

Bio for John De Pape:

Mr. De Pape has been involved in the Canadian grain industry in various capacities for the past 29 years. Mr. De Pape held various grain merchandising positions with Cargill Limited before becoming an independent floor trader at the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange (WCE) (now ICE Futures Canada). He later was appointed Director of Marketing at WCE where he was heavily involved in the development of new futures contracts and the redesign and improvement of existing contracts. He established a Canadian office for Sparks Companies Inc (name changed later to Informa Economics, Inc) in Winnipeg, where his consulting work focused on grain handling, transportation and risk management in western Canada. He is currently active in export trade development of agricultural, food and forestry products and works with private equity firms focused on investments in the agri-food sector. He also works with Castle Currency Management, providing foreign exchange strategies for a number of Canadian firms with a particular focus on agricultural markets.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture and a Masters in Business Administration (Agribusiness), both from the University of Manitoba.