



# FOOD NEWS July 2017

## Export Mission

**Health Ingredients Mission to Japan and Korea**  
*September 27 - October 7, 2017*

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry is leading a health ingredients mission to South Korea (Seoul) and Japan (Fukuoka and Tokyo) targeting the functional ingredients, natural food ingredients, food additives, medical cosmetics and related services sectors. The mission is anchored around the Health Ingredients Japan tradeshow. Application deadline is July 21, 2017; contact [Katie Meredith](#) if interested.

[Agri-Food Products and Services Export Catalogue](#) profiles the Alberta products to international buyers. Companies are invited to submit applications for the catalogue. If you are exporting or export ready apply to be listed. [Download application form.](#)

## Summer Field Days / Tours

- [Southern Alberta Organic and Low Input Field Day](#)  
July 20, 2017 - Coaldale, AB
- Pulse Tours  
July 20, 2017 - [Barrhead, AB](#)
- [July 25, 2017 - \[Namao, AB\]\(#\)](#)
- [July 27, 2017 - \[Vegreville, AB\]\(#\)](#)
- [InnoTech Alberta Field Day](#)  
July 20, 2017 - Vegreville, AB
- [Pasture Walk with Livestock Handling Demo](#)  
July 22, 2017 - Busby, AB
- [Farm Safety and Rural Emergency Preparedness](#)  
July 25, 2017 - Asmont, AB
- [Pulse Field Day – Lakeland College](#)  
July 24, 2017 - Vermillion, AB
- [2017 Lacombe Field Day](#)  
July 26, 2017 - Lacombe, AB
- [cityFARMed](#)  
August 1, 2017 - Edmonton, AB
- [Killam Field Day](#)  
August 1, 2017 - Killam, AB
- [Cereal and Flax Genetic Field Day](#)  
August 2, 2017 - Vermillion, AB
- [GRO Crop Tour](#)  
August 2, 2017 - Pibroch (Westlock County), AB
- [Barrhead Cereal Agronomy Tour](#)  
August 8, 2017 - Barrhead, AB
- [Mackenzie Applied Research Association Field Tours](#)  
August 11, 2017 - Fort Vermillion, AB

## Workshops

**Fun with Financials - Learn and Network- Save the Date!**  
*October 18, 2017 - Nisku, AB*

Do you have burning questions about financing and aren't sure where to find the answers? Do you need money to take your agri-processing business to the next level? This engaging event will allow you to hear from expert speakers and meet key financial contacts. For more information, contact [Ron Lyons](#) at 780-980-4363.

### “Money Down the Drain” Workshop

*September 26 - Edmonton; September 27 - Calgary*  
Find out how some of Canada's biggest food and beverage processors, including Campbell's, Maple Leaf, Kraft Foods, have saved and grown. Visit the [‘What's New’](#) section on the left side of Alberta Food Processors Association's (AFPA's) homepage to register.

### How to Reach your Retail Potential Workshop

*October 3 – Calgary; October 4 - Edmonton*  
Develop or refine your retail strategy with retail insiders who will clearly explain the world of retail, and help you create the conditions for success and sustainability. Register [here](#).

### Lean & Green Carbon Workshop

*November 7 – Edmonton; November. 8 – Calgary; November 9 – Lethbridge*  
This half-day workshop will identify business case opportunities associated with addressing carbon and environmental process improvements. Through tangible lean and green examples, participants will receive coaching and tools resulting in efficiencies and cost reductions. Visit the [‘What's New’](#) section on the left side of AFPA's homepage to register.

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# Canadian Food Inspection Agency

## My CFIA On - line Information Sessions

On January 9, 2017, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) launched My CFIA – a new electronic tool that allows industries to conduct business transactions online. In this first of a series of releases, clients were able to sign up for My CFIA and Canada's domestic dairy sector could apply or renew their establishment registration online.

The second release of My CFIA introduces more online services including requesting permissions such as licences, permits, registrations and authorizations, as well as some export certificates. Services that are available in each release can be found in the rollout plan on the [My CFIA site](#).

**During the month of July**, the CFIA will be holding information sessions via webinar which includes a walk-through of My CFIA and a question and answer period. To register for a webinar, consult the schedule [here](#).

## Modification of Beer Compositional Standards

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has published a notice of intent in *Canada Gazette Part I* regarding amendments to beer compositional standards found in the *Food and Drug Regulations*, Division 2.

Stakeholders have been invited to comment on the published "[Notice of intent to amend the Food and Drug Regulations to update the beer compositional standards](#)". **Comment deadline is August 16, 2017.**

## Regulatory Cooperation Council Consultation

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has launched a new web-based consultation tool to gather feedback from stakeholders on current Canada-United States Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) work plans and to provide input on future opportunities. The RCC is a joint initiative between Canada and the United States that facilitates regulatory cooperation between the two countries and aims to enhance economic competitiveness while protecting the health, safety and environment of both countries.

Stakeholder consultation is key to the development of work plans under the RCC. The new web-based consultation tool will provide a consistent structure for stakeholders to provide feedback on the RCC initiatives that matter to them, and input on future opportunities. **Consultation is open until October 31, 2017.** Information gathered in this consultation period will be used to help develop the next iteration of RCC work plans for food safety, meat inspection and certification, animal health, and plant health. To provide feedback on the work plans and to provide input on future opportunities click [here](#).

# Alberta Food Processors Association

**[FEASTival of Fine Chefs](#)** - Join Us For Edmonton's Ultimate Dining Experience!

September 20, Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton

6:00 PM Reception / Silent Auction

7:00 PM Program / Gourmet FEAST

10:00 Closing Comments

## **[Food Safety and Quality Training](#)**

- Recall Planning & Preparation: Developing your Recall Plan – August 9 - Calgary
- Food Plant Sanitation – August 10-11 - Calgary
- HACCP I Prerequisite Program - August 14-15 - Lethbridge
- HACCP II Developing your HACCP Plan - August 16-17 - Lethbridge
- HACCP Refresher - August 18 - Lethbridge



For more information on any of the above training, please contact [Melody](#) at 403-201-3657 (ext. 21)

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