



22nd CCA CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING

January 14 and 15, 2025

Best Western Lamplighter Inn

591 Wellington Road

London, ON

Preliminary Agenda

Tuesday, January 14th – Conference Opening

- 12:00 noon Registration
- 1:00 p.m. Opening Remarks, Ontario CCA Board Chair, Aaron Breimer
- 1:15 p.m. **“Agronomic, Environmental, and Economic Benefits of Cover Crop Inclusion”** – Shalamar Armstrong, Associate Professor of Agronomy, Department of Agronomy, Purdue University
- 2:05 p.m. **“Novel Weed Control Technology”** – Lynn M Sosnoskie, Assistant Professor, Weed Ecology and Management for Specialty Crops, Cornell AgriTech
- 2:55 p.m. Refreshment Break
- 3:10 p.m. **“Nitrogen Fertilizer and Soil Organic Matter: Integrating soil health and traditional agronomy”** – Jordan Wade, Soil Health Assessment Lead, Syngenta Group
- 4:00 p.m. **“CCA Research Panel”** – Moderator Paul Sullivan, CCA Research and Innovation Committee
- Boron Trials on Corn – Dale Cowan, Senior Agronomist, AGRIS Co-operative Ltd.
 - Staygreen Benchmarking Program – Chris Roelands, Honeyland Ag Services
 - Using SWAT Maps to Manage Field Variability – Jonathan Zettler, Fieldwalker Agronomy Limited
- 5:00 p.m. **“Update on Ontario Soil Fertility Recommendations”** - Colin Elgie, OMAFA Soil Fertility Specialist and Ontario Soil Management Committee Secretary
- 5:10 p.m. Speaker program adjourns
- 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour in the Atrium, visit sponsor booths for drink tickets
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet in the Crystal Ballroom
- 7:30 p.m. CCA Board Mentee Presentation
- 7:45 p.m. Award Ceremony
- Presentation of 20-year certificates
 - Award of Excellence
- 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Hospitality and networking

Wednesday, January 15th

- 7:30 a.m. Hot Buffet Breakfast – Atrium and Crystal Ballroom
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and announcements – Incoming Ontario CCA Board Chair, Nicole Penney
- 8:45 a.m. **“Economics in Corn and Soybean Production”** – Gary Schnitkey, Professor of Farm Management, Soybean Industry Chair in Agricultural Strategy, University of Illinois
- 9:35 a.m. **“Weed Management in a Changing Climate”** – Sharon Bachman, Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Erie County
- 10:25 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 10:45 a.m. **“Managing Water for Crop Production and Water Quality”** – Chris Hay, PhD, PE, Christopher Hay Consulting
- 11:35 a.m. Committee Reports – Exam, Continuing Education, Standards and Ethics, and Marketing
 - Emerging Leader Award
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet – Atrium
- 1:00 p.m. Research and Innovation Committee Report
- 1:10 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Ontario CCA Association
- 1:25 p.m. **“From Data to Harvest: AI and Multi-Omics in Crop Production”** – Mohsen Yoosefzadeh Najafabadi, Assistant Professor, and Mohsen Hesami, Post-doctoral Research Associate, Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph
- 2:15 p.m. Refreshment Break – Atrium
- 2:35 p.m. **“Winter Soil Processes in Cold Region Agroecosystems: Impacts on Nutrient Cycling”** – Fereidoun Reza Nezhad, Ph.D., Research Associate Professor University of Waterloo
- 3:25 p.m. **“Biomass Buffer Strips and Socks for Capturing Excess Nutrients from Agricultural Runoff”** – Emily Chiang, Associate Professor, College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, University of Guelph
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn

CEUs will be applied for:

Day One, Four CEUs: IPM – 1, CM – 1.5, NM – 1.5, SW – 0

Day Two, Six CEUs: IPM – 1, CM – 2, NM – 1, SW – 2

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