



AGRICULTURAL EXCELLENCE CONFERENCE
CULTIVATING RESILIENCE

December 2-4, 2019 | Fredericton, New Brunswick

Monday December 2 - Welcome Reception	
7:30 – 9:00pm	Welcome Cocktail Reception / Conference Check-In
Tuesday December 3 - Day One Learning Program	
7:00am	Conference Check-In / Full Breakfast
8:00am	Welcome and Opening Remarks - Minister Wetmore, Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, New Brunswick - Mary Robinson, Canadian Federation of Agriculture
8:40am	<i>Management Tactics for Leading Farmers</i> – Dick Wittman, Wittman Consulting
10:10am	Health Break & Networking Opportunity
10:30am	<i>Taking Care of Business: You and Your Farm</i> - Facilitated by Canadian Centre for Occupational Health & Safety
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Farm Business Management Resource Showcase*
2:00pm	Concurrent Sessions/Workshops – Period 1 Delegates choose workshops to attend, each offered twice.
3:00pm	Health Break & Networking Opportunity
3:15pm	<i>Bridging the Gap: Farm Transition Panel</i> – Moderated by Brent VanParys, BDO
4:30pm	<i>Black Swans- Friend or Foe?</i> Don Buckingham, Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute
5:00pm	Free Time
6:00pm	Evening Opening
6:30pm	Eats and Grets: A Taste of the Atlantic: AgEx & Nuffield Banquet (<i>Business Formal</i>)
7:30pm	Nuffield Scholar Celebration
9:00pm	Hospitality Suite
Wednesday December 4 - Day Two Learning Program	
7:30am	Full Breakfast
8:00am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:10am	<i>Building your Peer Advisory Group- Who and How</i> – Terry Betker, Backswath Management Inc.
9:40am	<i>Secrets to Success: Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers</i> - Amy Cronin, Cronin Family Farms
10:10am	Health Break & Networking Opportunity
10:30am	Concurrent Sessions/Workshops – Period 2 Delegates choose workshops to attend, each offered twice.
11:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm	<i>What's their Beef with Beef?</i> -Ellen Crane, Beef Cattle Research Council, Nuffield Scholar
1:15pm	<i>Making the Case for International Collaboration to Improve Skills Training</i> - Gavin Robertson, Garage d'Or Ciders, Nuffield Scholar
2:00pm	Health Break & Networking Opportunity
2:15pm	<i>Cultivating Innovation through On-Farm Trials</i> -Shelley Spruit, Against the Grain Farms, Nuffield Scholar
3:00pm	<i>Getting Highest Value for your Cash Crop</i> -Josh Oulton, TapRoot Farms Inc., Nuffield Scholar
3:45	<i>Economic Outlook for Canada's Farmers</i> -Farm Credit Canada
4:30pm	Closing Remarks
4:45pm	Adjournment

*The Farm Management Showcase provides an opportunity for industry stakeholders and especially farmers to learn about farm business management projects, programs, resources and tools available to them. Tables are hosted by industry groups including non-profits, private companies, government and academia, rotating every 15-20 minutes so that participants are exposed to a maximum number of offerings.

Workshops:

- 1- Financial System Design and Analysis, Backswath Management Inc.
- 2- BMO Bank of Montreal
- 3- Farm CEO: Transitioning from Manager to Executive, LeaderShift Inc.
- 4- To be determined

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