



# 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 [rpeter@albertapulse.com](mailto:rpeter@albertapulse.com).

## ZONE 1 ADVISORS:

- Jenny Rae Seward, Chair
- Will Muller, Vice-Chair
- David Pepneck
- Greg Stamp
- Shane Keijzer
- John Kolk
- Ryan Mercer
- Clayton Schmitt



Growers were at the time of writing preparing to seed into seedbed moisture that has “a start.” Many irrigation producers were feeling the angst of being cut back to half of average water allocation for the 2024 season. Cropping plans have changed somewhat due to the drier conditions and water shortages.

In Zone 1: Green lentils are seeing a large acreage increase, dry bean acres will be up somewhat, and yellow pea acres continue to decrease due to cost of production and *Aphanomyces* concerns. Some peas and lentils will be seeded on irrigated land due to water cutbacks. Growers in the region will continue to send soil and root samples to AAFC Lethbridge’s Syama Chatterton’s lab to help with her extensive research program dealing with *Aphanomyces*.

Zone 1 is currently working on putting together a tour date in mid-late July, to look at some Dry Bean developments as well as strip tillage in beans. Please stay tuned and in contact with your Zone 1 members for updates!

- Jenny Rae Seward

## ZONE 2 ADVISORS:

- Allison Ammeter, Chair
- Curtis Hoffmann, Vice-Chair
- Kevin Auch
- Gerry Good
- Peter Hoff
- Bill MacFarquhar
- Joe Rowbottom
- Landon Sell
- Kelly Wheeler



As we are looking forward to the 2024 crop year, the biggest concerns across the province are moisture levels and the effects of the last two years of drought. Due to the fact peas and lentils are drought tolerant crops, seeding intentions appear to be favouring an increase in pulse acres in our zone.

*Aphanomyces* damages have been mostly absent due to drought, but research into mitigation or solutions continues, with the support of our advisors sending in soil and plant samples to the Ag Canada research station. Anyone wishing to participate, please contact APG or one of your zone advisors for more information.

A summer tour is being planned for the zone, details to be announced when more fully developed.

It’s great to see pulses being grown throughout Alberta, with our zone growing the highest percentage of peas. Tell your neighbours about all the advantages of soil health, bonus nitrogen, minimum water needs, and decent commodity prices!

- Allison Ammeter

### ZONE 3 ADVISORS:

Dawna Nanninga, Chair  
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Chris Allam  
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Dan Visser  
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Farmers in Zone 3 are anticipating an early start to the 2024 seeding season. There was not a lot of winter moisture throughout the region, however we are confident that there is still adequate subsoil moisture to give us a good start this spring. Word has it, there are more pulse acres going in this year due to the success of pulses last year and more market options.

Zone 3 is again planning to host a crop tour in collaboration with Gateway Research Organization (GRO) and Alberta Canola. The tentative date is July 29, 2024. Please contact your local zone advisor for more details.

- Dawna Nanninga

### ZONE 4 ADVISORS:

Beverley Wieben, Chair  
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5 vacancies



There was very little snow for Zone 4 this past winter. We're still hoping Mother Nature will bless us with moisture for the upcoming year! The gusty winds and lack of rain this spring is extending the drought conditions in the Peace country. At the time of writing this my area has had four fires, which is a reminder to be prepared on each of our farms.

We are hearing no increases of pea acres for Zone 4, though the price is looking attractive again. We still need to find out a solution for root rot complex and *Aphanomyces* to get farmers motivated to increase their acres. I know that this is a priority for APG and research is underway.

For those of you that may not be aware, APG has an app so be sure to download it to your phone. Another item for your toolbox is to complete Farmers Care 1-4 with AgSafe for you, your workers, and family, which is all available online. Wishing everyone a safe seeding this spring.

- Beverley Wieben



## ZONE 5 ADVISORS:

Michael Bury, Chair

Matthew Micklich,

Vice-Chair

Harold Haugen

Tom Jackson

Scott Keller

Dane Lindholm

Robert Semeniuk

Don Shepert

Zolton Yaremie



As Zone 5 pulse growers optimistically prepare for the 2024 growing season, drier conditions are on everyone’s minds. It’s early and timely rains can still produce above average crops.

Again this year, if Zone 5 growers suspect that their pulse crop is suffering from *Aphanomyces* infection in their fields, the zone is offering to pay for the test to determine if it is indeed *Aphanomyces* infection or *Fusarium* infection as they visually look similar. Email [office@albertapulse.com](mailto:office@albertapulse.com) for more information.

Advisors to Zone 5 are again allotted \$500 to promote a pulse event in their area. If you’re planning on holding a pulse event, reach out to a zone advisor or email the office for more information.

The 2024 Zone 5 Pulse Lakeland College bursary was awarded to Luke Johnson, a second year Crop Technology student from Rimbey, AB. Congratulations Luke!

Hopefully, pulse growers have a great growing season, along with taking some time this summer to attend a pulse field event!

- Michael Bury



## ZONE 5 PULSE LAKELAND COLLEGE BURSARY WINNER

Zone 5 Vice-Chair Matt Micklich presented the 2024 Zone 5 Pulse Lakeland College bursary to Luke Johnson, a second year Crop Technology student from Rimbey, AB.