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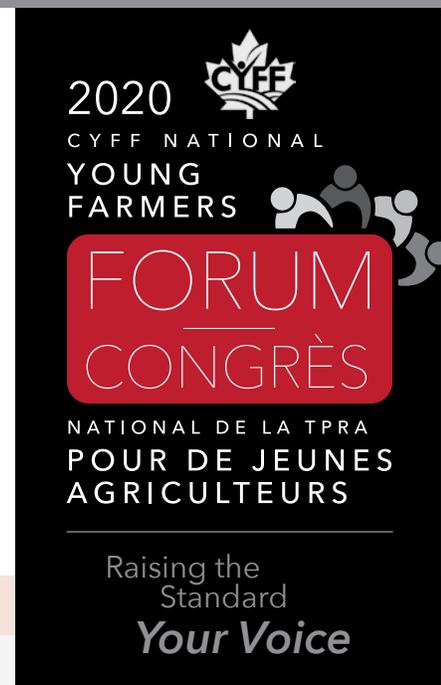
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March 6-8, 2020

PRELIMINARY AGENDA*...

THURSDAY, MARCH 5	Farm Your Numbers Training
FRIDAY, MARCH 6	Farm Your Numbers Training Mental Health Workshop Round Table 1 - Barriers to Success (Business Challenges)
EVENING	Conference Opening Night and Welcome Team Building and Training Guest Speakers
SATURDAY, MARCH 7	Succession Planning Mental Health 2.0 - Building Personal and Business Resilience Virtual Farm Tours Young Farmers Panel on Succession Planning Authentic Leadership / Emotional Intelligence Education and Training Session Taking Stock: Mental Health and Young Farmers Round Table 2 - Young Women in Ag
SUNDAY, MARCH 8	Virtual Farm Tours Conflict Resolution Young Farmers Panel on Labour Round Table 3 - Stress Management / Mental Health Round Table 4 - Succession Planning Round Table 5 - Young Farmers' Needs Formal Supper Farm Your Numbers Winner Announcement
MONDAY, MARCH 9	Optional On-Site Farm Tours

* Agenda subject to change



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Watch our social media accounts for more info about the 2020 Conference including announcements of speakers and upcoming contests...





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Canada's Agriculture Day is February 11, 2020. Let's raise a fork and celebrate the food we love.

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**CANADA'S
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DAY**

Saskatchewan Young Ag-Entrepreneurs

Carla Borsa, SYA General Manager

The SYA is happy to announce our 2020 conference & AGM themed Proudly Ag: Creating Connections that will be held on January 9 & 10, 2020 at the Delta Hotel in Saskatoon. Plans are well underway, and we invite you to our website to view speaker announcements and registration opening early November.

The SYA Fall Newsletter went out in September and can be viewed at www.saskyoungag.ca.

This September we have featured SYA member Kiley Podhordeski, view his involvement in the industry and SYA in our newsletter.

SYA attended the U of S College of AgBio Career Fair on October 17th to share the story of SYA and engage people to become

involved in the organization. There was great uptake and it was a good space to create awareness of SYA.

SYA held the Fall Event October 17th at Louis on U of S campus in Saskatoon. There was a great turnout with 30 people dropping in and an engaging presentation from Cole Thorpe, Owner and Founder of Prairie Proud. He shared his entrepreneurial journey and there were many questions and answers and networking.



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Canadian Young Farmers Forum

New Brunswick Young Farmers

Camille Coulombe

NBYFF Summer Farm Tour

NBYFF wants to thank everyone who attend their Summer Farm Tour in July. A dozen young farmers were in attendance during this year's summer farm tour. The group started the morning at Cornhill Nursery in Corn Hill, NB and owner Bob Osborn explained their nursery operations and community workshops such as pruning and greenhouse plants. After having lunch at the Cedar Café, the group went down the road to Von Waldows dairy barn where they watched 300+ cows get milked on a 32 bay herringbone type rotary parlor from Boumatic. This was a great opportunity for members to network with other young farmers outside of a traditional conference setting.

NBYFF 2020 AGM/ Conference

Join NBYFF for their Annual General Meeting and Conference taking place January 17th, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza in Fredericton.



