



2022 Farmland Forum

THE FUTURE OF FARMLAND DIVERSIFICATION

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

FORUM PROGRAM

8:45 am Sign-in/Check in

9:00 am **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
 Land Acknowledgement
Sara Epp, PhD, Assistant Professor, SEDRD, University of Guelph
Margaret Walton, RPP, Vice Chair, Ontario Farmland Trust

9:15 am **Keynote Speaker—Addressing Climate Change, Mitigation Strategies and Land Protection**
David Phillips, CM, Senior Climatologist, Environment & Climate Change Canada

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 Break

10:25 am **Keynote Speaker—Global Food Security, Climate Change Agri-food Technology, and the Great Challenge of Sustainability**
Evan Fraser, PhD, Director of Arrell Food Institute & Professor of Geography, University of Guelph

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 Break

11:05 am

Panel—A Multitude of Ecosystem Services across Unique Farmland Uses

Farmers discuss how their various farm operations create different ecosystem services, contributing to the health of our environment.

Panellists:

*Mitchell Good, Livestock Manager, Good Family Farms
Rachel Hope Hawkshaw, Fencing Manager, Topsy Farms
Heidi Brautigam, Creator and Farmer, Stems Flower Farm
Dave Stotesbury, Owner & Head Beekeeper, Backed by Bees*

Facilitator:

Krista Long, Executive Director, National Farmers Union - Ontario

11:50 am

Break

12:00 pm

Panel—Sustainable Innovations in the Agricultural Sector

Presenters discuss the benefits of incorporating innovative technology on farms and into the agricultural industry.

Panellists:

*Carl Froom, Owner, Marl Creek Renewables & Co-Owner, Cornerstone Renewables
Keith Warriner, PhD, Professor in Food Science, University of Guelph & Food Scientist, Clean Works Corporation
Peter Wheeler, Professor at School of Applied Technology, Humber College & CEO, SunPillar Inc.
Paul Moyer, Owner of Moyer's Apple Products & Co-owner of Clēan Works Corp*

Facilitator:

Suzanne Armstrong, PhD, Director of Policy & Research, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario

12:45 pm

Break

12:55 pm

Keynote Speaker—Climate Change, Agriculture and Sustainability

*Philly Markowitz, RPP, Economic Development Officer, Grey County
Leigh Grigg, Chair, The Sustainability Project
Linda Swanston, Manager of Climate Change Initiatives, Grey County*

This presentation will explore the many environmental and economic benefits of protecting farmland for diversified uses.

1:35 pm

Wrap Up & Concluding Remarks

Bernard Pope, Chair, Ontario Farmland Trust

1:45 pm

Adjournment

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