



23rd CCA CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING

January 13 and 14, 2026

Best Western Lamplighter Inn

591 Wellington Road

London, ON

Preliminary Agenda

Tuesday, January 13th – Conference Opening

- 8:15 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Chair's Report – Ontario CCA Board Chair, Nicole Weber
- 9:10 a.m. **"Tar Spot"** – Darcy Telenko, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Botany and Plant Pathology, Purdue University
- 10:00 a.m. **"Lime/Soil pH and Calcium"** – John D. Jones, Assistant Professor of Agronomy & Soil Fertility Extension Specialist, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 10:50 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 11:10 a.m. **"Balancing Cropping Decisions and Livestock Nutrition"** – Deb Campbell, CCA, Agronomy Advantage and Simon Gladwell, Sharpe Farm Supplies
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet – Atrium
- 1:00 p.m. **"Weather Drivers for Ontario: A look at some trends and outlooks"** – Ron Bianchi, Meteorologist
- 1:50 p.m. Committee Reports – Exam, Mentorship, Continuing Education, Standards and Ethics, Research and Innovation, and Marketing
- Annual Meeting of the Canadian CCA Association
- 2:15 p.m. Refreshment Break
- 2:35 p.m. **"Canadian Agriculture Policy and CAPI's 2025 Agri-Food Risk Survey"** – Tyler McCann, Managing Director, Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute
- 3:25 p.m. CCA Mentee Presentation: **"Best Practices for Farm Research Trials"** – Owen Ricker, CCA, CCA Board Mentee
- 4:10 p.m. CCA Research Presentation: **"Soybean Yield Response to Seeding Rate"** – Paul Hermans, CCA, Area Agronomist-Eastern Ontario, Pioneer
- 4:40 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. Award Ceremony
- Presentation of 20-year certificates
 - Award of Excellence
- 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Hospitality and networking

Wednesday, January 14th

- 7:30 a.m. Hot Buffet Breakfast – Atrium and Crystal Ballroom
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and announcements – Ontario CCA Board Vice Chair, Meagan Ioi
- 8:40 a.m. ***“Does Placement of Phosphorus and Potassium Fertilizers Matter?”*** – Jeffrey Vetsch, University of Minnesota
- 9:30 a.m. CCA Research Presentation: ***“Characterizing Ontario Corn Hybrids: Helping manage to higher yields”*** – Paul Sullivan, CCA, P.T. Sullivan Agro
- 10:10 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 10:30 a.m. ***“Artificial Intelligence: Practical applications and future potential in agriculture”*** - Dr. Felipe Karp, Instructor and Researcher, Olds College of Agriculture & Technology
- 11:20 a.m. ***“2025 Highlights, Lowlights, and Just Plain Weird”*** – Multiple CCAs sharing their experiences from the 2025 growing season
- 12:10 p.m. Lunch Buffet – Atrium

Adjourn

CEUs will be applied for:

Day One, 7 CEUs: IPM – 1, CM – 3.5, NM – 1, SW – 0, PD - 1

Day Two, 4 CEUs: IPM – 1, CM – 1, NM – 1, SW – 0, PD - 1

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