

Year In Review

3rd Annual

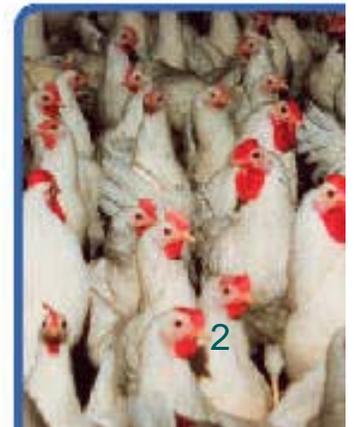
Agri-Environmental Forum

March 15, 2011

Executive Royal Inn – Leduc/Nisku

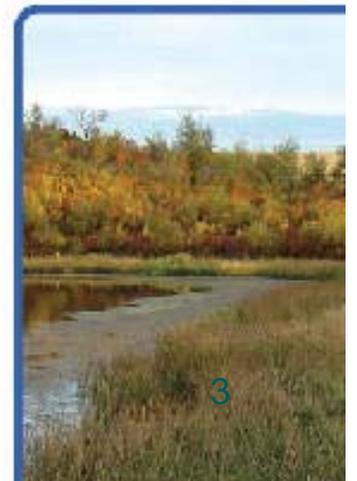
AEPA Goals

1. Healthy ag landscapes that maintain or increase both their ag productivity & ecological integrity.
2. Safe & secure water supply for ag production.
3. Optimal ag producer use of technology & nutrients, by adding value, saving costs & minimizing negative impacts on air, land & water.



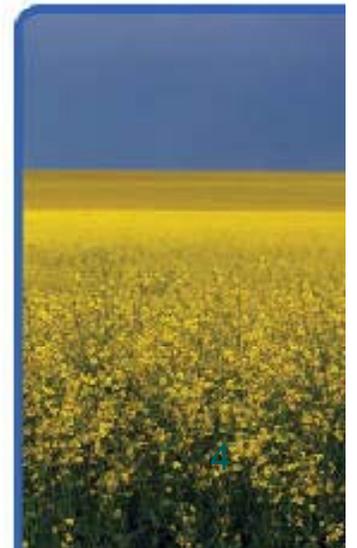
AEPA Goals

4. Energy efficient farming systems, reduced greenhouse gas emissions & maximized profitability & productivity.
5. Recognition that Alberta's ag producers are environmental stewards.
6. Partners have an impact on policy direction; improved relationships between partner members & key stakeholders.



Strategic Priorities

1. Ag industry is a credible partner & engaged in land-use decision making processes & is able to be responsive to critical short term policy priorities.
2. Provide input to a policy environment that will help the ag industry achieve environmental outcomes through innovation & new business models.
3. AEPA will engage & build capacity with its industry partners so that the ag industry is a credible partner in agri-environmental policy decisions.



Board Members & Reps

Livestock Industry

- Pork – Will Kingma
- Poultry – John Richter/Martin Van Diemen
- Beef – Rich Smith/Bryan Walton
- Dairy – Lorrie Jespersen/Allan Child
- Diversified Livestock – Glenda Elkow/Diana O'Hara

Crop Industry

- Pulse – Neil Boyd/Sheri Strydhorst
- Canola – Terry Young/Ward Toma
- Barley – Bernie Klammer/John Wozniak
- Winter Wheat – Wayne Tuck/Rick Istead
- Oat, Rye, and Triticale – Tom Jackson
- Industry Co-chair – Jack Swainson



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Environmental Non-Government Organization

