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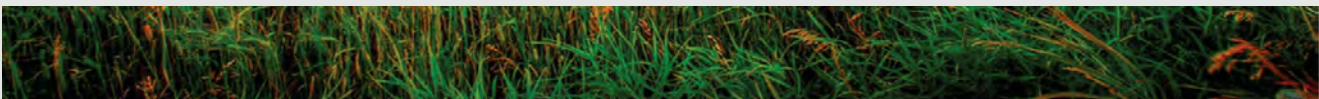
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Here we are again, harvest season. The summers seem to go by so fast these days. This summer has been filled with highs and lows.

On the high side, I was able to attend several Ag Society anniversary celebrations. It is always so much fun to see how our incredible volunteers pull together wonderful events for the communities they serve. On the low side, Alberta has had another tragic wildfire season, with Jasper bearing the brunt of populated devastation. Hats off to those Ag Societies who opened their doors and activated their volunteers to help in any way they could. It is becoming a recurring challenge, and the Ag Societies continue to rise to the occasion. Thank you to all of you. You once again make us proud.

I am very pleased to hear that another 30+ Ag Societies have received their infrastructure grant. These are great steps forward in the infrastructure renewal process. There are more than 900 facilities owned and operated by our Primary Ag Societies and most of these buildings are the hub of the community. Without these amazing gathering places our province would be a very different place. Keep up the efforts in extending the life span of this critical resource.

The 2024 Albert's Open Farm Days was a tremendous success. There were 160 unique host farms/locations from across the province, which included 10 Ag Societies. We are still gathering surveys and compiling information, but we can hardly wait to share the details with everyone. If you have been considering participating as an Ag Society, Suzanne and her fabulous team would like to chat with you.

Open Farm days is an amazing opportunity to showcase your Ag Society, your community, your members, and all the world class food produced right here in Alberta.

Our association has been successfully implementing programs and developing resources based on feedback and research. Our previous studies, completed by Richard Hudson, have been a cornerstone for building valued products and enhancing relationships. Part one of the current study has been completed. Thank you to all the Ag Societies who not only participated in this critical analysis but also to those who donated some of their hard-earned cash to the project. The board of AAAS will be using the initial information to hone the direction of the second part of the study which will assist in setting a course for AAAS and our members. Stay tuned, we hope to have more information available during our fall meetings.

Speaking of our Fall Regional meetings, the dates and locations will be available very soon. Be sure to grab a friend and come out to this informative meeting. We always get an opportunity to hear what's going on with our members and share some great stories. Remember that attending these meeting can be claimed on your annual grant under "Leadership Development". Registration fees, travel, and accommodations are all eligible, just like coming to the annual conference and AGM.

I would like to challenge those Ag Societies who come regularly (you know who you are) to contact a neighboring Ag Society and invite them to attend. Perhaps share a ride and gain some insight in possible future collaborations. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

AGLC has been at the forefront of my activities of late. We recently learned of changes to the policy handbook, which holds all the rules for accessing gaming funds. This includes bingos, raffles, 50/50, casinos, etc. I have had conversations with several Ministers, the Premier, and most recently the chair of the AGLC Board. We have expressed our concerns with section 4.4.12 - Cost Recovery. This is a new section to the policy handbook which was reviewed in May of 2022. If you have a gaming licence of any kind, I encourage you to check out the newest regulation. If you have the same concerns that AAAS sees please contact your MLA. The current section has every opportunity to alter your cash flow significantly. If you have questions, please give me a shout at the office. More news should be available at the fall meetings.

September 21st is Alberta Agricultural Societies Day. This is your invitation to shout out all the amazing things you do in and for your community. Tell the stories, share the success', how you over came challenges, and what the future might hold. This is an opportunity to honour those whose time talent and treasure brought your Ag Society this far. You could also use this incredible time to recruit new members and mine for new leadership candidates. We realize that some communities may be in the middle of harvest, but stories in local newspapers, radio interviews, or a poster contest won't take too much time for someone.

Be proud of all your agricultural Society has accomplished, we sure are. As always, the board and staff are working diligently to support you in your success. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office. We would love to chat.

