).

We are very pleased to announce the launch of **THREE Canadian Agricultural Partnership programs under the Public Trust Theme:**

## **Public Agriculture Literacy Program**

This program supports initiatives that build industry communication capacity to increase public and consumers' awareness and understanding of agriculture and the food production system.

Program Contact: Diana Bingham (780)427-3980

[https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/PUBLIC\\_LITERACY](https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/PUBLIC_LITERACY)

## **Agriculture and Food Sustainability**

### **Assurance Initiatives Program**

This program will support industry associations and industry-led non-profit assurance initiatives to develop and enhance sustainability certification or assurance systems to demonstrate to the public the quality, safety and sustainability of products produced by producers and food companies.

Program Contact: Diana Bingham (780)427-3980 (temporarily)

[https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/PUBLIC\\_ASSURANCE](https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/PUBLIC_ASSURANCE)

## **Youth Agriculture Education Program**

This program supports the development and delivery of effective agriculture education programs that are science-based, topic-driven, curricular-linked and help students use critical thinking to engage in meaningful and informed conversations about issues that affect public trust in agriculture.

Program Contact: Karen Carle (403)340-5339

[https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/YOUTH\\_EDUCATION](https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/YOUTH_EDUCATION)

All program details are now available on the website links above, however we are having sporadic difficulties with the document links. If you are not able to access the documents you are interested in, please feel free to connect with the Program Contact and they will email the relevant information to you. These programs are all merit-based and will have two submission deadlines per year. For this current fiscal year, the dates for the submission deadlines are as follows:

**Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: These dates may change.** All changes to documents and deadlines will be posted immediately, so please make sure to subscribe to the webpages to receive program notifications\*\*

## **The Community Initiatives Program**

The Community Initiatives Program (CIP) provides funding for organizations that create opportunities for Albertans to engage with and help develop their communities.

**CIP outcomes are to:** Strengthen leadership and organizational capacity of community organizations and to support community-driven goals that have a public benefit

### **FUNDING STREAMS AT A GLANCE:**

	Project-Based	Operating	International Development	Major Cultural and Sport Events
Web page	Project-Based	Operating	International Development	Major Cultural and Sport Events
Funding	Up to \$75,000	Up to \$75,000	Up to \$25,000	Up to \$250,000
Application deadlines	January 15 May 15 September 15	January 15 May 15 September 15	January 15 May 15 September 15	April 1 October 1
Project completion timeframe	18 months from date of cheque	30 months from date of receipt of payment	30 months from date of receipt of payment	18 months from the start of the term of the grant agreement
Stream priorities	Local community projects	Ongoing programs and services	Humanitarian projects in developing countries	Sanctioned national and international events

For more information please visit website:

<https://www.alberta.ca/community-initiatives-program.aspx>

## **Community Facility Enhancement**

Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) funding provides financial assistance to acquire, build, purchase, repair, renovate, upgrade or expand sports, recreational, cultural or other related public-use community facilities. CFEP aims to foster healthy, vibrant communities across Alberta. The program has been designed to support organizations as they take action to contribute and create opportunities for Albertans to engage with their communities.

### **CFEP outcomes are to:**

Enhance the lifespan and support the creation of public-use community facilities. Stimulate economic activity across the province.

### **Eligibility :**

An organization can only submit one application for a capital project per year through either CFEP or the Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Project-Based for capital funding requests. Organizations should apply under the specific program stream that is best suited for their project. CFEP has two funding streams:

Small Funding Stream: Up to \$125,000

Large Funding Stream: \$125,001 to \$1 Million



**For More Info :**

<https://www.culturetourism.alberta.ca/community/community-grants/>

# OPEN FARM DAY —*Highlights*

**Northlands** hosted tours of the Northlands Urban Farm . They also offered bus tours visiting Sunny Hill Alpacas & Twisted Sister Fibre Mill, Gruger Family Fungi and Rig Hand Distillery. Attendees had the opportunity to make herbed vinegar at Northline Farms & explore the grounds of Jackson Homesteaders to see farm animals, freshly ground flour (from their home grown wheat), and honey harvested right on the farm.



**OH Ranch**—had tours for the Cookhouse and guests learned about the North West Mounted Police that were stationed at the OH in the early years.



A couple of the ladies from the AAAS office took their kids out on a day trip to check out some Open Farm Day Events !



