

Please note: program details, including speakers and session topics, are subject to change.

Day 1: Wednesday, June 24, 2026

10:00-12:00 pm:	Registration Desk Open
12:00-5:00 pm:	Farm Tours & Summerland Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre (includes lunch & transportation) Sponsored by BC Ministry of Agriculture & Food
5:00-7:00 pm:	Welcome Reception Location: Fitzpatrick Family Vineyards Sponsored by Scotiabank

Day 2: Thursday, June 25, 2026

7:00-9:00 am:	Registration Desk Open
8:00-8:30 am:	Doors Open & Networking
8:30 am:	Opening Remarks by Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food
8:45 am-12:30 pm:	Morning Keynote: Dr. Ken Coates <i>Resurrecting British Columbia's Economy, as if Communities Matter: Why Agriculture Needs to Have a Future and a Past</i> Sponsored by TD Agriculture Services
	Session 1: Panelists Chris Bodnar, Matt Creechan (KPMG), Dr. Ken Coates, Scott Ross (CFA) <i>The Missing Middle: Farm Profitability and Competitiveness</i>
	Session 2: Vaughn Palmer and Keith Baldrey <i>Edge of the Ledge: An Inside Look into BC's Political Landscape</i>
	Policy Roundtable Session: Introductory Remarks by MP John Barlow <i>Red Tape or Roadblock? Addressing Agriculture's Regulatory Challenges</i>
	12:30-1:30 pm:
1:30-4:30 pm:	Remarks by Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Labour
	BC Young Farmers Scholarship Presentation
	Session 3: David Coletto <i>The Trust Factor: How Public Perception Impacts Agriculture's Growth</i> Sponsored by FortisBC
	Session 4: Young Farmer Panel: Tyler Heppell, Russel Reitsema, Nathan Flokstra, Kaitlin Guitard, Jeff Spitters, Rebecca Senicar <i>Who Will Farm Tomorrow? The Reality Facing BC's Next Generation</i>
	Afternoon Keynote: Jean-Philippe (JP) Gervais <i>Future-Proofing BC Agriculture: Driving Growth and Competitiveness</i> Sponsored by SFU B.C. Centre for Agritech Innovation
5:30 pm:	Registration Desk Open
6:15-10:00 pm:	Gala Reception & Program Sponsored by Agricultural Credit Corporation

