



# 2022 Farmland Forum

## THE FUTURE OF FARMLAND DIVERSIFICATION

Thursday, March 24th, 2022  
 ONLINE CONFERENCE  
 #2022FarmlandForum

### FORUM PROGRAM

8:45 am	<b>Sign-in/Check in</b>
9:00 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> Land Acknowledgement <i>Sara Epp, PhD, Assistant Professor, SEDRD, University of Guelph          Board Member, Ontario Farmland Trust</i>
9:15 am	<b>Keynote Speaker—Addressing Climate Change, Mitigation Strategies and Land Protection</b> <i>David Phillips, CM, Senior Climatologist, Environment &amp; Climate Change Canada</i>  This presentation will address the long-term impacts of climate change, how to prevent current circumstances from getting worse and the value of protecting natural and agricultural land in its present state.
10:15 am	<b>Break</b>
10:25 am	<b>Keynote Speaker—Global Food Security, Climate Change Agri-food Technology, and the Great Challenge of Sustainability</b> <i>Evan Fraser, PhD, Director of Arrell Food Institute &amp; Professor of Geography, University of Guelph</i>  This presentation will address the challenge of feeding the world's growing population while dealing with climate change and explore possible solutions including agri-food technology and farming Canada's North.
10:55 am	<b>Break</b>

11:05 am	<p><b>Panel—A Multitude of Ecosystem Services across Unique Farmland Uses</b> Farmers discuss how their various farm operations create different ecosystem services, contributing to the health of our environment.</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> <i>Mitchell Good, Livestock Manager, Good Family Farms</i> <i>Jacob Murray, Co-Owner and Operator, Topsy Farms</i> <i>Heidi Brautigam, Creator and Farmer, Stems Flower Farm</i> <i>Dave Stotesbury, Owner &amp; Head Beekeeper, Backed by Bees</i></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> <i>Krista Long, Executive Director, National Farmers Union - Ontario</i></p>
11:50 am	<b>Break</b>
12:00 pm	<p><b>Panel—Sustainable Innovations in the Agricultural Sector</b> Presenters discuss the benefits of incorporating innovative technology on farms and into the agricultural industry.</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> <i>Carl Frook, Owner, Marl Creek Renewables &amp; Co-Owner, Cornerstone Renewables</i> <i>Keith Warriner, PhD, Professor in Food Science, University of Guelph &amp; Food Scientist, Clean Works Corporation</i> <i>Peter Wheeler, Professor at School of Applied Technology, Humber College &amp; CEO, SunPillar Inc.</i></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> <i>Suzanne Armstrong, PhD, Director of Policy &amp; Research, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario</i></p>
12:45 pm	<b>Break</b>
12:55 pm	<p><b>Keynote Speaker—Climate Change, Agriculture and Sustainability</b> <i>Philly Markowitz, RPP, Economic Development Officer, Grey County</i> <i>Leigh Griggs, Chair, The Sustainability Project</i> <i>Linda Swanston, Manager of Climate Change Initiatives, Grey County</i></p> <p>This presentation will explore the many environmental and economic benefits of protecting farmland for diversified uses.</p>
1:35 pm	<p><b>Wrap Up &amp; Concluding Remarks</b> <i>Board Member, Ontario Farmland Trust</i></p>
1:45 pm	<b>Adjournment</b>

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