- Ducks Unlimited Canada – Kim Schmitt

Alberta Assn. of Municipal Districts & Counties

- Soren Odegard/Pat Gordeyko

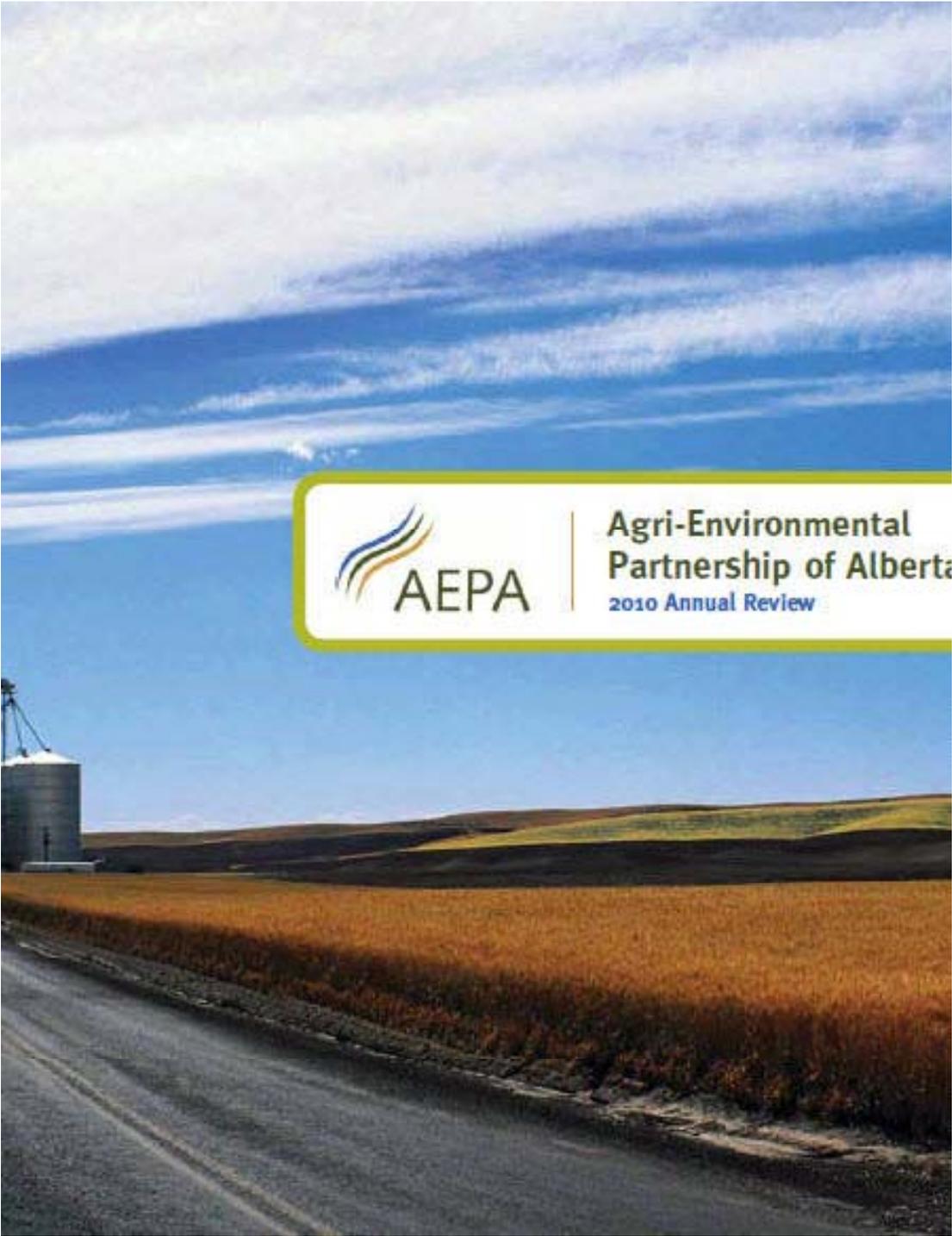
Provincial Government

- Environment - Ernie Hui/Rick Ostertag
- Agriculture & Rural Development – Colin Jeffares/
Brenda Brindle (Gov't Co-chair)

Liaison Members

- Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada – Rodney Dlugos/
Terry Dash

