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**Tuesday: November 19**









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	<p><b>Learning Events at the Clarion Hotel &amp; Conference Centre</b> Hosted in Room Pinnacle 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p><b>AgEx Conference Attendees: Farm Tour</b></p>
<b>8:00am</b>	<p><b>BC Young Farmers Farm Fest</b> Networking Breakfast</p>	<p><i>Sponsored by:</i></p> 
<b>8:30am</b>	<p><b>Farm Fest Welcome</b></p>	
<b>8:35am</b>	<p><b>From Field to Finance – Tools for Farm Business Growth</b></p> <p><b>Moderator – Danielle Synotte, BC Ag Council</b> <b>Doug Grimson, HUB International</b> <b>Carly Fraser, CleanFarms</b> <b>David Guthrie, KPMG</b> <b>Veronica Moreno, WALI</b> <b>Kimberly Ross, 4C Financial</b></p>	
<b>9:45am</b>	<p><b>Waste Not, Want Not – Resources for Farmers to Reduce Waste</b></p> <p><b>Moderator – Tyler Heppell, B.C Potato Grower</b> <b>George Dick, Dicklands Biogas</b></p>	<p>Farm Tour Bus Departs at 10:15am</p>
<b>10:30am</b>	<p>Business Showcase &amp; Networking Break</p>	

<p><b>11:00am</b></p>	<p><b>The Loss of Agricultural Land and the Ever-Growing Pressures – What will be left for ag production?</b></p> <p><b>Moderator – Kim Grout</b>, <i>CEO, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission</i></p> <p><b>Rebecca Senicar</b>, <i>BC Dairy Farmer &amp; Chair, BC Young Farmers Committee</i></p> <p><b>Drew Spoelstra</b>, <i>President, OFA</i></p> <p><b>Charles-Félix Ross</b>, <i>Executive Director, UPA</i></p> <p><b>Allan Melvin</b>, <i>President, NS Federation of Ag</i></p> <p><b>Ian Boxall</b>, <i>President, Ag Producers Association of SK</i></p>	<p><b>Morning Farm Tours: Featuring Rainbow Greenhouses, and more!</b></p>
<p><b>12:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>	
<p><b>12:40pm</b></p>	<p><b>Board Bus for Lunch and Farm Tour</b> <i>Farm Fest attendees will continue on the Farm Tour after lunch</i></p>	
<p><b>1:00pm</b></p>	<p>Lunch at <b>Farmhouse Brewing</b></p>	
<p><b>2:30-4:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>RBC Panel Discussion - Sustainable Agriculture and the Pathways to Affordability in The Fraser Valley</b> <i>(Hosted at the Clarion Hotel &amp; Conference Centre)</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Stefania Pizzirani</b>, <i>Associate Director, Food and Agriculture Institute, University of the Fraser Valley</i></p> <p><b>Rahul Singh</b>, <i>Director, BC Center for Agritech Innovation, Simon Fraser University</i></p> <p><b>Bryan Wattie</b>, <i>Director of Agriculture Adoption, Innovate BC</i></p> <p><b>Darren Plested</b>, <i>Partner, Supply Chain &amp; Network Operations, Deloitte</i></p> <p><b>Walter Dekker</b>, <i>Irrigation Sales Representative, Southern Irrigation</i></p> <p><b>Julaine Treur</b>, <i>Organic Dairy Producer, Creekside Dairy and Creekside Cheese + Creamery</i></p>	<p><b>Afternoon Farm Tours for all Farm Fest and Farm Tour Attendees</b></p> <p>Featuring Dicklands Biogas, and more!</p>
<p><b>5:00pm</b></p>	<p>Farm Tour Bus Returns to Hotel</p>	
<p><b>5:00-8:00pm</b> <i>Sponsored by:</i></p> 	<p><b>AgEx Reception including AgEx Marketplace featuring 10 local vendors and Indigenous Welcome</b></p>	
<p><b>8:00-10:00pm</b></p>	<p>Hospitality Suite</p>	