**Exhibition Park The Great Southern Alberta Ag Tour :**  
It was a coach tour to local farms around the Lethbridge area. One of the places they stopped at was Crystal Springs Cheese



Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture & Tourism, at the Announcement for Open Farm Day with Kye Kocher President of YYC Growers and Distributors Cooperative Inc.

# OPEN FARM DAY – Highlights

**Drayton Valley & District Agricultural Society**  
43 Years and Growing Strong



## Farm to Fork Menu

### Appetizer:

**Kung Pao Chicken Lettuce Cups**

(Chicken & green chives - Yearling growers, Butter Lettuce - Chef's greenhouse)

### Main:

**Roasted Bison**

(From - Yearling ground 200m Ranch)

**Root Vegetables**

(Vegetables - Yearling growers)

**Roasted Potatoes**

(Potatoes - Yearling growers)

### Dessert:

**Saskatoon Crème Brûlée**

(Saskatoon - Millipore berries & cherries, Eggs - Yearling growers)



## Drayton Valley & District Ag Society:

Hosted a Farm to Fork Dinner in conjunction with their Farmer's Market & bench Show For Open Farm Days



**Multicultural Heritage Centre** had A perfect marriage of past and present for Open Farm Days. Historical Ag facts at selfie stations throughout the grounds .

From the minutes of the Story Place Women's Institute, March 22, 1919:

"Great indignation was felt by the members when they learned that the Minister of Agriculture had failed to keep his promise of erecting an Agricultural College next to the Demonstration Farm, but had found money to erect three in the southern portions of the Province. So great was the feeling that the members promptly decided to send a petition to let him know that the members of the institute are not asleep, but mean business is fulfilled. With great also signed their names."

Story Place's Farmers' Days event finds Agricultural Farm of early 1900s. Because of its location, Story Place became a central original fairground was located where it is now. The fairground was used for many years as a place to hold various events, including horse races, and barrel racing. The fairground was also used for many years as a place to hold various events, including horse races, and barrel racing.

Story Place gained recognition for its cultivation of Irish Collier potatoes and for its Shorthorn cattle. In addition to its accommodations for livestock, the fairgrounds included playing fields for baseball, football, and tennis, as well as a half-mile racetrack. Showing and judging of handicrafts, cooking and produce took place in a two-story exhibition building. The nearby streets would be crowded with attendees and their vehicles, and First Nations peoples would sell their wares on the grounds, and participate in the sporting events. Today, though the event's name and location have changed, the fairgrounds are still packed and still serves a thriving agricultural community.

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## BIG COUNTRY AG

Guests had the opportunity to try roping, butter making, and ice cream making. here is also supper, trade show booths with local businesses selling produce, bus tours, barrel train, milking demo, native prairie display with live plants, and more!

## #ABFARM DAYS



AG CHATS WITH ONEIL CARLIER

Tim Carson & Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, at the OFD Media Sneak Peek.



**Urban Farm**  
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## WESTERNER PARK:

Guests at the Urban Farm Long Table Dinner started their day by visiting HGB Bison and Troubled Monk before returning back to Westerner Park for a 5 course locally sourced and produced dinner and live entertainment



TO OUR **ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS** PARTNERS

**ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS**  
AUGUST 18 & 19, 2018

thank you





# ***TO BOLDLY GO***

***WHERE NO AG SOCIETY HAS GONE BEFORE***  
***AAAS CONVENTION 2019***

**February 8th –10th, 2019**  
**Edmonton Inn &**  
**Conference Centre Hotel**  
**11834 Kingsway NW**  
**Edmonton, AB**

**WATCH WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND REGISTRATION FORMS  
AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE**

**[www.albertaagsocieties.ca/convention/overview/](http://www.albertaagsocieties.ca/convention/overview/)**

Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies

## PROVINCIAL MARKETING AWARDS

# 2019



The Marketing Awards Contest is held annually during the AAAS Convention. Attendance during the convention is not a requirement to enter the contest, however only entries from current member Agricultural Society's will be accepted. The winners will be announced and presented with their awards during the Saturday night themed gala at the Convention.

