



2019

Annual Report

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Sugar for Generations*

Strategic Plan 2017–2020

VISION:

An Alberta Sugar Beet industry that is progressive and sustainable for future generations.

MISSION:

ASBG administers regulation while providing leadership to advance the Sugar Beet industry through agreements, relationships, research, and advocacy on behalf of sugar beet growers in Alberta.

Strategic Priorities:

- Industry is available to the next generation.
- Industry is profitable and expanding.
- A long term agreement is implemented with Lantic that includes price discovery.
- A sustainable, responsible, and stable Sugar Beet industry exists.
- Alberta Sugar Beet Growers is a professional, accountable, and efficient organization.

Board Approved on December 20th, 2016

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Industry is Available to the Next Generation

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Industry is Profitable and Expanding

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A Long-Term Agreement is Implemented with Lantic that includes Price Discovery

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President's Message

Dear Producers and Stakeholders,

Welcome to the 95th Annual Report of the Alberta Sugar Beet Growers (ASBG). In this document we venture to give a snapshot of the industry in 2019 – 2020, in an effort to meet our goal of being transparent and accountable to our stakeholders.

It goes without saying that 2019 will go down in the record books for Western Canadian agriculture and Alberta's Sugar Beet industry is no different. The popular hashtag "harvest from hell" will be etched in all of our memories for some time to come. I am not going to go into too many details as many of the reports contained in this booklet will cover the year, all I will say is when we put those little seeds in the ground in Spring we do so with the full expectation of harvesting a crop. When the bountiful crop we could see coming was snatched out of our grasp by mother nature's one-two punch; it certainly has a profound effect on both the finances and psyche of farms and communities in the area. This shortened harvest has certainly shone the light on some of the inadequacies of how our crop is brought in and our processor has clarity of the cost of failure. Now is our opportunity to be creative and deal with this issue which we all speculated would come to a head.

This Spring marks the end of my tenure as President of ASBG and I am proud of what we have accomplished over the last 4 years. Some of the key achievements include the modernization of transferring quota, encouraging collaboration within the industry, the educational outreach to consumers on #absugar22, and a movement towards sustainability certification. Is there still work to be done? Absolutely, but I believe that our organization is much stronger and has grower support to deal with the challenges that continue to come our way.

I am most certainly not claiming credit for these successes but must acknowledge the work my fellow elected grower Directors have done. There were some very tough issues to deal with, but we acted as a team always keeping the best interests of the industry in mind. I can honestly say that working with this group of distinguished gents has genuinely been my privilege. Thanks to all of you.



Cory Vanden Elzen, Arnie Bergen-Henengouwen, Melody Garner-Skiba with Premier Kenney

When I began my term, we as a board were charged with the task of finding a new Executive Director under what one might call it duress. During the initial discussions with the board it was clear to us all that this would be one of the most important decisions we would make, one that could likely define us as a board. After hiring Melody three and a half years ago it quickly became evident that she was the individual we were looking for. Mel, thanks so much for guiding us and helping ASBG to become the professional, accountable, and efficient organization that we hoped it could be.

I would like to thank you growers for your support and the opportunity to serve an industry that is near and dear to my heart!

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Arnie Bergen-Henengouwen in green ink.

Arnie Bergen-Henengouwen
President
Alberta Sugar Beet Growers



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2019 Top Ten Growers

Grower	Adjusted Tonnes (per acre)
GC Grol Farms Ltd	35.64
D. Klemen Farms Ltd	34.03
Andrew Van Hal & Ridge Land Acres Ltd	33.95
Red Earth Farming Company Ltd	33.75
1456690 Alberta Ltd. (Jules Nelis)	33.51
Muller Ventures Inc	33.49
S4 Over Bar Farms Ltd	33.19
Pedro Giesbrecht	32.85
Stone Bird Farms Ltd	32.75
Frits Dekker	32.50



GC Grol Farms Ltd.

Marketing Board Report

Committee Priorities:

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Key Actions Taken by the Committee:

- Collaborated with Lantic to get the most out of a very challenging 2019 Harvest.
- Quota transfer continues to allow growers to transfer their quota to other actively engaged producers; 4,631 acres transferred thus far amounting to over 13% of total acres.
- Federal Election: ran the Producing Prosperity Campaign with CFA; met with MPs Barlow, Shields, Harder, and Liberal candidate Amy Bronson.
- Provincial Election: meetings with MLAs Hunter, Schow, Neudorf and AG Minister Dreeshen.
- Regulation Review: amendments accepted by cabinet in June 2019; Taber amalgamation into one growing area, potential for director at large position, staggering of board terms so that only half of the board is eligible for re-election every year.
- Trade: active on Mercosur FTA to keep tariffs in place, encourage ratification of CUSMA (NAFTA 2.0).
- Building Public Trust: continue to be active in the community to represent and promote our industry and Canadian Sugar.

Chair: Arnie Bergen-Henengouwen

Members: All ASBG directors

- Farm Sustainability Assessment: continue to work towards having Sustainability Certification, numerous growers completed the assessment with the majority of them at the silver level, goal is 100% of acres covered by 2023.
- Industry Development: worked with various partners to identify other uses/markets for sugar beet; Food Processing Center in Leduc, Shell, Chem Bio-Power, also sent beet leaves for testing for plant-based protein.
- Negotiating with Lantic for an agreement beyond the 2020 crop year.
- Piling Ground deficiencies continue to occupy board time and resources.

