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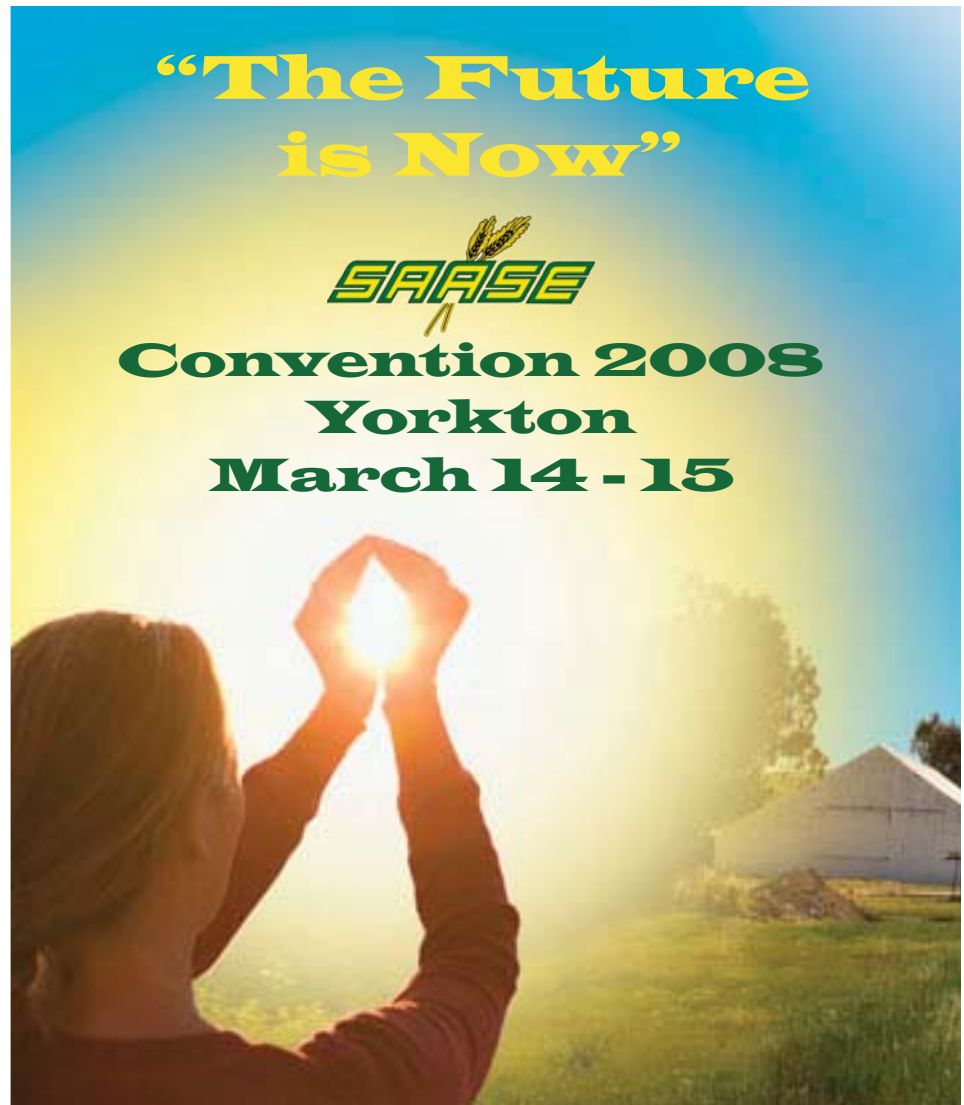
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The Future is Now at the SAASE Convention

We are just a couple of weeks away from the SAASE Annual Convention in Yorkton, and it looks like everything is falling into place. You still have time to register for the convention, but please get it in as soon as possible. Hotel rooms are at a real premium in Yorkton so if you require a room and are unable to get one please give Glen a call at the SAASE office.

This year's great Convention offer is a follow up on the Consumer Protection Program that was run last year, each Ag. Society that registers this year will receive 2 hand sanitizing dispensers, as well as 2 cases of hand sanitizing product to make sure that you have enough on hand for your event. Hannah Service - Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Fairs

President's Message: Donna Sagin

Is it just me or does winter seem to be dragging a bit? I hope that everyone has had a very safe and warm winter to this point, but I think that we are all ready for spring. There is no better way to get ready than to attend the SAASE Annual Convention that is happening in Yorkton on March 14 and 15. As the convention theme says the future is now and I hope everyone can make it this year.

