

FOOD NEWS



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

August 2008

UPCOMING PROCESSING INDUSTRY EVENTS

New Technology Priority Action Plan Update

September 25, 2008 1:15 – 3:00 pm Agri-Food Business Centre, Leduc AB
Join Ken Langhorn from the Innovation Support Services Branch of Alberta Advanced Education & Technology for an informative session on the various new programs that can assist industry in the development and commercialization of new technology. The seminar is free. Please RSVP to michele.lefebvre@gov.ab.ca by September 22, 2008.

Accelerate Your Business: A Management Forum to Create Clarity, Focus and Commitment Across Your Organization

September 30, 2008 7am-5pm Radisson Hotel, Edmonton AB
October 2, 2008 7am-5pm Radisson Hotel, Calgary AB
Be sure to register your management team to attend this insightful, challenging and uplifting full-day management workshop. Internationally renowned speaker and business coach, Donald Cooper, will deliver the straight goods on how to create clarity of purpose, focus, passion and accountability in your business. Being “purposeful” about your direction, commitments and outcomes has a huge impact on your bottom line. For more information on this exciting opportunity and to register, go to www.manufacturinginnovation.ca

Low Cost/High Impact Employee Retention Tools for AB Food Processors

October 28, 2008 9am-1pm Airdrie Agriculture Centre, Airdrie AB
October 29, 2008 9am-1pm Lethbridge Agriculture Centre, Lethbridge AB
October 30, 2008 9am-1pm Agri-Food Business Centre, Leduc AB
Is employee turnover costing your company a tremendous amount of time, energy and money? If so, mark your calendars and register to attend a seminar that offers low cost/ high impact employee retention tools for Alberta food processors. The seminars are free to attend. For more information or to register, contact **Karen Gingras** at 780-980-4220 or karen.gingras@gov.ab.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR EXPORTERS

Schmoozing Chinese Business: Social & Cultural Considerations for Doing Business in China

September 9, 2008 8:00am-2:00pm Grant MacEwan College, Edmonton AB
Join David Wong, the Managing Director of the Alberta China Office in Beijing, China for a seminar and networking lunch. Plan to attend this session if you would like to know how to handle a Chinese banquet, seating arrangements for meetings and why the number 4 is not well received, but 8 and 9 are sought after. Please RSVP to madelaine.oscolai@gov.ab.ca by August 28, 2008.

Beyond Borders USA

September 24-25, 2008 Deerfoot Inn and Casino, Calgary AB
Beyond Borders USA is a two-day seminar consisting of key speakers, focused workshops, networking opportunities, and a trip to the Canada US border, all designed to assist companies with entering and navigating the US market while accurately portraying the challenges inherent in doing business in the US. For information and to register, contact **The Business Link** at 1-800-272-9675 or on-line at www.canadabusiness.ca/alberta/seminars.cfm

FALL FOOD SAFETY WORKSHOPS

- **Nutritional Labelling**
Calgary – September 25, 2008
 - **HACCP I: Documenting Your Prerequisite Program**
Calgary – September 29-30, 2008
 - **HACCP II: Development of Your HACCP Plan**
Calgary – October 1-3, 2008
 - **HACCP IV: Validation and Verification of Your HACCP Plan**
Edmonton – October 14-15, 2008
 - **HACCP V: Effective Auditing of Your HACCP Plan**
Edmonton – October 16-17, 2008
 - **Detection & Management of Allergens**
Calgary – October 28-29, 2008
 - **ASQ Certified HACCP Auditor**
Calgary – November 18-20, 2008
- Course and registration details are available on-line at www.afpa.com/snq/train.shtml

MEAT PROCESSING COURSES

Olds College will be offering the following courses during the fall and winter:

- **Butchering – Meat 110**
Nov 25, 29-30, Dec 13-14, 2008
- **Canadian Beef School**
Nov 26-28, 2008 or Jan 28-30, 2009
- **Canadian Pork School**
December 1-2, 2008
- **Processed Meat Short Course Level 1**
December 3, 2008
- **Processed Meat Short Course Level 2**
December 4, 2008
- **Processed Meat Short Course Level 3**
December 5, 2008

Course and registration details are available at www.oldscollege.ca/programs/continuingeducation/animalscience/ or contact **Brad McLeod** at 403-556-4792.

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