ZONE UPDATES

The zone updates below were supplied by the chair for each zone. If there is any information that you think would be valuable to producers as part of these reports, please email *rpeterson@albertapulse.com*.

ZONE 1 ADVISORS:

David Pepneck, Chair

Will Muller, Vice-Chair

Thomas Lievaart

Cory Nelson

Brad Proud

Greg Stamp

Shane Keijzer

Ryan Mercer

The growing season of 2022 was very unique for each grower. As I think back, I remember talking to neighbours and having significantly different amounts of rain during the same storms. Hail came in patches and damaged extensive acres. The final result will be very different for each localized area. But once the harvest is finished, we will get to discuss and catch up with friends at our fall zone meeting. Also, please consider joining the team and becoming an advisor.

–David Pepneck

ZONE 2 ADVISORS:

Peter Hoff, Chair

Curtis Hoffmann, Vice-Chair

Allison Ammeter

Kevin Auch

Gerry Good

Barry Grabo

John Kowalchuk

Landon Sell

Zone 2 captures a large and diverse part of the Alberta pulse growing area. Conditions in the south (Carmangay) and east (Oyen) remain dry with limited July rains. As of mid-August harvest has begun or will begin soon. Although an improvement over last year, yields will be variable depending on if scattered showers found your farm. Crops in the west (Sylvan Lake) and north (Lacombe) received abundant (too much in places) moisture and harvest is not expected to start until September. Yields there will be good if frost and rain don't spoil quality. August heat will help the cause. Central (Three Hills) portions received sufficient rain and yields will return to normal with harvest starting in the next week or so.

APG is venturing into a new Zone 2 AGM format with a supper and information session during Agri-Trade this fall. It should be an exciting time to learn more about who APG is and what they do while enjoying a tasty meal. Stay tuned for more information.

As always, we are looking for new advisors and directors from the zone. If you grow pulses, consider joining to help keep pulses profitable on Alberta farms.

–Peter Hoff

ZONE 3 ADVISORS:

Shane Strydhorst, Chair

Brendin Serna, Vice-Chair

Chris Allam

Lucas Bell

Dawna Nanninga

Zach Olthuis

Dan Visser

Magnus von Rennenkampff

Summer 2022 seems to have gone by very quickly, and at the time of this writing, we are in the middle of a long hot spell. Crops across Zone 3 generally look very good, particularly faba beans, and this hot weather will help speed maturity after slower development early in the growing season. Harvest operations of the most expensive crop ever grown will soon be underway.

Lakeland College and GRO hosted several pulse plot tours in Zone 3 in July and August where attendees could walk through and see faba bean and pea RVTs, lupin variety trials, and various intercropping demonstrations. These events provided a chance for farmers to engage in informative conversations about some of the challenges and opportunities with growing pulse crops, and the work that APG is supporting to overcome these challenges and promote the opportunities.

I'd like to encourage all producers to attend our fall Engagement Meeting on November 15 in Fort Saskatchewan to learn more about APG, and consider being a zone advisor. It is a wonderful learning opportunity and a great way to get involved in shaping agriculture in Alberta.

–Shane Strydhorst

ZONE 4 ADVISORS:

Martine Piebiak, Chair

Peter Konstapel, Vice-Chair

Jerome Isaac

Ernie Peters

Caroline Sekulic

Beverley Wieben

In the north part of the zone, pea harvest might begin the last week of August, with above average yields predicted. In the Spirit River area the early planted peas are desiccated already, with more desiccation soon and harvest will begin shortly. Across the southern part of the zone, good to average yields are anticipated, best looking pea crop in the last four years for some. One director was able to attend the PCBFA tour and liked the looks of the variety "Profit" in the plots. We are looking for a few more advisors in our zone and you can learn more about Alberta Pulse Growers at our in-person meetings this November in Falher and La Crete.

–Martine Piebiak

ZONE 5 ADVISORS:

Michael Bury, Chair

Zolton Yaremie, Vice-Chair

Harold Haugen

Tom Jackson

Matthew Micklich

Robert Semeniuk

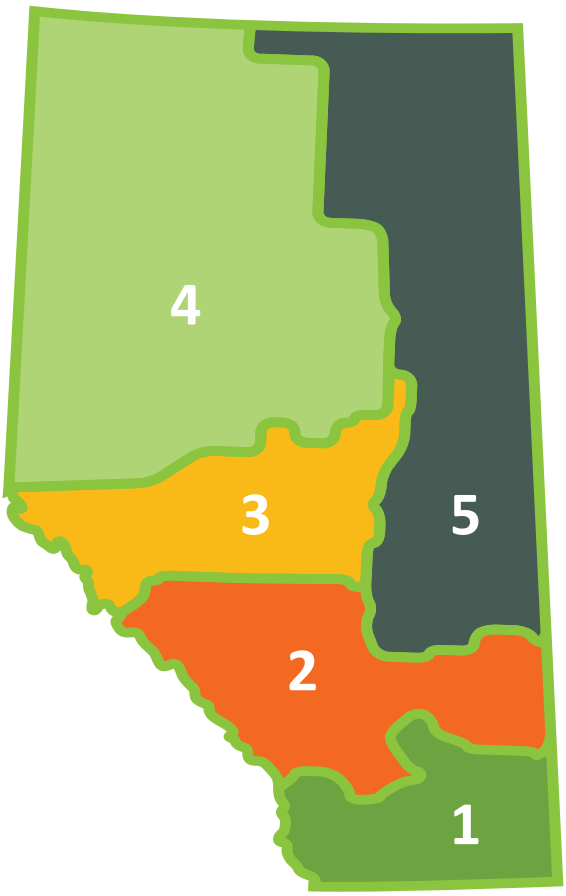
Don Shepert

What a difference a year makes! Cool spring and timely rain for most has Zone 5 pulse producers on the verge of average to above average crops. Not to say that there are no problems! Aphanomyces in areas is back and again devastating pea crops! This is still the largest obstacle to larger pea production in the zone, and pea growers are getting frustrated as longer rotations are having limited success.

Alberta Pulse Growers and Lakeland College are handling all the zone pulse trials as the board of directors suggested.

Hopefully everyone has a great harvest and prepare to come to Camrose this November for the Zone 5 fall lunch meeting!
There will be openings for advisory positions and a director election, so bring your neighbour and see you there!

–Michael Bury



ZONE MEETING DATES

November 10 – Zone 2
Dinner and AGM in Red Deer

November 15 – Zone 3
Dinner and AGM in Fort Saskatchewan

November 16 – Zone 5
Lunch and AGM in Camrose

November 22 – Zone 4
Dinner in Falher

November 23 – Zone 4
Dinner in La Crete

November 28 – Zone 4
Virtual AGM

December 5 –
Province-wide APG Webinar

December 5 –
Zone 1 AGM in Taber

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