



Employee Retention

If employee turnover is an issue for your company or you wish to develop or improve your current retention plans, please contact Scott at 403-340-5369.

Student Summer Employment

The Agricultural Processing Industry Employment Program is available to provide employment opportunities and skill training for students in an industry that offers excellent career opportunities. The program also provides an opportunity for small agricultural processors to have some extra hands during the busy summer months.

The program, offered by Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development, is offered during the month of May through August. Employers can be reimbursed for one third of the employee's wages to a maximum of \$500 per month.

Students must be presently enrolled in a post secondary institution and must be returning to school in the fall 2010. Eligible employers are owners or operators of a value-added agricultural processing business, or a business that changes the form of an agricultural product post slaughter or post harvest.

Applications must be submitted jointly by the employer and the student by the April 16, 2010.

For more information, or to apply:

- Visit Ropin the Web, www.agriculture.ab.ca,
- E-mail Betty Birch at betty.birch@gov.ab.ca,
- Or call the Ag-Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276).

Mission Impulseable – Student Food Product Development Competition

March 22- 9:00 am -- Edmonton, AB

Boardrooms A,B,C -- JG O'Donoghue, 7000-113 St

Learn about new pulse-containing food products in the product development competition. The teams will include food scientists, the food industry, agriculture, researchers and pulse grower representatives.

RSVP to Michelle Lamer at office@pulse.ab.ca

Gluten-Free Products: Market Trends & Regulations

FREE WEBINAR

March 23, 2010 - 3PM EDT

There has been a significant trend toward gluten-free product launches in North America over the past decade. Individuals who cope with celiac disease, autism, attention deficit disorder, irritable bowel syndrome and multiple sclerosis may benefit from gluten-free diets.

In this webinar you will learn about the trends in product development and market growth estimates. The regulatory environment for this growing area will also be addressed.

Live Q&A with attendee-submitted questions will follow.
To register:

<http://w.on24.com/r.htm?e=184769&s=1&k=D8752E5A49BF936DD4AAE1D72EE4E4FC&partnerref=WCFN>

CFIG: Grocery Showcase West (GSW)

April 25-26- Vancouver, AB

GSW will feature world premiere products, innovative concepts, and plenty of insight from industry experts and colleagues.
Contact Shirzad Chunara 780-422-2550

Alberta HACCP Advantage (AHA) & Food Safety Enhancement Program (FSEP) Workshops

March, Edmonton, Calgary & Lethbridge, AB

Sponsored by the Growing Forward program.

For more information, contact Sita at 403-201-3657 Ext.23

New Partners: New Possibilities

The Alberta Food Processors Association is offering practical steps for partnerships between processors and Hutterites For more information go to www.afpa.com/hr or contact: Janet Henderson 403-201-1044 ext 22

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development - 310-0000 (toll-free)
Crop Business Development Branch - 780-340-5322
Livestock Business Development Branch - 403-556-4321
Local/ Domestic Market Expansion Branch - 780-968-3510
Processing Industry Business Development Branch - 403-340-7625