

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	Hotel Lobby
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Farm Tour Participants

Lunch & tours are funded by the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial initiative.

11:30 am:	'Create your own' Lunch Station	Hotel Lobby
11:50 am:	Board Motorcoaches	Hotel Entrance
12:00-5:00 pm:	Depart Hotel Savanna Ridge Cherries Brar-Star Farms Summerland Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre	
5:00 pm:	Arrive at the Welcome Reception	Fitzpatrick Family Vineyards

Welcome Reception Only Participants

4:20 pm:	Board Motorcoaches	Hotel Entrance
4:30 pm:	Depart the hotel	
5:00 pm:	Arrive at the Welcome Reception	Fitzpatrick Family Vineyards

All Participants

5:00-7:00 pm	Welcome Reception Location Sponsored by Scotiabank	Fitzpatrick Family Vineyards
7:00 pm:	Motorcoaches Depart Fitzpatrick Family Vineyards	
7:30 pm:	Arrive back at the hotel	

Day 2: Thursday, June 25, 2026

All day programming and the Gala Reception takes place in the East Ballroom.

7:30-9:00 am:	Registration Desk Open
7:30 am:	Doors Open for Showcase Table Exhibitors only
8:00 am:	Doors Open for all Delegates
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:	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
9:15 am:	Session 1: Farming at the Edge: The Missing Middle Panellists Chris Bodnar (UFV), Matt Creechan (KPMG), Dr. Ken Coates, Scott Ross (CFA)
10:00-10:30 am:	Networking Break Sponsored by UBC Farm Centre for Sustainable Food Systems
10:30 am:	Session 2: Edge of the Ledge: An Inside Look into BC's Political Landscape Speakers: Vaughn Palmer and Keith Baldrey
11:15 am:	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
12:30-1:30 pm:	Lunch Sponsored by Farm Credit Canada
1:30 pm:	Pre-taped Video Greeting by Senator Black
	Remarks by MLA Ian Paton
1:40 pm:	Remarks by Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Labour
	BC Young Farmers Scholarship Presentation
1:50 pm:	Session 3: The Trust Factor: How Public Perception Impacts Agriculture's Growth Speaker: David Coletto (Abacus Data) Sponsored by FortisBC

Day 2: Thursday, June 25, 2026 (cont'd)

2:30-3:00 pm:	Refreshment Break
3:00 pm:	<p>Session 4: <i>The Next Generation's Reckoning: The Financial Reality Facing BC's Young Farmers</i></p> <p>An honest discussion with BC's next generation on rising costs, growing debt and the imminent needs to continue farming</p> <p>Funded by the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial initiative.</p>
3:45 pm:	<p>Afternoon Keynote: <i>Future-Proofing BC Agriculture: Driving Growth and Competitiveness</i></p> <p>Speaker: Jean-Philippe (JP) Gervais (FCC)</p> <p>Sponsored by SFU B.C. Centre for Agritech Innovation</p>
4:15 pm:	Closing Remarks

Gala Reception

This evening's Gala Reception is proudly sponsored by the Agricultural Credit Corporation.

6:15 pm:	Doors Open Champagne Welcome
6:30 pm:	Welcome Remarks by BCAC Executive Director Danielle Synotte and Agriculture Credit Corporation
6:35 pm:	<p>Award Presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation: Outstanding Teacher in Agriculture Award 2. BCAC: Excellence in Agriculture Leadership Award
7:00 pm:	Reception
9:45 pm:	Closing Remarks