

[View this email in your browser](#)

FEBRUARY 2022



COMING UP

AgCHAT MWF's virtual networking space for everyone

February 28, 7-8 pm CT. - Topic: The evolution of 4-H. Hosted by Carlie Whetter, 4-H Canada Chair

4-H is one of the most respected youth development organizations in Canada, led by more than 8,500 volunteer leaders. 4-H's motto is 'Learn to do by doing' and Carlie will share how 4-H has evolved to remain relevant, and how changes in environmental circumstances created unseen opportunities. She will also speak about volunteerism in the youth development sector. Join the chat and share your own experiences and opinions. [Register here now.](#)

March 28, 7-8 pm CT. Topic: Why I am trying to do better and give back. Chaired by William Greuel, Protein Industries Canada CEO

Bill will chat about crossing a professional threshold in his own career and 25 years of working in the agricultural sector. He will share stories of the people who were influential in his career and hopefully inspire others to do the same. Mentoring and career development are important topics to many in agriculture, so please join us. Registration will open at the end of February. For more information and to register go to our [events page](#).

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN OUR SURVEY

Manitoba Women in Agriculture and Food would like your feedback to deliver the services that matter to you.

This survey will only take two minutes, and you also have a chance to receive a reward: A free, one-hour session with Laura Lazo to talk about your career goals and needs. Laura Lazo owns a HR company that specializes in recruitment services for agriculture. The prize will be awarded to the first 10 people who email Laura at lauralazo@careersinagriculture.ca after completing the survey.

Deadline to participate is **March 13, 2022.**

Please take the survey [here](#).

We thank you for your time.

WHAT'S NEW?

50-30 Challenge

MWAF has registered for the 50-30 challenge, an initiative of the Government of Canada that encourages Canadian organizations in adopting practices to improve diversity.

More details [here](#).

MWAF starts planning for IN-PERSON AGM.

With the news that provincial health restrictions will be eased in March, the Board of MWAF is excited to start preliminary planning for its first in-person Annual General Meeting in two years.

We would love to hear from our members if you have any ideas for topics or speakers you would like to see on the agenda.

The date and location are to be decided, so stay tuned.

No March newsletter

MWAF is working on some big projects at the moment including developing strategic and communications plans, so we will be taking a break from the newsletter for March. We will be back again with an April newsletter and hopefully, some exciting news about our future direction as an organization.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Talk, Ask, Listen: Mental Health Workshop - March 1-5 p.m. - Wawanesa.

Souris River Recreation Commission is partnering with DoMoreAg to hold a half-day workshop on mental health at Wawanesa. The workshop, led by a trained, local facilitator, is open to anyone involved in agriculture, including those who work or interact with farmers and others working in the industry. The workshop is free but requires **PRE-REGISTRATION**. Coffee and snacks will be provided. For more information, email Carla Jeffries at srrcwawa@gmail.com or [REGISTER HERE](#).

OWIT-Toronto (Organization of Women in International Trade) is hosting a Virtual Canadian Women's Trade Mission to Mexico – Agri-Food sector on March 22-24, 2022.

The mission is organized in collaboration with Global Affairs Canada and the Canadian Embassy in Mexico City. It will provide women-owned and women-led businesses an opportunity to enter and grow into the Mexican market, and to showcase Canadian Agri-Food products and the contribution of women in this industry. More information [here](#):

Global Bid Opportunity Finder.

This program can help you find export bidding opportunities outside Canada. See more details at: <https://www.gbaf.ca>

DO YOU HAVE A VACANCY?

If you post it on MWAF's career page, it is free for now.

Send your job posting link, indicating how long it should be on the page to: mbwomeninagfood@outlook.com

FEATURED CAREERS

Sales Associate - Seeds (12-month renewable contract) - Various locations - Syngenta Group
(Deadline: March 4, 2022)

Technical Expert 4 - Various locations - Syngenta Group
(Deadline: March 9, 2022)

To see these, and all current opportunities visit our [careers page](#). Our page is updated regularly.

DO YOU SELL FARM-RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES?

