



FOOD NEWS

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Local Events

Getting info Farming Information Session for the Aspiring Farmer *October 18, 2016 – Airdrie, AB*

Are you interested in getting into farming? Join this session for the aspiring farmer. Session topics will include: Agriculture Overview, Business Planning, Personal Assessment, Financial Overview, Land, and Resources and Education. This workshop will take place between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and costs \$25/person (including lunch). To register, you will need to call the Ag-Info Centre at 1-800-387-6030; registration deadline is October 11th.

Agri-Food Processing Lenders Conference *October 20-21, 2016 – Nisku, AB*

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry is hosting an Agri-Food Processing Lenders Conference at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Nisku on October 20-21, 2016.

The conference will have learning and networking opportunities for both lenders and agri-food processors. Lenders will be able to learn more about the agri-food processing industry and the challenges and opportunities it presents. Agri-Food processors will get a better understanding of what their lenders are looking for and how to be better prepared for discussions about their businesses when trying to obtain financing.

For more information, call Ron Lyons, commercialization manager, AF, at 780-980-4363. To register call the Ag-Info Centre at 1-800-387-6030.

Productivity Improvement 101 *November 2, 2016 – Airdrie, AB*

This introductory workshop explores lean thinking concepts for growers and small scale processors marketing food direct-to-consumers. Your business can learn how to change processes to improve efficiency, develop a culture of learning, and engage in advanced productivity improvement opportunities.

This event has a cost of \$30/person and the registration deadline is October 3, 2016; register early as space is limited. Please call 1-800-387-6030 to reserve a space.

Export Events

Seminar: Exporting Agri-Food Products to Japan and Korea *September 29, 2016 – Calgary, AB*

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry will be hosting a seminar on **Exporting Agri-Food Products to Japan and Korea**. This seminar, taking place in Calgary on Thursday, September 29 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., will offer Alberta companies the opportunity to learn about key export considerations from **visiting buyers** from the Japan and Korea markets. Please contact [Katie Meredith](#) for further details.

Private Label Manufacturers Association Tradeshow *November 12-16, 2016 - Chicago, IL*

Alberta food companies are invited to participate in an in-market program for companies interested in exhibiting or attending the Private Label Manufacturers Association (PLMA) trade show which will be held in Rosemont (Chicago) from November 13-15, 2016. The mission includes a walking program, access to the PLMA Trade Show Canadian Buyers' Meeting Area (in partnership with Ontario Food Exports) as well as assistance in identifying and arranging potential one-on-one meetings with US buyers. For more information, please contact [Dusan Rnjak](#).

Canada Food Expo *November 13-20, 2016 - Seoul, South Korea, and Tokyo*

The provinces of British Columbia (BC), Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario, in partnership with the Canada Organic Trade Association, New Brunswick Maple Syrup Association, Canadian Food Exporters Association and Canadian Embassies and Consulates, invite you to participate in the Canada Food Expo taking place in Korea and Japan from November 13-20, 2016. The mission will include visits to Seoul, South Korea as well as Osaka and Tokyo, Japan to provide food and beverage companies with an opportunity to advance their export interests in these markets. For more information, please contact [Katie Meredith](#).

Canada Alberta Job Grant for Training

The Canada-Alberta Job Grant (CAJG) is a funding program where employers and government share the cost of training new and existing employees to increase their knowledge and skills to meet the needs of Alberta's changing economy.

This grant program provides up to two-thirds of the funding to train employees. The program varies depending on the province; some provinces may have fully allocated their funding for 2016. However, it is still possible to apply for this grant in Alberta for this calendar year. Under the Canada-Alberta Job Grant, employers will cover a minimum of one third of direct training costs, with up to a maximum of \$10,000 per trainee in government contribution.

For more info, please visit [Canada Alberta Job Grant](#).

Consultation on the Regulation of Self-Care Products in Canada

On Friday, September 9, 2016, Health Canada launched a public consultation on a new approach to regulating self-care products. Self-care products include cosmetics (moisturizing creams, deodorants, and shampoos), natural health products (vitamin and mineral supplements, probiotics, herbal preparations, homeopathic remedies, and traditional medicines) and non-prescription ("over-the-counter") drugs (pain relief, cold and flu symptoms).

The proposals outlined in the consultation represent potential building blocks for a **new framework for self-care products in Canada**. The new approach includes three main proposals: 1) Products of similar risk profiles would be treated in a similar manner; 2) Health Canada would review health claims based on a new definition; 3) A risk-based approach to compliance and safety monitoring will continue. Information on the new framework can be found by reading the [consultation document](#).

Provide your feedback by completing the online [consultation webpage](#) by October 24, 2016.

Alberta Food Processors Association

Food Safety Training

- 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 - *October 17-18 - Calgary*
- Internal Auditor SQF - *October 19 - Calgary*
- Shelf Life Determination - *October 20 - Calgary*
- Food Packaging Workshop: material, performance and applications - *October 21 - Calgary*
- HACCP I and HACCP II – *October 26-30 – Edmonton*

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- BRC Global Standard Issue 7 Understanding the Requirements – *September 28-29 - Calgary*

For registration or list of other upcoming courses, click [here](#) or email info@afpa.com or contact [Melody](#) at 403-201-3657 (ext. 21.)

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