Cost: \$75.00 (includes a one-year NBYFF membership, 1 full conference pass, 1 banquet ticket, & access to the hospitality room). Can be paid by cash or cheque the day of the event.

More information to come on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NewBrunswickYoungFarmers/> See you in January!

Farming Mental Health in Canada

1 in 8 jobs in Canada is in the agriculture and agri-food industry¹

In a survey of more than 1100 farmers:²

- 35% met the criteria for depression
- 58% met the criteria for anxiety
- 45% were highly stressed
- 40% were uneasy seeking professional help

Stressors

many are out of farmers' control

- Weather
- Government regulations
- Debt and finances
- Commodity prices
- Isolation
- Livestock well-being
- Culture of the resilient, strong farmer
- Family conflicts
- Long hours
- Machinery breakdowns
- Public perception and stigmatization of farming

What can be done

- Show appreciation for farmers through public awareness campaigns and strategies
- Check in with farming community members
- Tell and share personal stories to reduce stigma
- Build capacity in mental health awareness and prevention
- Promote available telephone help lines and e-mental health services for farmers

Practicing self-care

Health Effects

- Mental health disorders
- Heart disease and high blood pressure
- Back pain
- Cancer
- Substance use
- Impaired learning and memory
- Infections
- Increased passivity

- Ask for help and offer to help. Reach out to your community.
- Set aside time to disconnect from technology. Use that time to exercise or just relax.
- Make the most of the sleep you're getting. Think about your nightly routine and your surroundings.
- Talk to someone. Opening up is not a sign of weakness but takes strength. Where you can go: <https://www.domore.ag/resources>

If you or someone else is in crisis, visit your local emergency department or call 911 immediately

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Newfoundland and Labrador Young Farmers' Forum

Mentors Share Their Knowledge and Skills Through NL Pilot Program

Matthew Carlson

Two pairs of mentors and mentees are the first matches in the NL Young Farmers' Forum (NLYFF) mentorship pilot program. Krista Chatman of Three Mile Ridge in Lethbridge is paired with Damian Oliver of Musgravetown, and Brian Kowalski of Murray Meadows Farm in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's is paired with Emaad Al Ktifan, a Syrian refugee now living in St. John's.

The mentorship pilot program has been offered since late 2017 and this spring saw the first successful matches. This initiative seeks to test the feasibility of such a program in the province and provide the hands-on learning which is crucial to the success of new farmers.

Krista and Damian were the first mentor-mentee match. Krista had been informally mentoring Damian for some time. She had already applied as a mentor in the program but was waiting for the right mentee application when it occurred to her that formalizing the existing mentorship would be the best way to go. She then encouraged Damian to apply.

Damian always had an interest in farming. He recalls becoming involved with his grandfather, George Greening's farm, "ever since I was able to, at nine or ten years old." His grandfather had an egg farm at that time. Farming has been in Damian's family since 1945 when his great grandfather started the farm. His grandfather took it over in 1979.

Now that Damian has his own farm, called Hillview Farms, it's vegetables that he is interested in growing. He grows several different types; including broccoli, corn, and many root vegetables like carrots and turnip. He is operating on about 20 acres of land. He started last year, at age 19, with seven acres in production, which increased to 10 acres this year. Damian is happy with the progress he has made over time. He says that he is "improving as I go."



Damian mostly sells his produce at the Clarenville Farmers' Market on Saturdays. He also participates in fall fairs, and operates a roadside stand not far from Clarenville.

Damian has been mentored informally by Krista Chatman for some time now. She has been helping him on both the business and production side. He goes to her farm on a fairly regular basis to discuss issues and see how she operates. Most dry days in the summer he will be there at some point during the day, asking questions and getting opinions on how to proceed with challenges he encounters at his farm.

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Mentor Krista Chatman and mentee Damian Oliver at a meeting at the Clarenville Farmers Market in June



Not long after Krista and Damian’s match was made, the Association for New Canadians (ANC) contacted NLYFF to indicate that they had a potential match with another local farmer. ANC was already looking at matching Emaad Al Ktifan, along with Nezar Khalif, another Syrian refugee with a background in farming, with Murray Meadows Farm. They thought the NLYFF mentorship program might be a great way for Emaad to link with the farm.

