

GROWING HEALTHY FARMERS, FIELDS AND FOOD

ORGANIC ALBERTA CONFERENCE

FRIDAY JANUARY 25, 2019 | Dow Centennial Centre, Fort Saskatchewan

Draft Program Subject to Change

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Registration		
8:15 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.	Opening Remarks		
8:40 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.	Scaling Stewardship: Synergies of Soil, Science and Spirit Doug Crabtree and Anna Jones-Crabtree, Vilicus Farm		
9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Using Pollinator Strips in Cropping Doug Crabtree and Anna Jones-Crabtree, Vilicus Farm	When to Hire an Extra Hand Scott Dundas, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry	Teaching Livestock to Eat Weeds Grant Lastiwka, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Break / Trade Show		
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	A Systems Approach to Improving Soil and Plant Health	Women in Farming: Stories from the Field Trina Moyles, Author	Direct-Marketing: How to Get New Customers John Mills, Eagle Creek Farms and James Vriend and Jenny Berkenbosch, Sundog Organic Farm
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch		
12:30 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	Organic Alberta Annual General Meeting		
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Break / Trade Show		
2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.	Intercropping: Benefits and Risks Joe Wecker, Wecker Farms	Permaculture from an Indigenous Perspective Derek Bruno and Elder Leo Bruno, Samson Cree First Nation	Direct-Marketing: Retaining Customers Andrew Mans, Mans Organics and Rosemary Wotske & Cam Beard, Poplar Bluff Organics
3:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.	Intercropping: An interactive workshop to make it work on your farm Ward Middleton, Midmore Farms Steven Snider, Little Red Hen Mill Joe Wecker, Wecker Farms Doug Crabtree and Anna Jones-Crabtree, Vilicus Farm	Conscious Communication on the Farm Mike Kozlowski, Steel Pony Farm	Special Topic in Livestock Management
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Hot Topic Discussions		
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Organic Food and Wine Gala and Banquet featuring Sally Fallon Nourishing Diets: How Paleo, Ancestral and Traditional Peoples Really Ate (Tickets purchased separately)		

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SATURDAY JANUARY 26, 2019 Dow Centennial Centre, Fort Saskatchewan

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7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Registration		
8:40 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.	Tough Enough To Talk About It: Lessons in Dealing With Stress on the Farm Neil Harris, Alberta Health Services		
9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Improving Soils Through Grazing Ben Stuart, Union Forage	Grain Buyer Networking Session	Improving Soils Through Cover Crops and Intercropping for Fruit and Vegetable Producers Andrew Mans, Mans Organics and Mike Kozlowski, Steel Pony Farm
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Break / Trade Show		
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Soil and Regenerative Agriculture Stuart McMillan, Legend Organic Farms		
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch		
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	What is Organic Farming? Bernie Ehnes, Back 40 Organics (Free to the public)	Soil Health: Micorrhizal Perspective Monika Gorzelak, Agriculture Canada	Sally Fallon Nourishing Traditions Seminar (Tickets purchased separately)
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Thinking of Organic Farming: What's involved in certification? Various Certifying Bodies (Free to the public)		
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Trade Show / Break (Free to the public)	Soil Testing: How do I get the right soil information for my farm?	
3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Marketing your organic commodities Charles Newell, Newell's Organic Farm (Free to the public)		
3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Producer Panel Thinking of Organic Farming: Agronomic decisions you need to make Stuart McMillan, Legend Organic Farms and Steven Snider, Little Red Hen Mill (Free to the public)	Trade Show / Break (Free to the public)	
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Thinking of Organic Farming: Our Farm Story Clay and Ashley Armstrong, Armstrong Acres (Free to the public)	Break / Trade Show	
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Consumer and Farmer Speed Dating with Eat Alberta (Public tickets \$10)		

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BUSINESS ROOM	
FRIDAY 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Hemp Markets and Opportunities with Manitoba Harvest Hosted by Manitoba Harvest
FRIDAY 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Farm Club Get Together Hosted by Organic Alberta
FRIDAY 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	SAR Tool Hosted by ARECA
SATURDAY 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Organic Hemp Research Findings - Strategies to Improve Your Yield Hosted by Hemp Production Services
SATURDAY 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Organic Hemp Research Findings - Strategies to Improve Your Yield Hosted by Hemp Production Services
SATURDAY 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Introducing "Soil Booster Agricultural Blend" Hosted by Grassroots Organic Dirt Supplements Co. Inc.