Obstacles Encountered by Committee:

- 2019 Harvest was challenging for the board as well as all growers.
- CUSMA trade deal not yet ratified by all countries.
- Political uncertainty surrounding federal and provincial elections.
- Changing ag economy and sugar markets impact negotiations.
- Misinformation and fear continue to threaten ag practices and food consumption.

Submitted by Gary Vucurevich



Industry Development Committee Report

Committee Priorities for the Year:

- Identify additional uses and processors for sugar beets.
- Collaborate with Lantic on Value Added Programs if possible.
- Find ways to grow more acres of sugar beets.

Key Actions Taken by the Committee:

- Literary Search: through a partnership with the Leduc Food Processing Center, a literary review was conducted which identified possible streams that could be further investigated as possible additional uses for sugar beets.
- Ethanol: for the second year in a row, we sent a crate of sugar beets to a large gas company in the States for testing for potential ethanol. At this point, they are reviewing the data and working to find out if it makes sense to build an ethanol plant in North America using sugar beets and other plants as feed stock.
- Plant Based Proteins: through a partnership with the Manitoba Food Processing Centre, sugar beet leaves were sent away for analysis on the protein content in the leaves and the possible extraction methods. We are awaiting results on this.
- Formic Acid: we worked with a company this past year in connecting them with the Government of Alberta with the concept of building a pilot project that utilizes sugar beets as feedstock for Formic Acid.
- Livestock Feed: sugar beets were sent up to a plant for analysis that would utilize the beet as feedstock for bug protein. We are awaiting results on this.

Members: Nick Devries, Cory Vanden Elzen, Kelly Van Ham, Gerwin van den Hoek, and Kattie Schlamp

- Road De-icer: conversations with PAMI, Leduc Bio-Industrial Centre, and IRAAP have begun to try to figure out how to get to a road de-icer without using raffinane. In addition, a grower that is conducting some research on dryland sugar beet farming is also working with the beets to see if he can get to this stage.

Obstacles Encountered by Committee:

Due to the cold weather, the ability to ship sugar beets for testing was limited so some of the research will have to wait until next year.

Submitted by Nick Devries



John Barlow, Kelly Van Ham

Agricultural Committee Crop Report

Crop Highlights:

- Planting began on April 9th, but due to generally dry soil conditions most growers. Delayed planting until April 25th in order to be closer to irrigation water being available.
- Cooler temperatures in May and June slowed crop development.
- Total of 28,502 acres planted.
- Because of below average snow-pack, water allocations were restricted by irrigation districts, so growers had to be prudent managing irrigation applications.
- Stand establishment was very good in most fields.
- Glyphosate resistant kochia was observed in fields in Vauxhall and Burdett, hard to control wild buckwheat, round leaf mallow and lamb's quarters were also evident in many fields.
- Some fields in the Taber East district saw sugar beet root maggot activity, causing thinned stands and reduced vigour.
- Row closure by late June for early seeded fields.
- Severe hail accompanied by high winds devastated a total of 7800 acres, predominantly in the Taber West and Picture Butte areas.
- Early harvest started on September 13th, with over 100,000 tonnes delivered, the most harvested in September in many years.
- Winter weather events during harvest for the fourth consecutive year!
- Sustained frigid temperatures in October caused extensive damage to beet roots.
- ASBG and Lantic decided on a controlled harvest plan, where all growers had the opportunity to deliver a proportion of their quota, 73,116 tonnes were harvested from October 16 – 19. Growers and agriculturists were vigilant to ensure that zero green material was present in loads.

Members: Gary Vucurevich (chair), Nick Devries, Paul Loman, and Cory Vanden Elzen

- Significant differences in root damage were observed between varieties, with BTS 4512 showing generally less damage due to its lower crown height.
- Once BTS 4512 had been identified as having potential for medium term storage, the decision was made to harvest as many of these beets as possible.
- Between October 21st and 26th , 239,802 tonnes were delivered.
- By late October it became apparent that the remaining crop was not processable or suitable for storage, as a result, harvest was officially called off on October 31.
- 465,018 tonnes total, 17.93% sugar content, 16.345% extractable.
- Estimated average yield of 29 tonnes/ acre (tonnes delivered / estimated acres harvested).
- Reasonably low tare of 4.35% considering harvest conditions.
- 12,457 acres left unharvested or about 44% of the crop.
- Disappointing to think about what could have been, as some growers were reporting yields in the neighbourhood of 40 tonnes/ acre!

Obstacles Encountered by Growers:

- MOTHER NATURE!
- Weather throughout the growing season and harvest presented challenges.
- Drought, hail storms combined with wind, excess moisture and frigid temperatures during harvest.
- Shorter harvest windows over the past four years have really highlighted the deficiencies in piling ground capacity.

Submitted by Gary Vucurevich

Factory/Piler Committee Report

Committee Priorities for the Year:

- Working on the piling ground upgrade resolution from the AGM: this was a large undertaking for the committee as it involved each local area hosting a meeting to determine piling ground upgrades.
- Monitoring Factory Performance during Slice and Juice Campaign.
- Ensuring Lantic understands the importance of piling ground maintenance.

