

Nov. 14-16, 2017

Save the Dates for 8th Annual CFGA Conference

The Canadian Forage and Grassland Association is working with the Ontario Forage Council to host the 8th Annual CFGA Conference at the Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre, Nov. 14 to 16, 2017. This year's theme is Next Generation Forage Cropping Systems: Profit Above, Wealth Below in recognition of the important role forage and grasslands play in providing both economic and environmental benefits to Canadians from coast to coast.

Conference organizers are working on a powerful lineup of educational and informative speakers in four key areas the conference is focused on: soil carbon storage, soil health enhancement, forage exports and profitable forage systems. Here are just a few you won't want to miss:

Richard Teague – Keynote Speaker

Richard Teague is a professor of ecosystem science and management with Texas A&M AgriLife Research and senior scientist of the Borlaug Institute. He believes that research and service must provide the linkage that enables managers to base decisions for sustainable land use on the principles of ecosystem function. Richard uses a systems approach in developing land and livestock management practices that sustain natural rangeland resources and the well-being of the people depending on the land.

Tom Kilcer

Tom Kilcer grew up on a dairy farm in Columbia County, N.Y., and has BS degrees in Fisheries Science and Agronomy. For 33 years, he was the multi-county field crop and soils educator and program leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County, N.Y. In 2009, Tom moved to private consulting, with a focus on research and education in close co-operation with university and extension specialists. Much of Tom's effort is to develop crops, rotations and harvest systems to support high forage dairy diets that enable farms to compete nationally and globally. His innovative work includes wide-swath haylage, red clover same-day haylage, winter forage production and management, sorghum production and harvest for dairy cows.

Nicole Rogers

Nicole Rogers hails from one of the largest and oldest farming operations in Canada. She grew up as part of her family's various agri-trading and marketing businesses including, Farms.com, North America's first agriculture sector focused web platform. In 2008, Nicole moved to Dubai to serve as Canada's Trade Commissioner for Agriculture and Agri-food Canada. In 2013, she transitioned into the private sector and today is CEO of Agriprocity, a company focused on direct crop origination from Canada, Australia, the U.S.A. and Africa. Nicole is a private sector delegate on the United Nations (FAO)'s Near East Food Security panel, a founding member of the Dubai Food Trade Advisory Group (in partnership with the Dubai Multi-Commodities Centre), sits on the advisory board of Global AgInvesting and is a global agri innovations partner of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Arlette Seib – Virtual Farm Tour

Arlette and Allen Seib converted their crop farm back to grassland after realizing they felt a huge disconnect with the go-bigger, crop farming band wagon they had jumped onto. They used sheep to rejuvenate worn out crop land and to keep existing native prairie parcels intact. Today, they keep busy with a flock of 500 ewes and have developed a deep respect for grassland and its intrinsic values.

For more information, or to register, visit the [conference website](#).