This year's convention features some great workshops. All aspects of security are becoming more and more important at the events that we run. Dave Young from Prince Albert has put together a great 2-part workshop on security at our events. The workshop will cover everything from getting our events licensed for liquor, liability issues, underage drinking, right up to how we can make sure that our events are safe for everyone. For those Ag. Societies that have not incorporated themselves as nonprofits there will be a workshop put on by a representative from corporations branch going over what you need to do.

Dave White from Synergy Solutions will be talking to us about the infrastructure proposal that has been put together and is going forward to government. Information that we received through the surveys that were sent out this year, information from the Impact Study that was done a few years ago, as well as current economic information from the province was used in the preparation of the report.

Other workshops include Monique Pulvermacher from Carlton Trail Ag. Society talking about the unique ways that they have been able to get youth involved in not only the ag. society, but also the community, and Neil Keefe from Weyburn discussing the challenges that the Weyburn Ag. Society has faced with raising money to rebuild their grandstand.

There will be a report on happenings with the Clark Lewis Scholarship, as well as a report on the Manual for Agricultural Societies that has recently been updated and will be made available to the Ag. Societies.

This year's great convention deal has to do with the Consumer Protection Program. As an extension of the workshop that was run last year, each Ag. Society that registers for the convention will receive two hand sanitizing dispensers and two cases of product. Hannah Service from CAFE will be discussing the program as well as what else is available on the Friday night of the convention.

On Friday there is a great lineup of things to do, as Yorkton has a full evening of entertainment planned. Anyone wishing to go to the Painted Hand Casino on Friday night will also have the opportunity. I hope everyone brings a Silent Auction item, as well as your wallet, as proceeds from the auction and the 50/50 draws go to the Clark Lewis Scholarship.

We have a great Awards Luncheon planned with a number of presentations to be made. The Honourable Bob Bjonnerud - Minister of Agriculture will be on hand to help us out with the presentations. Finally we will finish off the convention with the SAASE Annual meeting. Hotel rooms are at a premium, and if you have not been able to get a room please contact Glen at the office and he will see what he can do. Hope to see you all there at this year's convention. Remember the Future is Now!

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and Exhibitions (CAFE) - will be giving an overview on Friday night of the Consumer Protection Program and all the support materials that are available to our Ag. Societies. You will also receive signage that you can use to make sure that the public knows that they should be using the hand sanitizers. Make sure that you attend this year's convention for this great deal.

The Yorkton Exhibition has some great plans for the Friday night. The host evening will showcase some excellent local entertainment. Samara Yung will be singing for us, and also Dick Warkenton from DJ and Friends will also be entertaining us. Friday night will also include tours of the Gallagher Centre for those who want one. The "It's a Pizza" display will be set up. It has not been showcased for a number of years. It has been newly renovated and this will give Ag. Societies an opportunity to take a look at the display set up, as well as see the teachers support materials and colouring books. What is the "It's a Pizza" display without a pizza buffet. We will all be treated to some pizza for supper that night. Those Ag. Societies involved in the Clean Team will be able to pick up their shirts, and the hand sanitizers and hand sanitizer product will also be available. Friday night is a full night, but come out and enjoy some information, excellent entertainment, great food and great company.

Saturday at the convention will be a very full day. Hopefully you did not enjoy Friday evening too much, because the convention breakfast gets going bright and early at 7:30 am at the Gallagher Centre. Our Silent Auction items will also be open for bidding.



Dave Young from the Prince Albert Exhibition will be heading up a panel that will be doing a presentation on security at your events. The panel is made up of an RCMP officer, city police officer, security person, as well as a representative from SLGA. The presentation will go through all the security issues that you face putting on an event from each of the different perspectives of the panel. This will be a great opportunity to get informed, as well as ask any questions that you have pertaining to your event.

Monique Pulvermacher from Bruno will be talking to us about the unique and innovative ways that the Carleton Trail Ag. Society has used to get youth involved in not only the Ag. Society, but also the community. David White, from Synergy Solutions, will be discussing the infrastructure proposal that is going forward to the provincial government.