Key Actions Taken by the Committee:

- Developed resources for each local area to utilize in understanding the costs of investment for the piling grounds and how that would impact growers.
- Developed numerous proposals for Lantic to increase efficiency on piling grounds including the business case for investment into pilers and scoop decks. A business case was presented to Lantic which included investment in multiple new pilers and scoop decks but was revised after it was found out that it wouldn't meet the capital request requirements. At that point, the committee decided to proceed with the business case for one piler in VX and submitted that to Lantic. This project did not score high enough in 2019 to be approved, but work continues for 2020.
- Worked with Lantic in developing the Sugar Beet Storage plan with ventilation, etc. for harvest 2019. (Due to harvest conditions, this plan was not implemented but replaced by the Controlled Harvest Strategy).
- Worked with Lantic during the CHP to make sure that growers were able to deliver as many beets as possible.
- A list of contractors in each area was supplied to Lantic to encourage them to use locals for breakdowns and piler maintenance before and during harvest.

Members: Ian Harris, Paul Loman, Louis Claassen, and Allen Jensen

Dates Meetings were Held: Jan 16 & 21, Feb 19, June 27, July 26, Nov 15, Nov 19, Dec 20 (2019)

Obstacles Encountered by Committee:

The biggest challenge the committee faced was the requirement for ROI within 3 years from the factory for capital improvements. This meant that business cases presented for piling ground upgrades were a challenge as growers accept a 10-year ROI, but Lantic does not. However, the committee continues to work to improve piling ground conditions for the industry and will work with other committees to help ensure this is a priority for the next few years.

Submitted by Louis Claassen



Agricultural Research Committee Report

Committee Priorities for the Year:

- 2019 variety trials and research

Key Actions Taken by the Committee:

- Fully Approved Seed Varieties: BTS 4781, HIL9702, BTS 4516, BTS 4512, SV36152 RR, HM 9221RR, BTS 49RR33. (underlined=approved for 2020)
- Conditionally Approved Varieties: SV575, HIL9926, HIL9925, BTS 4515, HM 9328RR.
- SV48754 (non-GMO) conditionally approved non-commercial variety.
- Over the past couple years changes made to seed approval criteria and increasing the conditional variety restriction to 50% has allowed seed companies to better supply Alberta growers with the high yielding seed varieties they desire. As a result, there is a total of 12 varieties approved for 2020 planting!
- Seed “Lottery” distribution system was used once again, and the intention is to use it every year, regardless of supply.
- Glyphosate remains an important tool for weed control in sugar beet, and we continue to encourage regulatory agencies to make science-based decisions regarding its use.
- Continued non-GMO variety testing in order to assess viability in the event that this is required in the future.
- In early February 2020, KWS and Bayer jointly announced that they anticipate to release sugar beet with tolerance to three herbicides by “the middle of the decade.” This technology which has been under development for years, looks to be the next step in the evolution of weed control. This is good news for Alberta growers as weed resistance to glyphosate and public concerns over glyphosate are both issues that do not appear to be going away. Stay tuned.

Members: Gary Vucurevich (chair), Nick DeVries, Paul Loman and Cory Vanden Elzen

Dates Meetings were Held: April 4 & Dec 4, 2019

Obstacles Encountered by the Committee:

- Challenging weather/harvest impacts research and variety trials.
- Uncertainty surrounding the future use of GMO's and glyphosate, and the effect on our industry.
- Difficult to guide research when it is unclear what crop protection products/techniques will be available to growers in the future.

Submitted by Gary Vucurevich



In the News

ASBGM NEWS: Taber, Alberta, Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Your Town



TOUR TIME: The annual Alberta Sugar Beet Growers meet was held in a number of people in a local field between Diamond City and Shaughnessy to learn more about the farming process.

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Almost half of Alberta's sugar beet crop is lost

Adverse fall weather damaged beets still in the ground

Three processors that have not been able to harvest their crops are looking for ways to salvage what remains in the ground.

By Dave Galt

Normally we come through a single event like that, but this year the crop was lost. And then we had a second crop that was mostly lost. The weather was just too bad.

Three processors that have not been able to harvest their crops are looking for ways to salvage what remains in the ground. The weather was just too bad.

Early frost leaves substantial beet tonnage in the ground

Farmers had to start down early due to bad weather leaving tonnes of beets in the ground.

By Chris Galt

Alberta's sugar beet growers are looking for ways to salvage what remains in the ground. The weather was just too bad.

Harvesting Beets in Alberta

JP Classen of Vauxhall, Alta., keeps a close eye on the sugar beets going into a truck driven by Abe Dyck of Lomond, Alta. late last week. Classen said the sugar beets didn't get as much frost damage as first expected because of an early snowfall. However, because there is so much frost and rot, Classen had finished harvesting until this week, when he is allowed to haul more sugar beets.

Lantic's beet slicing shortened by months

By Chris Galt

Lantic's beet slicing operation has been shortened by months due to adverse weather conditions.

Root yield losses for beets due to hail; ASBG

By Trevor Beach

The Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Association (ASBG) reports significant root yield losses for beets due to hail damage.

NO IMPACT ON 2019 beet acres with new USMCA quotas

By Trevor Beach

The Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Association (ASBG) reports that the new USMCA quotas will have no impact on 2019 beet acres.

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Communication Tools

SUGAR FROM FIELD TO TABLE
IT STARTS WITH SUNLIGHT...

All green plants, such as fruits and vegetables, produce sugar (sucrose) through photosynthesis, a natural process that turns sunlight into energy. One of the crops that contains sugar is sugar beets. Currently, sugar beets are grown in Alberta as they require cooler temperatures, but historically they have been grown across the country. Alberta sugar beets are harvested and then processed into granulated sugar at the Roger's Sugar Factory in Taber. This is the only sugar beet plant left in Canada and sole source of 100% Canadian sugar.

