

# 10th Annual Canadian Agri-Food Policy Conference PRESENT POLICY AND FUTURE ASPIRATIONS

January 23-24, 2020 | Infinity Convention Centre Ottawa

## Featured Sessions & Speakers & Highlights:

### Thursday, January 23

#### Interview with Chris Forbes, Deputy Minister Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Introduction: **Rene Van Acker**, Dean of Ontario Agricultural College

#### What are the Benefits & Risks of Trade with China?

Moderator: **Aaron Fowler**, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, AAFC / Panelists: **Derek Brewin**, Department Head, University Manitoba; **James Rude**, Associate Professor, University Alberta; **Ted Bilyea**, Executive Vice-President, Maple Leaf Foods; **Brian Innis**, Vice President, Public Affairs, Canola Council of Canada; **Kathleen Donohue**, Director General, Market Access Secretariat, AAFC

#### CJAE Peer-Review Research: Meaning and Matters for Canadian Policy

Moderator: **Tom Rosser**, Assistant Deputy Minister, AAFC / Panelists University of Alberta; **Peter Slade**, Assistant Professor, University of Saskatchewan; **Ryan Cardwell**, Associate Professor, University of Manitoba; **Bruno Larue**, Professeur, Université Laval, **Alan Ker**, Managing Editor, Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics; OAC Research Chair in Agricultural Risk and Policy; Director and Professor, Institute for the Advanced Study of Food and Agricultural Policy

#### Munk Debate: Should the Federal Government Require Mandatory GM Labelling?

**Pro:** **Ellen Goddard**, Professor, Co-operative Chair in Agricultural Marketing and Business Agricultural Life, University of Alberta

**Con:** **Ian Affleck**, Vice-President, plant biotechnology, Croplife Canada

#### African Swine Fever: Research & Policy Matters

Moderator: **Alfons Weersink**, University Guelph Panelists: **John Ross**, Executive Director, Canadian Pork Council; **Scott Biden**, Researcher at Institute for Advanced Study for Food and Agricultural Policy; **Aline Dimitri**, Ph.D. Executive Director, Animal Health, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, **The Honourable Rob Black** Senator (Ontario), Senate of Canada, **Al Mussell**, Research Lead, and founder, of Agri-Food Economic Systems, Inc.

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#### Thoughts on the Day, Research and Policy

Speaker: **Douglas Hedley**

### Friday, January 24

#### Farming in Indigenous Communities: Reconciling Business with Social Enterprise to Achieve Food Security

Speaker: **Barry Hill**, Six Nations Farmer / Panelists: **Sandra Romain**, Manager, Horizontal Policy, Lands and Economic Development, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC); **Robert Ostamas**, Project Food Developer, Nishnawbe Aski Nation; **Matthew Lefebvre**, Senior Policy Analyst, AAFC

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#### Enhancing Canada's Agri-Food Competitiveness: Need for a Public Policy

Moderator: **Getu Hailu**, Professor, University Guelph / Panelists: **Portia MacDonald-Dewhirst**, Executive Director, Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC); **Rory McAlpine**, Senior Vice President, Government and Industry Relations, Maple Leaf foods; **Richard Gray**, University of Saskatchewan

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see the full Program Agenda and Registration.

## About this Conference

Since it was first held in 2011, the Annual Canadian Agri-Food Policy Conference (CAPC) has become a premier national policy outlook for the agri-food sector. This conference sets out to develop an understanding of present policies and future policy aspirations that will influence Canada's food and agricultural sector.

## PLUS! Post-Conference Workshop- Friday afternoon

### Workshop (included in your Registration):

**Session:** Business Risk management.

**Description:** Presentation, followed by comments and Q/A session from the audience;

**Speaker:** Alan Ker, OAC Research Chair in Agricultural Risk and Policy; Director and Professor, Institute for the Advanced Study of Food and Agricultural Policy, Managing Editor, Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics;

The presenters will consist of a blend of government officials, academics, industry stakeholders, community stakeholders and farmers who are in a position to highlight critical issues and policy challenges facing the agri-food system in Canada today. Attendees will have an opportunity to network with panelists as well as other attendees. The program includes:

- A one-on-one interview with Chris Forbes, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Six Interactive Panel Discussions
- One Munk Debate
- Research poster presentations, Sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Study for Food and Agricultural Policy
- Meet & Greet Reception
- Light breakfasts, snacks and lunch
- Post-Conference Workshop to support networking and collaboration



## Conference Host

### **Who We Are:**

The Canadian Agricultural Economics Society is an association of individuals with a professional interest in topics related to the economics of agriculture, food, natural resources, and the environment.

### **What We Do:**

Our activities support research excellence, professional development and knowledge exchange and let you get involved, stay informed, and be part of the conversation.