Tim Carson

Chief Executive Officer
Alberta Association of
Agricultural Societies



Join Grant Thornton's Online Farm Transition Session

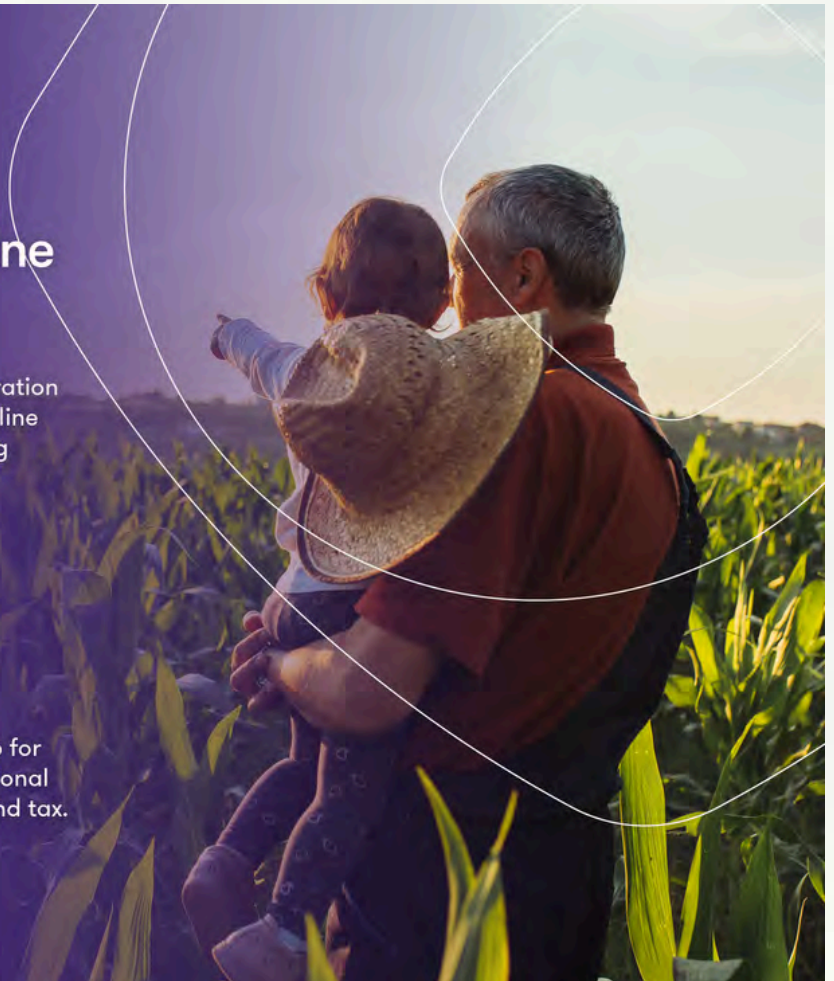
Are you looking to transfer your farm to the next generation or planning to take over a farm operation? Join our online succession planning session to explore topics including cash flow optimization, estate planning, relationship management, and farm operation optimization.

Register Today

October 16, 2024 - 2:30-3:30 pm

November 5, 2024 - 7:30-8:30 pm

Spots are limited! Email insights@ca.gt.com to sign up for one of our interactive sessions with Chartered Professional Accountants experienced in agriculture, accounting and tax.





Celebrating the 292 Agricultural Societies Across Alberta

On September 21, we honor the incredible impact of Alberta's Agricultural Societies, each working tirelessly to enhance the quality of life in their communities. These societies, often led by dedicated volunteers, are the unsung heroes behind the fairs, events, and facilities that bring us all together. Have you enjoyed a small-town fair recently? It's likely thanks to your local Ag Society! They're the ones behind the scenes, planning and hosting the events that make our communities vibrant and connected.

Why Celebrate? By recognizing Agricultural Society Day, we're not only showing appreciation for their hard work but also raising awareness of their critical role in our communities. Let's inspire others to get involved and keep the spirit of these community builders alive! Join the Celebration on September 21!

CALL TO ACTION FOR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES:

This is your day to shine! Use this special occasion to:

- **Host a Community Dinner or Local Event:** Celebrate your volunteers with a special dinner or gathering, and show appreciation for their dedication.
- **Drive Recruitment:** Use the event to encourage new members to join and learn about the benefits of being part of your Ag Society.
- **Showcase What You Do:** Organize an event or presentation that highlights the programs, services, and events your Ag Society offers to the community.

Get Social!

Post on Social Media: Share what your Ag Society means to you, how it's impacted your community, or why being part of an Ag Society is so special. Use the Hashtag: *#abagsocietiesday*

Customizable Social Media Image:

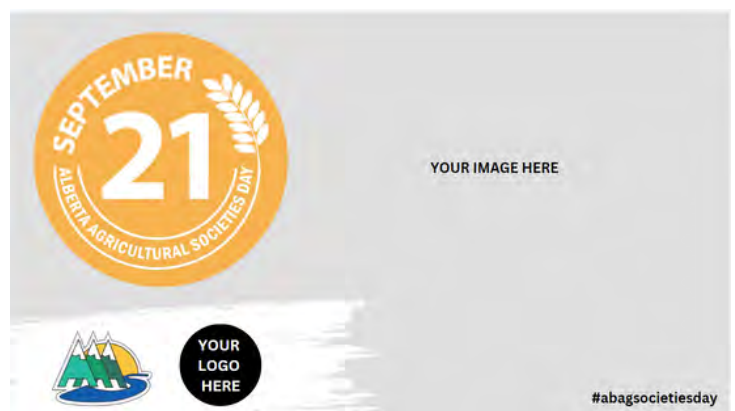
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Encourage Others: Tag friends, family, and community members to share their stories too!

Content Ideas:

- **Video Testimonials:** Share a quick video about why your Ag Society matters.
- **Throwback Photos:** Post pictures from past events and share memories.
- **Future Hopes:** Talk about what you hope to see in your community's future, thanks to your Ag Society.

Let's flood social media with stories of community, connection, and celebration on *#abagsocietiesday*. Together, we can shine a spotlight on the incredible work of Alberta's Agricultural Societies!





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AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION UPDATE

From the desk of Carmen Andrew, Director, Rural Programming Section, Agriculture and Irrigation.



The summer has seemed to go by so fast! Summer is such a busy time for agricultural societies with the many different types of events and activities you have on the go in each of your communities. Happy Agricultural Societies Day on September 21st – thanks for all the great things that you do for rural communities across Alberta!

A few things you may be interested in:

Regional Agricultural Societies Sustainability Assessment Study

Agriculture and Irrigation has engaged Deloitte to conduct a sustainability assessment of Alberta's seven regional agricultural societies. This comprehensive assessment will help the province to better understand the unique challenges and opportunities associated with regional societies, and how to better support the work they do into the future. The sustainability assessment was announced on July 31, 2024 and will be completed this fall.

The assessment will provide recommendations, options, and analysis on how each regional agricultural society is meeting its mandate with potential consideration to factors such as: provincial government funding levels, strengthening board governance, management of capital infrastructure and operations, the current structure of regional agricultural societies, and how to strengthen agricultural relevancy and build community involvement and impact.

