



AGRICULTURAL EXCELLENCE CONFERENCE

Growing Leaders, Strengthening Legacies.

November 17-19, 2026

Calgary, Alberta

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Tuesday: November 17		
	Farm Tour <i>(Optional, tickets purchased separately)</i>	Young Farmer Summit Sponsored by FCC <i>(For Young Farmers only, register through FCC)</i>
9:00am	Farm Tour Bus Departs	
10:00am	Farm Tour: Stop 1	
10:30am	Board Bus for Next Tour Stop	
11:00am	Farm Tour: Stop 2	
12:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm	Board Bus for Next Stop	
2:30pm	Farm Tour: Stop 3	
3:30pm	Board Bus for Hotel	
4:30pm	Farm Tour Returns to Hotel	
6:00-8:00pm	Welcome Reception including an Indigenous Welcome, Alberta Agriculture Marketplace, and the Wilson Loree Award	
8:00-10:00pm	Hospitality Suite	

Wednesday: November 18	
8:00am	Conference Check-In / Full Breakfast
9:00am	Opening Remarks
9:10am	Fireside Chat: The Future of Alberta Agriculture
9:30am <i>Sponsored by: MNP</i>	Discussion Panel: More than BRM – Preparing Your Farm for What’s Next <i>Moderated by: Tyler McCann, Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute</i> <i>Marvin Slingerland, MNP</i> <i>Richard Stamp, Stamps Seeds</i> <i>Heather Broughton, Bridges to Success</i>
10:30am	Health Break & Networking Opportunity
11:00am <i>Sponsored by: Alberta Canola</i>	National Resource Showcase
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm <i>Sponsored by: FCC</i>	Plenary Session: Economic Outlook
1:45pm	Concurrent Sessions Mental Health – <i>Do More Ag & Canadian Centre for Agricultural Wellbeing</i> Growing the AgriWorkforce – <i>Christa Legge, Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council</i> Lessons from a (Former) Lender- <i>Jenna Hodnefield, Farm Management Canada</i> Concurrent 4- TBC
2:45pm	Health Break & Networking Opportunity
3:15pm <i>Sponsored by: RBC</i>	Roundtable Discussion: Our Next Gen - Empowering the Future of Agriculture <i>Lorna McKercher and Jeff Affleck, RBC</i> Participate in interactive roundtable discussion with peers from across the agricultural industry.
4:45pm	Closing Remarks
6:00pm - 8:00pm <i>Sponsored by: AFSC</i>	Farm Risk Challenge Put your farm management skills to the test in this interactive team challenge! <i>(Think Family/Friend Game Night! Light refreshments and food provided.)</i>
9:00pm - 11:00pm	Hospitality Suite

Thursday: November 19	
8:00am	Full Breakfast
9:00am	Morning Welcome
9:05am	Plenary Session: Offloading the Mental Load: Modern Farm Leadership <i>Kelly Dobson, LeaderShift</i>
9:50am	Farmer Discussion Panel: Willful Wisdom: Lessons from the Farm
10:30am	Health Break & Networking Opportunity
11:00am	Concurrent Sessions
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm <i>Sponsored by Alberta Grains</i>	Farm Transition Hackathon: Developing Solutions to Overcome Resistance <i>Facilitator: Patti Durand, The Future Leader</i>
2:30pm <i>Sponsored by Fertilizer Canada</i>	Plenary Session: Beyond the Buzzword - Redefining Sustainability in Agriculture <i>Moderated by: Catherine King, Fertilizer Canada</i> <i>Gwen Young, CFA</i> <i>TBC</i>
3:30pm	Closing Remarks
4:00pm	Conference Close

For more information and to register, visit:

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