



FOOD NEWS

JULY 2016

Events

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

Alberta Natural Health Products and Functional Ingredients Networking Meeting

August 25, 2016 – Calgary, AB

We are pleased that District Ventures Business Accelerator will be hosting the summer networking meeting at their offices. This is an opportunity to come together, network and learn about Arlene Dickinson's business accelerator and the services they provide to Alberta agri-food companies. In addition, a facilitated session is planned to address the marketing, market research and regulations issues that your companies may face in getting product to market.

The networking meeting, which will include a tour of the business accelerator, will be held between 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Please RSVP by August 12, 2016 to Ileana Costiuc at ileana.costiuc@gov.ab.ca or phone: 403-948-8511.

Live the Smart Way Expo

September 17-18, 2016 - Edmonton, AB

October 1-2, 2016 – Calgary, AB

If you are a health and wellness focused food or beverage business, this conference may interest you as it will focus on healthy eating, fitness and green sustainable living. The target audience is young adults to seniors (25-54 years) core target market. If your company is interested in speaking at or exhibiting at the expo in Edmonton or Calgary, please contact Kathy Smart at info@livethesmartwayexpo.com.

Tradeshows

Canadian Supplier Day at General Mills

September 13, 2016 - Minneapolis, Minnesota

General Mills is seeking new sourcing and co-manufacturing partners to expanding its capabilities and product offerings in the snacking arena. Canadian companies are well positioned to be suppliers of choice; given shared standards for high-quality and food safety, proximity and long-standing relationships between Canadian suppliers and General Mills (90% of General Mills' oats come from Canada!).

The Canadian Supplier Day at General Mills will consist of an educational seminar by both Canadian and General Mills presenters, followed by break-out meetings/sessions by snacking sub-categories between General Mills' R&D, product development, external supply chain teams and Canadian suppliers. If you interested in participating in this project, please fill out the attached form and send it to dusan.rnjak@gov.ab.ca. The application deadline is **July 22!**

Mission to Health Ingredients Japan and Korea

October 2-8, 2016 - Seoul, South Korea, and Tokyo, Japan

Alberta companies are invited to participate in an outgoing market development mission anchored around the Health Ingredients Japan tradeshow (HI Japan). HI Japan is a key tradeshow for the functional, natural and organic food ingredients, food additives, cosmeceutical and verification of function sectors. The mission will include a one-day pre-arranged business to business (B2B) meeting program in Seoul, South Korea; followed by a visit to Tokyo, Japan where companies will have the opportunity to engage in pre-arranged B2B meetings and utilize shared exhibition space at the show. Application deadline is **July 29, 2016**. For further information, please email Katie.Meredith@gov.ab.ca or call 780-427-6057.

SAVE THE DATE!

Agricultural Labour Summit

October 26, 2016

Pomeroy Inn at Olds College, Olds, AB

Event details to follow.



Processing Industry Directory

Do you have your agricultural processing business listed in this directory? There is NO COST and it is used as a reference by other businesses and government organizations. There are over 500 companies listed in the directory and those included are wholesaling their products into retail and other locations.

What are the benefits to your company to be listed in the directory?

- Free promotion
- Connections to other businesses

For more information, please contact Joan Bates at joan.bates@gov.ab.ca.

Grant Programs – Space Still Available!

Food Safety Systems Processor Grant

This program is designed to help food processors invest in new or improved food safety systems and production practices. Non-capital expenses (50%) related to the development and implementation of approved food safety programs include staff training, consultant costs, HACCP coordinator wages and food safety audits.

Capital expenses (20%) related to improving a specific food safety issue are available to a maximum of \$15,000. They may include facility upgrades, utensils and bins approved for food use, sanitation equipment and traceability systems. Food safety testing equipment (80%) is eligible to a maximum of \$5,000. For more information on this grant, please contact [Bonnie Chiu](#) at 780-427-0840.

Business Opportunity Grant

Under the *Growing Forward 2* Business Opportunity Program, successful applicants are eligible for reimbursement of between 50% and 75% of certain non-capital costs related to researching and planning a new business venture. Eligible costs include feasibility studies, business plans, market research, marketing plans, business management coaching sessions and succession plans. Established processors and producers will be reimbursed for 50% of eligible consulting fees to a maximum of \$5000 per activity. For more information, please contact Kimberley Dacyk at 780-427-3908.

Alberta Food Processors Association

Food Safety Training

- Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) for Manufacturing Food Packaging Materials, *Sept 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*
- Implementing SQF Systems - *Oct 17-18- Calgary*
- Internal Auditor SQF - *Oct. 19 - Calgary*
- Shelf Life Determination - *Oct. 20 - Calgary*
- Food Packaging Workshop: material, performance and applications - *Oct. 21 - Calgary*

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

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- BRC Global Standard Issue 7 Understanding the Requirements – *Sept. 28-29 - Edmonton*

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Processing Industry & Workforce Development Section 403-340-7625

Local/Domestic Market Expansion Section 780-968-3553

Livestock and Farm Business Section 780-968-6556