SUGAR BEET PROCESSING

- 1 SUGAR BEET HARVESTING (ALBERTA)
- 2 SUGAR BEET JUICE BY WASHING AND SLICING
- 3 CLEANING TO REMOVE IMPURITIES
- 4 CRYSTALLIZATION OF SUGAR FROM SYRUP
- 5 DRYING OF SUGAR CRYSTALS
- 6 SUGAR

The sugar produced from the Roger's Sugar plant in Taber has a black stamp on the package that starts with the number 22. Look for that stamp to help support local farmers produce Canadian sugar.

DID YOU KNOW? Pure sucrose is naturally white. The purification process removes impurities to reveal naturally white sugar crystals.

TYPES OF SUGAR CREATED FROM SUGAR BEETS

- SUGAR (Pure Sucrose)**
 - granulated sugar
 - liquid sugar
- SUGAR BEET PROCESSING BY-PRODUCTS**

Leaves and tops of sugar beets are removed after harvesting and used as livestock feed. Sugar beet pulp is used to produce a highly nutritious animal feed or is further processed for use as fibre.
- SPECIALTY SUGARS**
 - icing sugar

...AND ENDS ON YOUR TABLE

Whether from fruit, vegetables, honey, maple syrup, or table sugar, each gram of sucrose is used in the same way by the body, supplying 4 Calories of energy per gram. When added to foods, sugars add flavour, colour, texture, and even help with preservation. By contributing to taste, sugars can help us enjoy nutritious foods important to our health. Canadian consumption of added sugars has been declining over the past two decades. Canadians consume about 11% of their energy from added sugars, which is considered a moderate amount.

For more information, visit asbg.ca | For more information, visit sugar.ca

Harvest Statistics

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Mini Harvest	Sept 13, 16–21, 23–28	Sept 13–15, 17–20, 28 & 29	Sept 22, 23–25, 29 & 30	Sept 15–17, 19–21, 29 & 30	Sept. 28–30
Main Harvest Start	Oct. 1	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 1	Oct. 1
Main Harvest Completed	Oct. 31	Nov. 9	Nov. 5	Nov. 10	Nov. 2
Loads Delivered	24,841	46,064	47,256	45,700	32,748
Loads Sampled	14,234	24,591	23,433	23,847	17,042
Percent Sampled	57.3%	53.4%	49.6%	52.2%	52.0%
Tonnes Delivered	465,018	848,525	876,929	821,459	584,560





Average Tare by Station (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Coaldale	3.47	3.24	3.65	5.19	3.26	3.26	4.31	4.55	4.07	3.68
Picture Butte	4.16	3.90	4.30	5.70	3.87	3.35	4.67	4.40	4.76	4.55
Tempest	4.46	4.07	4.00	5.50	4.66	3.67	6.17	5.82	4.20	5.27
Taber East /West	4.82	4.25	5.05	6.23	4.24	3.94	5.23	6.00	4.73	3.96
Vauxhall	4.20	4.24	3.98	4.70	3.53	3.72	4.78	5.18	4.75	4.38
Bow Island/Burdett	4.27	3.91	4.37	4.88	3.08	3.03	4.91	4.06	3.33	4.54
Enchant	3.64	3.37	3.79	4.77	3.44	3.44	4.34	4.50	4.67	4.18



Yearly Summary 10 Year Statistics



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	10 YEAR AVERAGE
Total Acres Contracted	30,379	33,598	30,528	23,948	22,053	21,675	28,308	26,906	27,973	28,119	27,349
Total Acres Planted	31,109	33,672	30,527	24,358	22,404	21,836	28,694	27,005	28,450	28,502	27,656
Total Acres Harvested	30,360	33,307	30,306	24,128	22,385	21,836	28,644	26,940	28,407	15,676	26,199
Total Tonnage	573,640	784,500	827,434	668,087	638,099	584,560	821,459	876,929	848,525	465,018	708,825
Average % Tare	4.25	3.98	4.23	5.14	3.65	3.53	4.89	5.00	4.38	4.34	4.34
Average Yield Per Acre	18.90	19.35	27.30	27.69	28.51	26.77	28.68	32.55	29.87	29.80*	26.62
Total Shrink in Tonnes	7,296	32,845	39,967	19,051	28,132	15,180	28,933	30,670	27,448	976	23,050
Total % of Shrink	1.27%	4.19%	4.83%	2.85%	4.41%	2.60%	3.52%	3.50%	3.23%	1.00%	3.14%
Price Per Tonne of Beets	53.12	53.52	55.10	50.74	52.69	58.14	55.49	52.47	54.23	50.13	53.56
Factory Sugar Content	18.87%	19.39%	19.09%	18.58%	18.75%	19.72%	19.20%	19.24%	19.56%	17.89%	19.03%
Sugar kg. Per Tonne	150.15	152.74	147.38	147.72	136.85	159.55	159.33	147.33	160.44	144.50	150.60
Sugar kg. Ac. Produced	2,846	3,597	3,967	4,090	3,941	4,271	4,408	4,796	4,637	4,405	4,096
Tonnes of Sugar	86,133	119,824	121,948	98,690	88,214	92,744	126,274	129,198	131,737	67,175	106,194

