

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

Day 1: Wednesday, June 24, 2026

10:00-5:00 pm:	Registration Desk Open
12:00-5:00 pm:	Farm Tours & Summerland Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre Funded by the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial initiative.
4:30 pm:	Shuttle Departs from Hotel to Welcome Reception
5:00-7:00 pm:	Welcome Reception Location: Fitzpatrick Family Vineyards Sponsored by Scotiabank

Day 2: Thursday, June 25, 2026

7:30-9:00 am:	Registration Desk Open
8:00-8:30 am:	Doors Open & Networking
8:30 am:	Welcome Remarks by BCAC Board President Jennifer Woike and MP Helena Konanz, Similkameen-South Okanagan-West Kootenay Opening Remarks by Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food
8:45 am-12:30 pm:	Morning Keynote: Resurrecting British Columbia's Economy, as if Communities Matter: Why Agriculture Needs to Have a Future and a Past Speaker: Dr. Ken Coates Sponsored by TD Agriculture Services
	Session 1: Farming at the Edge: The Missing Middle Panellists Chris Bodnar (UFV), Matt Creechan (KPMG), Dr. Ken Coates, Scott Ross (CFA)
	Session 2: Edge of the Ledge: An Inside Look into BC's Political Landscape Speakers: Vaughn Palmer and Keith Baldrey
	Policy Roundtable Session: Introductory Remarks by MP John Barlow <i>Aligning for Success: Cross-Jurisdictional Approaches to Regulatory Efficiency</i> Moderators: Scott Ross & Danielle Synotte (BCAC)
12:30-1:30 pm:	Lunch Sponsored by Farm Credit Canada
1:30-4:30 pm:	Pre-taped Video Greeting by Senator Black
	Remarks by Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Labour
	BC Young Farmers Scholarship Presentation
	Session 3: The Trust Factor: How Public Perception Impacts Agriculture's Growth Speaker: David Coletto (Abacus Data) Sponsored by FortisBC
	Session 4: The Next Generation's Reckoning: The Financial Reality Facing BC's Young Farmers An honest discussion with BC's next generation on rising costs, growing debt and the imminent needs to continue farming Funded by the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial initiative.
	Afternoon Keynote: Future-Proofing BC Agriculture: Driving Growth and Competitiveness Speaker: Jean-Philippe (JP) Gervais (FCC) Sponsored by SFU B.C. Centre for Agritech Innovation
	Closing Remarks
6:15-10:00 pm:	Gala Reception & Award Sponsored by Agricultural Credit Corporation