While this project does not analyze the 284 primary agricultural societies, we wanted to ensure that all agricultural societies are aware of this important study and our commitment to working to support all agricultural societies. We look forward to continuing to partner with all agricultural societies and understanding how we will build a stronger future that will improve agriculture and enhance the quality of life in their communities.

Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization Program (ASIRP)

The second intake of this \$2.5 million/year capital grant program to support major repairs at existing agricultural facilities was fully subscribed in record time in early June. Thirty-seven agricultural societies received grants to help address issues related to aging agricultural society infrastructure.

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership - New On-Farm Efficiency Program

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership in Alberta has launched the On-Farm Efficiency Program (OFEP). OFEP was created by combining the past Farm Technology Program and Efficient Grain Handling Program, along with some new opportunities that were selected in response to industry feedback collected in the fall of 2023. The On-Farm Efficiency Program's intent is to help producers achieve environmental benefits by improving the efficient use of agricultural inputs. The program opened for applications August 14, 2024 and funding is retroactive to April 1, 2023. Eligible expenses are funded at a cost-share rate of 50 per cent. The funding maximum per applicant is \$150,000 over the duration of the Program (2023-2028). To learn more and apply, visit the OFEP website at alberta.ca/on-farm-efficiency-program

Upcoming Regional Meetings

Colin, Monika and I plan on participating in the upcoming regional meetings this fall. We hope to see many of you there.

Are you signed up for Agri-News?

Published each Monday, Agri-News covers the latest on all things agriculture in Alberta. Find news on livestock, crops and markets, research, food and beverage production and programs and events. Sign up to receive the weekly newsletter at alberta.ca/agri-news.

310-FARM is the first point of contact for Agriculture and Irrigation's programs and resources. Call us toll-free at 310-3276 (FARM) or email 310-farm@gov.ab.ca



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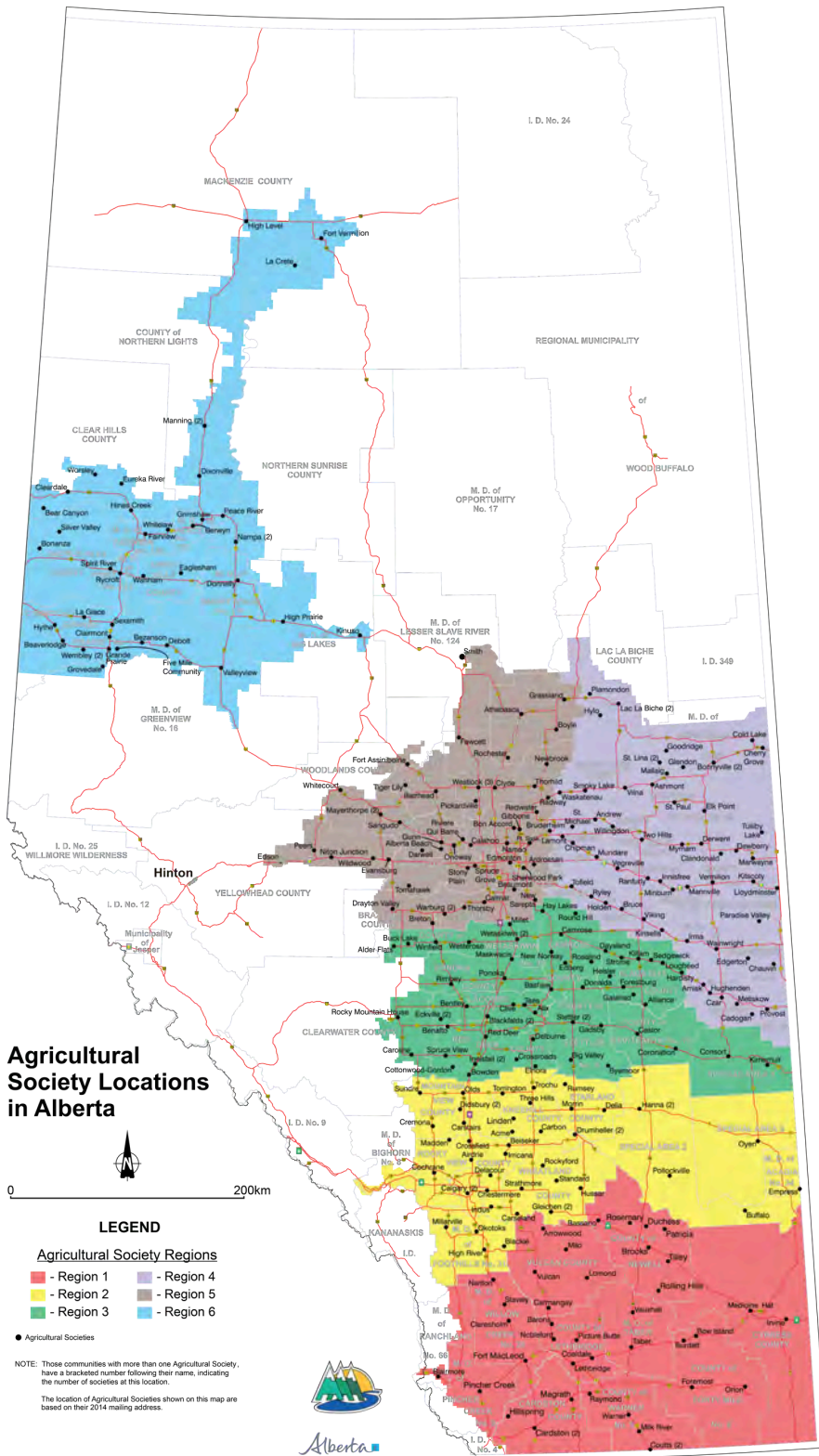
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2024 FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS



