



Saskatchewan Forage Council Holds Successful Tour and Annual Meeting

The Saskatchewan Forage Council (SFC) conducted a successful annual meeting and tour on Thursday July 9, 2009 at Stockholm, SK. To begin the day, Executive Director, Janice Bruynooghe gave a brief overview of the Saskatchewan Forage Council and their activities within this diverse industry. Those in attendance were testament to the diverse nature of the forage industry with representatives from the livestock sector including beef and dairy producers, hay growers, forage seed producers as well as agency staff, conservation groups, scientists and researchers.

With approximately 50 people in attendance, the tour of local pasture and alfalfa seed production fields was enjoyed by all. Topics discussed in the field ranged from water site development on pasture, grazing management and bloat management when grazing alfalfa, to seeding rates for forages, alfalfa seed production and leaf cutter bee management.

The Saskatchewan Forage Council also presented the 2009 Forage Industry Innovation award to Bazil Fritz following their Annual General Meeting. The Forage Industry Innovation Award was developed by the Saskatchewan Forage Council in 2008 to acknowledge exemplary innovation, leadership, service and stewardship in Saskatchewan's forage industry by producers, land managers, agency staff and researchers.

Bazil is a long time advocate for the forage industry who worked as a Forage and Livestock Specialist with the Saskatchewan Government for many years. In this role he excelled as a leader in the grazing and livestock sector in the province as his emphasis was on producers and practical solutions. Bazil's interests focus on the economics of grazing livestock production as he believes that perennial forages play an important role in profitable livestock operations.

Bazil also has a passion for International Development Work. He has worked on forage and grazing projects in both the Ukraine and China aimed at promoting sustainable livestock and grassland management. He has also hosted many international delegations to Canada to show how agronomic practices are implemented and how extension is conducted in Canada.

The Saskatchewan Forage Council extends their sincere congratulations to Bazil Fritz on winning the 2009 Forage Industry Innovation Award.

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To request more information regarding this event or award please contact:
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Saskatchewan Forage Council Tour & Annual General Meeting

*in partnership with the Ranchaholics
Stockholm Grazing Club*

Thursday, July 9, 2009
Stockholm, Saskatchewan

- 9:00 AM** **Registration**
Stockholm Community Hall
- 9:15 AM** **The Saskatchewan Forage Council**
A general overview of the SFC
- 9:30 AM** **Grazing and Pasture Tour**
Including forage and grazing management, watering sites and systems and alfalfa seed production and management.
- 12:30 PM** **Lunch** – Stockholm Community Hall
Stockholm, SK
- 1:30 PM** **Saskatchewan Forage Council Annual General Meeting**
Stockholm Community Hall
- 3:00 PM** **Forage Industry Innovation Award**
Presented by the SFC to a valued member of the forage industry in Saskatchewan

Registration (including lunch) - \$20 per person

To pre-register contact the Forage Council by July 6th, 2009
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