
Manitoba Beef & Forage Conference



Working on the Farm with Hands-On Science!

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

William Glesby Centre
11 2nd St NE Portage la Prairie, Manitoba



Registration

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION COST

Register by October 1, 2024

1. Early bird registration - \$75
2. Farm registration (2 people from the same farm) - \$125
3. Students - \$60

REGISTRATION

Register on or after October 2, 2024

\$100 per person

No farm registrations accepted after October 1.

REGISTRATION IS NON-REFUNDABLE BUT TRANSFERABLE

Registration includes access to all sessions and lunch catered by Merv's Pitchfork Fondue.

To register please visit
[manitoba.ca/agriculture/
livestock/beef-conference.html](https://manitoba.ca/agriculture/livestock/beef-conference.html)



Questions about registration? Call: 204-761-3300

Accommodations

Super 8

2668 Saskatchewan Ave W
204-857-8883

Canad Inns

2401 Saskatchewan Ave W
204-857-9745

Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham

5100 Crescent Road West
204-400-5083

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8:00 REGISTRATION, COFFEE and BOOTH DISPLAYS

9:00 THEATRE - Dr. Frank Mitloehner, University of California Davis

Climate-Smart Livestock: Separating Science from Scare Tactics

Livestock, in particular cattle, are often branded as major methane (CH₄) emitters. This thought-provoking presentation will explore the true impact of CH₄ emissions from the beef and dairy sectors on temperature, clarify misunderstandings regarding greenhouse gases related to animal production and uncover the potential role of animal agriculture in fighting climate change.

10:00 THEATRE - Patti Durand, Brightrack Consulting

Strategies for Low Stress Handling of Family Succession Planning Conversations

Farm succession is a top source of uncertainty for farm families. How can you lead, guide, and participate in planning discussions, while protecting the family and the business? Join us to find out!

11:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK/VISIT DISPLAYS

11:30 BREAKOUT SESSION

(Choose one of three offered sessions)

B-1 VISUAL ARTS ROOM - Dr. Cheryl Waldner, University of Saskatchewan

Investigating Effective Strategies for the Control of Johne's Disease in Western Canadian Cow-Calf Herds - A Potential Economic Loss for your Herd

Johne's disease poses significant challenges to the beef cattle industry because of its negative effects on animal health and farm income. Although the diagnostic tools currently available for detecting Johne's aren't perfect, testing and culling infected animals is the most effective way to control the disease. Learn more about what you can do to protect your herd and to determine if testing makes financial sense on your operation.

Featuring Dr. Nadine Wohlgenuth, Virden Animal Hospital

B-2 ART GALLERY - Ben Hamm, Manitoba Agriculture
Safeguarding your Profit - Incorporating Business Risk Management Tools as Part of your Everyday Chores

This presentation will cover calculating production risk and understanding the steps you can take to maximize profitability and alleviate risk in volatile times. Ben will focus on the pros and cons of AgriInsurance for forages, Livestock Price Insurance and talk about how AgriStability can fill the gaps.

Featuring Tyler Fulton, Cattle Producer, Birtle, Manitoba and CCA Vice President

B-3 THEATRE - Dr. Stephanie Hansen, Iowa State University
Smart Mineral and Vitamin Nutrition for Stronger Beef Herds

Wondering how trace minerals help keep your cattle productive and healthy? Learn about Stephanie's research, as it relates to the critical ways micronutrients support growth, health and reproductive success in cattle.

Featuring Dr. Mary-Jane Orr, Manitoba Beef & Forage Initiatives

12:30 LUNCH AND BOOTH DISPLAYS

1:30 THEATRE - John Hart, Wildlife Biologist, Custom Wildlife Capture and Consulting, LLC

Keeping the Wolf from the Door - Effective Tools and Techniques for Producers to Reduce Wolf Damage

John will share his experience in wolf damage management by addressing wolf biology and behaviour, dispelling misconceptions about wolf predation and explaining various techniques for protecting livestock from wolves.

2:30 REPEAT OF BREAKOUT SESSION
(Choose one of three offered sessions)

3:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK/VISIT DISPLAYS

4:00 THEATRE - Dr. John Basarab, University of Alberta

Genomic Strategies for Improving Beef Cattle Efficiencies in a Changing Environment

Join Dr. Basarab to learn about genomic tools for commercial beef production. This presentation will highlight current research as well as the benefits and considerations for using genomic tools to boost profitability, reduce the industry's carbon footprint and help cattle adapt to changing environments.

5:00 CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT



Hear from local producers and industry experts about applying research on the farm. Our breakout sessions feature local producers and their on-farm experience.



Organizing Committee:

Pam Iwanchysko, Elizabeth Nernberg, Cindy Jack,
Kristen Bouchard-Teasdale, Shawn Cabak, Andrea Bertholet,
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