Emaad was a farmer in Syria, where he grew crops and raised animals that are suited to the NL climate (such as vegetables, chickens, and sheep), as well as crops that are not so well suited to this climate (like grapes, olives, and melons). His focus will be on learning new production techniques and how to grow in this climate. He is also hoping to improve his English language skills, and become a part of the local farming community.

As a father of six, Emaad’s longer-term goal is to have his own farm here. Mentor Brian Kowalski wants to see that happen as well, whether it be by Emaad starting his own farm or eventually taking over Murray Meadows. In the shorter term, Brian defines success as being able to go away for a couple of weeks and not have to worry about anything on

the farm. That is the stage he hopes to be at later on this year at the end of the mentorship program. At this early point in their mentorship, Brian feels like he is getting a lot out of it as well, saying “He’s teaching me more than I’m teaching him.”

Both mentorship placements are expected to last through this harvest season.

Funding to carry out the mentorship pilot program is provided through the Young Farmers’ Initiative project, which is supported through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.



Mentee Emaad Al Ktifan (L) and mentor Brian Kowalski harvesting kale together at Murray Meadows Farm

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Veronica Vermeulen

Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia

BY JESS CAMPBELL

Veronica Vermeulen is not your average farmer – and she prefers it that way.

Veronica is part of the third generation on a 350-cow dairy farm in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia, farming with two of her brothers (she has six siblings total), which, as it turns out, is the thing that makes her non-average. “I was expected to go farm with my husband, Matt, who has a two-robot, 100-cow dairy farm,” says Veronica. “Everyone expected me to go there. That pressure totally didn’t come from my husband at all. I had to fight quite hard to get my succession deal done within my family farm. I don’t think it came from a negative place, necessarily; it’s just that people didn’t believe that I knew what I wanted. I really had to prove that this is what I want and to make sure my actions showed that.”

As a young, female farmer, Veronica is very aware that, despite working on the same farm, her farm life and the farm life of her brothers is very different. “I used to feel like the world was against young female

farmers. But the more I learn, the more I realize that it’s the choices you make as a young female farmer – they’re VERY different than the choices a young male farmer makes. For example, when you decide to start a family, what happens with your work? For me and my husband, I feel that whatever changes happen in my life when we have a kid will be the same changes that happen in his life. I’m not going to be the one who isn’t going to work because we have kids. It’s 50/50 and we’re going to figure it out.”

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Veronica and her brothers have learned to play to each other's strengths when it comes to managing such a large operation. "I work a lot with my oldest brother. He does a lot with the business side of things, like HR and decisions about what barn we're building next. Then my other brother does the cropping, and I do a lot of breeding, cow health, calving out the cows and all the calf stuff."

The farm is split into four, something Veronica says works very well. "There are different locations and people have different responsibilities (at those specific locations). We have all the fresh cows in one place. The first half of their lactation, they all go to the same farm. Then after they're pregnant, they go to a different farm until they dry off (and are ready to have their calf). Once they're dry, they come to my barn which is a pack barn. I keep them for two months and then for a few days after they calve. After they've had their calf, I truck them about two kilometers up the road to the barn with the fresh cows, where they'll eventually get bred and the process starts all over again."

Outside the farm, Veronica pays close attention to both agricultural technology (she has an Engineering degree from the University of Waterloo) and consumer perception. It's these two aspects that cause Veronica to be excited for the future of agriculture in Canada. "I think technology in agriculture is heating up and I'm really excited about where it's going. It's just amazing, all the tools we have - and that next year, those tools will be even better and we'll have new tools! It's just a really great time to be a farmer."

As far as consumers go, Veronica hopes the agriculture industry can continue to improve trust and communication. "I've never been more excited to be part of Canadian agriculture. I think it has a very exciting future but we need to be more customer sensitive. Y'know how there was that whole, 'If you ate today, thank a farmer' thing? I think it should be, 'If you're a farmer, thank a consumer.' I think as farmers, we'll need to serve our customer more in the future. I think right now, there's a lot of customer pressure and negative talk about farmers and being environmentally friendly. I think it's an exciting opportunity to be a farmer, turning that on its head and doing better, especially with technology and precision agriculture. I see all the negativity as an opportunity, definitely."



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Successful evolution of two former Outstanding Young Farmers

Perhaps success, like happiness, is a journey and not a destination. Or perhaps success is temporary and if you don't continue progressing, you don't remain successful.

