



Meeting Report Form

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Meeting:	Foresight Workshop on Climate Change, put on by Ag & Ag Food Canada
Date:	March 11 – 13, 2009
Attended by:	Norm Hall- APAS Director – District 4
1. Objective of Meeting:	To determine the actions needed to be taken to adapt to the coming climate change to maintain sustainable and competitive agriculture in Canada
2. Discussion and information relevant to APAS' objectives:	<p>What actions are needed for the gov't to change/add/remove policies/regulations/laws to allow/disallow different actions to allow agriculture to adapt to the continuing climate changes coming over the next 20+ years.</p> <p>What policies/regulations will the gov't need to do help curb the GHG emissions and therefore the carbon foot print of Canada and Canadian Agriculture.</p> <p>What will ag producers need to do to adapt to the new climate changed world and the possible food challenges that will arise from the new weather cycles.</p>
3. Recommended direction for APAS in response to this meeting:	<p>This was the first of four workshops on this subject, there will be one in June and one in August both will be in Ottawa, the final will be in November in Winnipeg. We should populate each one of these conferences if at all possible, this is very easy way to influence the thinking of the department and the direction of future policies. They are just now seeming to realize that a longer term strategy is needed for agriculture, and that a twenty year planning cycle in the minimum needed to plan for the future, especially if there is a perceived threat that needs to be averted. We need to be in attendance because there were 73 people in attendance at this conference and only five participants were there as producers.</p> <p>Attached is a list of the participants.</p>