

Islands Agriculture Show

January 31 - February 1, 2025

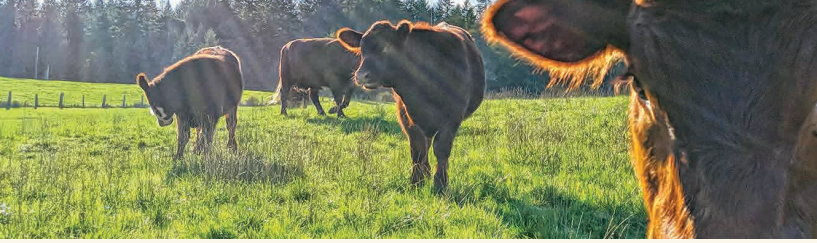
Cowichan Exhibition Park, Duncan



Friday – January 31st, 2025



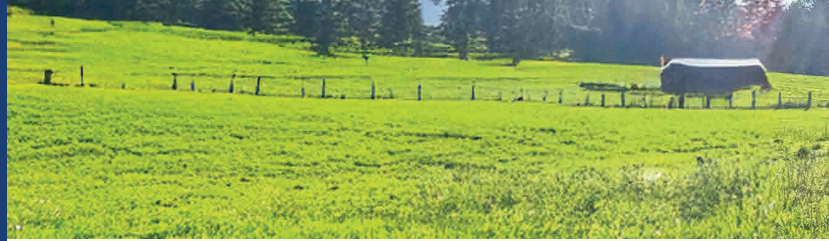
Time	Session	Room
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration	
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks	MNP Room
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	<p>Profitable Farming: Small Changes, Big Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Person, <i>National Leader, Crop Services, MNP</i> <p>Farming is a business. How we manage that business is critical to its financial success. Stuart will bring MNP's insights into many of the key aspects that impact farm financial results, focusing heavily on the importance of running the business like a business. Caution, change may be required.</p>	MNP Room
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Morning Break and Transition	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>Farm Financial Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Guinan, <i>Partner, Private Enterprise, MNP</i> <p>Overview of key business planning metrics, what are essential financial tools and record keeping, and how can they be used to support your farm business.</p>	MNP Room
	<p>Rotational Grazing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Tegart, <i>Range and Field Crop Agrologist</i> • Jan Slomp, <i>Producer, Rosedale Farm</i> • Amber Rowse, <i>Producer, Brass Bell Farm</i> • Graeme Fowler, <i>Vancouver Island Cattlemen's Association</i> <p>Learn about rotational grazing approaches for a variety of livestock species and scale of operations. Producers from Vancouver Island will share their practices and learning experiences grazing dairy and beef cattle, sheep and pigs. The session will also showcase the BCFC grazing mentorship program and stocking rate requirements.</p>	BMO Room
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break (food available for purchase from venue concession)	



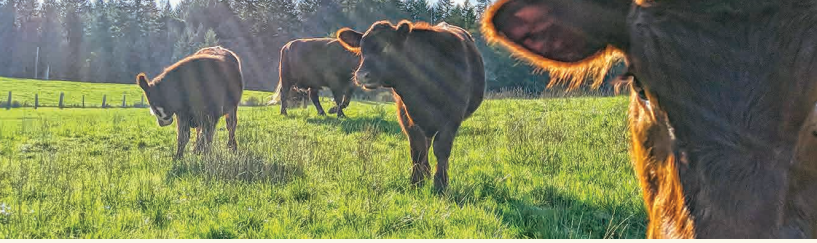
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1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<p>Weather Stations and Soil Moisture Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Nadler, <i>Agricultural Meteorologist, Peak HydroMet</i> <p>Explore various methods to access site-specific weather information, tools, and forecasts to help with farm management decisions and review the latest long-range predictions.</p>	MNP Room
	<p>Business Structures and Tax Implications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shane Landreville, <i>Lawyer, RLR Lawyers</i> <p>A dynamic session to help farm and agribusiness owners navigate financial, property and estate decisions. Explore key business structures, their impacts on income, the family business, and their tax implications, including capital gains and recent tax law changes. Explore how business structures and tax consequences influence estate planning, especially for high-value properties or complex family dynamics. Gain practical tools to protect land, reduce tax burdens and ensure smooth generational transitions.</p>	BMO Room
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Afternoon Break and Transition	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	<p>Emerging and Potential Crops for the Emerging Climate</p> <p>Adapting to the weather we're beginning to experience will require finding new crops and varieties. Suitable crops for the predicted climate for Vancouver Island will be discussed and growers will describe their experiences developing and producing new crops.</p>	MNP Room
	<p>2:30 PM Growing Sweet Potatoes in the Cowichan Valley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia Fisher, <i>Lead Program Coordinator, Vancouver Island University</i> 	
	<p>3:00 PM New Varieties Through Participatory Plant Breeding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Catzel, <i>B.C. Seed Security Program Manager, The Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security</i> 	
	<p>Elk Deterrents and Potential Mitigation Strategies in the CVRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Rutherford, <i>Master's Candidate, University of Alberta</i> • Colleen St. Clair, <i>Professor and Associate Dean, University of Alberta</i> <p>Agricultural landowners in eastern Cowichan report increasing conflict with Roosevelt elk. Using remote cameras on crop fields, we estimated a minimum population size of 195 animals. Using motion-activated deterrents with light and sound, we found elk were minimally deterred and habituated quickly. We review other techniques that may reduce conflict.</p>	
4:00 PM	<p>Welcome Reception</p> <p>Hosted by: Islands Agricultural Show Society</p>	Exhibit Hall

