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The 2024 Zone 5 growing season was similar to 2023 with a cool spring, then dry and smoky for the rest of it. The growing conditions earlier on were quite good until the few really hot and windy days in July took away the big crop, with most just hoping for an average crop.

In July, Lakeland College held the Alberta Pulse plot tour along with Alberta Grains. It was an informative day and more producers should take the time and come out. Again this year, Zone 5 APG Director Scott Keller organized a faba bean tour along with Advisor Dane Lindholm in New Norway.

Harvest is a good time to assess the problem areas in your pulse fields. If you suspect that you may have *Aphanomyces* in your field, call your agronomist and have it checked. Zone 5 is helping with the testing costs. Call the APG office for information.

I'm hoping everyone has a safe harvest and looking forward to seeing everyone at the Zone 5 fall meeting in Camrose on November 6.

- Michael Bury

APG Seeks Advisors in All Zones to Grow Pulse Industry

Pulse producers who want to grow the province's pulse industry while developing their own leadership skills are invited to let their names stand for election as an Alberta Pulse Growers (APG) advisor at their zone meeting this fall.

"Any interested pulse farmers are strongly encouraged to join the APG team," said APG Chair Shane Strydhorst. "I began as an advisor like most APG directors, and it has been a very rewarding experience. Becoming an advisor is a great way to get more involved in the industry. Each of our five zones has available positions and it's a good introduction to the organization, working on committees, and making things happen for Alberta pulse farmers."

A team of advisors leads extension activities specific to each of APG's five zones. Directors on APG's

provincial board often serve as advisors first.

Available positions in each zone are: Five in Zone 1; two in Zone 2; three in Zone 3; seven in Zone 4; and two in Zone 5.

Producers must have sold pulses and paid service charges since August 1, 2022 in order to be eligible as an advisor. Anyone interested in letting their name stand for an advisor position is asked to complete and submit a nomination form by Nov. 4, 2024. Each candidate must be endorsed by another pulse producer from their zone. The form is available on the homepage at www.albertapulse.com.

Dates for the fall zone meetings are on the outside back cover of this issue of *Pulse Crop News*.



APG directors and advisors had the opportunity to examine root rot samples at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Lethbridge lab in March 2024.