



THE ASSOCIATION OF
ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL FIELDMEN

2024 Provincial ASB Conference

“Using the Past to Build for Tomorrow”



Agenda Package & Speaker Biographies

Hosted By: The South Region



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Day 1: Monday, January 22

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Chairman's meeting (MNP Meeting Centre)	ASB Chairmen and Agricultural Fieldmen
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Conference Registration (Lethbridge County Corridor)	
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	ASBPC Dinner with the Minister (MNP Meeting Centre)	
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Reception and Light Supper (Salon A,B&C)	
6:15 pm – 6:30 pm	Welcome (Salon A,B&C)	Blaine Hyggen Mayor, City of Lethbridge
6:30 pm – 6:45 pm	Welcome (Salon A,B&C)	Honourable R.J. Sigurdson, Minister AB Agriculture and Irrigation
7:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Brief history/Future Outlook of Lethbridge & District Exhibition (Salon A,B&C)	Mike Warkentin, CEO, Lethbridge & District Exhibition
7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Introduction into the Conference (Salon A,B&C)	John Barlow Member of Parliament, Foothills
7:30 pm – 7:45 pm	Lethbridge County Introduction/Presentation (Salon A,B&C)	Tory Campbell Reeve



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Day 2: Tuesday, January 23

D.A. Steel Building (Hall A)

KB Heating (Hall B)

6:30 am (Hall B)	Coffee On! Trade Show Open	
6:45 am – 8:00 am (Hall B)	Breakfast Trade Show Open	
8:00 am – 8:20 am (Hall A)	Master of Ceremonies	Dickson Delorme
	National Anthem Welcome Speech	Dawn Fortin Aaron Van Beers AAAF President
8:30 am – 8:45 am (Hall A)	History and Impact of ASBs In Alberta	Maureen Vadnais-Sloan
8:45 am – 9:30 am (Hall A)	History of the Soil Conservation Act	Trevor Wallace Nutrient Management Specialist, AB Agriculture & Irrigation
	Reality is in the Pictures	Todd Green Director of Agriculture Services, County of Newell
		Gary Secrist Supervisor of Agriculture Services, Lethbridge County
9:30 am – 10:00 am (Hall A)	History of the Agricultural Pest Act	Dr Michael Harding Crop Assurance Program Lead, AB Agriculture & Irrigation
	Clubroot Protocols in Practice	Aaron Van Beers Manager – Agricultural Services, Leduc County
10:00 am – 10:30 am (Hall B)	Coffee Break Trade Show Open	
10:30 am – 11:00 am (Hall A)	CleanFarms 2024 Program Update	Davin Johnson Alberta Program Advisor, Clean Farms Inc
11:00 - 11:30 am (Hall A)	The Alberta Rat Control Program – Past and Future	Karen Wickerson Rat and Pest Program Specialist, AB Agriculture & Irrigation
	Boots on the Ground Rat Control	Caitlin Heck Agricultural Fieldman, M.D. of Provost



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11:30 am – 12:15 pm (Hall A)	Value of the Weed Control Act	Gayah Sieusahai Pest Regulatory Officer, AB Agriculture & Irrigation
	Weed Inspection in Strathcona County	Diana Wahlstrom Senior Advisor Agriculture Initiatives, Strathcona County Elise Graham Agriculture Technician, Strathcona County
	The power of Partnerships	Megan Evans Executive Director, Alberta Invasive Species Council

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm (Hall B)	Lunch Trade Show Open	
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1:30 pm – 2:15 pm (Hall A)	On the Lighter side of the Dark Cloth	Sharon Widdup
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2:15 pm – 2:45 pm (Hall B)	Coffee Break Trade Show Open	
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2:45 pm (Hall A)	Resolutions Session #1	Brenda Knight Councillor, Lacombe County
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End of Day- Free Evening



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Day 3: Wednesday, January 24

D.A. Steel Building (Hall A)

KB Heating (Hall B)

6:30 am (Hall B)	Coffee On! Trade Show Open	
6:45 am – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Hall B) Trade Show Open	
	Master of Ceremonies (Hall A)	Dickson Delorme
8:00 am – 8:20 am (Hall A)	Provincial ASB Program Updates	Doug Macauley
8:20 am – 9:00 am (Hall A)	Hydrogen & Energy Transition for Rural Alberta	Randy Litun President, Sky Point Resources Ltd.
9:00 am – 9:30 am (Hall A)	Drones in Agricultural	Jeremy Patton RPAS Project Officer, Medicine Hat College
9:30 am – 10:30 am (Hall A)	Sustainable Food Production: A Farmer's opinion	Glenn Wright Farmer, Saskatchewan
10:30 am – 11:00 am (Hall B)	Coffee Break/ Trade Show Open	
11:00 am – 12:30 pm (Hall A)	We've Got To Do Something	Reg Shandro Farmacist Advisory Services Inc.
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (Hall B)	Lunch Trade Show Open	
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm (Hall A)	Farming a Prairie Playground	Nichole Neubauer Irvine Agriculture Discovery Centre Coordinator, Prairie Rose Public Schools
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm (Hall A)	Taber Sugar Beet Factory	Bryan Avison Agricultural Superintendent, Lantic Inc.
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm (Hall B)	Coffee Break/ Trade Show Open	
3:30 pm (Hall A)	Resolutions Session #2	Brenda Knight Councillor, Lacombe County



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6:00 pm
(Hall A)

**Cocktails/
Silent Auction opens**

7:00 pm
(Hall A)

Banquet

**Awards Presentations
Charity Auction (Live and Silent) - STARS
Invitation to 2025 Provincial ASB Conference
Entertainment: Dueling Pianos**

The South Region Agricultural Service Boards would like to thank everyone for attending this year's Conference. Special thanks also go out to speakers, presenters, trade show participants and sponsors for helping make this Conference a success.

Have a safe trip home!