

Food News

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



ALBERTA AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Productivity Improvement Project

Do you want to increase profits and production capacity while reducing waste?

The **Productivity Improvement Project** has launched this year's program for supporting assessments and coaching in the areas of:

- Automation/Equipment
- Process Improvement
- Lean Principles

Support is available for qualified agri-processors to cover:

- 100% of initial assessment
- 80% of in-depth automation assessment
- 80% of lean coaching

There is limited space, so act now!

For more information, contact an ARD Development Officer or Nicola Stevens, Project Lead, at 403- 948-8511

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 Dundas at 403-340-5369.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12 Steps of Succession Planning Workshop

May 20- Grande Prairie, AB June 3-Stony Plain, AB
June 17- Strathmore, AB June 24-Taber/ Lethbridge, AB

A full day workshop geared to business owners from all disciplines who seek to deepen their understanding of family business strategies on how to begin the succession planning process.

For information, contact Judy Manning at 780-672-0376 or judy.manning@ualberta.ca

PRODUCTIVITY ALBERTA

ProductivityAlberta.ca is the place for tools, resources, and services that will help improve your business and employee productivity to enhance the bottom line. Productivity Alberta offers on-line assessment tools, information on leading productivity practices and access to experts and advisors.

ALBERTA FOOD PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION - AFPA

Annual General Meeting & 9th Annual Industry Builder Award

June 16-Marriott River Cree, Edmonton, AB

The Industry Builder Award is honouring Barry Mehr, former Deputy Minister of Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development. To register, contact Melody at 403-201-3657 x. 21 or download the registration form at <http://www.afpa.com/notesatt/00553-1.pdf>

AFPA's Golf Classic

June 17- Cougar Creek Golf Resort

For more information contact Melody at 403-201-3657 Ext.21 or download the registration form at <http://www.afpa.com/notesatt/00550-1.pdf>

New Partners: New Possibilities

Partnering with Hutterite Colonies could potentially eliminate labor shortages for companies in the future. AFPA is offering practical steps for partnerships between food processors and Hutterites. For more information contact Janet Henderson 403-201-1044 ext 22 or go to www.afpa.com/hr.

Alberta Made Kiosk's Study

AFPA will be engaging in a feasibility study to determine the "appetite" for a retail storefront or kiosk in Calgary or Edmonton in a high traffic zone. This will give members the opportunity to sell their 'made in Alberta' products and increase the profile of the food and beverage processing industry in Alberta. For more information contact Janet Henderson 403-201-1044 ext 22 or go to www.afpa.com/hr.

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Processing Industry Business Development Branch - 403-340-7625

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