Saturday – February 1st, 2025



Time	Session	Room
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration	
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks	MNP Room
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	<p>Growing the Future: Innovation, Collaboration, and Education in Regenerative Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Semmelink, <i>Owner, Lentelus Farms</i> <p>In this session, farmers will learn how to leverage funding to scale up businesses, turning challenges into opportunities for innovation and expansion. The session will also highlight the power of collaboration, with real-world examples of partnerships that have driven success in the agricultural sector, alongside insights on preparing the next generation of farmers to meet modern challenges.</p>	MNP Room
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Morning Break and Transition	
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<p>Aquifer 101 – How Aquifers are Depleted and Recharged</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristina Disney, <i>Hydrogeologist, University of Victoria</i> <p>Fundamentals of hydrogeology and surface groundwater interactions.</p>	MNP Room
10:30 AM	<p>Farm Forward: Navigating Technology Adoption with Insight and Confidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan Wattie, <i>Director of Agritech Adoption, Innovate B.C.</i> <p>Innovate B.C. invites you to a unique workshop designed to empower farmers in evaluating and adopting new technologies. Reflect on a century of agricultural innovations and lessons learned, then dive into actionable case studies and a structured approach to assessing new tools.</p>	BMO Room
11:00 AM	<p>Future-Proofing B.C.'s Farms: Enhancing Competitiveness Through Digital and AI Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carson Li, <i>Agronomy Consultant, B.C. Centre for Agritech Innovation (BCCAI)</i> <p>This presentation will clarify the definition and principles of AI and its importance in agriculture and agri-food (AAF) sectors. Real-life examples of AI applications will be given to illustrate how farmers can enhance the productivity and profitability of agriculture businesses.</p>	
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch Break (food available for purchase from venue concession)	



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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Forages & Drought: Management, Quality, and Alternative Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Witt, <i>Consultant, Forage Based Solutions</i> <p>Mike Witt of Forage Based Solutions will discuss management of both current and alternative forage crops through drought to ensure production and feed quality goals are achieved.</p>	MNP Room
	Keeping Poultry Safe, Healthy, and Disease Free <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clayton Botkin, <i>Project Manager, B.C. Poultry Health Network and Principal Consultant, C. Botkin Enterprises Ltd.</i> <p>This session will introduce the basic principles of poultry flock management. Topics will include housing and nutrition considerations, predator management, and steps you can take to prevent disease or illness in your flock. The principles covered in this session will be applicable to any flock size and can be applied to many species in various production systems.</p>	BMO Room
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Afternoon Break and Transition	
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Farm Risk Management Programs for Crops and Livestock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taylor Griffin, <i>Senior Agrologist, B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food</i> • Nicole Thor, <i>Operations Supervisor, B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food</i> <p>Review of crop protection options, including crop insurance, MAF programs (agri-stability), and wildlife compensation program.</p>	MNP Room
	Hot Tips for Healthy Herds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graeme Fowler, <i>Producer, Vancouver Island Cattlemen's Association</i> • Dr. Melodie Ares-Monast, <i>Veterinarian, Agwest Veterinary Group Ltd.</i> • Julia Smith, <i>Executive Director, Small Scale Meat Producers Association</i> • Sarah Maloney, <i>Verified Beef and Program Coordinator, B.C. Cattlemen's Association</i> <p>Good livestock production and animal welfare means being proactive about reducing health threats. This session will cover parasite prevention strategies for cattle, sheep, and goats, African Swine Fever risk mitigation, and the benefits of Verified Beef Production Plus. Attendees will gain practical insights into improving herd health and meeting market demands for high-quality, sustainable livestock products.</p>	BMO Room
3:00 PM	End of Day 2	