For our Awards Luncheon the

Honourable Bob Bjornerud - Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan will be attending and presenting the SAASE awards.

After lunch Gail from Corporations Branch will take us through the application for the incorporating under the nonprofit act. Neil Keefe from Weyburn will be discussing the great things that the Weyburn Ag. Society has done to raise money to build their new grandstand. Donna Sagin - SAASE President will be talking about some exciting changes to the Clark Lewis Scholarship, and finally Glen Duck will briefly go through the updated Ag. Society Handbook. The day will end with the SAASE Annual General Meeting. Make sure that you review the SAASE bylaw changes that have been sent to you. Registration has been excellent for the convention. Remember that "The Future is Now" and we look forward to seeing everyone at this year's convention.

Consumer Protection Workshop to take place in Lloydminster April 12th

The Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (CAFE) together with SAASE and the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies will be hosting a Consumer Protection Workshop in Lloydminster on Saturday April 12th. This is an opportunity for those Ag. Societies that missed last year's workshop to attend this one and learn how to minimize the risk of E-coli contaminations at events that bring people and animals together.

The workshop will bring together fairs, exhibitions, facility managers, petting zoo operators, organizers of agri-education and agri-tourism, public health representatives

and others with an interest in minimizing the risk of E-coli contamination. You will have the opportunity to participate in interactive discussions; learn how to develop site-specific tools to evaluate facilities; develop action plans to minimize the risks associated with E-coli; and leave with a "starter kit" for enhancing consumer protection.

The workshop will be presented by internationally known specialists Dr. Stephen Neel - from Technical Solutions International (TSI), and facilitator Marla Calico - Director of Grants and Special Education for the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE).

You can register by contacting the SAASE office at 565-2121. The cost of the workshop is normally \$45 per person, but SAASE has agreed to pay for those members of SAASE interested in attending this seminar. For more information on the workshop you can visit the CAFE web site at www.canadian-fairs.ca or contact Barbara Smith, Project Manager toll free at 1-800-663-1714 or email Barb at barbara.smith@canadian-fairs.ca.

This will be the last chance for the Saskatchewan Fairs to take in the Consumer Protection Workshop, as this will be the last workshop offered in Saskatchewan. Take advantage and don't miss it.

SAASE Convention Program Friday, March 14 - Gallagher Centre

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| 6:00 pm | Registration Desk Opens (Gallagher Centre) Receive Silent Auction Items It's A Pizza Display Gallagher Centre Tours Hand Sanitizing Dispensers and Product Pickup Clean Team T-Shirt Pickup Cocktails |
| 7:00 - 7:45 pm | Business Session - Introduction of Board - Naming of Resolutions Committee - Review nomination procedure Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions Report - Hannah Service will report on CAFE, as well as the Consumer Protection Program |
| 7:45 pm | Host Pizza Night Silent Auction Opens |
| 8:30 pm | Host Social Evening - Includes Entertainment |

SAASE Convention Program

Saturday, March 15 - Gallagher Centre

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| 7:30 - 8:30 am | Breakfast (Gallagher Centre) |
| 8:30 - 9:45 am | Silent Auction Opens Security at Your Event Dave Young from the Prince Albert Exhibition will head up a panel and discuss the different aspects and challenges that are emerging with putting on an event. The panel will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dave Young - Prince Albert Exhibition- Don McRobb - Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming- Supt. Russ Merasty - RCMP North District Commanding Officer- Dan Webb - Absolute Security- Staff Sargeant Bill Chow - Prince Albert Police Service |
| 9:45 - 10:00 am | Refreshment Break |
| 10:00 - 11:00 am | Security at Your Event - continued |
| 11:00 - 11:30 am | Engaging Youth into Your Organization Monique Pulvermacher from the Carleton Trail Ag. Society will discuss the success that they have had in involving youth in community projects in Bruno |
| 11:30 - 12:00 noon | SAASE Infrastructure Proposal David White of Synergy Solutions will discuss the SAASE infrastructure proposal going forward to the provincial government. |
| 12:00 - 1:30 pm | SAASE Annual Awards Luncheon <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lunch- Introductions- Awards - the Honorable Bob Bjornerud - Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture to present Anniversary Awards/ Volunteer Awards/Honorary Life Membership Awards |
| 1:30 - 2:00 pm | Nonprofit Organization Workshop A representative from Saskatchewan Corporations Branch will take us step by step through the incorporation process. |
| 2:00 - 2:30 pm | Fundraising for a Major Capital Project Neil Keefe from the Weyburn Ag. Society will discuss the challenges and success that the Weyburn Ag. Society has had in fundraising for their new grandstand. |
| 2:30 - 3:15 pm | SAASE Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Donna Sagin will announce some changes that have been made to the Clark Lewis Scholarship- Glen Duck will go through the newly updated Ag. Societies handbook. |
| 3:15 - 3:30 pm | Refreshment Break - Silent Auction Closes |
| 3:30 pm | SAASE Annual General Meeting - Silent Auction Pickup |

