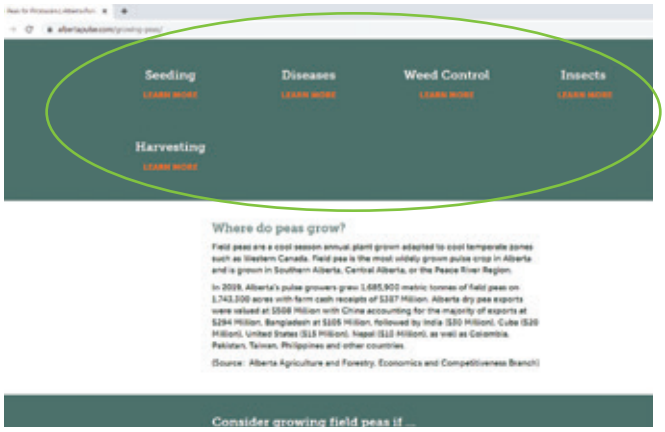
UPDATED GROWING PULSES SECTION ON APG WEBSITE AIMS TO BE ONE-STOP SHOP FOR FARMERS

Farmers may have noticed that the information they found on the Alberta Pulse Growers' website this growing season was more detailed and current than ever before.

This is the result of a major undertaking last spring dedicated to making the APG website a one-stop shop for farmers to find the most relevant growing information organized by pulse type and growing stage.

"This huge project began before we knew that the extension of knowledge to producers through live events would be severely limited this year due to COVID-19," said APG Chair Don Shepert. "Fortunately, the improved Growing Section of the website was available to help fill the gap created by cancelled crop walks in addition to fulfilling its original purpose of serving as an information hub for Alberta pulse growers."

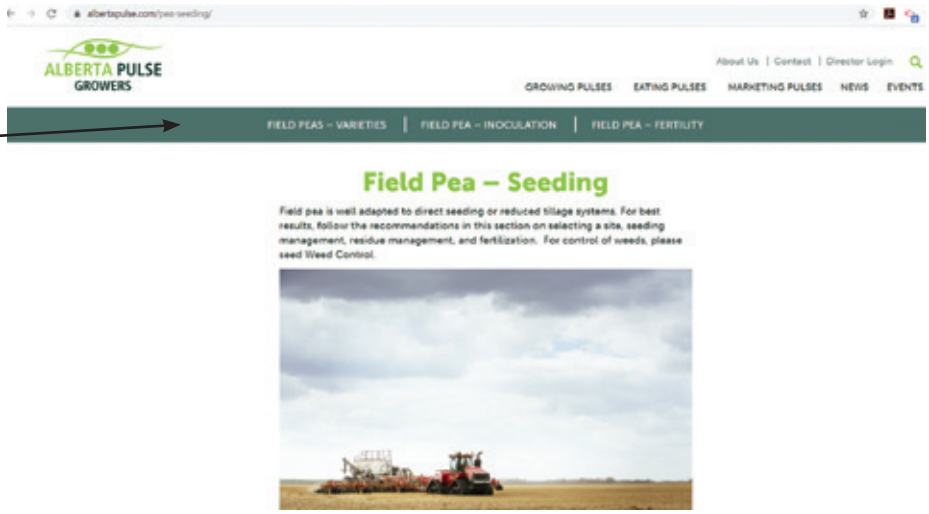
Growers can access the new information at www.albertapulse.com by clicking the tab for **Growing Pulses**. They can scroll down to the photos of crop types to choose **Field Peas, Lentils, Dry Beans, Chickpeas, Faba Beans** or **Soybeans**. Peppered throughout the sections are links to new resources, such as videos.



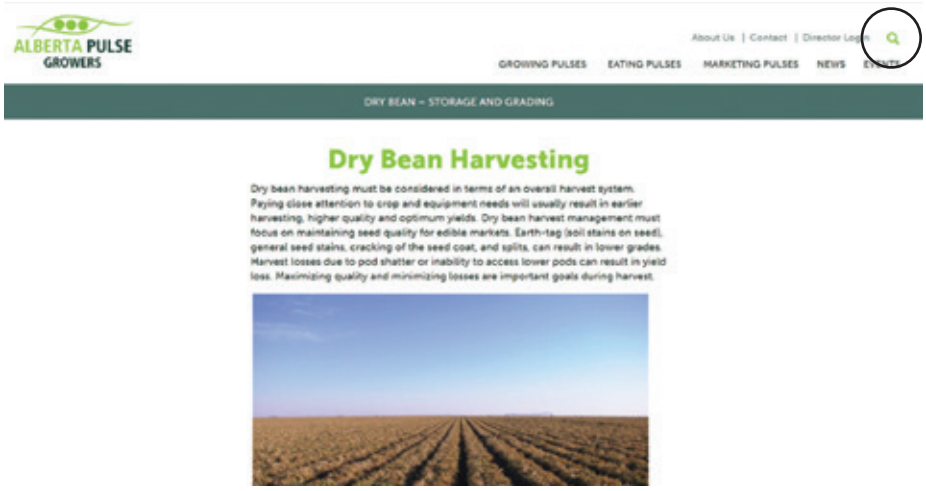
Once in the **Field Peas** section, users can scroll to see a definition of field peas, where they grow, when to consider growing field peas, a description of peas, diagrams of leaf structures and reproductive nodes, pea pods and seeds. A chart then details adaptation characteristics. The pea overview concludes with stages of development, resources and history.

If you scroll back up the page to just under the two photos below **What are field peas**, there is an opportunity to select a section devoted to **Seeding, Diseases, Weed Control, Insects** and **Harvesting.**

After clicking on the **Seeding** section, farmers can choose to look at **Varieties, Inoculation** or **Fertility** by making a selection from the green bar across the top of the page. Alternatively, by scrolling down on the main Seeding page for peas, a chart will offer tips for selecting a site, seeding recommendations, seed quality testing and evaluation, residue management, land rolling, resources and links. These links include information on agricultural labs and a link to Alberta Agriculture's Seeding Rate Calculator for peas, pulses and other large seeds.



The information available for Lentils, Dry Beans, Chickpeas, Faba Beans or Soybeans is organized in a similar way to help growers find information quickly and easily. For people who are in a rush to find a particular piece of data, a word search is available by clicking the magnifying glass icon at the top right-hand side of any page.



All of the new growing information complements the existing information available by clicking on the green bar across the top of the main Growing Pulses page. These buttons will link users to information about **Growing Zones, Selling & Buying, Research, Regional Variety Trials** and **SR&ED Tax Credit.**

This extensive overhaul of the Growing Pulses section includes information from reliable sources around the world, and will be updated as needed to ensure that growers have access to the best and most current information when they need it. The best way to learn when new information is available for growers or to be notified of relevant information at key points during the growing season is to sign up for the APG app through https://albertapulse.com/2019/08/links-to-download-the-apg-app/.