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Monday November 9

Pre-Conference Tour	
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast provided
8:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Tour time Stop 1: Doug and Tim Wray – Wray Ranch, Airdrie Stop 2: Lunch Stop 3: Barr-Ag - Olds
	Details: Meet at CFGA registration table for 8:00 a.m. check in. Shuttle leaves hotel at 8:15 a.m. Shuttle bus transportation is provided for conference registrants to/from the hotel. Attendees must pre-register for the tour.
4:00 p.m.	Conference registration/check in opens
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Welcome reception – Plaza 1 & 2



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Tuesday November 10

Conference Day 1			
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Conference trade show, exhibits and academic poster showcase		
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast provided		
Durable Systems			
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome messages		
9:15 – 10:10 a.m. KEYNOTE	Systems that last: Foundations of resilient agriculture	TBA	
10:10 – 10:50 a.m.	Built to last: The three factors that underpin farm success	Heather Watson	Farm Management Canada
10:50 – 11:00 a.m.	Q&A with speakers		
11:00 – 11:20 a.m.	Break		
11:15 – 11:40 a.m.	A session highlighting the central role First Nations play in Canada’s grasslands, focusing on partnership-driven approaches to stewardship, shared management and the long-term resilience of prairie and rangeland ecosystems	Michelle Sandercock	National Circle for Indigenous Agriculture & Food (NCIAF)
11:40 – 12:10 p.m.	Cow-calf cost of production network: Winning your own race	Brenna Grant	CanFax
12:10 – 12:25 p.m.	Q&A with speakers		
12:25 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch provided		



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Conference Day 1 PM			
1:30 – 1:40 p.m.	Welcome back and sponsorship message		
1:40 – 2:15 p.m.	Exploring the role of Canada's forage seed industry		<i>DLF Canada</i>
2:15 – 2:40 p.m.	The Hoyt Report: Latest insights into global forage demand, export trends and emerging futures opportunities	<i>Josh Callen</i>	<i>The Hoyt Report</i>
2:40 – 2:55 p.m.	Q&A with speakers		
2:55 – 3:15 p.m.	Break		
3:15 – 3:50 p.m.	Canadian land systems management panel A panel on diverse management strategies for significant Canadian landscapes	Provincial representatives from BC, AB, SK and ON	
3:50 – 4:50 p.m. Closing Keynote	Trade infrastructure and market access: What it means for Canada's forage and grazing sector	<i>TBA</i>	
4:50 – 5:15 p.m.	Panel Q&A		
7:00– 8:30 p.m.	<i>The CFGA Leadership Award Dinner featuring Tess Ryder</i> <i>Reflections from Kathmandu: Insights from the Global Gathering of Pastoralist Women in the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP)</i>		



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Wednesday AM November 11

Conference Day 2			
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Conference trade show, exhibits and academic poster showcase		
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast provided		
8:00 – 8:40 a.m.	CFGa operational update	CFGa executive director	
8:40 – 8:50 a.m.	Highlights from Alberta	ARECA	
Durable Environment			
8:50 – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome messages		
9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Keynote	An overview of how soil biota shape forage productivity and landscape resilience	Isaac Heida	University of Alberta, CAT-G Project
9:45 – 10:25 a.m.	Increasing and sustaining productivity on marginal acres	Ken Wall	Forage specialist
10:25 – 10:40 a.m.	Q&A with speakers		
10:40 – 10:55 a.m.	Break		
10:55 – 11:05 a.m.	Remembrance Day message and pause		
11:05 – 11:30 a.m.	Canadian economic outlook	Aaron Goertzen	BMO
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	Wrestling with the future of forage crops	Daniel H. Putnam	UC Davis
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch		



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Wednesday PM November 11

Concurrent Session 1: Durable Futures			
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Welcome back and sponsor message		
1:45 – 2:35 p.m.	Agri-technology panel Panel on emerging tools shaping tomorrow’s forage and grassland systems	<i>Representatives from agriculture equipment and technology companies</i>	
2:35 – 3:05 p.m.	Conversion modeling and the future of grassland	<i>Bronwyn Rayfield</i>	<i>Carleton University</i>
3:05– 3:15 p.m.	Q&A with speaker		
3:15– 3:35 p.m.	Break - Sponsored by Nature United		
Concurrent Session 2: Durable People			
1:30 – 1:40 p.m.	Welcome back and sponsor message		
1:40 – 2:15 p.m.	Prairie grazing leadership: Grazing clubs across the grasslands	<i>Grazing club representatives from Chinook Applied Research Association (CARA)</i>	
2:15– 2:45 p.m.	The human dimensions of grassland resilience: From producer decisions to meaningful engagement	<i>Brooke McWherter</i>	<i>University of Nebraska-Lincoln</i>
2:45– 3:05 p.m.	Perspectives on resilience: Mongolian grasslands	<i>John Pattison-Williams</i>	<i>Pattison Consulting</i>
3:05 – 3:15 p.m.	Panel Q&A with speakers		
3:15– 3:35 p.m.	Break		



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Closing Keynote			
3:35 – 4:10 p.m.	Agriculture research in Canada: Lacombe Research Center and its impact	Holly Mayer	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
4:10 – 4:20 p.m.	Conference closing remarks		
No dinner provided			
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.	Evening social Connecting those who have an impact on forage, pasture and grasslands	RSVP only – food & drink provided	

Thursday November 12

Post-Conference Workshops	
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast provided
8:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Advancing Canada's Grasslands Together (hybrid session) To register, click: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/FB0fX341TG63iM2rcfAWzA
8:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Technology Tinder (in-person only) Registration available via conference registration
Breaks and lunch provided	