



FOOD NEWS

September 2017

Workshops

To register for these workshops, call the Ag-Info Centre at: 1-800-387-6030.

Fun with Financing - Learn and Network

October 18, 2017 - Nisku, AB

Do you have burning questions about financing and aren't sure where to find the answers? Do you need money to take your agri-processing business to the next level? This [engaging event](#) will allow you to hear from expert speakers and meet key financial contacts. Cost: \$10/person (includes educational sessions, networking event, appetizers and beverages). For more information, contact [Ron Lyons](#).

Essentials of Selling Local Food

October 24, 2017 – Wildwood (Yellowhead County), AB

In this workshop you will learn about local food opportunities, the different farm direct marketing channels, and their benefits and challenges.

Registration deadline is October 17. Cost: \$23.75/person (includes lunch and refreshments).

Getting into Farming Information Session For the Aspiring Farmer



October 26, 2017 - Airdrie, AB

Topics include an overview of agriculture, business planning, personal assessment, financial and land considerations. Registration deadline is October 23. Cost: \$25/person (includes lunch and refreshments).

Strategic Leadership Workshop

November 23, 2017 – Leduc, AB

If you are food processor who would like to learn how to develop strategic leadership within your company this workshop is a must! Dr. Brynn Winegard will inform you of the skills required to master each element of successful leadership, the key issues facing leaders, and the leaders' role and core purpose.

Every segment of the day is complemented with individual exercises and group activities to allow you a chance to apply what you learn and to hone your personal leadership capabilities. For more information, contact [Lisa Iwanyk](#). Registration deadline is November 10. Cost: \$30/person (includes lunch and refreshments).

Events

Alberta Natural Health Products / Functional Ingredients Industry Network Meeting

October 5, 2017 - Leduc, AB

This half-day meeting provides an opportunity to come together to network, gather information, showcase sector activities, and discuss sector challenges and their potential solutions. At this event, Corey Keith, President of Keith and Associates will deliver a presentation on "The Top 10 Ways to get Money from a Bank". Come and join us to learn some of the best practices that will prepare you to successfully access funds from banking institutions. To confirm your participation, email [Ileana Costiuc](#) or phone 403-948-8511.

Natural Health Products & Functional Ingredients and Industrial Biotechnology Round Table Discussions

September 20, 2017 - Edmonton, AB

BioAlberta and Tec Edmonton invite entrepreneurs, investors and stakeholders in health, natural health, and bioindustrial products to take the next step forward in advocacy for policy development. Featuring facilitators are Dr. Davis Gauthier – Natural Products Canada and Ross Bricker, Wescott Ventures. To register for the round table discussions or all of the day's activities, visit [BioAlberta website](#).

Fancy Food Show

January 20-23, 2018 - San Francisco

Are you ready to be inspired and learn from your peers? Are you a specialty food-maker? Its never too soon to start thinking about the Fancy Food. This is THE show to see global innovations and trends in specialty foods as well as the opportunity to learn from experts on pricing, distribution, future consumer movements and more. For more information, visit the show [website](#) or contact [Lindsay Sutton](#).

Foodex Japan

March 6-9, 2018

Agriculture and Forestry is in the proposal stages for a mission to Foodex Japan, the key exhibition for value-added food and drink in the Japan market. Contact [Katie Meredith](#) to indicate your early interest and receive full details when available.

New Templates for Label Designers: Nutrition Facts Table and List Of Ingredients

The Compendium of Templates for Nutrition Facts Tables and List of Ingredients has been updated to reflect the [new regulatory requirements!](#) It is available for order on [the Health Canada Website](#).

Alberta Food Processors Association

Workshops

Money Down the Drain - September 26 - Edmonton; September 27 - Calgary

Find out how some of Canada's biggest food and beverage processors, including Campbell's, Maple Leaf, and Kraft Foods, have saved and grown. Visit the ['What's New'](#) section on the left side of Alberta Food Processors Association's (AFPA's) homepage to register.

Lean & Green Carbon - November 7 – Edmonton / November 8 – Calgary / November 9 – Lethbridge

This half-day workshop will identify business case opportunities associated with addressing carbon and environmental process improvements. Through tangible lean and green examples, participants will receive coaching and tools resulting in efficiencies and cost reductions. Find out more and [register!](#)

Webinars

How To Communicate Effectively in Any Situation - October 25 - 12 a.m.

Join this webinar to learn how to control your next media interview, important business meeting, keynote speech, customer interaction and employee coaching session.

Turn That Frown Upside Down - December 6 – 12 p.m.

In this webinar you will learn how to handle negative customers and build brand loyalty.

For more information and to register, visit Alberta Food Processors Association – [Webinar Wednesdays webpage](#).

Food Safety and Quality Training

- HACCP for Manufacturing Food Packaging Materials - September 19-20 - Calgary
- HACCP for Warehousing and Distributing Operations - September 21-22 – Calgary
- HACCP I: Prerequisite Programs - October 23-24 - Edmonton
- HACCP II: Developing your HACCP Plan - October 25-26 - Edmonton
- BRC Internal Auditor – November 2-3 - Edmonton
- Verification & Validation – November 20 - Calgary
- Principles of Internal Auditing – November 21 - Calgary
- Procedure Writing & Document Control – November 21 - Calgary

For more information or to register, visit [Food Safety & Quality](#) webpage or contact [Melody](#) at 403-201-3657 (ext. 21).



Workplace Health & Safety Certificate of Recognition (COR) - Contact ed@afpa.com for all your health & safety training requirements.

FEASTival of Fine Chefs – September 20, Edmonton- Tickets still available [here!](#)

6 p.m. Reception / Silent Auction
7 p.m. Program / Gourmet FEAST
10 p.m. Closing Comments

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