Region 1

- Claresholm
- Tuesday October 15th - 6:00 pm
- \$35/person - Dinner is included

Region 2

- Chestermere
- Thursday October 17th - 6:00 pm
- \$35/person - Dinner is included

Region 3

- Bentley
- Tuesday November 19th - 6:00 pm
- \$35/person - Dinner is included

Region 3

- Stettler
- Wednesday November 20th - 6:00 pm
- \$35/person - Dinner is included

Region 4

- Vermilion
- Monday October 21 - 6:00 pm
- \$35/person - Dinner is included

Region 4

- Smoky Lake
- Wednesday October 23 - 6:00 pm
- \$35/person - Dinner is included

Region 5

- To Be Announced
- Monday October 28 - 6:00 pm
- \$35/person - Dinner is included

Region 5

- Tomahawk
- Wednesday October 30 - 6:00 pm
- \$35/person - Dinner is included

Region 6

- Rycroft
- Saturday November 2nd - 9:00 am
- \$35/person - Breakfast is included

SEE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND MORE INFORMATION

BUILDING STRONGER

Volunteers

As fall approaches, it's time to gear up for Regional Meetings and Annual General Meetings. To help you prepare, be sure to visit our Stronger Volunteers website at

[www.albertaagsocieties.ca/
strongervolunteers.](http://www.albertaagsocieties.ca/strongervolunteers)

The site is packed with resources designed to support both new and seasoned volunteers, as well as board members.

We offer:

- Certified Board Volunteer Training
- Bylaw Review Workshop
- Free Resources

Explore A range of templates and workbooks to guide you through essential tasks. Additionally, check out our video series,

How to Make the Most of Your AGM, which offers tips and strategies to help your meeting run smoothly.

Whether you're a new volunteer or a long-standing board member, there's plenty of valuable information to ensure your success!

We provide a wealth of resources to promote leadership development and knowledge for personal growth, ensuring individuals have the tools they need to succeed.

BENCH SHOW JUDGING STANDARDS



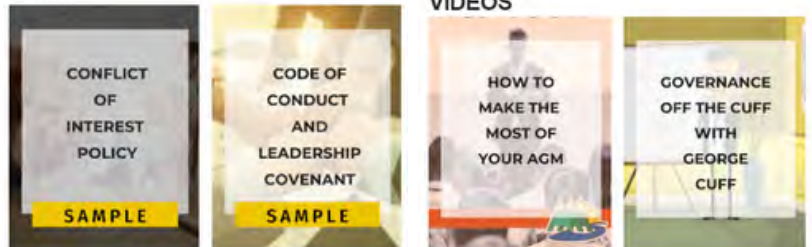
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VIDEOS



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES





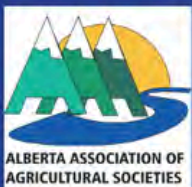
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We're excited to announce that registration is now open for the 78th Annual Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies (AAAS) Convention, taking place at the River Cree Resort and Casino from February 6-8, 2025.

Key Details:

- **Early Bird Member Rate:** \$567 (incl. tax) – Register by November 30th
- **Regular Member Rate:** \$630 (incl. tax) – Register by January 24th
- **Daily Rate: \$385** (incl. tax) – Includes 3 meals per day
- **Non-Member Rates:** \$730 Full convention, \$485 Daily Rate (incl. tax)

Note:

You must be an Ag Society member in good standing to receive the member rate. Full convention registration includes 3 meals on both Friday and Saturday.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO SEE AT OUR CONVENTION

WORKSHOPS

We have several workshops during the convention as well as a few Pre-convention workshops which are open to the public to register for.

MINISTER / MLA FORUM

Since 2005, Our Convention also holds an MLA & Minister forum, in which our members have a chance to speak with our Provincial leaders, ask questions and have their voices heard. This type of forum is not found often in Alberta. AG Service Boards have a similar forum.

SHOWCASE ENTERTAINMENT

We have various Showcase acts throughout the weekend where entertainers could be on our large or small stage for the Ag Societies to see them perform. Showcasing at the AAAS convention is an opportunity to help artists build a grassroots following by helping them get into towns and festivals within the local communities.

NETWORKING

Our convention also hosts a hospitality suite in the evenings to give the delegates a chance to network.

TRADESHOW

There are various Tradeshow Exhibitors to showcase their product and services to our Delegates. Over 500 people from all over Alberta attend our convention and tradeshow over 3 days.

AWARDS NIGHT / THEME NIGHT

Marketing awards. Scholarships. Honour Roll. Outstanding supporter of Agriculture. Award of Merit. Our Saturday Night Awards Gala is a themed night for our delegates to have some fun with the theme we have for the night, making it an energetic evening full of laughter and some creative costumes to celebrate our winners in the Marketing Awards Competition. Many of our delegates participate by wearing creative outfits and we always look forward to seeing everyone's interpretation of that year's theme

DELEGATE INFORMATION

Here are a few things you need to know for the AAAS Convention.



AG SOCIETY GRANT FUNDING

Unlock Exclusive Benefits: Agricultural Society members registering for our Convention can leverage their Grant Funding for leadership training. By including registration fees, accommodation expenses, and travel costs (reimbursed Mileage Rate) in your grant submission to the Government, you can reclaim a percentage of these expenses. Don't miss out on this opportunity to maximize your investment in professional development!

[LEARN MORE](#)



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies have 7 Scholarship awards that will be given to outstanding post-secondary students continuing their education, who have volunteered their time and energy to their communities and agricultural societies.