Saskatoon Prairieland Park Presents Gardenscape

It's time to shake off the winter doldrums and surround yourself with the art of nature at Gardenscape – Saskatchewan's original gardening, landscaping, and outdoor living show. The Prairieland Park Trade Centre in Saskatoon will be transformed into an oasis of green from March 28 – 30. Enjoy the first hint of spring and envision all the exciting possibilities that your yard or balcony has to offer. Exhibitors to the 2008 event are encouraged to promote and feature products and services that support eco-friendly horticulture.

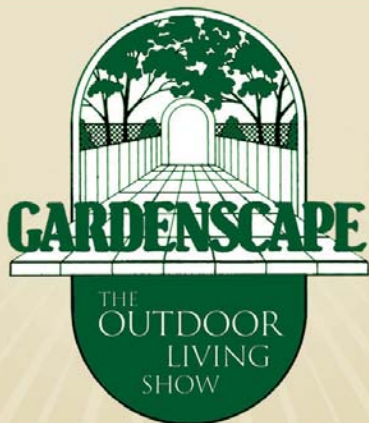
Gardenscape is for people who want to enjoy their homes from the inside out, through creative gardening and landscaping techniques, specialty furnishings, as well as learn about the latest equipment and tools for gardening. There will be feature gardens designed and built to enhance the expanded facilities at Prairieland Park – 150,000 square feet of display and exhibit space that will allow you to shop for ideas, solutions, and all your gardening and outdoor living needs under one roof!

This year's feature speaker is Canada's own garden expert – Jim Hole. Jim is everyman's gardener. He lives in Edmonton, Alberta and works nearby at his family's greenhouse and garden centre in St. Albert, where he divides his time between writing about what he does and doing what he writes about. Explaining what makes plants tick is Jim's specialty, and he does it without ever losing sight of the beauty and wonder that makes gardening enjoyable. In addition to writing bestselling books and weekly newspaper columns, Jim can be heard regularly on CBC radio. He's currently writing a new perennial book for northern gardeners to be released in 2008. Jim will be presenting two topics: Performance Plants and The Constant Gardener. Performance Plants is a roundup of Jim's favorite plants for the prairies and includes annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs roses and fruit, as well as professional growing tips. The Constant Gardener focuses on the latest trends and gardening methods that positively impact the environment. Learn about green techniques, lifestyle gardening and getting the most out of your growing space.

Jim appears courtesy of Early's Farm & Garden Centre on Friday and Saturday, March 28 & 29. This year's guest speaker is Sara Williams. Check for presentation times for Jim, Sara, and many other industry experts on the web site: www.saskatoonex.com.

While at Gardenscape, imagine the yard or garden of your dreams while relaxing in the Prairie Berry Café or Garden Bistro. Enjoy a meal, afternoon tea, or a delicious berry treat. The GardenScapes Art Show and Sale is in its tenth year, showcasing Saskatchewan artists whose works reflect a floral, garden, or landscape theme in two- and three-dimensional media.

Every admission to Gardenscape garners an entry for the \$1,000 Backyard Bucks draws. Winners redeem their prizes in merchandise from any 2008 Gardenscape exhibitor. And don't miss the Plant Auction on March 30 after the show closes – a great opportunity to get a head start on your purchases for the coming season.