*denotes yield based on harvested acre

Agricultural Crop Statistics

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	5 yr avg (2015 – 19)
Acres Contracted	28,119	27,973	28,308	28,308	21,675	26,877
Acres Planted	28,502	28,450	27,005	28,694	21,836	26,897
Acres Replanted	471	20	350	189	0	206
Acres Hailed	3,640	3,366	3,321	334	13,416	4,815
Acres Lost	11	43	65	50	0	34
Acres Harvested	15,676	28,407	26,940	28,644	21,836	24,301
Average Yield	29.80*	29.87	32.55	28.68	26.77	29.47
Harvest Start	Sept 13	Sept 13	Sept 22	Sept. 15	Sept. 28	N/A
Harvest Close	Oct 31	Nov 9	Nov 5	Nov 10	Nov 2	N/A
Average Sugar Content	17.93	19.56	19.23	19.31	19.64	19.13
% Extractable Sugar	91.13	91.03	91.21	92.15	91.75	91.45
Extractable Sugar Content	16.34	17.81	17.54	17.80	18.02	17.50
Average Tare	4.34	4.38	5.00	4.89	3.53	4.43
Amino N	1.07	1.03	1.12	1.15	1.13	1.10
Potassium	4.08	4.66	4.43	4.06	4.39	4.32
Sodium	1.16	1.14	1.13	1.00	0.99	1.08

*denotes yield based on harvested acre

Factory Statistics

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	5 year avg
Tonnes Delivered	465,018	848,525	876,929	821,459	584,560	719,298
Slice Started	Sept 18	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Sept. 20	Oct. 1	N/A
Slice Completed	Dec 19	Feb 18	Mar 2	Feb 21	Jan 12	N/A
Beets Sliced (Tonne)	464,041	821,077	846,258	792,526	569,380	698,656
Tonnes of Shrink	977	27,448	30,670	28,933	15,180	20,642
Percent of Shrink	0.21	3.23	3.50	3.52	2.60	2.61
Average Sugar Content: Factory	17.89	19.75	19.24	19.20	19.72	19.16
Thin Juice Purity %	93.3	92.7	92.4	92.3	92.6	92.7
Total Sugar Production (Tonne)	67,175	128,867	127,305	122,209	92,744	107,660
Kgs. Of Sugar/ Tonne Delivered	144.46	151.87	145.17	148.77	158.66	149.79
Recovery Rate % Tonnes Delivered	80.8	77.3	75.5	77.5	80.5	78.3
Kgs. Of Sugar Per Tonne Sliced	144.76	156.95	150.43	154.20	162.88	153.84
Recovery Rate % Tonnes Sliced	80.9	79.9	78.2	80.3	82.6	80.4
Average Daily Slice (Tonne/Day)	5,025	5,380	5,384	5,148	5,528	5,293
Tonnes Sugar Produced Per Day	715	842	796	783	885	804
Days of Slice	92	153	157	154	103	132
Days of Campaign	94	155	160	156	105	134

CFA Committee Report

It has indeed been a very busy year for the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Following are the main items of business undertaken by the CFA.

- Election 2019 had the CFA advancing our Producing Prosperity campaign to bring agriculture to the forefront of the election. Many candidates formally endorsed this document. It also became the centerpiece of the National Agricultural Leaders' Debate on September 24th at Rogers Studio in Ottawa. Viewership was up 600% over the 2015 debate. I believe the positive message is one we can continue to advocate for going forward.
- CFA has reached out to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau with some recommendations on how to bridge the divide between Western Canada and the Liberal Government through the lens of Agriculture.
- Trade was again at the forefront this year as China and India and other countries continue to block our agricultural products. This is causing harm to our producers who are often caught in the crossfire of national disputes on issues totally unrelated to agriculture. CFA continues to object to these measures and ask for financial aid to offset these costs. In partnership with AgGrowth Coalition, CFA has also been pushing Business Risk Management program reforms to address these concerns as they effect commodity prices.
- The CN Rail strike definitely had a negative impact on agriculture. Our president Mary Robinson was very vocal on calling for a solution to this issue and organized and participated in press conferences that eventually saw a solution to the strike.
- Federal-Provincial-Territorial Roundtable was held in Quebec City in July. Melody and I attended these meetings on your behalf. The discussions revolved around the Food Policy, current Labour shortages and the need for improvements to BRM including the need to increase Ag Stability back to 85%. Members also reminded the Ministers of the trade disputes and their impact on producers. Unfortunately Minister Dreeshen was unable to attend our session.

Members: Kelly Van Ham

- Frustrated by a lack of movement on the issues presented at the FPT roundtable, on Dec.17, CFA released a press release asking for specific short-term action and called on the Prime Minister and Premiers to ensure Ag Ministers have the flexibility to provide these needed reforms of BRM.
- Public Trust is another area that is being worked on. A motion was passed to have CFA transfer the key-leading role in coordinating the Canadian Public Trust Initiative to the Canadian Centre for Food Integrity.
- Throughout the year CFA has worked with its membership on a submission for the federal Government's "Consultation for engagement on a potential Aquaculture Act".
- In Quebec City we also had the opportunity to attend the Ron Bonnett Tribute Dinner. Ron is very deserving of all the accolades presented that night. He was a very good leader and supporter of all agricultural producers in Canada. We wish him all the best on his retirement.
- These are just some of the work that CFA has done in the past year. The staff is remarkable and always helpful on any issue before us as Canadian Sugar Beet Producer. We also receive updates on all the trade activities of the government from the trade representatives at the table including Mercuser, Pacific Alliance, Brexit, and of course CUSMA, which will hopefully be finalized by the time you read this report.

Submitted by Kelly Van Ham, CFA rep



Executive Director Report

“Small but Mighty!”—that is how I describe our office team. With an average of 2.5 people in the office and all the additional projects and consultations that were undertaken meant all staff had to step it up. A big thank you to Karen for doing that in the Membership and Communications role and the organizing that Kelli Ober did as our Special Projects Coordinator. There is no way we could have accomplished everything we did without everyone giving 100%.