No matter how you analyze it, many farm operations widely regarded as successful continue to move forward with new and exciting ventures. Such is the case with these Outstanding Young Farmer former honourees.

Beef, and now bison: Christoph and Erika Weder

While the optimist and pessimist were debating whether the glass was half full or half empty, the opportunist just drank it. This describes the business philosophy of Christoph Weder. Christoph and his wife Erika have continued to seize new opportunities throughout their farming career.

Along the way, Christoph has developed a reputation for being a straight shooter, calling it as he sees it, even if his views are not always popular. He says most producers are hard-working, but many are stuck in a rut.

"Due to family ties and the sentimental value attached to multi-generational farmland, many producers are reluctant to make big changes in where and how they farm," he notes. "We've flipped our land base numerous times and continued to change our business as new opportunities have emerged."

The couple started with one quarter of land in central Alberta back in 1996. They moved north to near Rycroft in the Peace River region in 2003 to develop a profitable and innovative cattle operation.

In 2003, the Canadian beef industry was devastated after the discovery of BSE, prompting the Weders and other producers to form Heritage Angus Beef and direct-market high-quality, hormone-free beef to a number of markets, including Europe.

In 2006, the couple was recognized with OYF honours for Canada, but they didn't let the acclaim dull their desire to pursue new opportunities.

In 2013, Christoph and Erika moved with their four children west from Rycroft, Alta., to a ranch based near Hudson's Hope, B.C. In addition to a much larger acreage of deeded land, they also have a large grazing license. Operating as Venator Ranches Ltd., they now run 1,700 beef cows and 300 bison cows, employing minimum input production practices to maximize sustainability.

While it's costly to ship animals from the edge of agriculture to markets further south, land was relatively inexpensive and the cost to purchase hay is typically much less.

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The branded beef program became too large for the producer group to effectively manage so it was sold. However, Christoph says no one is capitalizing on the opportunity to move bison meat duty free into the European market, so he's exploring that potential.

"We could retire, but what sort of message would that be for our kids?" The children are all actively involved in the operation.

However, Christoph notes that the family has been taking more time for holidays together and they especially like exploring agriculture in other countries. "This makes us grateful for what we have in Canada and also opens our eyes to new opportunities."

Diversified hog operation: Mike and Amy Cronin

Providing opportunities for the next generation is also a motivating force for Amy and Mike Cronin. OYF National winners in 2015, they have six children. Based at Bluevale, Ont., about an hour west of Kitchener, Cronin Farms has grown into a diversified hog operation with facilities in both Ontario and the U.S.

The number of pork producers in Canada has declined dramatically over the years. Amy believes Ontario has been able to maintain more independently owned family operations because more than 170 producers co-operate to own one of the major pork processing plants - Conestoga Meats.

The other major plant in the province doesn't own hogs either. In most regions of the country, packing plants have become dominant players in primary production.

In Ontario, Cronin Farms has a 3,600-sow farrow-to-weaner operation, another 1,500-sow farrow-to-weaner, and most recently a genetic multiplier. In the U.S, they have a farrow-to-finish operation and two operations providing piglets for multiple niche markets. With the increasing scope of the business, the Cronins have learned how to hire strong employees and empower them to make good decisions.

"The best opportunities often come from good business relationships and trust," Amy notes. "It's also about seeing where the industry is going." However, she acknowledges that sometimes good ideas don't fit into the business's long-term strategic plan, and other times the timing just isn't right.

While there's a gut-feel component to tackling new opportunities, number crunching is also vital.

They entered the U.S. market to pursue different marketing opportunities and for risk management.

"It makes a big difference that Mike and I are 100 per cent committed to the business," Amy says. "We're on the same page, we can fill in for each other and we can bounce ideas back and forth."

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Mentorship key to success for new Manitoba egg producer

David Michiels remembers the day he got the call – the one from Manitoba Egg Farmers to tell him that he was the winner of the random lottery draw in their New Entrant Draw, a program designed to help new egg farmers get their start in the industry.

“I was in disbelief,” he says. “I didn’t even know the draw was being held that day, and I was in shock for the first day.”

David, who grew up on his family farm near Holland, Manitoba and studied agriculture at Assiniboine Community College, was inspired to apply for the program after learning about egg production from neighbours who had recently built a new egg barn.

