



The Association of Alberta  
Agricultural Fieldmen

# IN-SERVICE TRAINING

**DECEMBER 4 - 7, 2023**

HOSTED BY THE SOUTH REGION  
DEERFOOT INN & CASINO, CALGARY





9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	<p><b>NEW FIELDMEN ORIENTATION</b>  <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> FIELDMAN ORIENTATION COMMITTEE</p>
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	<p><b>SEED PLANT TRAINING:</b> IN PERSON TOURS OF THE HUSSAR AND STRATHMORE PLANTS WITH A WALK THROUGH OF THE NEW INSPECTION FORMS ( LUNCH AND TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED FROM HOTEL)  <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> GEORGE BLOOM &amp; ALBERT ANDERSON (WHEATLAND COUNTY)</p>
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<p><b>WILD BOAR TRAPPING &amp; TECHNOLOGY:</b> AN INTRODUCTION TO THE US NATIONAL PROGRAM, HOW IT INTERACTS WITH STATES AND TERRITORIES, A DISCUSSION ON OPERATIONAL APPROACHES AND TOOLS INVOLVED, AND MORE.  <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> USDA APHIS WS NATIONAL FERAL SWINE PROGRAM</p>
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<p><b>FORM 7 TRAINING</b>  <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> KAREN WICKERSON (GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA)</p>

*LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED ON MONDAY*

**THE ENVU/AVM ICE BREAKER IS PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY  
ADVANTAGE VM AND ENVU ON MONDAY NIGHT**



7:00 AM - 8:15 AM: BREAKFAST

8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/LAND RECOGNITION, NATIONAL ANTHEM &amp; OPENING REMARKS</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> JEFF GUIDOLIN (EDUCATION COMMITTEE), DAWN FORTIN (WOODLANDS COUNTY), AND AARON VAN BEERS (AAAF PRESIDENT)
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8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>NEW PROGRAMS UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE CAP FRAMEWORK</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> GISELLE ULRICH (GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA)
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9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	<b>CROP DISASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> KRISTA DEMILLIANO (GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA)
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9:45 AM - 10:15 AM: BREAK

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>EFFICACY OF INDAZIFLAM FOR THE CONTROL OF INVASIVE ANNUAL GRASSES IN CANADIAN RANGELANDS</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> VICKI MALONEY (ENVU) <i>CREDIT:</i>
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10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>CN RAIL AND THE AAAF-WORKING TOGETHER SAFELY</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> LAURA HAMMER (CN RAIL) <i>CREDIT:</i>
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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: LUNCH BREAK

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	<b>SAVE THE EDGES</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> PERRY MCCORMICK (PHEASANTS FOREVER CANADA) <i>CREDIT:</i>	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<b>WATER ACT</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> TAI SIYA CHUCHVAHA (ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTED AREAS) <i>CREDIT:</i>
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	<b>MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF ALBERTA'S FARMLAND BATS</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> CORY OLSON (WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY CANADA) <i>CREDIT:</i>		

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM: BREAK

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>HERE COMES FMD?</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> KARIN SCHIMD (ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS) <i>CREDIT:</i>	2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>WATER POLICY</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> LUIS FOSSI (ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTED AREAS) <i>CREDIT:</i>
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3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	<b>STRYCHNINE ALTERNATIVES FOR GROUND SQUIRREL CONTROL</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> DR. JAMES TANSEY (SASKATCHEWAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE) <i>CREDIT:</i>	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>CULTIVATING COEXISTENCE: WETLANDS, MUNICIPALITIES &amp; AGRICULTURE</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> BART MUUSSE (DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA) <i>CREDIT:</i>
3:45 PM - 4:15 PM	<b>DISEASE OUTBREAKS AND DISPOSAL PLANNING</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> DR. KEITH LEHMAN (ALBERTA AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION) <i>CREDIT:</i>		



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8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> GEORGE BLOOM (EDUCATION COMMITTEE)
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	<b>PRESCRIBED FIRE AS A LAND MANAGEMENT TOOL - A PATHWAY IN</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> DINYAR MINOCHER & DR. ROY VERA VELEZ (CANADIAN PRAIRIES PRESCRIBED FIRE EXCHANGE) <i>CREDIT:</i>
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>REGULATORY BACKGROUND SURROUNDING THE REGISTRATION OF PESTICIDES IN CANADA</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> VICKI MALONEY (ENVU) <i>CREDIT:</i>
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM: BREAK	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>AVOIDING DISASTER – LOOKING BEYOND LABEL BASICS</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> ANDREA SAWATZKY (HEALTH CANADA) <i>CREDIT:</i>
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: LUNCH BREAK	
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<b>OUR NEWEST ‘KIDS’ IN THE PIPELINE AND FIELD</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> ROSE DE CLERCK-FLOATE (AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA) <i>CREDIT: PEST MANAGEMENT</i>
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>MONITORING FOREST HEALTH IN ALBERTA – 2023 SURVEY RESULTS</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> CAROLINE WHITEHOUSE (GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA) <i>CREDIT:</i>
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM: BREAK	
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>** PRESENTATION PENDING</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> <i>CREDIT: TECHNOLOGY</i>
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>COW PATTY CRITTERS: SEASON-LONG SUPPRESSION IN DUNG OF CATTLE TREATED WITH A VETERINARY PARASITICIDE</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> KEVIN FLOATE (AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA) <i>CREDIT:</i>



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8:15 AM - 8:20 AM	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> SHELBY ORACHESKI (EDUCATION COMMITTEE)		
8:20 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>FIELDMEN SHOWCASE: LIVESTOCK DATABASE TO SUPPLEMENT LIVESTOCK EMERGENCY</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> SONJA RAVEN (COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE)		
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	<b>DRONES FOR COUNTIES – FROM SCOUTING TO SPRAYING</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> MARKUS WEBER (LANDVIEW)		
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>** PRESENTATION PENDING</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u>		
10:00 PM - 10:30 PM: BREAK			
10:30 AM - 11:00 PM	<b>GRASSHOPPERS FINDINGS FROM CAP GRANT</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> DAN JOHNSON (UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE)		
11:00 PM - 12:00 PM	<b>EMERGING TECHNOLOGY TO ENABLE PRECISION RANCHING</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> DR. JOHN CHURCH (THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY)		
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: LUNCH BREAK			
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	<b>GRASSHOPPER IDENTIFICATION</b> (30 SPECIMEN BOXES AVAILABLE, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED) <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> DAN JOHNSON (UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE)	<b>HOW POISONOUS PLANTS IMPACT CATTLE PERFORMANCE</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> BARRY YAREMCIO (YAREMCIO AG CONSULTING LTD.)	<b>RIPARIAN REVERBERATIONS – WHY RIPARIAN HEALTH MATTERS AND HOW TO MONITOR IT</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> NORINE AMBROSE (COWS & FISH)
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM: BREAK			
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> <u>PRESENTED BY:</u> AAAF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
4:15 PM - 5:30 PM: FREE TIME			
6:00 PM: BANQUET (NO MINORS, EVENT IS IN THE CHROME ROOM IN THE CASINO))			