** TWO FORMS (*Student application & Ag Society Nomination Form*)

Application Deadline October 31

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HONOUR ROLL NOMINATIONS

The Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies invites agricultural societies to nominate a member of their association for their outstanding contribution to the development and advancement of agricultural societies in Alberta. Two members will be awarded the Honorary Life Memberships. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding volunteers for their dedication to local, regional and provincial levels of agriculture.

Application Deadline October 31

[NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY](#)



MARKETING AWARD SUBMISSIONS

The Marketing Awards Contest has (6) Categories. It is held annually during the AAAS Convention. Attendance during the convention is not a requirement to enter the contest; however winners will be announced and presented with their awards during the Saturday Night themed gala at the Convention.

Deadline for Submissions October 31st, 2024

[LEARN MORE](#)



THEMED GALA NIGHT

Saturday Night Awards Gala is a themed costume night for our delegates to have some fun making it an energetic evening full of laughter and some creative costumes. Many of our delegates participate by wearing creative outfits and we always look forward to seeing everyone's interpretation of that year's theme!

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SHOWCASE ENTERTAINMENT

CALL OUT FOR PERFORMERS

We have various Showcase acts throughout the weekend where entertainers could be on our stage for the Ag Societies to see them perform. Showcasing at the AAAS Convention is an opportunity to help artists build a grassroots following by helping them get into towns and festivals within the local communities. We're excited to announce a NEW opportunity for talented musicians to perform at the Acoustic Stage! This event is designed to highlight the raw, unplugged talent of emerging and established artists alike.

Main Stage Showcase Opportunity

\$150 Member Price
\$450 Non Member Price

Acoustic Showcase Opportunity

\$100 Member Price
\$400 Non Member Price

Roving Showcase

\$100 Service Members Only

Video Showcase

\$75 Service Members Only

HOW TO APPLY

Fill out the application form.

Submit a video of a recent live performance, a brief bio, description of your performance.

Our selection committee will review applications, and successful applicants will be notified. Once you have been selected you will receive an invoice that will need to be paid upon receipt to confirm your admission into the Showcase.

Deadline: October 31, 2024

APPLY TODAY



CONTACT

Kryssie Thomson

Showcase Coordinator
showcase@albertaagsocieties.ca

TRADESHOW

CALL OUT FOR EXHIBITORS !!

Join the AAAS Tradeshow and showcase your products and services to Agricultural Societies across Alberta. With over 500 attendees from all over the province, this is a prime opportunity to connect with industry leaders. our Tradeshow that will be taking place at the River Cree Resort and Casino February 2025. Join us at the annual tradeshow and talk business with entertainment booking agencies, fair industry supply companies and industry support associations.

WHY SHOULD YOU HAVE A BOOTH AT OUR TRADESHOW ?

EXPOSURE:

A booth at a tradeshow is an excellent way to get exposure for your business, products, or services. Tradeshow attendees are often interested in learning about new products and services, and by having a booth, you can showcase what your business has to offer and generate interest among potential customers.

NETWORKING:

Tradeshow booths also provide opportunities for networking with other businesses, industry professionals, and potential customers. You can engage with visitors to your booth, exchange business cards, and potentially establish new relationships that can lead to future collaborations or partnerships.

SALES

Having a booth at a tradeshow can also lead to direct sales. By showcasing your products or services and engaging with potential customers, you can generate leads and make sales on the spot. Tradeshow attendees are often looking to make purchasing decisions, and by having a booth, you can provide them with the information and incentives they need to choose your business over others.



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RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Sponsorship can also provide opportunities for relationship building with other businesses and individuals. By sponsoring an organization, you can engage with like-minded individuals and potentially establish new relationships that can lead to future collaborations or partnerships.

POSITIVE IMAGE

Sponsoring an organization like AAAS can also help to enhance your image and reputation. By supporting a cause or organization that aligns with your values or mission, you can demonstrate your commitment to making a positive impact and build goodwill among potential customers, clients, or partners.



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ACCOMODATIONS

AAAS has the entire hotel booked at the River Cree for our Convention.

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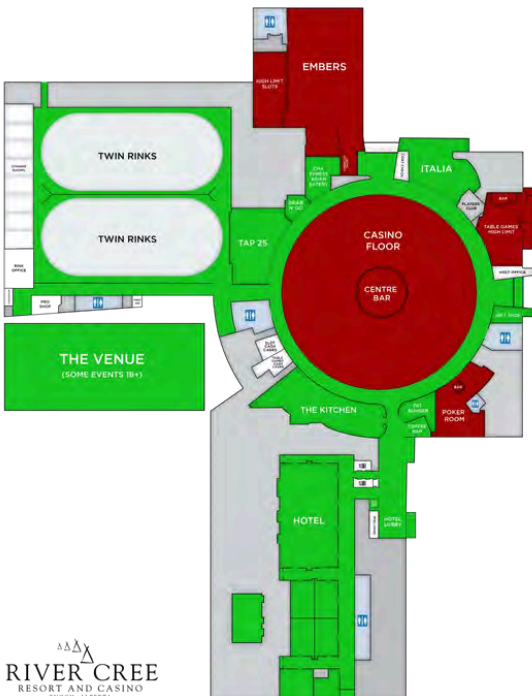
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We are pleased to announce, minors will be permitted in all non-gaming areas at the River Cree Resort. Effective July 29, 2024, this will allow indoor access for minors to the hockey rinks, restaurants and community events in The Venue. As well as increase accessibility and guest experience as a fully integrated Resort!

