

ALBERTA PULSE GROWERS NOW A MEMBER OF SOY CANADA

The Alberta Pulse Growers Commission (APG) recently became a member of Soy Canada to reflect the increased interest Alberta producers have in growing soybeans.

“APG has been observing on the sideline the development and evolution of Soy Canada,” explained APG Chair D’Arcy Hilgartner. “As our growers begin to see the opportunity that new genetics provides in their area for soybean production, we want to be on top of the industry challenges and opportunities. Soy Canada will take care of the greater issues around market access, market development and is a policy voice for the soybean industry. We look forward to participating as a member of the organization.”

Soy Canada is the national association uniting all groups driving the Canadian soybean industry, from farm to marketplace.

“Committed plant science companies and innovative producers have been key partners as Canadian soybean

production has expanded from one to eight provinces in a single generation,” said Ron Davidson, Executive Director of Soy Canada. “Soy Canada is very pleased to welcome Alberta Pulse Growers and its members as important new and valued participants in the national voice of this country’s soybean sector.”

Soybeans are expected to be planted on 6.5 million acres in Canada this year with acreage in Alberta increasing to 21,000 acres. Canadian farmers are on track to reach the industry target of 10 million acres by 2027, Soy Canada said in a recent Tweet.

“There is such potential for soybeans and we are looking for options in our rotations in Alberta,” said John Kowalchuk, APG Director-at-Large (Non-Bean). “As a soybean grower, I am pleased to see that APG is now a member of Soy Canada and part of the national soybean value chain.”

Soybeans are included under APG’s purview and, therefore, levy collected when soybeans are sold to Alberta

dealers goes to APG. The organization then uses the levy to support agronomy, research, extension, marketing and other activities to benefit soybean growers as it does for the growers of peas, beans, faba beans, lentils and chickpeas.

Current soybean research projects supported by APG include work on identifying promising genotypes and optimizing seeding density, nitrogen fixation and irrigation for cost-effective soybean production in Alberta.

To learn more about growing soybeans in Alberta, visit www.albertapulse.com/growing-soybeans. For more information on Soy Canada, please visit www.soycanada.ca.

