

AOPA

FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER



President's Report

Harvest is either wrapped up or very close. Cows are coming off of pasture and calves are heading to market. We keep saying prices can't keep going up but they do. Grain commodities have softened a bit. We were unsure of how the tariffs would affect the market but they don't seem to be hurting it. The weakening dollar is more of a factor. The weather this year has been a mixed bag depending on where you were in the province. Some got the perfect amount. Some too much and we in the Peace were suffering from severe lack of rain. Yields for us are way down and water reserves for cattle are strained. But the good Lord still provides and continues to bless us.

We enjoyed an excellent Field Day this summer and are anticipating a productive and informative Fall Annual Meeting. We hope you can join us to network, to share your successes, and to just reconnect.

I will be attending President's meeting the beginning of December. If there are any concerns or areas you want TCO to address, please let me know.

I also want to inform you that I am in the final leg of my time as your president. Come March, my time on the board is up and I will need to be replaced. We need a new president to take the helm of this great chapter. I will continue to assist the board and the new president in whatever way needed.

- I thank you for your trust in me and have enjoyed serving each of you in this leadership role.

Blessings
Michael Strebchuk

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October Certification Report

We have been blessed with another beautiful fall, imagine +21 for tomorrow! By now most of the crops are harvested and the seed cleaning plants are busy. My garden did very well only because I can water from our dugout during those +30 weather spells we received.

Our two new inspectors Suzanne Kebernik and Luke Lundgard have completed their inspections for the year. There are 3 inspections yet to be completed.

Please send in the Inspector Evaluation sent with this newsletter.

Your opinion is important to TCO and the Administrators.

File update: 109 recertifying members
 9 submitted a Declaration of Surrender
 4 new members have joined the chapter
 50 received Certificates

If you have a buyer but have not received your certificate you can request a Letter of Good Standing from TCO.

The majority of buyers are willing to accept that letter as usually the certificate will be issued in a few days.

The field day hosted by the families of Eldon Kebernik and Dale DeSchepper was well attended and successful.

For more pictures and details please visit our chapter website:

<https://www.albertaorganicproducers.org/upcoming-events/>

Our Fall Annual Meeting is one week earlier this year, **Nov 8th, 2025**.

Please make an effort to attend. **Registration 9:30AM, Meeting 10:00am-3:30pm**

Reply by October 27.

You will be glad you took the time, the Board of Directors will appreciate your support.

Thought of the month: "You make your choices, than your choices make YOU."

Kathy Petterson

Bylaw and Policy

The AOPA is governed by the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures that have been passed by the Board and Members of the organization. If you would like to review these guiding principles please contact Kathy Petterson, the AOPA administrator.

No requests for amendments to the current Bylaws, Policies or Procedures have been proposed.

If you do have any proposed changes please feel free to contact any of the Board members listed on the AOPA Website.

In hopes that you are all in good health and your weather is favourable.

Rick Pysyk

Market Report

Organic Price Quotes



Spot Price per Bushel

Western Canada

Wheat - red hard spring	\$16.75
Barley - feed	\$ 7.50
Oats -	\$ 9.88
Oats - gluten free	\$10.50
Flax - Golden	\$53.00
Peas - yellow	\$17.25
Lentils - Green	\$.90/lb

Stock and Feeder Cattle

500lb Steers	\$5.50-7.40	Heifers	\$5.00-7.00
700lb Steers	\$5.00-6.15	Heifers	\$4.50-5.65
900lb Steers	\$3.70-4.95	Heifers	\$4.20-4.70



Butcher Cattle

Grain Fed & Cows	\$2.25-2.47
Med Flesh Cows	\$2.10-2.25
Older Cows	\$1.90-2.10
Holstein Cows	\$1.30-1.85
Bologna Bulls	\$1.90-2.45

Gordon Wood

R&D : Research & Development.

Drips on Dips - the drip is a result of something going wrong and the dip is where the drip ends up at. So as we do some research we will figure out what development we can do to make our farms more effective and less work for us.

Well a few dips this fall season for me , I had a restriction instead of drip, it would have turned into a drip if there was enough pressure but I thank the the Lord for all the research and development that when into making expandable some kind of metal tube or pipes that went into a few of my restricted pipes and spread them out back to normal. They said this can be caused by stress....defiantly a lot of stress in my life--- here is one thing I did to reduce some , my combine is a bit hard to adj the sieves so I looked at 2 kinds of linear actuators, you want it light as it is shaking but large enough to open and close the sieve. I settled on a 12v 4 inch stroke with about 200lb force as I could not find one more than 34lb or lower than 200lb, welded a brkt on the sieve to help hold it from braking off , put a 2way switch in the cab and ran the power wires and now stress free sieve adjustment while I am combining and on the go-just open or close till grain in bin looks the best ! Down the road maybe I'll add a Hi Def Camera in there...



Here is a link to what seems to be the model I used :

https://www.amazon.ca/dp/B091CFVSHQ?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_fed_asin_title&th=1

Here is a favorite Development of mine , we kind of take GPS stuff for granted these days but it has come with many many yrs of research & development --- I'm the kind of guy that is always thinking of ways to make stuff simpler and less stressful. I hate things that leak, so when I come to the swather and the battery is dead as all the power has leaked out into keeping the clock going it sure adds stress to me -- so I put on a BATT DISCONNECT SW so nothing will ever drain the battery including the clock. So, when I start the unit up any kind of clock in it is no longer correct... that's where this comes in, it locks on to GPS correct time and gives me my speed readout as well. I just put the suction cup on



the window where I can see it nicely and now can see my speed and the correct time . Here is the link. https://www.amazon.ca/dp/B09TXFF1BK?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_fed_asin_title&th=1

That's it for R&D on this edition, Have A great Fall Season , *Ernest Snyder*



ALBERTA ORGANIC PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION FALL ANNUAL MEETING

November 8, 2025 - Namao Community Hall Namao, AB. Hwy 37

CHAIRPERSON: Michael Strebchuk MINUTE TAKER: Kathy Petterson

AGENDA

9:30 am Registration and coffee

10:00 am Call to order/welcome /meeting

12:00 pm Door prizes and organic lunch available

1:00 pm Guest Speakers with Q&A

Alessia Marcheseon U of A – Research on soil carbon and greenhouse gas emissions.

Hiroshi Kabota AAFC/AAC–Climate Smart Practices for Transitioning to Organic Production

Brenda Chevalier- Healthy Aging

2:15 pm Door prizes and coffee break

2:30 pm Peter Lundgard, Nature's Way Farm- Soil Health

3:00 pm Brent Croucher-Introduction to Replenish Nutrients, an organic granular fertilizer.

3:20 pm OPEN member forum-your time to share your learning experiences, make comments or ask questions.

4:00 pm Adjournment and clean – up, PLEASE HELP! Thank you for

Good websites for the organic producer:

Canadian Organic Growers - www.cog.ca

Organics in Alberta - www.organicalberta.org

Organic Trade Association - www.ota.com

Organic Consumers Ass - www.organicconsumers.org

Canada Organic - www.choosecanadaorganic.ca

TCO - www.tcocert.ca

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