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SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Saskatchewan Young Ag-Entrepreneurs

MESSAGE *FROM THE CHAIR*

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Hello all, as this edition of the SYA newsletter comes out seeding will all but be wrapped up and our attention will be turning to in crop spraying and getting the haying equipment ready to hit the field. I hope you all had a successful seeding season.

The SYA put on a four-day workshop on futures trading early this spring. The event was sold out and the feedback was very positive. Many said it was an intense four days but took home a tremendous amount of valuable information to apply to their own operations. The SYA has a few more upcoming events, the Farmers Golf tournament and the Field of Dreams tour. I hope many of you are able to attend and enjoy the events.

We have had a few changes within the SYA in the past few months. Katelyn Duncan has moved on and taken a position in government. Katelyn did an excellent job as GM and will be greatly missed. Thank you Katelyn for all the hard work you put in to the SYA.

With that I would like to introduce Carla Schmitt as the new GM of the SYA. Carla comes to us from working in the livestock industry for several years. Carla and her fiancé live near Waldheim SK where they raise cattle. The SYA and myself look forward to working Carla, Welcome aboard.

Have a safe and enjoyable growing season and hopefully you find some time to relax before the busy harvest season is underway.

UPCOMING *SYA EVENTS*

July 6- Elbow, SK

Provincial Farmers Golf Tournament

July 28- Norquay, SK

Field of Dreams Crop Tour Presented by Prairie Soil Services Ltd

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Carla Schmitt - Waldheim, SK

RECAP *ON PAST SYA EVENTS*

Futures Trading Workshop- March 29-31, 2016

This event was held in Regina and had excellent uptake by SYA membership. Members were under expert instruction from Larry Martin the Principal and Lead Instructor with Agri-Food Management Excellence. Larry publishes and speaks internationally on all aspects of futures trading, agricultural competitiveness, and international trade. Some of the areas of focus in the event included risk management, mechanics of futures trading, and developing a marketing or purchasing plan. Thank you to those who attended. Stay tuned for the next SYA event!

Meet the SYA General Manager

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the SYA membership. I recently started the position early this spring. Some background on myself, I grew up on a mixed farm of grain and cattle at Carrot River, SK. I went on to complete my degree in Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan and love being employed in the agriculture industry. I also stay involved in the industry as a 4-H leader and sit on the Board of Directors with Canadian Western Agribition. I currently reside near Waldheim, SK where my fiancé and I have some cattle. I look forward to meeting more of you at future SYA events!

Carla Schmitt
SYA General Manager

CYFF *CORNER*

A Message From Your CYFF Saskatchewan Representative

I hope this finds most of you had a successful #Plant16 and cattle are now out to pasture. A quick update from the CYFF world….CYFF held a national round table in conjunction with the Growing the AgriWorkforce Summit in Winnipeg on March 14, 2016, with representation from the provincial young farmer organizations of Canada. Casey Langbroek provided board governance training and facilitated the round table discussion on how CYFF and our provincial organizations can further unify and gain additional national strength.
The 2017 CYFF Annual Conference will be held at The Westin, February 23-27, 2017 in Ottawa, ON. This year's theme is "Growing Canada for 150 Years #CanAg150". CYFF will once again be covering the cost of 3 delegates from each provincial organization to attend the annual national conference and AGM. If this strikes your interests, please call the SYA office for more information. We will be happy to provide you with more details.
We held a face to face meeting in Toronto, April 1 & 2 and continue to hold monthly conference calls. For all members with any questions or concerns, I'd love to hear from you. Please call/text/email, 306-736-9104 or jodyberglund@gmail.com. I wish everyone the best of luck this growing season.

Your Saskatchewan Rep,
Jody Berglund

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MEET *SYA MEMBERS*

Tyler & Jessie Hall - Mortlach, SK

How are you involved in the Ag Industry?

Both farm on Tyler's family farm with his 2 other brothers and father. Jessie also does bookkeeping in Moose Jaw part-time

What kind of work do you do?

We have a grain operation growing canola, red spring wheat, durum, flax and large green lentils. Also do a little custom work for the neighbours.

What is your favourite part about your job?

My favourite part about my job is being able to work with the family and have the kids involved in the business; and getting to watch the crops go from seed in the bin through all stages of growth to back in the bins in the fall. With some stress in the middle but that is what makes it exciting.

Is Succession Planning An Issue in Your Business?

Yes, with the 2nd Generation farming together and a 3rd on its way. We are busy working out a succession plan to transition the 1st generation with the 2nd generation slowly taking over ownership. It isn't an easy process, lots of involvement with accountants, lawyers, bankers and family meetings guided by a business consultant.

What is your favourite part about working in the Ag industry?

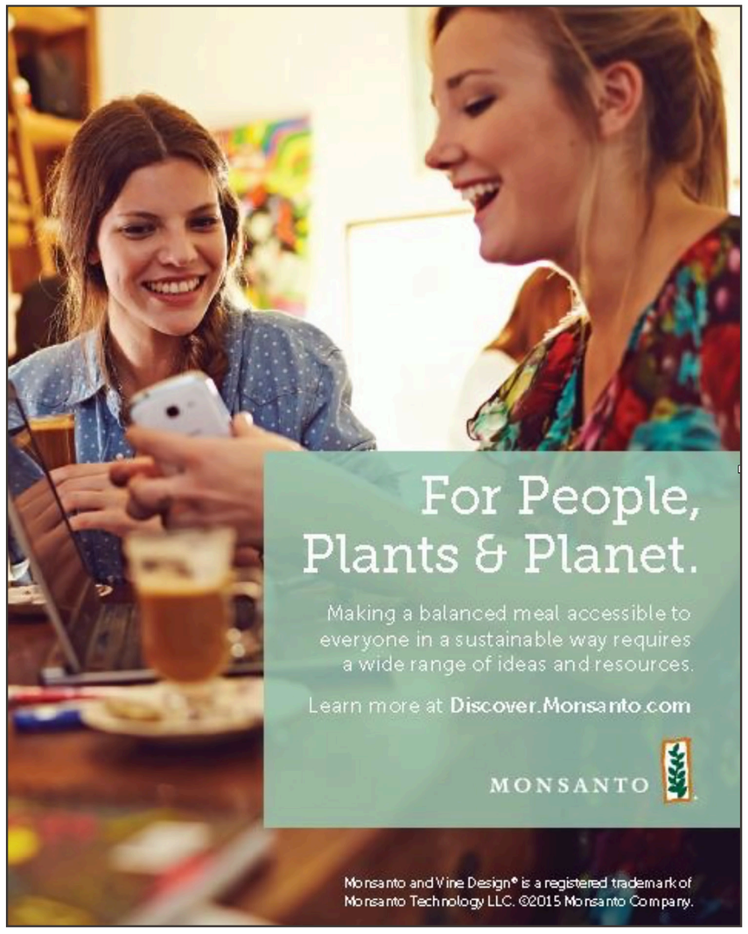
That everyone in Agriculture is very passionate about their field of work and always interesting learn new areas in Ag. Also all the new technology in Agriculture it's always changing and at a fast pace.

What are your hobbies?

We love to go camping in the summer with family and friends around Saskatchewan, and going ski-dooing in the winter with our friends.

How has being a part of the SYA benefitted you?

So far we have only been apart of the SYA for 6 months, but have gained a great network of new friends in all industries in Ag with only being to one event so far.



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