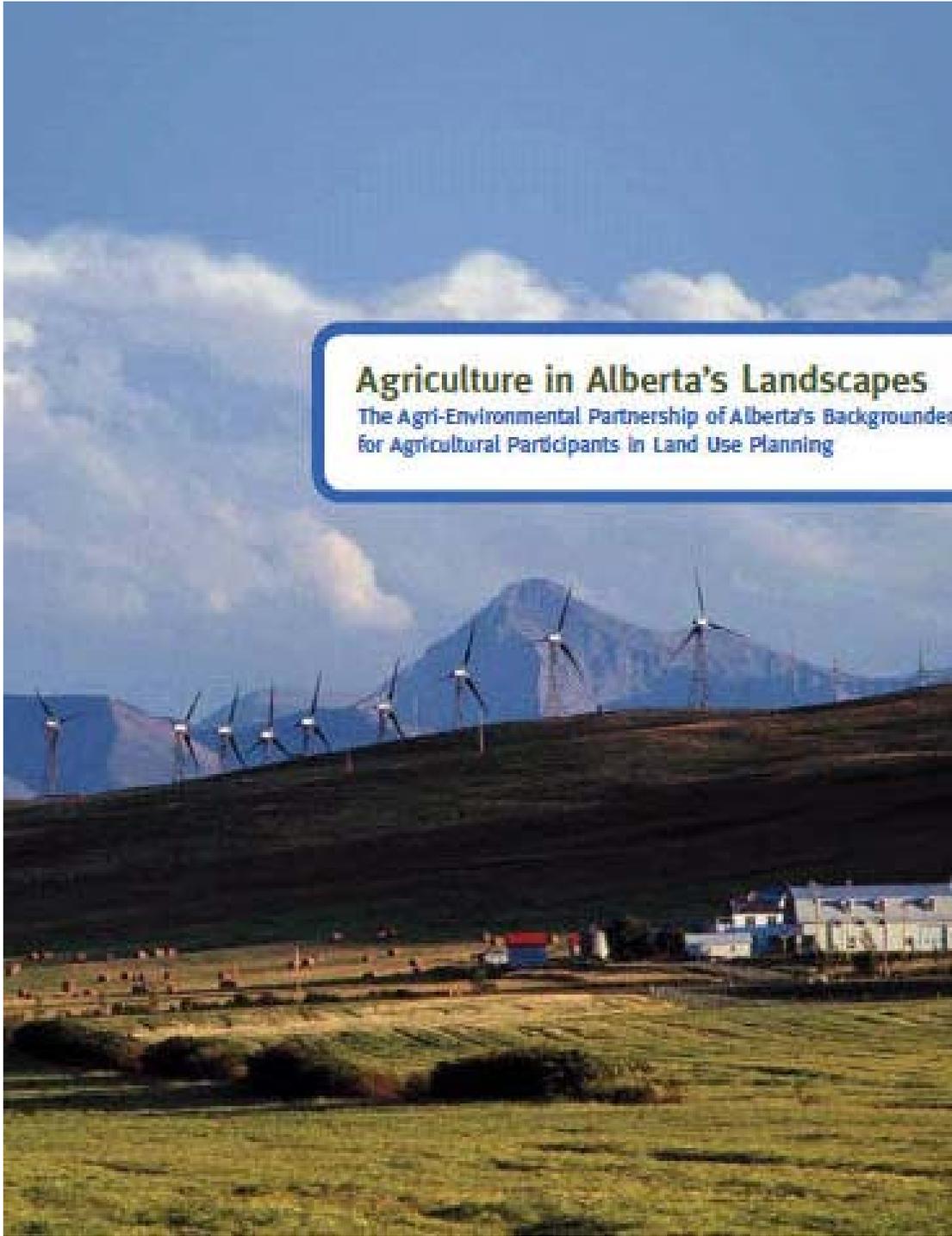




Strategic Priority 1: Land-use & Policy Priorities

- **AEPA Fall Water Workshop:** November
 - 74 attendees learned about water policy issues related to LUF& other processes.
 - Presentations identified issues for ag such as water quality thresholds, water allocation, & Alberta's draft wetland policy.
- **LUF Awareness:**
 - 4 articles developed for producers: importance of LUF to ag, & why they should participate in consultations.
 - LUF backgrounder.....





Agriculture in Alberta's Landscapes

The Agri-Environmental Partnership of Alberta's Backgrounder
for Agricultural Participants in Land Use Planning

Strategic Priority 2: Innovation & New Business Models

- **Increased Understanding:**
 - Business Risk Management (BRM) Project Team's investigations & discussions enhanced understanding about important concerns & varied perspectives related to linking environmental outcomes to BRM programs.
- **Towards Continuous Improvement:**
 - Feedback on team members' learnings will help improve AEPA future processes.



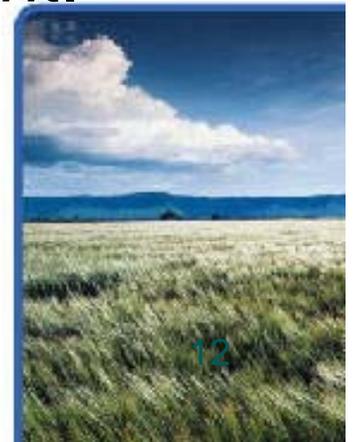
Strategic Priority 3: Engagement & Capacity Building

- **Agri-Environmental Forum: Annual 'AgForum'**
 - March 2010: focus to increase understanding of potential LUF impacts on ag.
- **Consultation on Draft Wetland Policy:**
 - AEPA reps provided input on Alberta Environment's draft wetland policy at two consultation sessions.
- **Information Sharing:**
 - Forum on agri-environmental policy issues; presentations by various organization
 - Partners share initiatives & learnings..



Financial Review

- \$300,000 approved by Alberta Livestock & Meat Agency (ALMA) to Alberta Milk (holds AEPA account).
- \$100,000 per year for 3 years (2009/2010 to 2011/2012).
- Secretariat manpower & expenses contributed by Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development.
- Member organizations provide in-kind contributions.



Going Forward

- Continue building ag's awareness & understanding of agri-environmental issues to ensure ag sector continues to have a credible voice in planning & development of agri-environmental policy;
 - LUF related policies & strategies
 - Water issues
- Planning for our future (past 2012).



Special Thank You

- **Former Board Members:**
 - Jurgen Preugschas (Industry Co-chair, Alberta Pork)
 - Bob Barss (Alberta Assn. of Municipal Districts & Counties)
 - Janet McLean (Alberta Environment)
 - Jody Klassen (Alberta Canola Commission)
- **Industry Support:**
 - Ron Axelson (Intensive Livestock Working Group)
 - Sharon McKinnon (Crop Sector Working Group)



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Welcome

The Agri-Environmental Partnership of Alberta (AEPA) is an inclusive partnership of the agricultural industry, government and public stakeholders. This diverse group provides a unique forum for developing balanced policies and programs to encourage a vibrant, profitable agricultural industry and a healthy, sustainable environment.

Vision

Alberta's agriculture industry is profitable, thriving, accountable and recognized for its pro-active, responsible environmental stewardship.

Mission

Facilitate a robust dialogue to reach consensus on policy directions that are balanced and fair, and will impact both agriculture

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