

RM 220 Administrator

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Good morning APAS members – visit

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URjm_9bN2M to watch this week's APAS Update video.

1. Official launch of the NPF Task Force: On October 5 APAS officially launched its new NPF Task Force. The Next Policy Framework (NPF) consultations will result in a new 5-year agricultural funding agreement between the provincial and federal government that starts in 2023. APAS created the NPF Task Force to help create our recommendations on this new framework. Visit <https://bit.ly/3aexeWY> to read our media release on the Task Force launch, plus a list of Task Force members.

2. NPF webinar with Scott Ross from CFA: On October 5 APAS hosted a webinar with Scott Ross, Assistant Executive Director at the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), for him to talk about the most important issues to focus on during the NPF consultations. His presentation also contained very useful information about CFA's work. You can watch a recording of the webinar video at <https://bit.ly/3BnjjKe> and read through Scott's presentation slides at <https://bit.ly/2Yy12vu>.

3. FCC is sponsoring the APAS YLMP: On October 7 APAS sent out a media release announcing that Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is the new presenting sponsor of the APAS Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program (YLMP). Since 2014 the YLMP has provided an opportunity for Saskatchewan producers between the ages of 18 and 40 to learn about agricultural policies, lobbying, and networking. Visit <https://bit.ly/3Dols8O> to read the announcement, plus a list of this year's YLMP mentees.

4. Response from WGEA on grain contract fees: On September 27 the Western Grain Elevator Association (WGEA) responded to a joint letter APAS and the provincial crop commissions had sent to WGEA in August requesting that grain companies

remove grain contract administrative fees for the 2021-2022 season. Visit <https://bit.ly/3Fq3tAK> to read WGEA's response to our letter.

5. APAS updates for RM Council meetings: Let me know if you need APAS update materials for an upcoming RM Council meeting, or if you'd like APAS staff or Directors to come discuss our projects and advocacy work.

You'll get the next APAS Update on October 14 – just call or email if you have any questions in the meantime.

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P.S. – Happy Agriculture Month from APAS!