- Minors (under 18) must be always accompanied by an adult (over 18).
- Minors are prohibited on the gaming floor or in any gaming area.
- Minors are prohibited to loiter in areas surrounding gaming areas, as this permittance is only to access the rinks, restaurants, and The Venue.
- River Cree shows will remain 18+ events.
- Please reference the map for minor permitted zones and minor prohibited zones.

Previously, minors had to walk outdoors, in all weather conditions to access the hockey rinks or community events in The Venue. We would like to thank The Government of Alberta and Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis for this solution to provide a better overall integrated resort experience.

Welcome

to the AAAS Team I'm OK CAST & CREW



Jay Stollery
ACTOR

Jay Stollery 29 years old from Edmonton Alberta. Attended Vancouver Film school's Acting Essentials and Acting for Film and Television programs. I work doing party performing as Marvel superheros and other beloved children's character like Mario and Blippi! I spend my free time woodworking building different types of game boards and other like projects. I love the outdoors, camping and fishing and spending time in nature when I can!



Joey Lucius
ACTOR

Joey Lucius is an educator and performer based in Edmonton, AB. He's a Canadian Comedy Award winner, a contributor to the online Beavertron, and Academy Director at Rapid Fire Theatre. "Safety" is Joey's middle name.



Jadeon Mykituk
DIGITAL TECHNICIAN

My name is Jadeon, and I work as a digital Tech and Video Wall Operator. I've been working in entertainment for several years. I'm very excited to bring my experience and knowledge to this team. My goal for the show I'm OK, is to help provide important information on farm safety in a new and innovative way so all people can connect.



Paul Bezair
DIGITAL TECHNICIAN

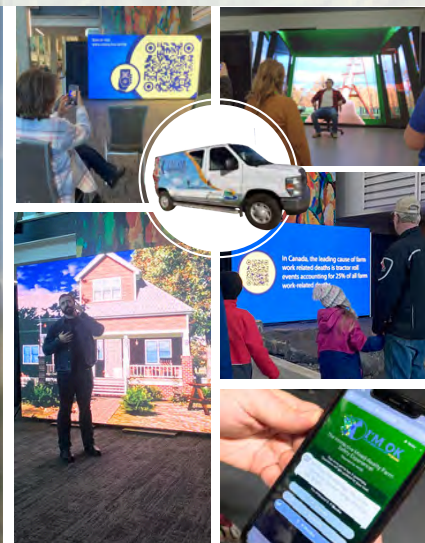
Born and raised in Edmonton, Paul Bezair has been active in the arts and live events sector for the better part of 30 years. With experience across most technical disciplines as well as touring productions Paul brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the team.

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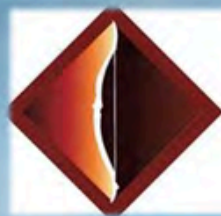
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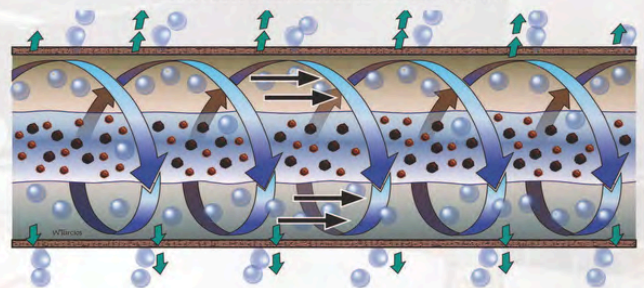
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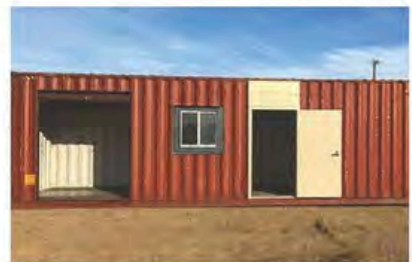
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We wanted to issue a heart-felt thank you to every single visitor, Host farm, or supporting member for making the 2024 Alberta Open Farm Days an unforgettable experience. Whether you visited one farm or many, your enthusiasm and curiosity helped bring Alberta agriculture to life this past August.

This year, we were thrilled to see a record number of host farms participating, opening their doors to Albertans to see where their food comes from, and experiencing the novelty of farm life. The hospitality and dedication shown by Host Farms made this event truly special, creating lasting memories and deepening connections between urban and rural communities.

A special thank you goes out to our organizing committee, whose tireless efforts ensured everything ran smoothly. Your passion and commitment are the backbone of this event, and we couldn't have done it without you.

We also want to extend our gratitude to the press and community supporters who covered Alberta Open Farm Days so wonderfully, amplifying our stories and sharing the magic of agriculture with a wider audience. Your support plays a crucial role in spreading the word and highlighting the importance of Alberta's farming communities.

This year marked the "Year of the Alpaca," which created some truly remarkable storylines and opportunities for Albertans to connect with these amazing animals and learn more about Alberta's rich agricultural heritage. The joy and wonder on visitors' faces as they interacted with alpacas were a testament to the unique experiences that only Alberta Open Farm Days can offer.

We are excited to announce that the 2025 Open Farm Days theme will be water, and the crucial role that it plays in Alberta's agriculture and its prosperity. Water is truly at the root of farming – whether it be through irrigation, the upbringing and livelihood of animals & crops, the processing of our food, and so much more. This topic excites us – as our province was developed and settled along waterways initially for transportation, and continues to rely on it as the life-blood of agriculture, and Albertan's collective livelihoods.



