

Southport Hosts Precision Agriculture Workshop

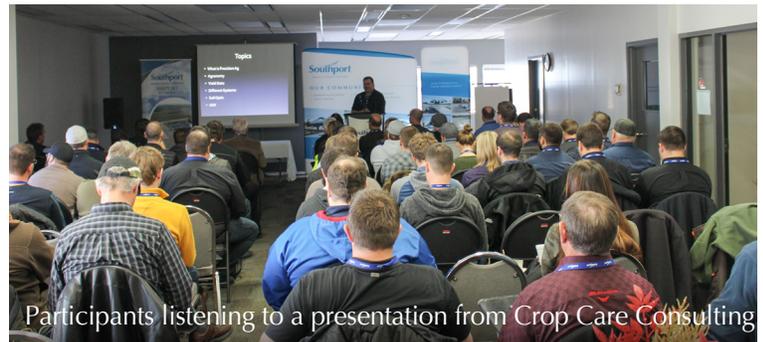
On December 13, Southport partnered with Unmanned Systems Canada, Rocky Mountain Equipment, and Ag Business and Crop Inc. to host the Inaugural Manitoba Precision Agriculture Workshop at the Flightline Building. Approximately 80 people participated in the one day workshop which featured keynote speakers, breakout sessions, static displays, as well as an evening networking event.

Participants had the opportunity to see products on the forefront of the market, hear from experts and companies in the field, ask questions, and network with agricultural industry leaders.

The inaugural event was well attended, which indicates the high level of interest in the topic. Precision Agriculture is an important growing topic in the agriculture community as it incorporates cutting edge technology to observe and record crop and field data in order to tackle the age-old challenge of optimizing farm production and minimizing waste.

“It was a logical decision to bring this workshop to Southport,” says Deanna Mitchell, Manager of Business Development at Southport. “Agriculture is such a vital part of the community in the area. We want local farmers and agriculture companies to have access to information about new developments in Precision Agriculture technology.”

Next year will see the workshop return to Southport.



Participants listening to a presentation from Crop Care Consulting



Participants in Discussion

Lean 101 Training

On December 5 - 7, managers and staff at Southport participated in Yellowbelt Lean 101 training. The sessions focused on improving efficiency and effectiveness in daily work.

Southport Sponsors Community Events

Southport continues to sponsor community events. In the past month Southport sponsored:

- Portage Plains United Way
- Salvation Army Jingle Bell Breakfast
- Portage Lions Club Auction
- First Presbyterian Church

Peggy Goes Purple!

Last month, Southport CEO, Peggy May, raised over \$2,000 to support the “Kids Can Cope” program of the Central Plains Cancer Services and dyed her hair purple. Way to go Peggy! The total amount fundraised by the 13 participants was \$17,606.



Peggy May (C) presents a \$7,000 cheque to Amy Chappellaz (L) and Mandy Dubois (R) at the Portage Plains United Way.

Southport Donates to United Way

On December 9, Southport presented a donation of \$7,000 to the Portage Plains United Way. The donation was contributed by employees through the payroll deduction program, and matched by Southport. 100% of Southport employees participated in the donation.

Upcoming Events

Alzheimer's Coffee Break January 20

Southport is hosting a coffee break in support of the Alzheimer Society on January 20, from 10 AM to 11 AM. Bring a toonie to the Southport Board Room to enjoy a cup of coffee and dainties while supporting the work of this program in our community.

Portage Terriers Game January 25

Southport is sponsoring the Portage Terriers game on January 25. Come out to the PCU Centre for games, giveaways, and to cheer on the Terriers as they take on the Steinbach Pistons!

Viterra Championship February 8-12

The Viterra Championship is Manitoba's provincial men's curling championship, which features 32 teams curling over a 5-day period. Southport is sponsoring Draw #10 Friday at 12:15pm and Draw #13 Saturday at 9:00am.

Congratulations to 3CFETS Graduates!

Congratulations to all of the graduates of 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School who earned their wings on December 9. A great accomplishment and proud day for these new pilots!

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