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Nov. 9 to 12, 2026
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Monday November 9

Pre-Conference Tour	
7:30 – 8:45 am	Breakfast provided
8:00 - 5:00 pm	Tour time - Lunch Provided
	Meet at CFGA Reception table for 8:00 am check in. Shuttle leaves Hotel at 8:15 am Shuttle bus transportation is provided for Conference registrants to/from the Hotel. Attendees must pre-register for tour.
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Welcome Reception – Plaza 1 & 2



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Tuesday November 10

Conference Day 1			
8:30 – 6:00 pm	Conference Tradeshow, Exhibits, and Academic Poster Showcase		
7:30 – 8:45 am	Breakfast provided		
Durable Systems			
9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome Messages		
9:15 – 10:10 am	Systems That Last: Foundations of Resilient Agriculture: A focus on the human, organizational, and operational foundations that make agricultural and conservation systems resilient, adaptable, and capable of delivering long-term value.	TBA	
KEYNOTE			
10:10 – 10:50 am	Built to Last: The Three Factors That Underpin Farm Success	Heather Watson	Farm Management Canada
10:50 – 11:00 am	Audience Q&A		
11:00 – 11:20 am	Break		
11:15 – 11:40 am	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.	TBA	NCIAF
11:40 – 12:10 pm	Cow-Calf Cost of Production Network: Winning your own race	Brenna Grant	CanFax



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12:10 – 12:25 pm	Panel Q&A with speakers		
12:25 - 1:30 pm	Lunch provided		
Conference Day 1 PM			
1:30 – 1:40 pm	Welcome Back and Sponsorship Message		
1:40 – 2:15 pm	Exploring the role of Canada’s forage seed industry	TBA	
2:15 – 2:40 pm	The Hoyt Report: Latest insights into global forage demand, export trends, and emerging futures opportunities.	Josh Callan	The Hoyt Report
2:40 – 2:55 pm	Panel Q&A with speakers		
2:55 – 3:15 pm	Break		
3:15 – 3:50 pm	Canadian Land Systems Management: A panel on diverse management strategies for significant Canadian landscapes	Provincial Representatives from AB, SK, and ON	
3:50 – 4:50 pm Closing Day 1 Keynote	An exploration of how policy frameworks, market signals, and institutional structures can strengthen perennial systems, support producer decision-making, and reinforce the long-term value of forages within Canada’s agrifood landscape.	TBA	
4:50 – 5:00 pm	Panel Q&A with speakers		
6:45 – 8:30 pm	The CFGA Leadership Award Dinner ft. Tess Ryder <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 - 5:30 pm	Conference Tradeshow, Exhibits, and Academic Poster Showcase		
7:30 – 8:45 am	Breakfast provided		
8:00 – 8:30 am	CFGA Operational Update	CFGA Executive Director	
8:30 – 8:50 am	Highlights from Alberta	ARECA	
Durable Environment			
8:50 – 9:00 am	Welcome Messages		
9:00 – 9:45 am	An overview of how soil biota shape forage productivity and landscape resilience.	Isaac Heida	University of Alberta, CAT-G Project
Keynote			
9:45 – 10:25 am	Increasing and Sustaining Productivity on Marginal Acres	Ken Wall	Forage specialist
10:25 – 10:40 am	Panel Q&A with speakers		
10:40 – 10:55 am	Break		
10:55 – 11:05 am	Remembrance Day Message and Pause		
11:05 – 11:30 am	Conversion Modeling and the Future of Grasslands		Nature United
11:30 – 11:50 pm	Agriculture Research in Canada	TBA	
12:00 – 12:15 pm	Panel Q&A with speakers		
12:15 - 1:10 pm	Lunch		



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Wednesday PM November 11

Concurrent Session 1: Durable Futures			
1:10 – 1:15 pm	Welcome Back and Sponsor Message		
1:15 – 2:10 pm	Agri-Technology Panel: Emerging Tools Shaping Tomorrow’s Forage and Grassland Systems	Representatives from Agriculture Equipment and Technology companies	
2:10 – 2:40 pm	Canadian Economic Outlook	Aaron Goertzen	BMO
2:40 – 2:45 pm	Panel Q&A with speaker		
2:45 – 3:10 pm	Break		
Concurrent Session 2: Durable People			
1:10 – 1:15 pm	Welcome Back and Sponsor Message		
1:15 – 1:50 pm	Prairie Grazing Leadership: Grazing Clubs Across the Grasslands	Grazing Club Representatives from AB	
1:50 – 2:20 pm	Social Science and Producer Decision-Making: insights for long-term resilience	Brook McWherter	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2:20 – 2:40 pm	Perspectives on Resilience: Mongolian Grasslands	John Pattison-Williams	
2:40 – 2:50 pm	Panel Q&A with speakers		
2:50 – 3:10 pm	Break		
Closing Keynote			
3:10 – 4:10 pm Closing Keynote	Future of Forages	Dan Putnam	University of California Davis
4:10 – 4:20 pm	Conference Closing Remarks		
	No Dinner provided		
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Evening Social – Connecting those who have impact on forage, pasture and grasslands	RSVP only – food & drink provided	



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Thursday November 12

Post-Conference Workshops		
8:00 – 8:45 am	Breakfast provided	
8:30 – 4:30 pm	Advancing Canada's Grasslands Together – Hybrid session	To register – email Kaylee at communications@canadianfga.ca
8:30 – 4:30 pm	Technology Tinder – In- person Only	Registration available via conference registration
Breaks and Lunch provided		