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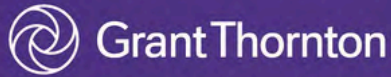
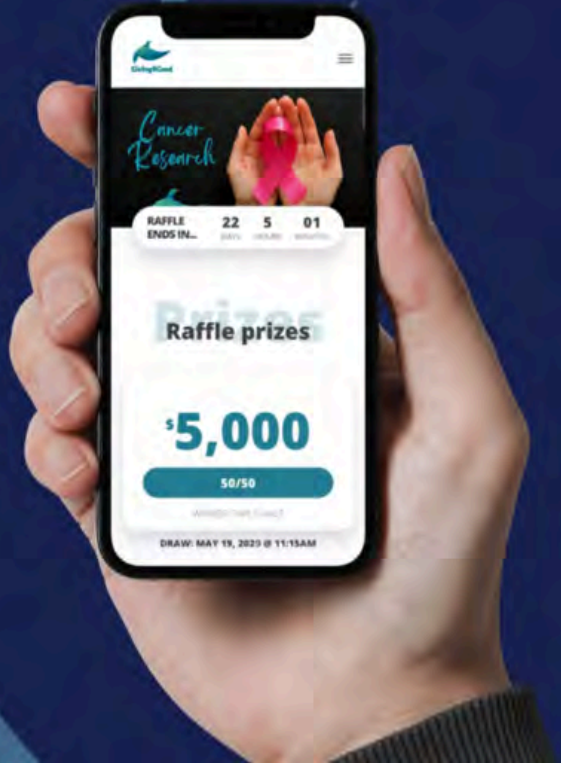
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2024 ALBERTA YOUNG SPEAKERS FOR AGRICULTURE & CALGARY STAMPEDE YOUTH SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Calgary Stampede's new Youth Initiatives Committee successfully bridged the rural-urban divide with the Youth Agriculture Speaking Championships. Held in partnership with Alberta Young Speakers for Agriculture, the event saw 28 youth from across Alberta compete in preliminaries in Olds and at the Stampede.

The top 10 finalists in junior and senior divisions competed at the BMO Centre. Emma Cross from Camrose County and Nora Johnson from Scandia won top honours. Cross focused on building public trust with urban consumers, while Johnson discussed her priorities as a hypothetical Federal Agriculture Minister.

Stampede CEO Joel Cowley praised the event's success and the confidence it instilled in participants. Both winners Nora and Emma are now invited to speak at the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture event in November to be held at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto.

Junior:

1st: Nora Johnston - If I was the federal Minister of Agriculture, what would be my five top priorities?

2nd: Pyper Stanley - How can lessons learned on the farm be translated into life lessons?

3rd: Lexi Sande - Farming the Future: How will technology, robotics & AI change the face of agriculture?

Senior:

1st: Emma Cross - The gap between the urban & rural continues to grow. How can the agricultural sector bridge the knowledge gap to better inform their urban neighbours about conventional agricultural practices?

2nd: Erick Yang - Farming the Future: How will technology, robotics & AI change the face of agriculture?

3rd: Nina Tian - Farming the Future: How will technology, robotics & AI change the face of agriculture?

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The increase of Alberta residents and businesses incorporating solar systems (photovoltaics) into their homes and facilities to offset their electricity consumption is at an all-time high. In June of 2020 there were approximately 5,900 systems in operation capable of producing ~82MW, now in June of 2024 there are just under 24,000 systems capable of producing ~270MW of clean, green power (Source: Alberta Electric Systems Operator's Small Distribution-Connected Generation Resources in Alberta report). A couple of factors are responsible for the large increase over this time, the now cancelled Canada Greener Homes Grant which offset costs by a maximum of \$5,000 per residential home, cheap financing through the currently available Canada Greener Homes Loan (10-year interest free) and Clean Energy Improvement Program (available through some municipalities in Alberta with varying terms and interest rates), and the continued rise of electricity pricing.

What farms should be strongly considering is the Clean Technology Investment Tax Credit (CTITC) which will provide a 30% tax rebate to any businesses (including agri-businesses) that are a taxable entity, that invest in solar for their operations. For example, an agri-business invests in a solar system that costs \$100,000.00, they will receive a \$30,000.00 rebate. Further to that, they can also claim the Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance (ACCA - Class 43.1 and 43.2) on the remaining 70% of the project cost (\$70,000.00 in this example). The exact amount of tax savings from the ACCA, depends on the tax rate you pay so get your accountants involved. The federal government has stated that solar systems that have been installed since March 2023 will be able to apply for the CTITC when it officially launches sometime this year.

Estimated economic payback on a sizable solar system is around 5-7 years when taking advantage of the CTITC. Which means once the system has paid itself off, it'll be producing free power for your operation and these systems will easily last beyond 40-50 years. You should expect to replace an inverter a couple times over those years, but it is a relatively small cost to the overall project. Solar modules (panels) come with manufacturers production warranty for 25-30 years, which guarantees that they'll still be producing electricity at an ~85% rate of when they were installed, so they degrade very slowly.

