

For immediate release.



Schedule Set for Soil Carbon Challenge Tour

Continuing the 2015 International Year of Soils (IYS) celebration, ARECA has released the schedule for the Soil Carbon Coalition tour by Peter Donovan. Peter will be touring in his school bus to six locations in Alberta, conducting soil carbon workshops. Peter has been establishing baseline measurements for soil carbon change from Mexico to Canada, Vermont to California as part of the [Soil Carbon Challenge](#). He wants to help people move from a problem-solving orientation around carbon cycling, soils, water, and climate, to a creative one.

“Peter Donovan will conduct workshops on measuring soil carbon and ways to improve physical, biological and chemical attributes of soil. Agricultural producers, acreage owners, gardeners, consumers and environmentalists will learn how the soil can capture carbon and improve soil health” said Dr. Yamily Zavala, research director for Chinook Applied Research Association (CARA) at Oyen. Workshops will be held at the following locations:

Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA)	Fairview	June 15
North Peace Applied Research Association (NPARA)	Manning	June 17
Mackenzie Applied Research Association (MARA)	Fort Vermilion	June 20
Gateway Research Organization (GRO)	Westlock	June 25
Lakeland Applied Research Association (LARA)	Bonnyville	June 27
Chinook Applied Research Association (CARA)	Oyen	June 30



Dr. Christine Jones will also return to Alberta in July for a continuation of her very successful Soil Health message to Alberta last fall.

For more information about Peter Donovan visit www.soilcarboncoalition.org

The Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA) is a provincial association of 8 non-profit producer groups dedicated to enhancing the sustainability and profitability of agriculture in Alberta. Visit www.areca.ab.ca for additional information.

The IYS 2015 aims to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of soil for food security and essential ecosystem functions. ARECA and 8 member associations are observing IYS through a number of events and activities culminating in the Western Canada Conference on Soil Health in Edmonton, December 8-10, 2015.

Contact: Tom Fromme: tom@npara.ca; Nora Paulovich: nora@npara.ca;