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Good afternoon APAS members – visit [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWJ\\_9rWqmZI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWJ_9rWqmZI) to watch this week's APAS Update video.

**1. Joint letter to WGEA about grain contract fees:** On August 30 APAS and all the provincial crop associations sent a joint letter to the Western Grain Elevator Association (WGEA) asking grain companies to eliminate their administration fees for the 2021-2022 crop year. You can read our joint letter at <https://bit.ly/3yAV4G1>. On September 1 WGEA told RealAgriculture that “any attempt to coordinate how companies handle unfilled contracts could be viewed as anti-competitive” – go to <https://bit.ly/3kLT4pH> for that story.

**2. 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative:** On September 1 the provincial government started taking applications for the 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative (AgriRecovery) to provide financial support to livestock producers that have been hit hard by the drought. Visit <https://bit.ly/3jEXnUv> for more information on the program, plus online and PDF application forms.

**3. APAS grain contracts survey:** Last week APAS put together an information document about the 2021 drought's impact on grain contracts, plus we created a survey to gather feedback from producers about their experiences with grain contracts this year. Click on <https://bit.ly/3zBRYTA> for the information document and [www.surveymonkey.com/r/6W6ZJ7G](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6W6ZJ7G) to complete the survey.

**4. CFA Agriculture Leaders Debate:** The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) is hosting an Agriculture Leaders Debate on September 9 at 5:00pm CST. Marie-Claude Bibeau (Liberal), Dave Epp (Conservative), Alistair MacGregor (NDP), and Yves Perron (Bloc) will be participating in the debate. The debate questions will be focused on the environment, infrastructure, and the economy. Click on [www.rogerstv.com/CFADebate](http://www.rogerstv.com/CFADebate) next Thursday to watch the debate online.

**5. APAS updates for RM Council meetings:** Let me know if you need APAS update materials for an upcoming RM Council meeting, or if you'd like APAS staff or Directors to come discuss our projects and advocacy work.

You'll receive the next APAS Update on September 9 – just call or email if you have any questions in the meantime.

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