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Abbotsford-Chilliwack | British Columbia - November 19-21, 2024

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	Tuesday: November 19	
	Learning Events at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre Hosted in Room Pinnacle 1 & 2	AgEx Conference Attendees: Farm Tour
8:00am	BC Young Farmers Farm Fest Networking Breakfast	
8:30am	Farm Fest Welcome	
8:35am	From Field to Finance – Tools for Farm Business Growth Moderator – Danielle Synotte, BC Ag Council Doug Grimson, HUB International Carly Fraser, CleanFarms David Guthrie, KPMG Veronica Moreno, WALI	Sponsored by: CHILLIWACK BETTER FOR BUSINESS. BETTER FOR LIFE. BRITISH COLUMBIA & CANADA
9:45am	Waste Not, Want Not – Resources for Farmers to Reduce Waste Moderator – Tyler Heppell, B.C Potato Grower Craig Edwards, Director of Operations, Greater Vancouver Food Bank More to be announced!	Farm Tour Bus Departs at 10:15am
10:30am	Business Showcase & Networking Break	

11:00am	The Loss of Agricultural Land and the Ever-Growing Pressures – What will be left for ag production? Moderator – Kim Grout, CEO, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission Drew Spoelstra, President, OFA Charles-Félix Ross, Executive Director, UPA Allan Melvin, President, NS Federation of Ag Ian Boxall, President, Ag Producers Association of SK	Morning Farm Tours: Featuring Rainbow Greenhouses, and more!	
12:30pm	Closing Remarks		
12:40pm	Board Bus for Lunch and Farm Tour (joining the Farm Tour Participants)		
1:00pm	Lunch at Farmhouse Brewing		
2:30-5:00pm	RBC Panel Discussion - Sustainable Agriculture and the Pathways to Affordability in The Fraser Valley (Hosted at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre) Moderator: Stefania Pizzirani, Associate Director, Food and Agriculture Institute, University of the Fraser Valley Rahul Singh, Director, BC Center for Agritech Innovation, Simon Fraser University Bryan Wattie, Director of Agriculture Adoption, Innovate BC Darren Plested, Partner, Supply Chain & Network Operations, Deloitte Brendon Cooper, Partner, Global Investments & Innovation Incentives Tax, Deloitte Walter Dekker, Irrigation Sales Representative, Southern Irrigation Julaine Treur, Organic Dairy Producer, Creekside Dairy and Creekside Cheese + Creamery	Afternoon Farm Tours: Featuring Dicklands Biogas, and more!	
5:30pm	Farm Tour Bus Returns to Hotel		
5:30-8:00pm Sponsored by: TOURISM ABBOTSFORD ACC Agricultual Credit Copporation Société du credit agrice	AgEx Reception including AgEx Marketplace featuring 10 local vendors and Indigenous Welcome		
8:00-10:00pm	Hospitality Suite		

	Wednesday: November 20	Room Name
7:00am	Conference Check-In / Full Breakfast	Foyer
8:00am	Opening Remarks with Special Guests	Pinnacle 1&2
8:25am	4-H Presentation: The Future of Agriculture Victoria Pitsiaeli, 4-H Member, 2nd Year UBC Student in Land and Food Systems	Pinnacle 1&2
8:30am Sponsored by:	Keynote: Empower Your Operation: Leveraging Data for Business Resilience Edward Olson, Enterprise Risk Leader, Environmental, Social & Governance, MNP	Pinnacle 1&2
9:00am	Keynote: Cultivating Sustainability Through Agricultural Health and Safety Dan Trottier, Managing Partner, Tatonga Consulting Group	Pinnacle 1&2
9:30am	Health Break & Networking Opportunity	Foyer
10:00am Sponsored by: CCGA CANADIAN CANOLA GROWERS ASSOCIATION	National Resource Showcase	Pinnacle 1&2
11:00am	RealAgRadio LIVE! Shaun Haney and Special Guests	Pinnacle 1&2
12:00pm	Lunch Break	Foyer
1:00pm Sponsored by: LeaderShift	Farm Management Room: The "Antifragile" Farmer Kelly Dobson, LeaderShift and Special Guests	Pinnacle 1&2
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1:45pm Sponsored by: RBC Royal Bank syngenta	Farm Management Room: In it Together: An Update on Current and Upcoming Indigenous Food Security Initiatives in BC Ian Foss, Indigenous Partnerships and Reconciliation, BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food	Pinnacle 1&2
	Farm Health & Safety Room: Women in Agriculture: Wellness, Safety and Leadership Dr. Briana Hagen, Canadian Centre for Agriculture Wellbeing Sandy Miller, Workplace Safety & Prevention Services Robin Anderson, Canadian Agriculture Safety Association	Summit Room
2:30pm Sponsored by: syngenta.	Farm Health & Safety Room: Mental Health & Suicide Prevention in Agriculture Bethany Parkinson and Matt Treble, Canadian Mental Health Association	Summit Room

