

# SPRING NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



**Shawn Mantyka - Chair**

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Greetings SYA members, the SYA has had a busy few months with the annual conference, followed by the crop production show. This year's conference was well attended and the feedback received was very positive. The 2018 conference planning will be underway shortly and it is our goal to make it better than ever.

Elections were held for the board of directors. I would like to thank Mike Schmaltz, Jody Berglund and David Meakin for their time spent on the

board. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.

With that I'd like to congratulate Brittany Yuzik, Alex Carey, Ty Kehrig and Travis Borsa on being elected to the board. Congratulations, I look forward to working with you and the rest of the board in the coming year.

With all the warm weather we've been having thoughts are quickly turning to calving and spring seeding. As many members are busy getting ready I'd like to invite you to take some time out of your schedule and join us March 29th for a fun day of networking. We will have a few brief presentations by Lance Stockbrugger and Clinton Monchuk, then will end the day with a brewery tour and a supper. Please contact the SYA office to register. I hope to see you there.

I'd like to wish you all a safe and successful spring and the very best of luck in the 2017 growing season.

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## MEET THE SYA TEAM

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## UPCOMING SYA EVENTS

**March 29, 2017**  
SYA Spring Event

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# RECAP ON PAST SYA EVENT

## SYA Annual Conference - Focus on Success Director - Brittany Yuzik



On January 5 and 6, 2017 the SYA hosted the annual conference themed Focus on Success at the Saskatoon Inn. We had a full house with 80 attendees and a wonderful

array of speakers. We kicked off the event with our annual Social Mixer on Wednesday evening at the Saskatoon Inn. On Thursday, we began our conference with Godwin Pon from the Sask Ministry of Agriculture who spoke about the importance of a value-added businesses in the province. Adrienne Ivey challenged us on our "advocacy" and asked each attendee to share our personal farm successes with consumers to help combat some of the myths the media has been portraying. Marty Seymour continued the afternoon with a discussion on Limit Testing and pushing our boundaries to be the best possible version of ourselves personally and professionally. Our afternoon concluded with Elaine Froese who has made it her

life passion to help farm families discuss the undiscussable - succession planning. She also spoke on Friday where she had a Q & A period and answered anonymous questions from the crowd. That evening we hosted our dinner banquet where returning host John Gormley facilitated the panel. Adrienne Ivey, Marty Seymour, Elaine Froese and Gerry Friesen discussed various topics within the Ag industry from public interest, media portrayal and the future of agriculture.

On Friday, we continued the conference with Gerry Friesen who spoke about mental health on the farm and how important it is to take care of our mental, emotional and physical needs. Cherilyn Nagel gave a dynamic and engaging discussion about Farm Policy. Debra Hauer discussed the future of agricultures labour sector. Overall, I think this was one of our most engaging SYA conferences between attendees. We hope to see you at our spring event at the end of March!



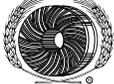
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## MEET AN SYA MEMBER *Kaeley Kindrachuk*

**Where are you from?**  
Speers, SK

**How are you involved in the Ag industry?**

I grew up on a mixed farm at Speers. I've spent the last 7 years in the industry in various roles in the province. I'm currently a Regional Crops Specialist with the Ministry of Agriculture in Outlook.

**What kind of work do you do?**

As a Regional Crops Specialist, I do several different things throughout the year including one on one farm visits with producers during the growing season, insect and disease surveys, and act as a resource person during field days or workshops. I sit on several planning committees for various events that the Ministry of Agriculture helps organize such as Crop Diagnostic

School, Agronomy Research Update and the Oilseed and Pulse Meetings. I also spend some time throughout the year promoting the industry at career fairs and schools.

**What is your favourite part about your job?**

My favorite part about my job is that each day is never the same! I get to be involved in the areas I'm passionate about and have full support from my peers. I love working with producers, hearing about their operation and helping make a difference on their farm

**What are your hobbies?**

My hobbies include the gym, gardening, and crafting.

**What is your favourite part about being in the Agriculture industry?**



I love meeting others who are involved in different aspects of the industry and learning from them. The positivity and energy within the ag community is truly inspiring, and it feels like family!

**How has being a part of the SYA benefited you?**

The SYA has provided numerous networking events giving me the chance to meet and connect with other like-minded individuals. Because the group targets all producers, it's nice to be able to get different information that may not be available elsewhere.

# CYFF CORNER

## A Message From Your CYFF Saskatchewan Representative



The 2017 Canadian Young Farmers Conference took place February 24-26 at The Westin in Ottawa, Ontario with strong Saskatchewan representation. Registrants took part in breakout sessions and discussions on farm transition and succession planning, financial management, AAFC's new Policy Framework and the always popular, virtual farm tours.

The conference opened with the launching of our new smartphone app. Available at both the Apple App Store and Google Play, it provides young farmers with resources, education, networking, and business development tools. CYFF also promoted their new twitter campaign under the clever hashtag #CYiFarm, where young farmers are to post a favourite farming picture, tell why they farm and extend the challenge to three others.

As we continue to hold such a strong relationship with our American friends, we were honoured to host a couple of members of The American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee. Chair, Kalena Bruce, and Vice Chair, Kevin Wilson each presented virtual farm tours of their own. They were also joined by Committee Coordinator, Marty Tatman.

In conjunction with the conference, CYFF held its Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to our newly elected Chair, Danielle Lee of Calgary, AB and thank you to past Chair, Paul Glenn for his leadership and dedication to CYFF.

In celebration of CYFF's 20th anniversary, past and present Chairs were invited to share the changes they've witnessed in agriculture during their tenure as a formal evening closed the weekend.

Stay tuned for the announcing of the host city for the 2018 CYFF Young Farmers Conference.

Your Saskatchewan Representative,  
Jody Berglund

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Ag-Entrepreneurs

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE  
SPRING EVENT!**

Wednesday March 29, 2017  
10:00 am- 4:00 pm

Smiley's Buffet & Event Center  
702 Circle Drive East, Saskatoon

FEATURING PRESENTATIONS BY :

- ✓ Lance Stockbrugger- Chartered Accountant and Co-owner/Operator of LD Stockbrugger Farms
- ✓ Clinton Monchuk- Executive Director- Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan

End the day with:

- ✓ Prairie Sun Brewery Tour (2020 Quebec Ave)
- ✓ Followed by Supper and Networking (Supper not included in registration price)

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Includes: Workshops, Lunch, Brewery Tour

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