MARCH 28 - 30
Prairieland Park
Saskatoon, SK



Jim Hole
 Feature Speaker
 Friday & Saturday

 Sara Williams
 Guest Speaker - Sunday



Information: Saskatoon Prairieland Park
 Phone: 306-931-7149 Toll Free: 1-888-931-9333
 Daily and Two-Day Admission Available

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- Remember to bring your Silent Auction item and checkbook. Proceeds from the Silent Auction and 50/50 draws support the Clark Lewis Scholarship.
- There will be a Household Arts judging workshop to be held in Kelvington hosted by the Kelvington Ag. Society. For anyone interested in becoming a judge in vegetables, baking and preserves or quilted/knitted this workshop is for you. If interested in the workshop please contact the SAASE office.
- The “It’s A Pizza” display is available for bookings. The display comes with a Teacher’s Guide as well as coloring books for the students who will go through it. Book it by contacting the SAASE office. Make sure that you take a look at the It’s a Pizza display when it is set up at the SAASE Convention in Yorkton.
- There will be a Consumer Protection workshop to be held in Lloydminster on Saturday April 12th. The workshop begins with 8:00 am registration and will run until 5:30. SAASE will pay the workshop fee for anyone from SAASE’s membership wishing to attend. If interested in this workshop contact Glen at the SAASE office to register.
- Thanks to all the Ag. Societies for getting the Directors Reports in. The checks will be out in the next week or so. They are a little late this year, because it took a while to get all the reports into the SAASE office from all the Ag. Societies - thanks for your patience.

Hon. Bob Bjornerud to attend Luncheon



**Honourable Bob Bjornerud
Minister of Agriculture
Government of Saskatchewan**

The Honourable Bob Bjornerud - Minister of Agriculture for the province of Saskatchewan will be attending this year’s SAASE Awards Luncheon on March 15th at the Gallagher Center in Yorkton. As well as bringing greetings from the provincial government the minister will be presenting the SAASE Honourary Life Membership, Volunteers of the Year, and Ag. Society Anniversary Certificates.



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Coming Events

March 2008

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| 1 | Battlefords Farmers Night Out | Battlefords |
| 2 | SBRA Barrel Racing | Melville |
| 9-11 | Pride of the Prairies Bull Sale | Lloydminster |
| 14 | Broadview Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser | Broadview |
| 14-15 | SAASE Convention | Yorkton |
| 14-16 | Step into Spring Home and Leisure Show | Swift Current |
| 15 | Moose Jaw Cycle Assoc. Trade Show | Moose Jaw |
| 16 | SBRA Barrel Racing | Melville |
| 18 | Weyburn Crop Farm Update | Weyburn |
| 21-23 | Prince Albert Outdoor Expo Trade Show | Prince Albert |
| 22 | Spiritwood Annual Livestock Show and Sale | Spiritwood |
| 25 | East Central Bull Sale | Yorkton |
| 27-29 | Yorkton 4 H Spring Steer and Heifer Show | Yorkton |
| 28-30 | Lloydminster Showcase 2008 | Lloydminster |
| 28-29 | Maple Creek Bull Show and Sale | Maple Creek |
| 28-30 | Moose Jaw Hometown Rodeo | Moose Jaw |
| 28-30 | Saskatoon Gardernscape | Saskatoon |
| 29-30 | Gun and Hobby Show | Swift Current |

April 2008

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| 3-5 | Agremex Farm Trade and Homeshow | Battlefords |
| 4-7 | Lloydminster Easter Light Riding Clinic | Lloydminster |
| 5 | Saltcoats Horticulture Workshop | Saltcoats |
| 10-13 | Abernethy Community Players Dinner Theatre | Abernethy |
| 11-13 | Yorkton Spring Expo | Yorkton |
| 12 | Lloydminster Rare and Exotic Spring Sale | Lloydminster |
| 17-18 | Prince Albert Ag. Education | Prince Albert |
| 19 | Prince Albert 4 H Regional Judging Clinic | Prince Albert |
| 19 | Borderscapes Horticulture Series | Lloydminster |
| 19-20 | Lloydminster 4 H Judging and Grooming | Lloydminster |
| 19-20 | Moose Jaw Focus on Trade | Moose Jaw |
| 24-25 | Enviro Forum 2008 | Swift Current |
| 24-26 | Regina A Taste of Spring | Regina IPSCO Place |
| 25-27 | Moose Jaw Spring Classic Horse Show | Moose Jaw |
| 25-26 | Saskatoon Western Canadian Livestock Expo | Saskatoon |
| 28 | Saltcoats Horticulture Workshop and Luncheon | Saltcoats |

