



Canadian Young Farmers' Forum
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Young Farmers Summit of the Americas

December 7 – 13, 2008
Calgary, AB

The summit will be an international event focusing on the delivery and sharing of information on the “Best Management Practices” for young farmers between the ages of 18 and 40.

Canada has never hosted an event of this nature and with the growing importance of international trade in the agricultural sector; it will provide the opportunity for young farmers to network and gain information on the nine “Best Management Practices”:

- * Vision for the Agri-Business
 - * Leadership
 - * Risk Management
 - * Human Resources
- * Relationships and Alliances
 - * Production, Innovation and Environmental Management
 - * Financial Management
 - * Marketing Management
 - * Confidence and Motivation

Tentative Agenda

(Speakers and Host Facility are yet to be determined)

Sunday, December 7, 2008

(Participant flights arrive)

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Registration Desk open

8 p.m.

Brief session on Canadian Agriculture

Monday, December 8, 2008

8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Registration Desk open

9:30 a.m.

Welcome words

Prime Minister of Canada

IFAP President

CYFF President

10:30 a.m.

Motivational Speaker, Doon Wilkins

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Lunch

1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Plenary – General Session

Best Management Practices,

Presented by Darrell Toma

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

8:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Plenary Session

New Market Opportunities,

Presented by TBA

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Lunch

1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Plenary Trade Negotiations
and Policy Development

Presented by Geza Feketekuty (USA)

How young farmers can help guide
policy development/domestic trade
negotiations at a local level and how
to seek out international collaborators?

11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Panel Discussion

Policy Process

TBA

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Lunch

1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Where do we go from here?

How to implement?

Panel, TBA

3:30 p.m.

Close of workshop

Thursday, December 11, 2008

(Optional)

Tours of feedlot, dairy, sheep and
lambs, other farms

Breakout Sessions

1. Emerging Farm Business Models

Presented by Darrell Toma

2. Human Resources/Succession

Presented by Don Jancovic (USA)

3. Financing the Farm

Presented by Terry Betker,
Meyers Norris Penny

4. Creating a Value Chain

Presented by Dr. Andrew Fearne (UK)

5. IICA Farm Models

Presented by TBA

6. Water Management & Climate Change

Presented by Dr. Graham Parsons
(Regina)

7. Eco-Agriculture

Presented by TBA