“Everything we heard from them about egg farming was really positive,” he says. He applied to the Manitoba Egg Farmers new entrant program draw and got the news he was the successful applicant in November of 2015.

David says that the support and guidance from established Manitoba egg producers was invaluable as he made plans to build his own barn. “Everyone was very helpful... people were happy to open their barn doors and answer any questions that I had.”

David’s operation was up-and-running within a year, and currently houses 6,500 hens in an enriched colony system in a barn built on land adjacent to his family farm. He says that he built his barn with space to expand in the future, which he hopes to do if the opportunity presents itself.

In addition to producing eggs, David farms with his brother Brian, growing grain and raising a herd of Red Angus beef cattle.

David is married to Erin, who works off-farm as a social worker, and they are raising two children, Sam, age 4 and Sophie, 1. He says the kids are big fans of farm life, and love to spend time in the barn collecting eggs and going for tractor rides.



When asked what advice he’d give to someone considering following in his footsteps and becoming a new egg producer, he can’t say enough about the value of mentorship. “Don’t be afraid to ask questions and ask for help. Find a mentor to look up to, who knows the ins and outs of the industry.”

It was on the advice of one of David’s mentors, neighbour Kate Van Deynze-Fleming, that he decided to participate in Egg Farmers of Canada’s 2019 national young farmer program. David sees the program as another opportunity to network with other egg producers and gain valuable insight.





Wear green, celebrate 4-H, and give back this November!

November 6 is Show Your 4-H Colours Day across Canada as thousands of youth, volunteers, alumni and supporters wear green in support of 4-H. Join them by wearing your favourite green on November 6 and help spread the word of the positive impacts of the 4-H program

The fun doesn't stop there - 4-H'ers are celebrating all month long as they give back to the environment with electronic recycling drives and collect donations to support 4-H at the local, provincial and national levels. Get involved and see all the ways you can show your 4-H colours today at showyour4hcolours.ca.

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Celebrate. Give back.



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Canadian Young Farmers Forum



CFC Young Farmer Program Update

2019 marked the launch of Chicken Farmers of Canada's (CFC) Young Farmers Program and since January, our participants have been hard at work learning about the inner workings of the Canadian chicken industry!

Farmers Jonathan Giret (ON), Nicholas Budd (NB), Frédéric Emery Dufresne (QC), Andre Poulin (AB) and Tiffany Martinka (SK) were selected to be the first crop of participants in CFC's Young Farmers Program and have been keenly taking part in this amazing new program, opening doors to opportunities within Canadian agriculture.

In April, our participants attended the Canadian Young Farmer's Forum in Toronto. The conference this year was a great opportunity for our young farmers to learn about different production across Canadian agriculture, learn the various ways to finance their farms, future planning, and of course, to make connections with fellow young farmers.

In early May, the group came to Ottawa for three days to attend various workshops and events, including CFC's Lobby Day. The Young Farmers participated in an intensive orientation seminar that gave them an in-depth look at what CFC does on a day-to-day basis, how the Board of Directors functions, and the various projects CFC staff has been working on. The group also partook in social media training from MediaStyle, where they learned how to tell their story and share it with the world.



In addition to this training, they participated in meetings during CFC's Lobby Day, connecting with Members of Parliament and Senators to discuss the important issues surrounding the chicken sector. They were also invited to lunch with Alberta MP Earl Dreeshen at the Parliamentary Dining Room. During this lunch, the young farmers learned about life as a Member of Parliament and the work all parties are doing to support the agriculture sector. Their time in Ottawa concluded with a behind-the-scenes tour of Parliament Hill, followed by the Chicken Farmers of Canada's Parliamentary Reception.

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This fantastic group of young farmers met again in August to attend CFC's Annual Summer Meeting in Saskatoon. There, they listened in on Board Meetings and participated in a social media course on a nearby farm, growing their skills in order to become better advocates for the industry.

What's next? The group will be attending CFC's Annual General Meeting, where they will be presenting on their experience in the program and meeting with the new group of participants for the 2020-2021 session.

For more information on the Chicken Farmers of Canada's Young Farmers Program, email youngfarmers@chicken.ca

Leaders Influence



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The difference between managers and leaders is that managers focus on developing and maintaining procedures and systems while leaders influence people to follow their ideas and actions.