### CATEGORIES

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- 1 PROMOTIONAL POSTERS
- 2 FAIR BOOK/EVENT PROGRAM COVERS
- 3 NEWSLETTERS
- 4 WEBSITE
- 5 SOCIAL MEDIA
- 6 NEW PROGRAM/EVENT
- 7 EVENT/ORGANIZATION PHOTO COLLAGE

See our website for the  
**Provincial Marketing Awards**  
**Contest Guidelines**  
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Calling all curling fans! Cheer on Team Koe in the 2018/19 curling season!

### BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Sept 10-16	World Cup of Curling	Shanghi, China	TSN
Sept 26-30	Elite 10 GrandSlam	Chatham, Ont	Sportsnet
Oct 5-8	World Curling Tour	Edmonton, AB	
Oct 12-15	World Curling Tour	Portage, MB	Shaw
Oct 23-28	Masters GrandSlam	Truro, NS	Sportsnet
Nov 6-11	Tour Challenge GrandSlam	Thunder Bay, Ont	Sportsnet
Nov 23-26	World Curling Tour	Penticton, BC	
Dec 4-9	Canada Cup of Curling	Estavan, SK	TSN
Dec 11-16	National GrandSlam	St. Johns NFLD	Sportsnet
Jan 4-6	TSN Skins Game	Banff, AB	TSN
Jan 8-13	Canadian Open GrandSlam	N. Battelford, SK	Sportsnet
Jan 17-20	Continental Cup	Las Vegas, Nevada	TSN
Feb 6-10	Alberta Provincials	Edmonton, AB	Sportsnet
Mar 2-10	Brier	Brandon, MB	TSN
Mar 30 - Apr 7	World Men's Championships	Lethbridge, AB	TSN
Apr 9-14	The Players Championship	Toronto, Ont	Sportsnet
Apr 23-28	Champions Cup	Saskatoon, Sask	Sportsnet

**FREE RESOURCE:** A website is where volunteer coordinators can quickly create a free online signup sheet for functions and events such as bake sales, club events, block parties, food drives, races, PTA activities, etc. Creating a free online volunteer sign up form is very quick and easy. With VolunteerSignup you can easily track volunteer hours, too. Create an online signup sheet. Email link to potential volunteers. Volunteers sign up (no registration required)

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/>

List of volunteer opportunities.

Example online signup sheet

What	When	Credits	Who
Create 20 posters	Finish 10 days before sale	3.00	Sign up
Put up posters	Finish 7 days before sale	2.00	John S.
Make 50 large cookies	-	3.00	Jim H.
Make 5 apple pies	-	6.00	Betty C.
Setup tables and chairs	8am to 9am	1.00	Sign up
Cashier (first shift) - collect money	9am to noon	3.00	Sign up
Cashier (first shift) - collect money	9am to noon	3.00	Sign up
Cashier (second shift) - collect money	noon to 3pm	3.00	Warren B.
Cashier (second shift) - collect money	noon to 3pm	3.00	Sign up
Put away tables and chairs	3pm to 4pm	1.00	Sign up

Start and end times (optional)

Volunteers click to sign up



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

**OUR 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

**OUR GOALS:**

**SUSTAINABILITY :** Strengthen alliances with key stakeholders to ensure the combined resources support and grow community building efforts in Alberta.

**ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH:** Leadership and processes are future focused to ensure the organization is positioned to successfully serve the communities of Alberta.

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:** Services and resources are recognized and valued to support best practices.

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The AAAS website has a "Members" section which requires a password to access

Resources, Templates and Grant Information

*The Password for our members is : **aaas!members***

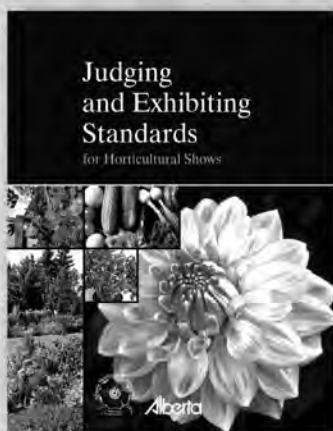
- Farm Safety Grant Applications
- Farm Safety Resources
- Fair Supply Order Forms
- Market Your Events Form
- Agricultural Societies Act
- Government Resources
- Traceability Templates & Info
- Business Planning Resources
- Agricultural Society Provincial Studies and Reports
- Board and Policy Templates
- List of various grants



## Planning a Bench Show

Using a step-by-step format, this guide is a 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. 33 pages.

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