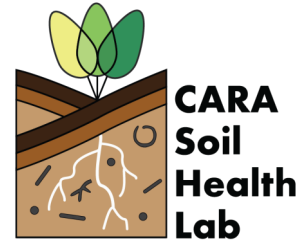


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Grain, Grass & Growth

October 2023

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CROP CLUB

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2023

ACADIA VALLEY HALL

6-9PM

\$20/TICKET - RSVP (403) 664-3777 OR CARA-3@TELUS.NET

"2023 REGIONAL VARIETY TRIAL SUMMARY"
BRAEDEN PEERS, CARA

"ALBERTA SOIL HEALTH BENCHMARK PROJECT UPDATE"
DR. YAMILY ZAVALA, CARA

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NEIL BLUE, GOVERNMENT OF AB

"NITROGEN FERTILIZER MANAGEMENT IN THE BROWN SOIL ZONE"
DR. RIGAS KARAMANOS





ALBERTA EFP

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN

More than 1200 Alberta producers have completed their EFP online! Register today to start your EFP workbook!

Want more information?

Visit our website www.AlbertaEFP.com or contact us by phone at 1-587-200-2552

- We offer one-on-one virtual help sessions! Book an appointment on our website
- Online webinars and online and in-person workshops:

<https://www.albertaefp.com/efp-program/event-calendar/>



For more information or assistance on your EFP, contact:

Karin Roen, CARA
Special Areas 2, 3, 4, and MD of Acadia
EFP Technician
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Benefits

- Demonstrate environmental stewardship
- Understand and reduce environmental risks
- Reduces costs, increases efficiency, access funding
- Use as a future planning tool
- Required for funding programs (SCAP, RALP)

The EFP is

- Confidential
- Free and easy to access online workbook
- One on one support by a trained EFP technician
- 10 year renewal period



Are Your Cows Certified??

Alberta producers who want to increase their market share or have a certification program backing their beef can apply for the Verified Beef Production Plus program. Producers can apply to VBP+ to validate responsible practices done on the ranch to stakeholders like consumers, and retailers. The VBP+ program allows producers to prove that their operation and the beef they



produced has been held to the highest standard for food safety, animal care, and environmental stewardship. The four aspects of production that VBP+ takes into consideration before certifying producers are the animal care, on-farm food safety, environmental, and biosecurity. Producers are trained on the value of responsible beef production and become certified by VBP+ through keeping detailed on-farm records, implementing written management plans, completing an on-farm audit, and ongoing record assessment reviews.

Benefits of the VBP+ program include:

- * Easy transition to Certified Canadian Sustainable Beef status
- * Operation can meet the sustainable beef demand
- * Become eligible for per head financial credits through the Canadian Beef Sustainability Acceleration pilot (CBSApilot.ca)
- * Improved use and efficacy of veterinary products used
- * Documentation of operation activities
- * Manage herd health risks resourcefully
- * Create opportunities for differentiated beef production or add to brand protocols
- * Potential increased market share
- * Provide a solid basis for training family and staff
- * Detect and prevent problems early
- * Defines standards for continual improvement

Learn more about VBP+ in Alberta by visiting the website www.verifiedbeef.ca or emailing ab@verifiedbeef.ca

13th Annual
**CARA
 CATTLEMEN
 CLINIC**

Join us for the 13th Annual Cattlemen Clinic for a full day of learning about implementing technology and improving profitability on the ranch!

Topics include:


- Market Update
- Cost of Production Overview for Decision-making
- Lakeland College Livestock Applied Research Update
- Replacement Heifer Selection
- Pain Mitigation and Animal Wellness
- Low-stress Animal Handling



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11AM-4PM
NOV | 28TH | 2023



RSVP: (403) 664-3777 or cara-3@telus.net
 \$30 ticket, lunch included

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Dear Alberta Grains Producers,

As the Research Director of Alberta Grains, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Alberta Grains Research Priorities Survey. This survey is a key step in developing a research strategy to guide Alberta's future wheat and barley production.

Your input is vital for identifying and prioritizing the most critical research needs for the grains industry. By completing this survey, you will help us to:

- Align our research investments with the needs and expectations of producers and end users.
- Influence the direction and funding of grain research by the Government of Canada and other partners.
- Provide a comprehensive overview of Alberta's current and ongoing grain research projects.
- Enhance collaboration and coordination among researchers, funders, and stakeholders.
- Avoid duplication and gaps in research and ensure sufficient resources for critical areas.

The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and can be accessed through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2858ZBN>.

We appreciate your valuable time and feedback. Please complete the survey by November 15, 2023. Feel Free to share the survey link with others.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely, Nasima Junejo, Ph. D. P.Ag



Cypress County
AG CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE
Presented by **MNP**
NOVEMBER 22
Medicine Hat Stampede & Exhibition Grounds

ONE DAY EVENT FOR CATTLE & CROP PRODUCERS IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA

KEYNOTE LESLEY KELLY **18+ AG SPEAKERS** **AG TRADESHOW** **BREAKFAST & LUNCH**

\$40 per person
Register at www.cypresscountybusiness.ca

**CARA Annual General Meeting
November 30, 2023
Canalta Hotel Meeting Room
Oyen, AB
10:30am**

The AGM will include a review of CARA's 2023 research program, strategic plan update, and guest speaker:

Linda Hunt, AgKnow
"Being Resilient during Stressful times"

**Register for the AGM by calling (403) 664-3777
or emailing cara-3@telus.net**



"In The Know" Webinar

November 6 2023

10am-2pm

This free webinar is an opportunity to learn about mental health literacy on the farm including recognizing signs and symptoms of mental distress, how to have conversations with loved ones about stress, anxiety, depression, and finding resources and support in your community.

Register With:

Neutral Hills Learning & Community Connection Centre,
(403) 577-3011 or neutralhillslearning@gmail.com



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