Ministry of	Benchmarking Business Performance Room:	Pinnacle 3
BRITISH Agriculture COLUMBIA and Food	An Introduction to the Towards Increased Profits (TIP) Report	
	Gary Flaten, Farm Business Management Specialist, BC Ministry of Agriculture and	
	Food	
SFU Agricech		
Innovation	Extended Learning Room:	Mount
	Harnessing Big Data for Agricultural Excellence – Part I	Baker
	Marie-Hélène Burle, Simon Fraser University's Big Data Hub	
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	Young Farmer Room:	Room
	The Business of Farming	
	Mark Verway, Partner, National Agriculture Leader, BDO	
	Farm Transition Room:	Pinnacle
MNP	Farm Transition with Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers	1&2
	Stuart Person, National Leader, Crop Services, MNP	
	Travis Hopcott, Owner, Cranberry Farmer, Hopcott Farms	Foyer
3:30pm	Health Break & Networking Opportunity	. 5, 5.
4:00pm		Pinnacle
Sponsored by:	Panel Discussion: Taking Care of Business – Advocating for	1&2
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	Closing Remarks	Pinnacle
5:00pm		1&2
5:15pm		Pinnacle 3
Sponsored by:	Student Event (Private Session)	
UNIVERSITY OF THE FRASER VALLEY	From The Classroom to the Farm – Navigating the Path Forward	
6:30-9:00pm	Conference Banquet & Wilson Loree Award	Pinnacle
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9:00-11:00pm	Hospitality Suite	Suite
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	Thursday: November 21	Room Name
8:00am	Full Breakfast	Foyer
9:00am	Morning Welcome	Pinnacle 1&2
9:10am	4-H Presentation: Exploring Careers in Agriculture Through 4-H Ashley Wolfe, 4-H BC Youth Member	Pinnacle 1&2
9:15am	Shaping the Future of Farming: A Fireside Chat with Senator Mary Robinson	Pinnacle 1&2
10:00am	Keynote: Lessons from Sweden – Nurturing Farm Business Excellence Ove Karlsson, Farm Business Advisor and Developer for Norrbotten County, Sweden	Pinnacle 1&2

10:30am Sponsored by: ALBERTA CANOLA	Health Break & Networking Opportunity	Foyer
11:00am Sponsored by: syngenta	Farm Health & Safety Room: The Low-Cost Roll-Over-Protective-Structure (ROPS) Program Dr. Niels Koehncke, Professor, Canadian Centre for Rural and Agriculture Health, University of Saskatchewan	Summit Room
BRITISH COLUMBIA Ministry of Agriculture and Food	Farm Business Supports Room: TBD	Pinnacle 3
SFU Agricech Innovation	Extended Learning Room: Harnessing Big Data for Agricultural Excellence - Part II Marie-Hélène Burle, Simon Fraser University's Big Data Hub	Mount Baker
I fa	Young Farmer Room: The Business of Farming Mark Verway, Partner, National Agriculture Leader, BDO	Valley Room
MNP	Farm Business Technology Room: Cybersecurity Essentials for Canada's Farmers	Pinnacle 1&2
12:00pm	Lunch Break	Foyer
1:00pm Sponsored by: DENTONS	Keynote: Managing the Political Risks of Farming: The Impact of Animal Rights Organizations' Direct Actions on Agribusiness Morgan Camley, National Agribusiness Sector Group, Dentons	Pinnacle 1&2
1:45pm Sponsored by: BRITISH Agriculture and Food	Panel Discussion: Weathering the Storm – Harnessing Lived Experiences for Managing Floods and Drought	Pinnacle 1&2
3:15pm	Keynote: Balancing Mental Health and Farm Business Success Dr. Andria Jones, Professor, University of Guelph	Pinnacle 1&2
3:45pm	Closing Remarks	Pinnacle 1&2
4:00pm	Conference Close	

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