

A Message from your President - Marilyn Boehm

It is very important that we provide input from a food processor's perspective. Your comments are required!

The Federal, Provincial and Territorial (FPT) Agriculture Ministers have reached an agreement on the key elements of a five-year, \$3B agriculture policy framework that will replace Growing Forward 2, beginning in April, 2018. The new agreement will be called the **Canadian Agricultural Partnership**.

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership will focus on 6 priority areas:

- Science, Research and Innovation
- Markets and Trade
- Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change
- Value-added Agriculture and Agri-food Processing
- Public Trust
- Risk Management

The focus will now shift to finalizing a bilateral agreement with the federal government, to outline specific programs that will be offered in Alberta to meet the needs of the agri-food sector over the next five years.

AFPA attended a Growing Forward session in April to provide input into the new policy framework. AFPA needs to provide additional input and we would be willing to coordinate a 2-3 hour session where individual processors could provide their input to government officials. **Please let me know if you would be interested in participating in a session.** marilynn@afpa.com or **780.499-0127**

In addition, AFSC has been doing a series of focus groups seeking input from industry. They want to know how well AFSC programs currently meet the needs of industry and what potential changes you would like to see. **Please give me a call if you have opinions on this.**

Call for research and innovation proposals



AFPA is pleased to inform you that the call for research and innovation proposals for Canada's food and beverage processing industry under the next 5 year funding cycle -the Canadian Agricultural Partnership - from 2018 to 2023 has now been posted on the Canadian Food Innovators' (CFI) [website](#).

We encourage you to access the links to determine if this program will help you achieve your goals and consider submitting a proposal **prior to September 22, 2017.**

CFI also received an endowment from The Guelph Food Technology Centre Legacy Fund which is being made available to support food businesses that are funded under this call for proposals.

CFI is an industry-led not-for-profit corporation that was formed in 2013 to enable Canada's food and beverage processing businesses to access Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's AgriScience cluster program to advance research and innovation. AFPA serves on the CFI Board of Directors.

"How to Reach your Retail Potential" Workshop

Oct 3 -Calgary; Oct 4 -Edm

Sept 11 is our go or no go date for this workshop so please minimal drop melody@afpa.com if interested

Develop or refine your retail strategy with retail insiders who will clearly explain the world of retail, and help you create the conditions for success and sustainability. [Register here](#)



To avoid disappointment book with as much notice as possible & remember most courses are only offered 1x a year in both Edm & Calg. (maybe Lethbridge) sometimes only in 1 city so don't miss out!

Upcoming Courses:

Introduction to Food Safety & HACCP -Sept. 17 Calgary
HACCP for Manufacturing Food Packaging Materials - Sept 19-20 Calgary
HACCP for Warehousing & Distributing Operations - Sept 21-22 Calgary

BRC Implementing - Oct. 17-18 Calgary
HACCP I Prerequisite Programs - Oct. 23-24 Edm
HACCP II Developing Your HACCP Plans - Oct. 25-26 Edm.

[To Register](#) or full the list of courses for the remainder of 2017.

2018 schedule will be posted early October.

Remember AFPA for all your Food Safety needs; training (public or onsite), consulting etc.

If you require a full course description, have questions, or wish to request a course contact melody@afpa.com

Help us celebrate Alberta food processing. Send us your photos!

AFPA needs images for various uses: magazine interviews; AFPA website, social media, brochures and presentations. But we don't always want to use generic stock photos - we need real, authentic, proud Alberta food processors doing what they do best. Uplifting photos of our industry helps build awareness and trust by showing that we are diligently creating tasty, convenient, nutritious, fun and safe food for Alberta families.

Send us your company photos giving us full authority to use when required - employees in action, machinery at work, the finished product about to be packaged, training sessions, daily meetings. Hi resolution preferred, but we'll take anything. And now for the rules: omit photos with company logos and please ensure people in the pictures consent to their images being used. We can give your company full credit for the images. Send your photos to melody@afpa.com or dropbox them! Help us show off Alberta's food processing pride.



"Money Down the Drain" Workshop

Sept 26 -Edm; Sept 27 -Calgary

Find out how some of Canada's biggest food and beverage processors, including Campbell's, Maple Leaf, Kraft Foods, have saved and grown. [To register.](#) or sandra@afpa.com



Lean & Green Carbon Workshop

Nov 7 -Edm; Nov. 8 -Calgary; Nov 9 -Lethbridge

This half-day workshop will identify business case opportunities associated with addressing carbon and environmental process improvements. Through tangible lean and green examples, participants will receive coaching and tools resulting in efficiencies and cost reductions. [To register.](#) or sandra@afpa.com

What's New in Workplace Health & Safety?...LOTS!!

-Safety Leadership in 2017 - really is very 'simple'...leadership is not about being in charge, it is about taking care of those in your charge.
-Safety, you're either in...or in the way!



AFPA has just introduced the FBHSO (Food & Beverage Health & Safety Officer) a unique, formal health & safety designation.

This new development program will be very similar to the Ab. Construction Safety Association's NCSO (Nat'l Const. Safety Officer) or the Manufacturers H&S Association's MSO (Manufacturing Safety Officer). the candidate must complete the 5 mandatory AFPA - COR program courses of 1) H&S Program Building, 2) Hazard Assessment & Control, 3) Incident Investigations 4) Roles & Responsibilities for Managers and Supervisors and 5) Internal Safety Auditor...plus any 2 of our 'Elective' 1 day courses (1/2 day courses will count as .5 towards the required total), including the newly added JH&S Committee training. The candidate will have to successfully challenge the final exam achieving a mark of 80% or greater and maintain professional development credits over a subsequent 3 year period.



you must address workplace violence as part of your overall health and safety management system?, it's true. You are required to have a policy statement, written responsibilities for Managers and Employees, types of violence, prevention procedures and controls. Did you also know that you will require having a written process regarding how the company will determine worker 'competency'?, it's true. It is expected that you will have something in place by Jan. 2019.

AFPA's fall training calendar has been posted on the [website](#). If you require Auditor training, it is scheduled for late Sept in Edmonton & Nov in Calgary, book now. Reminder that all 5 mandatory COR courses must have been attended by at minimum one current staff member in your organization...missing some?, book now.

WHMIS 2015 (GHS) Transition - Just to clarify...this is newly 'enacted' legislation, so everyone in your organization from the least senior new hire to the CEO must attend this new training, as befits their specific roles, responsibilities, and potential for exposure...yes, even those in the office work environment, including sales. The new WHMIS symbols, labelling requirements, new SDS's and worker education must be provided and attended by all of your staff...it's legislated and will surely become the focus of Ab. OH&S Officers in 2019. Remember, all employers remain 'legally' responsible to ensure the proper training, education, and protection of their workers in the provision of a safe workplace.

Important Dates and Key Events...


Sept.18 - H&S Program Build in Edmonton: BOOK NOW!
Sept.25 - Internal Auditor course, Edmonton: BOOK NOW!

Remember onsite training option is available for your convenience, call Ed to book.

Please feel free to call anytime if AFPA can be of any assistance to the ongoing development, implementation, training, or improvement of your safety program(s).

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