



24th CCA CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING

January 12 and 13, 2027

Best Western Lamplighter Inn

591 Wellington Road

London, ON

Agenda

Tuesday, January 12th – 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. **Weed Resistance** – Thomas "Tommy" R. Butts, Ph.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Extension Weed Scientist, Purdue University
- 10:00 a.m. **Bio-what? Biostimulants, Biologicals, Biofertilizers: Reviewing the market and tips to their use** - Connor Sible, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 10:50 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 11:10 a.m. **"Grain and Oilseed Marketing"** – Steve Duff, Chief Economist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet – Atrium
- 1:00 p.m. CCA Research Presentation: **"Local Phosphorus Reduction Programs"** – Derrick Leclair, CCA
- 1:30 p.m. Committee Reports – Exam, Mentorship, Continuing Education, Standards and Ethics, Research and Innovation, and Marketing
- Annual Meeting of the Canadian CCA Association
- 2:10 p.m. Refreshment Break
- 2:30 p.m. CCA Mentee Presentation: **"Optimizing Nitrogen Fertilization"** – Lorraine Vandermyden, CCA, CCA Board Mentee
- 3:00 p.m. **"SCN Resistance and Management"** – Horacio Lopez-Nicora, Assistant Professor, Plant Pathology, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University
- 3:50 p.m. CCA Research Presentation: **"Applied Field Vegetable Research in Ontario"** – Dan Oliver, CCA, Agronomy, Seed & Compliance Manager, Nortera Foods
- 4:35 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 and 30-year certificates
 - Award of Excellence
- 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Hospitality and networking

Wednesday, January 13th

- 7:30 a.m. Hot Buffet Breakfast – Atrium and Crystal Ballroom
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and announcements – Ontario CCA Board Incoming Chair, Meagan Ioi
- 8:40 a.m. **“Crop Machinery and AI Technologies: Future Vision”** – Scott Shearer, Food, Agriculture and Biological Engineering, Ohio State University
- 9:30 a.m. **“Evaluation of Forage Species Richness, Harvest Frequency, and Soil Responses” or “Utilization of Warm-season Grass-legume Mixtures”** – Erick Santos, Assistant Professor, Forage Science, University of Alberta
- 10:20 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 10:40 a.m. **“Bees, Allies in Detecting Viruses in Fruit Crops”** – Jonathan Griffiths, Research Scientist and Plant Virologist, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- 11:30 a.m. **“Future Insect Pressures”** – Andrew (Andy) Michel, Associate Dean, Director of the CFAES Wooster Campus, and Professor of Entomology, Ohio State University
- 12:20 p.m. Lunch Buffet – Atrium

Adjourn

CEUs will be applied for:

Day One, 6.0 CEUs: IPM – 2, CM – 2, NM – 1.5, SW – 0.5

Day Two, 4.0 CEUs: IPM – 2, CM – 2

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