May 2008

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| 3 | Melfort Giant Spring Flea Market | Melfort |
| 8 | Vanscoy Perennial Exchange | Vanscoy |
| 10 | Weyburn Club Calf Cruz | Weyburn |
| 18-19 | Weyburn Highschool Rodeo | Weyburn |
| 23-25 | Maple Creek Cowtown Pro Rodeo | Maple Creek |
| 23 | Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing | Yorkton |
| 24-25 | Battlefords Quarter Horse Show | Battlefords |
| 26 | St. Walburg 4 H Regional Show | St. Walburg |
| 30-1 | Prince Albert Chuckwagon Races | Prince Albert |
| 30 | Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing | Yorkton |
| 31-2 | Lloydminster 4 H Expo | Lloydminster |

June 2008

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| 1 | Prince Albert Chuckwagon Races | Prince Albert |
| 1-2 | Lloydminster 4 H Expo | Lloydminster |

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| 1 | Battlefords 4 H Regional Show and Sale | Battlefords |
| 1-2 | Prince Albert 4 H Finished Beef | Prince Albert |
| 3-4 | Kerrobert Regional 4 H Beef Show and Sale | Kerrobert |
| 6 | Battlefords Childrens Festival | Battlefords |
| 6 | Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing | Yorkton |
| 7 | Maple Creek 4 H Local Fair | Maple Creek |
| 9-10 | Spiritwood 4 H Regional Show and Sale | Spiritwood |
| 10 | Maple Creek 4 H Regional Fair | Maple Creek |
| 13 | Fairmede Ag. Society 116th Fair | Fairmede |
| 13 | Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing | Yorkton |
| 14 | Alameda Summer Fair & 4 H Regional Show | Alameda |
| 14 | Whitewood 4 H Regional Show and Sale | Whitewood |
| 14 | Bengough Agricultural Fair | Bengough |
| 16-18 | Estevan Fair | Estevan |
| 18-20 | Western Canada Farm Progress Show | Regina IPSCO Place |
| 20-22 | Moose Jaw Exhibition Hometown Fair | Moose Jaw |
| 20 | Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing | Yorkton |
| 21-22 | Arcola Fair | Arcola |
| 26-29 | Frontier Days Fair & Pro Rodeo | Swift Current |
| 27 | Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing | Yorkton |
| 28-29 | Prince Albert Centennial Light Horse Show | Prince Albert |
| 29 | Weyburn Ranch Rodeo/4 H Light Horse Show | Weyburn |

July 2008

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| 1 | Grenfell Quilt Show | Grenfell |
| 2-5 | Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair | Yorkton |
| 2-3 | Yorkton Western Canada Goat Show | Yorkton |
| 3-5 | Estevan Rodeo | Estevan |
| 4-5 | Stoughton Daze | Stoughton |
| 4 | Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing | Yorkton |
| 5 | Maple Creek Ranch Rodeo | Maple Creek |
| 6-7 | Melfort 4 H Regional Show and Sale | Melfort |
| 9-12 | Lloydminster Colonial Days Fair | Lloydminster |
| 11 | Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing | Yorkton |
| 12 | Ogema Agricultural Fair | Ogema |
| 18-20 | Melfort Agricultural Fair | Melfort |
| 18-20 | Prince Albert Sask Team Penning Finals | Prince Albert |
| 18 | Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing | Yorkton |
| 19 | Creelman Annual Agricultural Fair | Creelman |
| 19-20 | St. Walburg Annual Fair Days | St. Walburg |
| 24 | Maryfield Agricultural Fair | Maryfield |
| 25 | Abernethy Agricultural Society Exhibition | Abernethy |
| 25-27 | Bruno Cherry Festival | Bruno |
| 25 | Yorkton Exhibition Harness Racing | Yorkton |
| 26 | Glenavon Annual Fair and Sports Day | Glenavon |
| 26 | Perdue Agricultural Society Summer Fair | Perdue |
| 29-2 | Prince Albert 125th Summer Fair | Prince Albert |
| 29-3 | Regina Buffalo Days Exhibition | Regina IPSCO Place |

If you have any events you would like to add to our list, please contact the SAASE office at 306-565-2121 or email gduck.saase@sasktel.net.



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