



COMMUNITY COURIER

Representing the Interests of Business for the Growth and Prosperity of Our Members and Communities

Manager's Notes

MAKE IT CANADIAN!

Every time I shop, whether it be in a grocery store or else where, I often listen and watch the other shoppers. As my first question is "Is it Canadian", and then "Where are the Canadian Products". I listen to see if other Canadians are asking the same question. I quickly find that, if they hear me ask, they often will as well. But if they do not, they pick up the product, check it out, but rarely check if it is Canadian or, just ask.



With the crisis we have in the Agriculture Industry, you think as Canadians we can become better supporters of our own products. Each time you do not buy Canadian you are making sure some other Country keeps their jobs. Could you afford to lose 25% of your paycheck? That is what would happen if we did not have just the Agriculture Industry alone.

We sleep in our beds from the U.S., put on our clothes from Brazil, shoes from Italy, and buy our meat from Australia, and wonder why our kids, and ourselves can't find a job? Yes there is always the "CAVE" mentality, (Citizens Against Virtually Everything), who would say "we don't have that here", but, have you asked. The people I listen to, don't. Next time you say why don't they get that here, or why don't they do this, make the they in that sentence mean you. You can make a difference, and just by buying local, asking for our product before purchasing others, can make that difference. In our Province alone if the 1,000,000 people each spent \$1.00 more a day on Canadian products, our industries and businesses would have to hire one more full time person to keep up.

This is Economic growth! Think of the difference! Make that difference, ask and buy Canadian, and if possible, buy locally. It is that easy! Change your attitude, if you talk the talk then walk it! **MAKE IT CANADIAN!**

*We are your Yorkton Chamber of Commerce,
105 years old and proudly Canadian.*

Thank you for your Support!

Donna Brothwell
Manager

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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

• **ABEX Awards nomination deadline** •
July 9, 2004

• **ABEX Awards Reception** •
October 23, 2004

Call 783-4368 for more information

• **Agricultural Days** •
July 26-30, 2004

• **Chamber of Commerce
Salute to Agriculture BBQ** •
July 28th, 11-12

Chamber/Tourism Building
See insert in this issue to sponsor.

• **Small Business Week** •
October 17-23, 2004
More information to come

Congratulations To Our Members

- Congratulations to the 2004 Graduation Class of the Yorkton Regional High School. Best of Luck with your future endeavors.
- Congratulations to the 2004 Graduation Class of the Sacred Heart High School. Best of Luck with your future endeavors.
- Congratulations to the Regional High School Football Club on their very successful football camp, with attendance up almost 50%. Way to Go!
- Congratulations to the organizers and participants in the Brayden Ottenbreit's Close Cuts for Cancer. This year was the events seventh year, with over \$40,000.00 being raised.
- Congratulations to Dance Innovations who held their annual dance concert. This years concert was called "All Together Now", and Showcased all the dancers talents. Well Done!
- Congratulations to the Parkland Chapter of Women Entrepreneurs on a very successful Summer Sizzle!
- Congratulations to Broadway Medical Clinic, Dr. A. Van Heerden has joined their clinic as a partner.

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Fact of the Month!

The number of grain elevators in Saskatchewan reached a peak During the 1932-33 crop year. **How many were there?**

a) 1,282 b) 1,634, c) 2,820 d) 3,240 e) 3,859

Answer: According to the Canadian Grain Commission's Publication, Grain Elevators in Canada, Saskatchewan elevator numbers reached a peak of a 3,240 in 1932-1933.

For information on City Statistics, Public Notices, Smoking Bylaw Survey Results, updates on the City Leisure Centre, City Event Calendar, and much more, sign on to our Yorkton Chamber of Commerce website and link away.

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BENEFIT OF THE MONTH

Esso Fleet Business Card

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Agriculture Facts:

- We export total AG related products of, 4,486,500,000 dollars (4.5 billion dollars in product).
- Livestock export value alone is 230.8 billion.
- Kind's of livestock we actually have in Saskatchewan:
 - Cattle, and calves, hogs, sheep, hens, chicks, turkey, fish, eggs, wool, bee's honey, wax, and milk. 124.3 million dollars of milk was actually produced in Saskatchewan in 2001.
- Agriculture is more that just livestock!
- We exported 3,765.4 million dollars in crops in Saskatchewan in 2001 - 2002.
- Crops like Wheat, Durum, Oats, Barley, Rye, Flaxseed, Canola, Potatoes, Christmas Trees, Lentils, Sunflower Seeds, and Mustard.
- We have 1,432 acres of fruit grown here as well. Fruit like: apples, apricots, blueberries, cherries, cranberries, grapes, pears, plums and prunes, raspberries, strawberries, and other berries.
- Saskatchewan also grows over 700 acres of vegetables like: asparagus, beans, beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, corn, cucumbers, garlic, leeks, lettuce, melons, onions, parsley, parsnips, peas, peppers, pumpkins, radishes, rhubarb, rutabagas, turnips, spinach, squash and zucchinis, and tomatoes to name most of them.
- Other agriculture related items we have in Saskatchewan are glass and plastics products, ornamental flowers, and sod.
- Average farm size in Saskatchewan is 1,283 acres in 2001, from 354 acres in 1916. The median age of operators is 50 in 2001, compared to 39 in 1916.
- This Agriculture Community, purchased over 65 million dollars of implements, over 15 million dollars in livestock, over 5 million in equipment, over 2 million in buildings and repairs, and borrows millions of dollars. These are just a few of the businesses directly effected by Agriculture.
- Our Agriculture wages, salaries and labor income in Saskatchewan alone for 2001 - 2002 was over 13,760 million. This is income coming back into our communities right here in Saskatchewan.
- Approximately 23% of our labour force - or one in every four paycheques - is directly employed by the agriculture industry in our Region. In dollar terms, this amounts to over \$13 million annually. The Yorkton region was built around agriculture and it remains our **Number One Industry** in terms of employment and wealth creation.

Are we effected by the Agriculture community? Can we make it Canadian, with ease!

We stand up and salute you Agriculture! Get your Yorkton Flag from our website to put in your windows for **"Salute to Agriculture Days"**.

Starting a New Business?

Hire a New Employee?

Expanding?

Moving?

Having a Grand Opening?

Hosting a seminar?

Let us share your business Events and Successes!

We all benefit with Communication, and with over 390 businesses as members we are one of the best ways to really communicate to the Business Community.