But how does it all work once the system is operating:

- Your electricity meter which normally only records the amount of electricity the farm is consuming will be replaced with one that will record the amount of electricity you send back onto the grid also (export)
- Your farm will first use the electricity produced from the solar system, saving you money on your bill because you aren't bringing in electricity from the grid
- If the farm isn't using all the energy the solar system is creating (over producing) then the electricity will flow back through your utility meter and back onto the grid, creating a credit on your bill. For example, you are buying electricity from an energy retailer at \$0.10/kwh, when you export electricity back onto the grid you will be credited at \$0.10/kwh on your bill
- At night or during cloud heavy days, when the solar system isn't producing enough electricity for the farm, the grid will make up the difference and provide what is needed

Recommendations from a person who has been working in Alberta's solar industry for over 15-years:

1. Get 3 quotes – We have seen high pressure sales forces knocking on doors giving outlandish and incorrect information on solar just in hopes of landing sales that can be 60% higher than fair market rate. Don't be in a rush to sign a contract
2. Consider whether the company you are choosing is active in the Alberta market and has history here. There are "solar contractors" out there that have no physical presence in the province, they operate remotely with a heavy social media presence, sub-contract all the installation labour to the lowest cost provider
3. Read Google reviews on potential contractors and ask for references for similar sized projects
4. Start your project in the late summer or fall, do not wait for spring – It'll take time to properly engineer and permit your system with your municipality and wire service provider. Ideally if your system can be energized in late winter or early spring, you will be set up to start producing large amounts of electricity during the prime spring, summer and fall months. Wait til spring to sign a contract and you won't likely be producing electricity until late summer or fall at best, which are lower production months

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Rural Development & Promotion Fund is open municipalities, destination marketing/management organizations, not-for-profit organizations, chambers of commerce, and industry associations. Minimum ask is \$50k.

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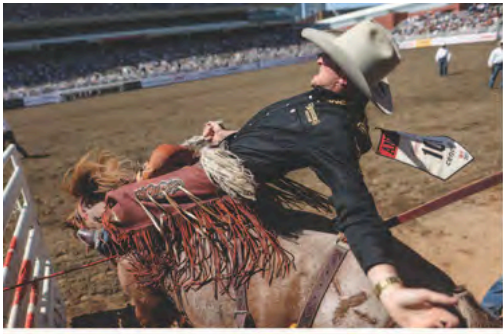
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SEPTEMBER 14 - **EDSON RANCH RODEO** - YELLOWHEAD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 14 - **INDIAN RELAY RACES** - BONNYVILLE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 15 - **LOCAL FARMERS MARKET** - VILNA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 15 - **LAST MARKET OF SEASON**- ALBERTA BEACH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 20 - **OPEN RODEO SERIES FINALS** - BLOOD TRIBE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 21 - **PUMPKIN & SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL** - SANGUDO AG SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 21 - **ART OF THE HARVEST** - AIRDRIE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 21 - **ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES DAY !!!**
SEPTEMBER 21 - **FALL HARVEST AG SOCIETIES DAY** - SPRUCE GROVE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 21 - **FAMILY GYMKHANA FALL SERIES** - ATHABASCA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

OCTOBER

- OCTOBER 2 - **CANADIAN FINALS RODEO**- EDMONTON , ALBERTA
OCTOBER 6 - **LOCAL FARMERS MARKET** - VILNA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
OCTOBER 7 - **SCOTT WOODS YEE-HAW CONCERT**- SPRUCE GROVE AG SOCIETY
OCTOBER 6 - **THANKSGIVING MARKET** - ALBERTA BEACH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
OCTOBER 12 - **GARLIC FESTIVAL** - ANDREW AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
OCTOBER 17 - **EMPOWERING MINDS : AN EVENING WITH IAN HILL** - EDGERTON AG SOCIETY
OCTOBER 17 - **FALL BULLARAMA** - COLD LAKE AG SOCIETY

NOVEMBER

- NOVEMBER 6 - **FARM FAIR INTERNATIONAL**- EDMONTON , ALBERTA
NOVEMBER 7 - **MILLARVILLE CHRISTMAS MARKET** - MILLARVILLE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
NOVEMBER 13 - **2024 CAFE CONVENTION** - CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS & EXHIBITIONS
NOVEMBER 17 - **CHRISTMAS MARKET** - ALBERTA BEACH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
NOVEMBER 17 - **THAT WINTER THING** - ROCKYVIEW CHESTERMERE AG SOCIETY
NOVEMBER 25 - **CHRISTMAS MARKET** - MALLAIG AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
NOVEMBER 30- **CHRISTMAS MARKET** - VILNA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
NOVEMBER 30- **CHRISTMAS COUNTRY MARKET** - JOSEPHBURG AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

DECEMBER

- DECEMBER 1 - **IAFE CONVENTION** - INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS & EXHIBITIONS
DECEMBER 3 - **EDGERTON CHRISTMAS MARKET** - EDGERTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
DECEMBER 13 - **CHRISTMAS MARKET** - RYCROFT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

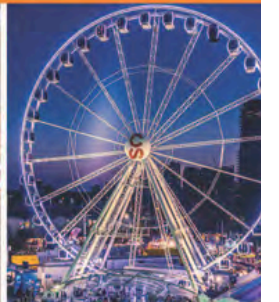
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In the face of such adversity, Alberta's Agricultural Societies once again demonstrated their unwavering commitment to their communities. We are incredibly grateful to the 62 Agricultural Societies that stepped up and signed up to be on the list of available facilities for wildfire evacuees. Your readiness to offer your spaces as safe havens for people, livestock, and equipment showcased the true spirit of cooperation and compassion that defines our Ag Societies.

A special thanks goes out to the newly formed Hinton's River Valley Agricultural Society, whose members were part of a heroic rescue mission to save 80 horses from the Jasper Park Lodge and Pyramid Lake Stables. Your quick actions helped save precious lives and demonstrated the powerful impact that even a newly established Ag Society can have in times of crisis. We commend your bravery and dedication.

We would also like to recognize the tireless efforts of the volunteers who worked behind the scenes, ensuring that evacuees were safe, comfortable, and supported. From setting up cots and providing meals to offering a kind word and a sense of community, your work was invaluable.

Looking ahead, we will continue to compile and update this list annually, ensuring that we are always prepared for wildfire emergencies during future wildfire seasons. Together, we will remain a vital resource and a source of hope for those in need.

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