Office Priorities for the Year

The priorities in the strategic plan are the road map for the office staff in determining how and what we work on. Key priorities for 2019 were;

- Working to ensure the industry is available to the next generation.
- Trying to implement programs that will help the industry be profitable and expand.
- Supporting the Board in their work to negotiate a long-term contract with Lantic.
- Undertaking projects to ensure a sustainable, responsible, and stable Sugar Beet industry exists.
- Ensuring that ASBG is a professional, accountable and efficient organization.



Executive Director: Melody Garner-Skiba

Key Actions Taken by the Office

The work the office team undertook to support those priorities is broken down into 5 areas:

Advocacy is the work we conducted on behalf of growers with all levels of government on a variety of issues that impact the grower body and the agriculture sector.

Events were held for a variety of reasons including grower / public education, celebration, development.

Projects and Programs were focused on grant funding to help elevate the industry and meet the needs of growers in this ever-changing landscape.

Collaboration is the work done to build a stronger sugar beet industry.

Administration is the tasks undertaken to ensure we are operating within our regulations and supporting the work of the Board.

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Executive Director Report

Advocacy

- ✓ MERCOSUR Free Trade Agreement (FTA)
- ✓ CUSMA FTA
- ✓ Federal- Provincial- Territories Meeting
- ✓ Business Risk Management programs
- ✓ MELT Class 1
- ✓ Farm Freedom and Safety Act
- ✓ Grower Led Research
- ✓ PMRA Neo-nics review
- ✓ Sugar Beet Regulatory Amendments

Events

- ✓ AGM/Symposium
- ✓ Food Evolution Screening
- ✓ Mid-Summer Meeting
- ✓ Lantic AGM
- ✓ Chops N' Crops
- ✓ American Sugar Beet Conference
- ✓ Harvest Tour
- ✓ Golf Tournament
- ✓ Harvest Hoe Down
- ✓ Open Farm Days
- ✓ Aggie Days/ Country in the City / Calgary Stampede

Projects & Programs

- ✓ Changing the Conversation around Food Safety and Bio-Technology grant
- ✓ Reducing Energy and Green House Gas Emissions on Irrigated Farms

- ✓ Reducing the Impact of Sugar Beet Production on Climate Change at Harvest
- ✓ Making Sweet Certifiably Sustainable for Future Generations

Collaboration

- ✓ Agent Program with Lethbridge College
- ✓ Crop Sector Working Group (all crop commodity groups)
- ✓ Agri-Environmental Partnership Alliance
- ✓ Canadian Federation of Agriculture
- ✓ Negotiations with Lantic
- ✓ Piling Ground Upgrades
- ✓ Provincial Election Campaign
- ✓ Producing Prosperity Federal Election Campaign

Administration

- ✓ Production Intention Forms and Quota Certificates
- ✓ Annual Report and Newsletters
- ✓ Delivery of Advanced Payment Program
- ✓ Management of Social media channels and website
- ✓ Oversight of Research Permits
- ✓ Committee and Board Support through Research, Agendas, Minutes
- ✓ Policy Development
- ✓ Controlled Harvest Plan/Strategy

Executive Director: Melody Garner-Skiba

Challenges Encountered by the Office:

- Staffing recruitment challenges due to location of organization and finding candidates with the appropriate skill sets.
- The change in both the Federal and Provincial levels of government and understanding the new direction and making new contacts.

Thank you to all our growers and partners for making 2019 a successful year considering the weather and harvest. We are so grateful to work in this industry and have the *"sweetest growers in Alberta!"*

Submitted by Melody Garner-Skiba



Audit Committee Report

Members: Cory Vanden Elzen, Nick Devries, and Paul Loman
Dates Meetings were Held: Dec 9, 2019 and Jan 16, 2020

Committee Priorities for the Year:

- Ensure a financial audit was completed on ASBG by Avail.
- Review the need for a sugar audit at the factory.

Key Actions Taken by the Committee:

- Met with auditor to provide direction on the 2019 audit.
- Review draft financials prior to presentation to the Board.
- Recommend reserve amount allocations to the Board.
- Reviewed meaning of sugar audit and identified ways in which to make it meaningful. This information will be passed on to the negotiations committee.
- Clean audit and management letters were received.

Obstacles Encountered by Committee:

The inability to conduct a meaningful sugar audit at the factory as the limitations that present themselves to the auditor in verifying data. Due to this, it was decided that an audit of the sugar would not be a prudent use of resources for the organization.

Submitted by Cory Vanden Elzen



Financial Statements



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The Board of Directors of
Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Marketing Board

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Marketing Board, which comprise the statement of financial position as at October 31, 2019, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at October 31, 2019, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to note 14 to the financial statements, which describes amendments made to the prior year's figures. Our audit opinion is not qualified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements, continued

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Organization to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Avail LLP

Lethbridge, Alberta

January 16, 2020

Chartered Professional Accountants



Statement of Financial Position

2019

2018

For the year ended October 31, 2019

(Restated)

ASSETS

Current

Cash	\$ 617,873	\$ 423,198
Short term investments (note 3)	200,000	100,000
Accounts receivable	53,090	27,991
Prepaid expenses	3,032	1,575
Crop advances receivable (note 4)	2,406,546	3,219,312
GST receivable	-	1,803
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	3,280,541	3,773,879
Investments (note 5)	6,000	5,310
Capital assets (note 6)	9,735	12,170
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	\$ 3,296,276	\$ 3,791,359

