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Good afternoon APAS members – no video this week because I'm writing this between meetings at the College of Agriculture in Saskatoon.

1. Meeting between APAS and Kody Blois: On April 11, the APAS Board Executive and staff met with Kody Blois (Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food) to discuss our NPF Task Force recommendations, the impact of the recent carbon tax increase on producers, and high fertilizer prices. It was a very good meeting, and you can see a photo of Kody, Ian Boxall, and Bill Prybylski at <https://bit.ly/37Q2eys>.

2. CFA Lobby Week: Last week, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) held a Virtual Lobby Week to meet with 40 MPs, Senators, and government officials to discuss the top issues facing Canadian farmers. Ian Boxall represented APAS during the meetings and you can read CFA's summary of the week at <https://bit.ly/3jXxMWh>.

3. Surface rights consultation: The Ministry of Energy and Resources has started a consultation on proposed amendments to *The Surface Rights Acquisition and Compensation Act* and *The Oil and Gas Conservation Act*. The amendments would make it so that a company could lose its operating license if it doesn't pay the surface lease to a farmer. You can read details of the proposed amendments on the government's website at <https://bit.ly/3OcWaRC> and the deadline for written feedback is May 6, 2022.

4. New AgriStability information page: Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) has created a new page on their website that is full of information on the

AgriStability program, including details about the recent removal of the Reference Margin Limit (RML). The AgriStability enrollment deadline is April 30, 2022, so visit <https://bit.ly/3EcBfcJ> to read their new AgriStability information page, plus SCIC also recorded a 52-minute AgriStability information session that you can watch on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/37Q55ra>.

5. APAS updates for RM Councils: Let me know if you need APAS update materials for your 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 April 21 – just call or email if you have any questions in the meantime.

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