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Alberta Pulse Growers Commission Welcomes New Commissioners

Two positions were filled as a result of the elections that took place at the Alberta Pulse Growers Commission (APG) Annual General Meeting held on January 28th, 2010. Neil Boyd from Fairview was elected as a commissioner-at-large (non-bean grower) and Jack Van Tryp from Burdett was re-elected as a commissioner-at-large (bean grower). Each of these positions is a one-year term.

With a full complement of commissioners, the APG Board then conducted their re-organizational meeting and elected a new chair and vice-chair. Gerry Good from Carstairs was elected to the position of chair, while Harold Haugen from Lougheed has assumed the role of vice-chair. The out-going chair, Rick Mueller, will continue to provide input into the commission with his role as past-chair.

Neil Boyd

The Boyd family farm has roots back to 1913 when Neil's grandfather first homesteaded in the community of Vanrena, southwest of Fairview. The farm has grown to 2600 acres with the 4th generation now involved. Neil is committed to utilizing pulses in the crop rotation and currently seeds about half of the crop acres to a pulse crop each year. Neil's passion for environmental issues was one of the many reasons that he decided to become more involved with APG. In 2004, the Boyds received Alberta Conservation Farm Family honours. Neil has served as chairman of the Fairview Applied Research Association (FARA) and of the North Peace Forage Association (NPFA). He has also been involved with Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (AESAs) in their Alberta Soil Quality Benchmark Program, and was on the AESA Funding Committee for the Peace area.

Jack Van Tryp

Jack Van Tryp farms about 3800 acres of land in the Burdett area, along with his two brothers. 3200 of those acres are irrigated, and are used to produce a number of crops including dry beans, durum, sugar beets, seed canola and spring wheat. The dryland acres are typically sown to wheat or peas. Jack was involved on the Risk Management committee with APG during his first term as a commissioner-at-large. He brings several years of experience from the Sugar Beet Marketing Board to the APG commission and sees production research and market development as equal and integral parts of industry growth.

The current Alberta Pulse Growers Commission is comprised of:

Gerry Good – Cairstairs	Richard Krikke – Neerlandia
Harold Haugen – Lougheed	Linda Schmidt – Manning
Rick Mueller - Barrhead	Nick Sekulic – Rycroft
Barry Grabo – Strathmore	Gord Tuck – Vegreville
Casey Koomen – Taber	Neil Boyd – Fairview
Koos Wysbeek – Lethbridge	Jack Van Tryp - Burdett

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The Alberta Pulse Growers (APG) is a farmer-owned organization, representing 4,700 members who grow peas, beans, chickpeas, lentils, and faba beans. Our vision is to “Have Alberta pulses recognized by consumers as environmentally friendly, healthy, nutritional, and recognized by all producers as being an essential element in a sustainable cropping system.”

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