

# **Report of the Saskatchewan Advisory Council on Soils and Agronomy**

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Good morning ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the 1993 Soils & Crops Workshop. The annual Soils and Crops Workshop is sponsored by the Advisory Council on Soils and Agronomy and by the Extension Department of the University of Saskatchewan. The Advisory Council on Soils and Agronomy is one of 12 Advisory Councils that report to SASCC (Saskatchewan Agricultural Services Coordinating Committee). SASCC is the agency which provides a mechanism for the coordination of agricultural research, extension and education in our province.

## **The Function of the Advisory Council on Soils and Agronomy**

- Identify research activities and develop research priorities
- Coordinate education and extension needs and requirements and encourage development of extension material for farmers
- Advise SASCC on agricultural policies and programs
- Provide a forum for discussion of policies and programs related to soil, weed and crop management

## **Membership:**

Research Institutions  
Extension, and  
Business

## **Sub-councils**

S.A.C.S.A has three Sub-councils: Weeds, Soil Fertility, and Soil & Crop Management

## **The Soils & Crops Workshop**

The operation of the Soils & Crops Workshop was reviewed by SACSA in 1992. Industry, extension personnel and producers were concerned that the Workshop had evolved into a scientific meeting, dealing with presentations that were highly technical and

theoretical in nature. They felt that the Workshop no longer fulfilled their needs in terms of dealing with practical and applied research and development projects. On the other hand, the research community felt that the Workshop had improved considerably over the past decade. A new set of terms of reference were established, recognizing the need for both research and extension material.

#### **The purpose of the workshop**

The workshop is intended to provide a forum for extension personnel, industry, producers and researchers for information related to Soils and Crops that is either scientific in nature or is useful at the farm gate.

#### **The Objectives are:**

1. To provide an opportunity for presenting field research results related to soils and crops.
2. To report on results on demonstration projects related to soils and crops.
3. To provide a forum for extension personnel, industry, producers and researchers for sharing of needs and concerns for soils and crops issues.
4. To provide an opportunity for informal meetings.
5. To provide a forum that focuses on specific issues when required.
6. To provide an opportunity to introduce new resource material, such as factsheets and videos.
7. To provide an opportunity to introduce publications on applied information useful to producers and advisers.

#### **Chairperson for the Soil and Crops Workshop**

The chairperson for the 1993 Soil and Crops Workshop is Carl Lynn, and the council wishes to thank Carl Lynn, his committee, and the Extension Department of the University of Saskatchewan for organizing the 1993 Soils & Crops Workshop. In order to provide continuity from one year to the next for the running of the workshop, we have also selected the Soils & Crops Workshop chairperson for 1994; Dr. Jeff Schoenau.