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 55,071	\$ 37,767
Source deductions payable	3,786	2,923
Deferred revenue (note 8)	116,612	6,946
Crop advance loan (note 9)	2,406,546	3,219,312
GST payable	24,762	-
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	2,606,777	3,266,948
Net assets		
Unrestricted	65,545	102,068
Invested in capital assets	9,735	12,170
Restricted reserves (note 10)	614,219	410,173
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	689,499	524,411
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	\$ 3,296,276	\$ 3,791,359

Statement of Operations

For the year ended October 31, 2019

	2019	2018 (Restated)
Revenue		
Membership fees	\$ 576,215	\$ 576,215
Research	166,229	164,337
Advance Payment Program interest	93,328	81,736
Grants	84,663	13,774
Advertising	24,476	22,922
Golf tournament	16,384	19,315
Advance Payment Program fees	6,950	8,120
Office administration fees	5,547	10,100
	973,792	896,519
Expenses		
Administration salaries and benefits	200,699	178,862
Research and development	112,183	113,833
Grant expenses	106,040	13,773
Advance Payment Program interest	72,664	67,170
Memberships	55,891	14,380
Director's fees	38,200	41,550
Local fees	33,895	33,895
Rent	32,970	33,371
Director's expenses	24,329	24,988
Professional fees	24,087	23,529
Advertising and promotion	20,851	27,913
Other meeting expenses	20,201	14,578
Golf tournament	17,283	16,341
Employee and development expenses	14,728	21,296
Office and general	7,513	3,854
Utilities	6,660	6,353
Telephone	4,507	5,603
Interest and bank charges	3,906	2,752
Equipment rental	3,495	4,536
Computer	3,008	2,639
Insurance	2,419	5,796
Cost of production model	2,090	637
Amortization	3,379	2,946
	810,998	660,595
Excess of revenue over expenses from operations	\$ 162,794	\$ 235,924

Statement of Operations Cont'd

For the year ended October 31, 2019

	2019	2018 (Restated)
Other income (expense)		
Dividend income	\$ 1,604	\$ -
Unrealized gain (loss) on investment	690	(1,175)
	2,294	(1,175)
Excess of revenue over expenses from operations	\$ 165,088	\$ 234,749



Statement of Changes in Assets

For the year ended October 31, 2019

	Unrestricted	Restricted reserves (note 10)	Total 2019	Total 2018 (Restated)
Balance, beginning of year				
As previously reported	\$ 115,841	\$ 12,170	\$ 410,173	\$ 538,184
Prior period adjustment (note 14)	(13,773)	-	-	(13,773)
As restated	102,068	12,170	410,173	524,411
Excess of revenue over past expenses	165,088	-	-	165,088
Assets purchased	(944)	944	-	-
Amortization	3,379	(3,379)	-	-
Transfer to reserves	(204,046)	-	204,046	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 65,545	\$ 9,735	\$ 614,219	\$ 689,499

Notes to the Financial Statements

Statement of Cash Flows	2019	2018
<i>For the year ended October 31, 2019</i>		(Restated)
Cash flows from operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 165,088	\$ 234,749
Adjustments for items which do not affect cash		
Amortization	3,379	2,946
Unrealized (gain) loss on investment	(690)	(1,175)
	167,777	238,870
Change in non-cash working capital items		
Accounts receivable	(25,099)	(18,908)
Prepaid expenses	(1,457)	(8,366)
Crop advances receivable	812,766	(443,980)
GST	26,565	1,714
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	17,304	4,515
Source deductions payable	863	254
Deferred revenue	109,666	5,446
Crop advance loan	(812,766)	443,980
	295,619	240,257
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of investments	-	(6,485)
Proceeds on sale of short term investments	100,000	25,000
Purchase of short term investments	(200,000)	(75,000)
Purchase of capital assets	(944)	(3,387)
	(100,944)	(59,872)
Net increase in cash	194,675	180,385
Cash, beginning of year	423,198	242,813
Cash, end of year	\$ 617,873	\$ 423,198



1. Nature of operations

Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Marketing Board is a non-profit organization incorporated pursuant to the Alberta Marketing of Agriculture Products Act and regulations thereto. Its purpose is to facilitate continued success in Alberta's sugar beet industry by supporting sustainable production, marketing, development and cooperation.

2. Significant accounting policies

The Organization applies the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

- (a) Cash
The Organization includes cash on hand and cash held by financial institutions in operating accounts in the determination of cash and cash equivalents.
- (b) Short-term investments
Short-term investments are recorded at cost.
- (c) Investments
Investments are recorded at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses as a result of fair value adjustments at year end are included in investment income for the year.
- (d) Revenue recognition
The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Revenue from members and recoveries are recognized in the period received or receivable.
Investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.
Revenue from the golf tournament, advertising, and general office is recognized when received.
Research revenue is recognized as revenue when earned and is based on previous crop year's production.
- (e) Financial instruments
The Organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions. The Organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.
- (f) Capital assets
Capital assets are recorded at cost. The Organization provides for amortization using the straight-line method at rates designed to amortize the cost of the capital assets over their estimated useful lives. The annual amortization rate is as follows: *(cont'd next)*

2. Significant accounting policies, continued

Office equipment 5 years

(g) Income taxes

No provision has been made in these financial statements for income taxes from which the agricultural commission is exempt under sections 149(1)(e) and (l) of the Income Tax Act.

