

2026 Western Canada Conference on Soil Health & Grazing Agenda

MONDAY DEC 7		SPEAKER	TITLE
7:00 - 9:00 PM		<i>Tradeshow Set Up</i>	
TUESDAY DEC 8			
7:30 AM		Registration	
8:50		Laura Gibney, Chair & Nora Paulovich, Conference ED	Welcome
		Minister of Ag & Irrigation	Opening Remarks
9:00		Speaker Dr. Preston Sorenson	You Can't Out-Farm Your Parent Material: Carbon Mapping Lessons from Alberta's Living Labs
10:00		Speaker Keith Reid	Soil Organic Carbon and Nitrogen Cycling in Your Soils
11:00		Speaker Dr. Yamily Zavala	Listening to the Soil: Building Knowledge Through Soil Health Benchmarking and Monitoring
11:30		<i>Lunch & Trade Show</i>	
12:30 PM		Speaker Dr. Cynthia Kallenbach	Soil Organic Matter, Microbes, and Pathways to Soil Resilience
1:30		Speaker Emily Ford	Boots on the Ground: A Real Look at Regenerative Agriculture
2:30		<i>Coffee Break & Tradeshow</i>	
3:00		Speaker Dr. Jill Clapperton	A Dirt to Soil Odyssey
4:00		Speaker Producer Panel	Crops & Soil Health
5:30 - 9:00 PM		<i>Evening Mixer with Appetizers/Finger Foods & Cash Bar at Tradeshow</i>	
WEDNESDAY DEC 9			
6:45 - 7:55 AM		<i>Registration, Breakfast & Tradeshow</i>	
7:55		Welcome	
8:00		Speaker Dr. JC Cahill	Grazing, Soil Microbes & Plant Root Decision Making: <i>There is a lot more going on than we have realized</i>
9:00		Speaker Sally Benard	Why Cropland (and Farmers) Need Livestock
10:00		<i>Coffee Break & Tradeshow</i>	
10:30		Speaker Michael Thompson	Practical Farming in Arid Environments
11:30		<i>Lunch & Trade Show</i>	
12:30		Speaker Jenna Sarich	A Systems Approach to Evaluating Sustainable Livestock Production: Global Insights from a Nuffield Scholar
1:15 PM		Speaker Dr. Anibal Pordomingo	Grazing Basics
2:15 PM		<i>Coffee Break & Tradeshow</i>	
2:45 PM		Speaker Dan Kittredge	Nutrient Density
3:45 PM		Speaker Producer Panel	Livestock & Soil Health
5:00 PM		<i>Evening Break & Tradeshow</i>	
7:00 PM		<i>Banquet</i>	
7:30 PM		Speaker	General Rick Hillier
5:00 - 9:00 PM		<i>Bar, Room and Tradeshow will stay open</i>	
THURSDAY DEC 10			
6:45 - 8:00 AM		<i>Breakfast & Tradeshow</i>	
8:00		Speaker Dr. Susan Markus	Invisible Solutions or Invisible Problems? Exploring Virtual Fencing Technology and Water Quality Assessment
8:45		Speaker Producer Panel	Technology on the Ranch
9:30		Q&A	
10:00		<i>Coffee Break & Tradeshow</i>	
10:30		Speaker Kathy Larson	Does RA Pay? The Economics of Regenerative Agriculture
11:30		<i>Lunch & Tradeshow</i>	
12:30 PM		Speaker Dr. Anibal Pordomingo	Science of Finishing Beef on Forages
1:45		Speaker Loren Doerksen	Rancher Perspective on Finishing Beef on Forages
3:00		<i>SAFE TRAVELS HOME</i>	