

CURRENT ISSUES IN CANADIAN AGRI-FOOD POLICY

Eighth Annual Canadian Agri-Food Policy Conference

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Preliminary Conference Agenda

Wednesday, January 24

6-8 pm **Meet & Greet Reception** Includes conference packet pick-up

Thursday, January 25

7:30 am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

8:30 am **Welcome Comments**
Alan Ker, CAES Past-President

8:45 am **Session 1: Keynote 1 – International Implications of the US Farm Bill**

Barry Goodwin, William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Graduate Alumni Distinguished Professor in the Department of Economics at North Carolina State University

The US Farm Bill has and will continue to have significant implications for Canadian agriculture and food consumers. Professor Goodwin has been deeply involved in the 2018 farm bill debate and will share his thoughts on current developments.

10:00 am NETWORKING BREAK

10:30 am **Session 2: Looking Back and Looking Forward - Perspectives on Supply Management Programs**

This session will be a Munk-style debate on supply management in Canadian agriculture. Moderated by Brady Deaton, University of Guelph. Debaters include Maurice Doyon and Bruno Larue of Laval University.

12:00 pm LUNCH

- 1:30 pm **Session 3: NAFTA 2.0 or Not**
- NAFTA has been fundamental to Canadian agriculture. Panelists will present and discuss issues related to the current renegotiations.
- NAFTA Modernization within the Global Trade Context
Frédéric Seppay, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch, Canada's Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada; presented by Denis Landreville, Lead Negotiator, Trade and Negotiations Division, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Key Issues in the NAFTA Renegotiations
Steven Zahniser, Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture
- Renewal or Failure: NAFTA in Perspective
Mike Gifford, Chief Agricultural Trade Negotiator for the Canada-U.S. FTA, NAFTA, and the Uruguay Round
- 3:00 pm NETWORKING BREAK
- 3:30 pm **Session 4: Food Security**
- This session will present issues related to changing climate for Canadian agriculture and food security.
- Innovation and Climate Induced Volatility and Food Security in Canada and the US
Tor Tolhurst, University of California–Davis
- Climate Change and Food Security in Developing Countries
Kathy Baylis, University of Illinois
- Food Security: Meaning and Matters for Canada and First Nations
Brady Deaton, University of Guelph
- 6-8 pm **Wine & Cheese and Annual Policy Poster Contest**

Friday, January 26

- 7:30 am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION
- 8:30 am **Session 5: Keynote 2 – Risk Management in an Era of Big Data and Changing Climate**
- Keith Coble**, Giles Distinguished Professor and Head of the Agricultural Economics Department at Mississippi State University
- Risk management is the dominant domestic agricultural support policy for producers in Canada, the U.S. and most developed countries. Big data and changing climate have significant implications for future risk management policies.

9:45 am **Top Three Poster Contest Presentations**

10:00 am NETWORKING BREAK

10:30 am **Session 6: BRM Under Review**

Currently the BRM suite of programs are undergoing review. This session will speak to some of the current problems and potential fixes for BRM in Canada.

Update on *Federal-Provincial-Territorial BRM Review*

Andrew Goldstein, Director General, Policy, Planning and Integration, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Business Risk Management – Positioning Canadian Agriculture for Continued Growth
Scott Ross, Canadian Federation of Agriculture

Canadian BRM Programs Revisited

Feng Qiu, University of Alberta

12:00 pm **Contest Winners and Closing Comments**

Peter Boxall, CAES President