Exhibitors and Floor Plan



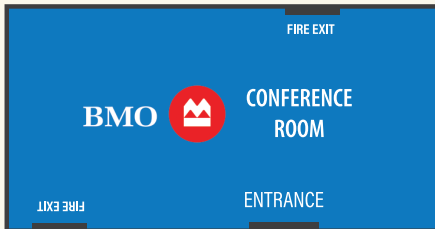
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2	BW Global Structures Inc
3	BC Hazelnut Growers Association
4	AgSafeBC
5	Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
6	Leafilter Gutter Protection
7	Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada
8	West Coast Robotics
9	Top Shelf Feeds
10	Iritex
11	DLF Canada
12	Island Tractor
13	Jeff McCallum
14	CIBC Agriculture
15	Corcoran Financial Group
16	RBC Royal Bank
17	BC Institute of Agrologists
19	Harbour City Equipment
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24	MNP LLP
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26	Bank of Montreal
27	Clearbrook Grain and Milling
28	Johnny's Selected Seeds
29	VIU (+NIC)
30	Small Scale Meat Producers Association
31	Delta WaterTec
32	Rollins Machinery
33	Mid Island Consumer Services
34	Country Life in BC
35	Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC
36	Terralink
37	Used.ca
39	Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre
40	Hub International
41	Economic Development Cowichan
42	Norseco
44	Versatile Refrigeration Intl. Inc.
45	VI Poultry in Motion
46	Second Harvest
47	Rex Nordic Corp.
48	PMT Inc.
49	District A Farmers Institute
50	Caspian Drones (Talos Drones Canada)
51	First Class Facilities

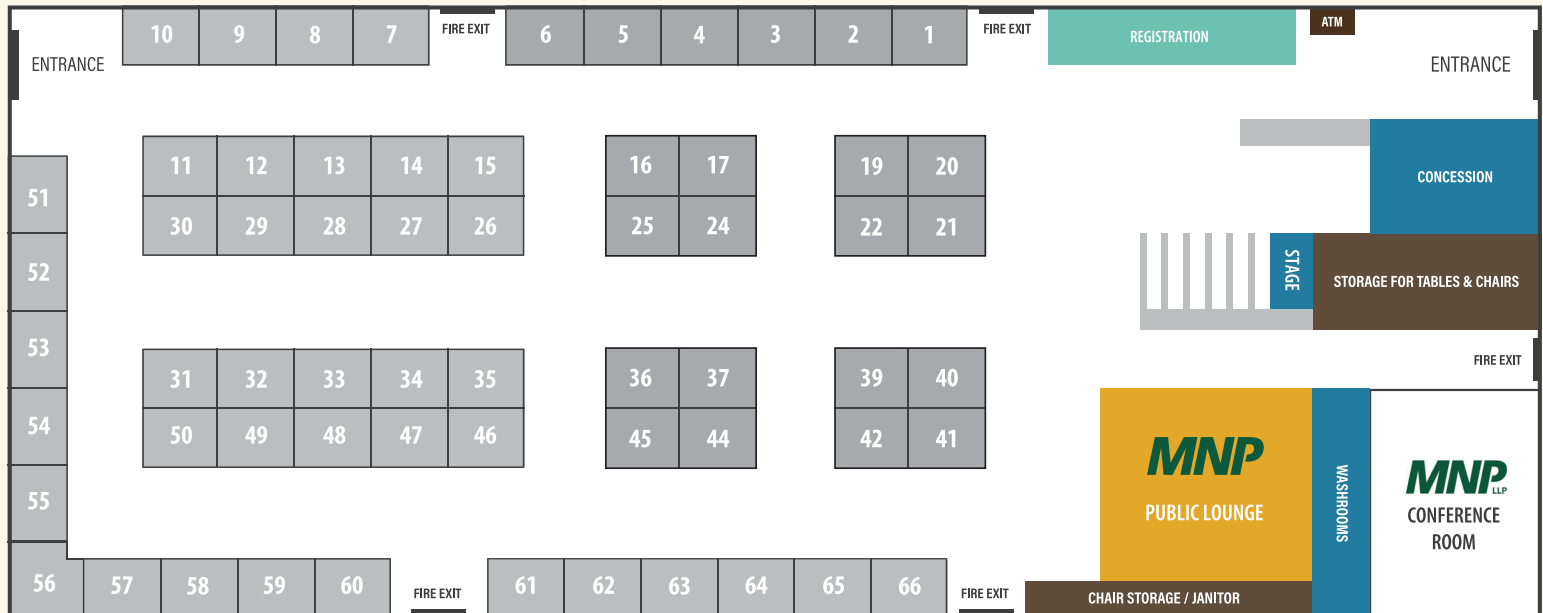
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54	Kloot Construction
55	Anser Power Systems
56	Bobcat of Comox Valley
57	Nutrien Solutions/Evergro
58	Mid Valley Manufacturing
59	BC Assessment
60	BC Farm & Ranch Realty Corp
61	BC Forage Council
62	BC Cattlemen's Association
63	BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food
64	BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food
65	Canadian Cattle Identification Agency
66	BC Centre for Agritech Innovation - SFU

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Pacific Northwest Raptors
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