You can advertise them on MWAF's Facebook page each Friday. This is a free service for members who have paid for the 2022 membership. Membership information can be found [here](#).

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Your 2021 membership has expired. Please, see <https://www.mwaf.ca/mwaf-membership> for information on how to renew or join as a new member.

CONFERENCES/EVENTS

FCC virtual Women Entrepreneurs Summit - March 8 - 2:00 p.m. EST.

Gain insights to boost your leadership skills and make connections. Featuring: Bruce Sellery (business journalist and author), Andrea De Groot (FCC business advisor), Dr. Robynne Hanley-Dafoe (resiliency and workplace wellness expert). Register [here](#).

MANAGING THROUGH THE STORM presented by CAFA - February 24 - 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. CST (at Yorkton, SK) and March 3 - (same time at Virden, MB).

Are you experiencing a strain on cash flow due to weather, lower commodity prices, feed shortages, trade issues and delivery delays and not sure how to fix it, or how to prepare to speak with your creditors? Do you have trouble managing employees and family members, and is poor communication among family members causing you stress? Are you feeling overwhelmed with all the chaos that life has thrown at you? Through the information, stories and experience of the specialists, you will gain tips, tools and practices to help you navigate your storm with confidence and peace of mind, while reducing stress for yourself and your family. | Register [here](#).

The 14th Advancing Women Conference West will be held IN-PERSON June 21 - 22, 2022 in Calgary.

Registration is now open [here](#). Speakers announced so far are [here](#).

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Web Portal to connect Manitoba grain farmers and livestock producers.

The Manitoba Forage and Grasslands Association and Manitoba Organic Alliance have created the [Manitoba Grazing Exchange](#) website to make it easier for livestock producers, in search of grazing or feed, to connect virtually with grain producers who may have pasture or feed available.

March 15 is deadline to submit proposals under the Women Entrepreneurship Strategy Ecosystem Fund.

Under this new call for proposals, \$25 million is available for projects that aim to remove systemic barriers and create more equal access to the resources that intersectionally diverse and underserved women in business need to succeed. Read the full press release [here](#).



Have you heard of CAFA?

The Canadian Association of Farm Advisors (CAFA) Inc. is a national not-for-profit, member-funded organization that provides high-quality continuous-learning and networking opportunities for farm advisors to help improve the quality of advice to farm families and businesses.

CAFA was created to ensure that farm families and businesses have access to quality, timely business and professional advice to help them better manage and transition their farms. CAFA's mission is to protect farmers and their families by raising the standards of all farm advisors. For more go to the [CAFA website](#).

In the Fall of 2022, CAFA will be back to its regularly scheduled programming and in-person provincial events. Dates for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and BC will be announced later.

COMPETITIONS AND GRANTS

Grant opportunity for farmers: Ag Action Manitoba Training - Training and Consulting - applications on a continual basis subject to funding.

This grant helps farmers improve their business knowledge, develop professional skills and develop farm business plans, for the purpose of growing profitable farming operations in Manitoba. Farmers under 46, and beginning farmers are eligible to apply. The grant covers 50 per cent of eligible expenses, with funding caps from \$500 to \$2,500 for eligible activities. More details [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Women earned \$4.13 less per hour than men in 2018



BECOME AN MWAF MEMBER TODAY

JOIN OUR BOARD OR VOLUNTEER

Are you looking for a rewarding experience? Get involved in MWAF and grow your potential. You'll develop management and team skills, learn, build a network, and get your name out there. Choose the type of work you want to do and how much time you commit. At MWAF, we believe that "we do what we can and not more". We have a number of opportunities such as social media, fundraising, membership, networking, website development and marketing but you can choose the role that fits your interests.

Or maybe you have children that need to do volunteer hours for school? There are lots of opportunities to help. [Contact us](#) and let us know what you would like to do.



Copyright (C) * 2021 * * |Manitoba Women in Agriculture and Food |MWAF| *. All rights reserved.
Our mailing address is: * |Montrose, Winnipeg, MB| *
Want to change how you receive these emails? You can [unsubscribe](#)

