



FOOD NEWS

JUNE 2016

Events

CanolaPALOOZA

June 28, 2016 - Lacombe, AB

Sponsored by Alberta Canola, the Canola Council of Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, CanolaPALOOZA is a wonderful opportunity to learn all about canola. It's a day that brings together the best research and agronomy extension people, for a day of interactive in-field learning where you experience learning stations at your own pace. Click [here](#) for more info.

Pulse Crop Walks

July 19, 2016 – Barrhead, AB

July 20, 2016 – Morinville (Namao), AB

July 21, 2016 – Vegreville, AB

2016 is the International Year of the Pulses. Crop walks are not only a great opportunity to look at leading edge research, but also to discuss the goings on in the current growing season as well as interact with those throughout the industry. To register, please contact [Kelly Kelly](#) or phone 780-674-8268.

Services for Agri-Processors and Producers

This directory includes a comprehensive database of food distribution channels and other service providers such as consultants, labs, logistics, brokers, etc. Each listing provides detailed contact information and available services: <http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/app68/agriprocessors>
For inclusion, email joan.bates@gov.ab.ca.

Institute of Food Technologies Show – Preconference Brunch

June 29, 2016 - Edmonton, AB

Agriculture and Food Council (AFC) of Alberta is hosting an industry brunch in preparation for the [Institute of Food Technologists Show](#). Join them for an opportunity to connect with the staff who will be on the ground at the convention, share what your needs or wants are from the convention and receive free registration to the post-convention Key Trends workshop (for brunch attendees only). Click [here](#) to register.

AFC are looking for five to eight Alberta based food companies to showcase. Deadline to register is June 19. Please contact [Melissa Burgoin](#) for more details and information on how to apply!

Tradeshows

Korea's Imported Goods Fair

June 23-25, 2016 - Seoul, South Korea

The Alberta Korea Office will be representing Alberta's agriculture and agri-food sector at Korea's Imported Goods Fair from June 23-25, 2016 in Seoul, South Korea. Alberta companies can send samples and/or product brochures to be profiled in the Alberta booth at the show. This is a cost-effective way to obtain feedback and potential sales leads for your product in Korea without requiring you to travel to the market. For further information, please email [Katie Meredith](#) or call 780-427-6057.

Mission to SIAL

October 16-20, 2016 – Paris

SIAL (Salon International de l'Alimentation) is one of the world's leading food and beverage trade fairs. This mission will assist Alberta based agri-food companies in meeting with potential distributors to enter or expand in the market, provide companies with in-depth market understanding and opportunities in Europe, gather competitive intelligence and offer exposure to new product trends and marketing ideas. To be eligible to participate in this mission, participating Alberta companies should be EU export-ready. Application deadline is June 30, 2016. For further information, email [Manisha Arora](#) or phone 780-415-8789.

Labor Source Opportunity

If you are in need of a capable and reliable 4th class power engineer consider recruiting a graduate from our Alberta Boilers Safety Association (ABSA) Certified 4th Class Power Engineer fast track training program. Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, in partnership with Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) have prepared these internationally trained professional engineers to become ABSA Certified 4th class power engineers. They are ready to relocate and contribute to your business and your community. For more information, email [Michele Veldhoen](#) or phone 403 514 8327.

Healthy and Enhanced Meat Research: Industry Stakeholder Needs Assessment Survey

The purpose of this survey is to better understand the meat processing industries interest, position and practice of developing healthy and enhanced meat products. The results help us to better understand what individual stakeholders, organizations, and its members are doing in the area of healthy and enhanced meat processing, and what they would like to do in the future. From the survey, industry stakeholders demonstrated there is a desire to innovate in healthy and enhanced meat processing, and have also indicated their future interests, current and future priorities and related concerns. This insight shows real opportunity for Agriculture and Forestry (AF) to build on the momentum of desired change and generate collaborative projects with industry through improved awareness and understanding of the work that AF, and specifically the Food Processing Development Centre has to offer through the full value chain. The survey results can be found [here](#).

Regulatory Updates

Health Canada Request for Data on Partially Hydrogenated Oils in the Canadian Food Supply

Health Canada has published a [request for data](#) as they conduct an on-line consultation to gather information regarding partially hydrogenated oils in the Canadian food supply. They would like to learn the amounts used, reasons for their continued use and levels of trans fat within them in an effort to eliminate the levels of industrially produced trans fats in processed foods. Industry sectors that they are calling upon to participate include manufacturers, retailers, importers, restaurants and food service suppliers and operators.

Click [here](#) to view the consultation document and instructions on how to participate. Consultation deadline: June 29, 2016.

US Nutrition Facts Label Update

On May 27, 2016 the United States (US) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published a final rule updating the Nutrition Facts label used for conventional foods and dietary supplements. This is the US's first update to nutritional labels in more than two decades. The most notable changes include the addition of an "added sugars" line, an updated list of nutrients that are required or permitted to be declared and modified serving size regulations.

Food and beverage manufacturers with sales greater than \$10 million will be required to begin using the new label by July 26, 2018; companies with less than \$10 million in annual food sales will have an additional year to comply (i.e., July 26, 2019). This rule will apply nationally and to all imports entering the U.S.

The FDA's final rule can be found [here](#). As well, see link [here](#) for FDA's explanation of the changes.

Alberta Food Processors Association

Food Safety Training

- HACCP I and HACCP II, *August 8, 2016 - Vauxhall*
- HACCP for Manufacturing Food Packaging Materials, *September 19-20, 2016 - Calgary*
- HACCP Refresher, *September 21, 2016 - Calgary*
- HACCP for Warehousing and Distributing Operations, *September 22-23, 2016 - Calgary*
- BRC Issue 7 Understanding the Requirements, *September 28-29, 2016 - Edmonton*

For registration or list of other upcoming courses, go [here](#) or email info@afpa.com.

Events

- AFPA Annual General Meeting/Golf Classic Valley Ridge Golf Club, *June 23, 2016 - Calgary*

http://www.afpa.com/page_golf.html

- FEASTival of Fine Chefs, *September 14, 2016 - Edmonton*

http://www.afpa.com/page_feastival.html

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