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	<b>4-H Presentation: The Future of Agriculture</b> <i>Victoria Pitsiaeli, 4-H Member, 2nd Year UBC Student in Land and Food Systems</i>	Pinnacle 1&2
8:30am Sponsored by: 	<b>Keynote: Empower Your Operation: Leveraging Data for Business Resilience</b> <i>Edward Olson, Enterprise Risk Leader, Environmental, Social &amp; Governance, MNP</i>	Pinnacle 1&2
9:00am	<b>Keynote: Cultivating Sustainability Through Agricultural Health and Safety</b> <i>Dan Trottier, Managing Partner, Tatonga Consulting Group</i>	Pinnacle 1&2
9:30am	Health Break & Networking Opportunity	Foyer
10:00am Sponsored by: 	<b>National Resource Showcase</b>	Pinnacle 1&2
11:00am	<b>RealAgRadio LIVE!</b> <i>Shaun Haney and Special Guests</i>	Pinnacle 1&2
12:00pm	Lunch Break	Foyer
1:00pm Sponsored by:  	<u>Farm Management Room:</u> <b>The "Antifragile" Farmer</b> <i>Kelly Dobson, LeaderShift</i>	Pinnacle 1&2
	<u>Farm Health &amp; Safety Room:</u> <b>Addressing Natural Hazards and the Impact on Canadian Agriculture</b> <i>Robin Anderson, Canadian Agricultural Safety Association</i>	Summit Room
1:45pm Sponsored by:  	<u>Farm Management Room:</u> <b>In it Together: An Update on Current and Upcoming Indigenous Food Security Initiatives in BC</b> <i>Ian Foss, Indigenous Partnerships and Reconciliation, BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food</i> <i>Erica Nitchie, Team Lead, Indigenous Food Systems, BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food</i> <i>Loren Muth, Tzeachten First Nation</i> <i>George Casimir, General Manager, Community Futures of the Central Interior First Nations</i>	Pinnacle 1&2
	<u>Farm Health &amp; Safety Room:</u> <b>Women in Agriculture: Wellness, Safety and Leadership</b> <i>Dr. Briana Hagen, Canadian Centre for Agriculture Wellbeing</i> <i>Sandy Miller, Workplace Safety &amp; Prevention Services</i> <i>Robin Anderson, Canadian Agricultural Safety Association</i>	Summit Room

<p><b>2:30pm</b> Sponsored by:</p>     	<p><u>Farm Health &amp; Safety Room:</u>  <b>Mental Health &amp; Suicide Prevention in Agriculture</b>  <i>Bethany Parkinson and Matt Treble, Canadian Mental Health Association</i></p> <p><u>Benchmarking Business Performance Room:</u>  <b>An Introduction to the Towards Increased Profits (TIP) Report</b>  <i>Gary Flaten, Farm Business Management Specialist, BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food</i></p> <p><u>Extended Learning Room:</u>  <b>Harnessing Big Data for Agricultural Excellence – Part I</b>  <i>Marie-Hélène Burle, Simon Fraser University's Big Data Hub</i></p> <p><u>Young Farmer Room:</u>  <b>The Business of Farming</b>  <i>Mark Verwey, Partner, National Agriculture Leader, BDO</i></p> <p><u>Farm Transition Room:</u>  <b>Farm Transition with Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers</b>  <i>Stuart Person, National Leader, Crop Services, MNP</i>  <i>Travis Hopcott, Owner, Cranberry Farmer, Hopcott Farms</i></p>	<p>Summit Room</p> <p>Pinnacle 3</p> <p>Mount Baker</p> <p>Valley Room</p> <p>Pinnacle 1&amp;2</p>
<p><b>3:30pm</b></p>	<p>Health Break &amp; Networking Opportunity</p>	<p>Foyer</p>
<p><b>4:00pm</b> Sponsored by:</p> 	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Taking Care of Business – Advocating for Agriculture</b>  <i>Tabetha Boot, Head of Communications &amp; Industry Relations, BASF Canada, Agriculture Solutions</i>  <i>Tyler Heppell, Production Manager, Heppell's Potato Corp</i>  <i>Ashley Bruner, Research Manager, Canadian Centre for Food Integrity</i></p>	<p>Pinnacle 1&amp;2</p>
<p><b>5:00pm</b></p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Pinnacle 1&amp;2</p>
<p><b>5:15pm</b> Sponsored by:</p> 	<p><b>Student Event (Private Session)</b>  <b>From The Classroom to the Farm – Navigating the Path Forward</b></p>	<p>Pinnacle 3</p>
<p><b>6:30-9:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Conference Banquet &amp; Wilson Loree Award</b></p>	<p>Pinnacle 1&amp;2</p>
<p><b>9:00-11:00pm</b></p>	<p>Hospitality Suite</p>	<p>Suite Name TBC</p>

