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As you are a graduate of the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences, I wanted to write and let you know some exciting news on how we are contributing to the safety of the world's grain supplies.

We recently broke ground on a new \$4 million research facility to study and improve grain storage. Unlike any other grain research group in Canada, Dr. Digyir Jayas of biosystems engineering will bring together a multi-disciplinary team of engineers, entomologists, chemists and specialists in fungi in one building. This integrated approach to studying grain storage will ensure Canada meets international standards for quality and chemical-residue-free grain. These are increasingly important issues to the world's food safety, and the University of Manitoba continues to contribute significantly to the body of research in this area.

We are delighted that this ground-breaking research has been made possible through the Canada Foundation for Innovation, the Manitoba Innovations Fund, $\,$ and private partners.

This is but one of a number of new initiatives taking place in our faculty. I invite you to check our website often at www.umanitoba.ca/afs for more news and information. I think you'll be as proud of or alumni as I am.

Harold Bjarnason

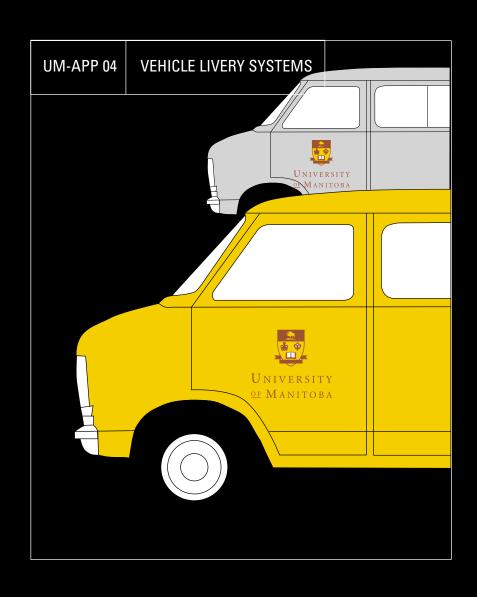








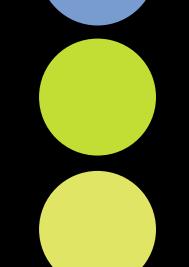














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