

# FOOD NEWS



News and Information for Alberta's growing Agri-Processing Industry

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## UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS

### Great People = Growing Profit\$: Solving Your Workforce Challenges

February 26, 2008 Grande Prairie AB

This results-oriented workshop will provide creative, practical, proven, low cost solutions you can use to find and keep great employees. Leave with a toolkit of templates that will provide immediate bottom-line results. Workshop leader is Dr. Denis Cauvier, a globally recognized expert in workforce recruitment and retention. Registration deadline: February 15. For more details or to register, contact **Sherry or Mavis** at 780-538-6208.

### Lean Manufacturing Workshop

February 27, 2008 Best Western Village Park Inn, Calgary AB

Join Gary Loblick of the Winslow Group for this hands-on workshop designed to provide company teams with in-depth understanding of lean principles and how they apply in the production environment. Several lean principles will be demonstrated through a role-playing exercise. Registration deadline: February 19<sup>th</sup>. For more details or to register, contact **Jim Cooper** at 780-679-5173 or [jim.cooper@gov.ab.ca](mailto:jim.cooper@gov.ab.ca) or **Ron Lyons** at 780-980-4363 or [ron.lyons@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ron.lyons@gov.ab.ca)

### Customer Focused Collaboration: Mastering Value Chain Implementation

March 4-6, 2008 Sheraton Cavalier Hotel, Calgary AB

This two and a half day advanced value chain management program is made possible by the Western Canada Value Chain Initiatives and is designed to keep you and your value chain team ahead of the game. The program explores the need for executives and senior managers to master both the opportunity and growth of their value chains and the need to adapt to the changing commercial environment. You and your team will gain practical business insights and tools to manage your value chain through its next evolution and beyond. Network with other value chain leaders as you practice applications and work together on collaborative problem solving. Two special break out sessions are featured: (1) Retail Scanning Data: Insights and Execution; and (2) Managing Growth in Food Service Value Chains. As space is limited, plan to register before February 1, 2008. For additional details, contact **Margurite Thiessen** at 780-968-3513 or [margurite.thiessen@gov.ab.ca](mailto:margurite.thiessen@gov.ab.ca)

### Developing Foods for Health and Wellness

March 5-6, 2008 Executive Royal Inn, Leduc-Nisku AB

This informative seminar is being offered to managers, product developers, and marketers of agri-food products. Don't miss out on this opportunity to improve your knowledge and understanding of market trends and developmental opportunities as they relate to issues surrounding health and wellness. Hear presentations from both the industry and scientific community on a range of topics including nutrigenomics; understanding fats; formulating for trans fat free products; fibre; incorporating inulin into your products; understanding salt in the diet; pulses; immunoglobulins; and much more. For specific program details, contact **Kathleen Bunnin** at 780-980-4721 or [kathleen.bunnin@gov.ab.ca](mailto:kathleen.bunnin@gov.ab.ca). To register, contact the **Ag-Info Centre** at 1-800-3876030.

## SPRING HACCP WORKSHOPS

- **HACCP III: Train the Trainer**  
Edmonton – February 6-7, 2008
  - **HACCP for On-Line Supervisors**  
Calgary – February 11, 2008
  - **Managing Allergen Issues**  
Edmonton – February 12-13, 2008
  - **HACCP IV: Validation and Verification of Your HACCP Plan**  
Calgary – March 4-5, 2008
  - **HACCP V: Effective Auditing of Your HACCP Plan**  
Calgary – March 6-7, 2008
  - **HACCP I: Documenting Your Prerequisite Program**  
Edmonton – April 14-15, 2008
  - **HACCP II: Development of Your HACCP Plan**  
Edmonton – April 16-18, 2008
- Course and registration details are available on-line at [www.afpa.com/snq/train.shtml](http://www.afpa.com/snq/train.shtml) or by email at [admin@afpa.com](mailto:admin@afpa.com)

## GREAT PEOPLE=GROWING PROFIT\$ TOOLKIT AVAILABLE

Order yourself this practical, ready to use toolkit in a CD format that was created for employers and was designed to immediately address labour shortage issues in a tight market. This toolkit contains:

- The business case to consider "HR as a Profit Centre" by examining the specific cost of employee turnover.
- Information to help you plan how to attract and retain great workers.
- Ready to use, practical tools that can be used as a stand-alone system or in conjunction with other resources and/or processes you already have in place.

Contact **Karen Gingras** at 780-980-4220 or [karen.gingras@gov.ab.ca](mailto:karen.gingras@gov.ab.ca) for a copy of the Great People=Growing Profit\$ Toolkit.

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