Thursday: November 21		Room Name
<p><b>8:00am</b></p>	<p>Full Breakfast</p>	<p>Foyer</p>
<p><b>9:00am</b></p>	<p>Morning Welcome</p>	<p>Pinnacle 1&amp;2</p>
<p><b>9:10am</b></p>	<p><b>4-H Presentation: Exploring Careers in Agriculture Through 4-H</b>  <i>Ashley Wolfe, 4-H BC Youth Member</i></p>	<p>Pinnacle 1&amp;2</p>

<p><b>9:15am</b></p>	<p><b>Shaping the Future of Farming: A Fireside Chat</b> with <b>Senator Mary Robinson</b></p>	<p>Pinnacle 1&amp;2</p>
<p><b>10:00am</b></p>	<p><b>Keynote: Balancing Mental Health and Farm Business Success</b> <i>Dr. Andria Jones, Professor, University of Guelph</i></p>	<p>Pinnacle 1&amp;2</p>
<p><b>10:30am</b> Sponsored by: </p>	<p>Health Break &amp; Networking Opportunity</p>	<p>Foyer</p>
<p><b>11:00am</b> Sponsored by:         </p>	<p><u>Farm Health &amp; Safety Room:</u> <b>The Low-Cost Roll-Over-Protective-Structure (ROPS) Program</b> <i>Dr. Niels Koehncke, Professor, Canadian Centre for Rural and Agriculture Health, University of Saskatchewan</i></p> <p><u>Farm Business Supports Room:</u> <b>BC's Programs and Funding to Support Farm Business Management</b> <i>Brent Barclay, Director, Agriculture Development, BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food</i> <i>Ve-Jane Duong, Land-Matcher – Metro Vancouver-Fraser Valley, Young Agrarians</i> <i>Melanie Buffel, Business Mentorship Network Program Manager, Young Agrarians</i></p> <p><u>Extended Learning Room:</u> <b>Harnessing Big Data for Agricultural Excellence – Part II</b> <i>Marie-Hélène Burle, Simon Fraser University's Big Data Hub</i></p> <p><u>Young Farmer Room:</u> <b>The Business of Farming</b> <i>Mark Verwey, Partner, National Agriculture Leader, BDO</i></p> <p><u>Farm Business Technology Room:</u> <b>Cybersecurity Essentials for Canada's Farmers</b> <i>Stuart Person, National Leader, Crop Services, MNP</i></p>	<p>Summit Room</p> <p>Pinnacle 3</p> <p>Mount Baker</p> <p>Valley Room</p> <p>Pinnacle 1&amp;2</p>
<p><b>12:00pm</b></p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>	<p>Foyer</p>
<p><b>1:00pm</b> Sponsored by: </p>	<p><b>Keynote: Managing the Political Risks of Farming: The Impact of Animal Rights Organizations' Direct Actions on Agribusiness</b> <i>Morgan Camley, National Agribusiness Sector Group, Dentons</i></p>	<p>Pinnacle 1&amp;2</p>
<p><b>1:45pm</b> Sponsored by: </p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Weathering the Storm – Harnessing Lived Experiences for Managing Floods and Drought</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: George Geldart, Agricultural Economist and Farm Business Management Consultant</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> <i>Jim Forbes, Professional Agrologist</i> <i>Caroline Mostertman, Farmer and Owner, Ripples Winery</i> <i>Alex Kulchar, Rancher, BC Cattleman's Board of Directors Vice-President</i></p>	<p>Pinnacle 1&amp;2</p>



<b>3:15pm</b>	Closing Remarks	Pinnacle 1&2
<b>3:30pm</b>	Conference Close	Pinnacle 1&2

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