Lee Iacocca once commented, "Sometimes even the best manager is like the little boy with the big dog, waiting to see where the dog wants to go so that he can take him there." Leaders on the other hand, ensure that a clear direction or result is defined and influence others to move in this intentional direction.

And, don't count on a senior leadership title increasing your ability to influence! The title just buys a little time - either to increase your level of influence with others or to erase it.

Leadership is not about a **title**; it is about *influence*. Characteristics that enable someone to effectively influence others include:

- Solid reputation
- Track record of accomplishment
- Positive presence
- Likable manner
- Persuasive ability
- Collaborative approach

How will you increase your level of influence?
Which of the above characteristics of an effective leader are your current strengths?
Which are growth areas for you?
What is your next step in leveraging your strengths or developing your growth areas to more effectively influence others?

Some of the resources available on the new CYFF website

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EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

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OPERATION / COMMODITY – please select all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer | <input type="checkbox"/> Goats | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep | <input type="checkbox"/> Bison | <input type="checkbox"/> On-Farm Processor | <input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apples | <input type="checkbox"/> Forage | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit / Berries | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Beekeeping |
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Fee	FREE	\$100.00	\$150.00	FREE	Sponsorship Category of Choice (includes all benefits as identified by sponsorship level)	\$5/member
Voting / Non-Voting Status	voting	non-voting	non-voting	assigned one Voting Delegate	non-voting	non-voting
CYFF Conference Registration Fee	50% off	10% off	10% off	10% off	10% off	10% off
CYFF App					listed	listed
CYFF Newsletter Content				included	according to sponsorship level	
Receive bi-annual issue of digital CYFF Newsletter	included	included	included	included	included	included
CYFF Website				contact info and links	according to sponsorship level	listing on website directory
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CULTIVATING RESILIENCE

**December 2 - 4 2019 | Fredericton Convention
 Centre, New Brunswick**

DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR NEW BRUNSWICK FARMERS!

Through the New Brunswick Agri-Industry Development & Advancement Program, Farm Management Canada has received funding to help offset the costs to host our upcoming Agricultural Excellence Conference. We would like to pass some of these savings onto New Brunswick farmers! We are pleased to offer a special rate for farmers in New

Brunswick (and avoid the regular funding application process!). New Brunswick farmers can register for AgEx at the discounted rate of \$199 (plus tax). This special rate is made possible through the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries.

To register:

Visit: 2019agriculturalexcellenceconference.eventbrite.ca

Click on "Register".

Select the ticket "New Brunswick Farmers".

Note: Registration address must be a New Brunswick address.





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www.IFMA23.org

The 23rd International Farm Management Congress will be hosted by the University of Copenhagen.

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 1st 2020	Announcement of paper and poster submissions
February 1st 2021	Deadline for paper and poster submissions
May 1st 2021	Deadline for early bird rate
June 19 - June 26 2021	Pre-Congress Tour: Norway to Denmark
June 27 - July 2 2021	IFMA23 Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark
July 3 - July 10 2021	Post-Congress Tour: Denmark

www.IFMAOnline.org



2019-20 EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS IS NOW OPEN!

Farm Management Canada and the Canadian Association of Diploma in Agriculture Programs (CADAP) are proud to announce the launch of the 2019-20 Excellence Award for Agricultural Students, designed to encourage students to improve their critical thinking, communication and leadership skills through a national competition. Students are asked to submit a multimedia presentation, a video, a blog or a Wiki, responding to the following question:

The agriculture industry is vast, multifaceted and growing. How do we generate awareness and excitement about the industry to attract new entrants?

To take part in the competition, for details on how to enter, or to apply: www.fmc-gac.com

*All applications must be received no later than May 4th 2020.

UPCOMING AGRIWEBINARS®

November 19, @ noon EST

Information Session: National Farm Leadership Program Q&A

December 6, @ 8:10 a.m. EST

**Outstanding Young Farmers of Canada 2019
National Event Agriwebinar Broadcast**

December 12 @ 1 p.m. EST

**Farm Financials to Help You Sleep
at Night - Part Two**

December 17, @ noon EST

Information Session: National Farm Leadership Program Q&A



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