

AgCoalition to host meetings across Alberta aimed at strengthening the producer voice during the Government of Alberta's Farm Safety consultation sessions

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(Calgary, Alberta), June 13, 2016 – The AgCoalition will host three meetings across Alberta this month to engage farmers, ranchers and their employees on farm and ranch safety-related subject matter. The meetings are intended to gather input and strengthen the producer voice in preparation for the Government of Alberta's consultation sessions.

The AgCoalition's producer representation, known as the Industry Leadership Advisory Committee (ILAC), will host the meetings. ILAC representatives will invite producer peers and their employees to join them as meeting participants. Agriculture groups external to the AgCoalition will also be invited to send farmer and rancher representatives to further broaden industry consultation.

"This legislation will have its greatest affect on farmers, ranchers and their employees," said Page Stuart, AgCoalition Co-Chair. "Our intent is to ensure that this community has an opportunity to be part of the process and support our industry's representation at the consultation tables."

Meeting participants will collaboratively determine priority issues for each topic and will develop consensus-based positions that will work best for farmers, ranchers and their employees. Input garnered from the meetings will in-turn be communicated to producer nominees participating in the government consultation sessions. Where required, the meetings will follow the same format as the consultation sessions with one working table per topic.

"We look forward to working together as a sector to develop key positions to ensure our consultation nominees are fully equipped to represent their industry," said Kent Erickson, AgCoalition Co-Chair.

Meetings will take place in Lethbridge on June 22nd, Leduc on June 27th and Grande Prairie on June 30th. An independent third party will facilitate the meetings. The AgCoalition will compile the producer input to develop briefing notes for producer nominees at the Governments consultation sessions.

The AgCoalition was established on January 22nd, 2016 with a mandate to unify the farm and ranch community in an effort to foster a culture of farm safety in Alberta.
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