(h) Net assets

The Organization has chosen to treat net assets invested in capital assets as a separate component of net assets.

(i) Contributed services

Volunteers contributed time to assist the Organization in carrying out its activities. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

(j) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. Short term investments

Short term investments consist of Guaranteed Investment Certificates with interest rates of 1.55% and 2.10% and a maturity dates of April 2020 and July 2020.

4. Crop advances receivable

These amounts are loaned to licensed sugar beet growers under the Federal Agricultural Marketing Program Act. They are repayable as the grower's crops are sold. The loans are a combination of interest free and interest bearing loans where interest is charged at prime. The Advanced Payment Program is guaranteed to the extent of the outstanding balances by the Government of Canada under the program.

5. Investments

Investments consist of common shares in Rogers Sugar Inc. As of October 31, 2019 the fair market value was \$6,000 (2018: \$5,310) with a cost of \$7,115 (2018: \$6,485).

6. Capital assets

	2019		2018	
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net	Net
Office equipment	\$ 53,091	\$ 43,356	\$ 9,735	\$ 12,170

7. Bank indebtedness

A demand operating loan has been authorized by the Royal Bank of Canada to a maximum of \$100,000 (2018: \$100,000) and bears interest at bank's prime lending rate plus 1.00% per annum and is secured by a general security agreement. As of October 31, 2019, the Organization has not drawn on this facility (2018: nil).

8. Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue represents prepaid sponsorships and other funding for the subsequent year that was received before October 31, 2019, and had not been spent. These amounts will be recognized as revenue in future periods as the services are performed.

Changes in deferred revenue during the year are as follows:

	2019		2018	
	Balance beginning of year	Received	Recognized as revenue in current year	Balance, end of year
On-farm energy CAP project	\$ -	\$ 140,546	\$ (51,196)	\$ 89,350
Farm sustainability CAP project	-	24,399	(3,089)	21,310
Sponsorships	-	5,952	-	5,952
Piling grounds	6,946	-	(6,946)	-
Public trust	-	23,432	(23,432)	-
	\$ 6,946	\$ 194,329	\$ (84,663)	\$ 116,612

9. Crop advance loan

	2019		2018	
Interest bearing loans	\$ 753,534	\$ 1,240,173		
Interest free loans	1,653,012	1,979,139		
	\$ 2,406,546	\$ 3,219,312		

The loan limit on the Advance Payment Program (APP) is \$7,000,000 (2018: \$7,000,000). Interest is charged at prime minus 0.5%. All interest charged is later refunded by the Government of Canada, with the exception of funds advanced in excess of \$100,000 per grower which are interest bearing APP loans. Interest charged to the grower is charged at prime.

The APP is guaranteed by the Government of Canada under the Agricultural Marketing Programs Act. The APP is also secured by a general security agreement over all present and after acquired personal property.

10. Restricted Reserves

Restricted reserves are as follows:

	2019	2018
Operating reserve	\$ 250,000	\$ 100,000
Research reserve	156,219	210,173
Trade and industry development reserve	100,000	100,000
Piling grounds reserve	108,000	-
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	\$ 614,219	\$ 410,173

11. Related party transactions

Members of the Board of Directors consists of sugar beet growers that are charged membership fees, receive crop advances and pay interest under the same terms and conditions as all other members. In addition, the Board of Directors were paid director fees of \$38,200 (2018: \$41,550) and reimbursed for expenses of \$24,329 (2018: \$24,988). Current year crop advances to the Board of Directors totaled \$100,000 (2018: \$150,000). These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established based on the terms and conditions of the Members.

12. Financial instruments

The Organization as part of its operations carries a number of financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments except as otherwise disclosed.

(a) Interest rate risk

The Organization is not exposed to interest rate risk as the extent that changes in the market interest rates will impact the loan for crop advances is offset by the fact that all interest paid on the loan for crop advances is reimbursed by the government.

(b) Credit risk

The Organization is exposed to credit risk on its accounts receivable, which are wholly related to members in the agriculture sector. The Organization does not have a significant exposure to risk from any individual grower.

13. Commitments

The Organization leases a building in Taber. The lease expires in November 2020 with a minimum rental payment of \$28,800.

14. Prior period adjustment

The comparative figures have been restated to record grant expenses pertaining to the 2018 fiscal year. The effect of this transaction is an increase in accounts payable of \$13,773 and an increase in grant expenses of \$13,773 for the year end October 31, 2018.

15. Comparative figures

The financial statements have been reclassified, where applicable, to conform to the presentation used in the current year. The changes do not affect prior year earnings.

2019 ASBG Events

Farm Sustainability Seminars	January 25 & March 29, 2019
Food Evolution Screening	February 12, 2019
Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Symposium	March 6, 2019
Lethbridge Aggie Days	April 10 – 11, 2019
Social Media Training	June 20, 2019
Coaldale Candy Parade	July 6, 2019
Calgary Stampede: Ag Display	July 4 – 14, 2019
Open Farm Days	July 13 & August 17, 2019
2019 Sugar Classic Golf Tournament	July 10, 2019
Medicine Hat "Country in the City"	July 24 – 27, 2019
Mid-Summer Meeting	August 8, 2019
Taber Cornfest Parade	August 22, 2019
Harvest Tour	October 18, 2019

Local Area Meetings:

Taber East/Taber West	January 7, 2019
Burdett/Bow Island:	January 8, 2019
Coaldale/Tempest:	January 9, 2019
Vauxhall:	January 10, 2019
Picture Butte/Enchant:	January 11, 2019

