



The Environmental Farm Plan Program Announces the Addition of Planning Advisors to BC

The Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Program, ARDCorp and the BC Ministry of Agriculture are pleased to announce the successful addition of seven (7) trained and recognized Planning Advisors (PA's) December 2010.

The EFP Program contracts PA's to assist BC producers through an assessment of their farming operations' activities from the perspective of potential environmental risks. A planning work book has been developed specifically for this program, designed to guide producers to review various components of their operation. Based on the answers, the work book clearly identifies which areas could benefit from improvements to reduce any environmental risk, or potential thereof. It also provides opportunity to educate producers on current government legislation around environmental issues.

Planning Advisors are located throughout British Columbia. A need was identified to complement the existing, hard working Planning Advisors to better assist producers through the program. A training program was held in this past fall. All 7 completed the course requirements and are now recognized PA's with the EFP Program.



Current Planning Advisors (and the general area they work) include:

David Tattam (Vancouver Island)
 Amandeep Bal (Fraser Valley)
 Bruce McTavish (Fraser Valley)
 Carolyn Teasdale (Fraser Valley)
 Darrell Zbeetnoff (Fraser Valley)
 Dave Melnychuk (Fraser Valley)
 Heather Meberg (Fraser Valley)
 Susan Van der Ende (Fraser Valley)
 Clay Campbell (Okanagan-Similkameen)
 Joe Lariviere (Okanagan-Similkameen)

Judy Madden (Peace River)
 Cathy Mumford (Cariboo)
 George Powell (Cariboo)
 Don Russell (Bulkley-Nechako)
 Megan D'Arcy (Bulkley-Nechako)
 Laura Grafton (Fraser-Fort George)
 Dave Zehnder (East Kootenay)
 Duane Holder (Central Kootenay)
 Erika Davidson (North Okanagan)
 King Campbell (Central Okanagan)
 Peter Spencer (Central Okanagan)

The Canada – British Columbia Environmental Farm Plan and Beneficial Management Practices Programs are a joint program funded through Growing Forward, a federal-provincial-territorial agreement. Producers are welcome to contact ARDCorp directly or one of the recognized Planning Advisors if they require assistance with their EFP or they have a project they would like to discuss. For more information on ARDCorp, the Environmental Farm Plan Program or the contact information for the Planning Advisor in your area, please visit the website at www.bcefp.ca, or call 1-866-522-3447.

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