



FOOD NEWS

OCTOBER 2016

Export Events

The Private Sector Liaison Officers Network - Agriculture Sector Meeting
November 13 -16, 2016 - **Washington, D.C., USA**
November 17 (optional) - **Chicago, IL, USA**

The Private Sector Liaison Officers (PSLO) Network is initiating this joint mission focusing on agricultural sector opportunities at International Financial Institutions (IFIs). The PSLO's mission will provide an effective means to showcase Alberta agricultural expertise to key influencers and stakeholders in the region, assist Alberta companies to increase their market intelligence and readiness to participate in agricultural projects around the world as well as continue to foster collaborative relationships with IFIs. For more information, please contact [Samuel Boateng](#).

Canadian Food Ingredients Mission
December 6 - 7, 2016 – **Minneapolis, USA**

Alberta ingredient suppliers are invited to participate in the Canadian Food Ingredients Mission; this two-day program will provide Canadian ingredient suppliers the opportunity to gain insights into the US market and meet face-to-face with targeted Minnesota-based processors. Ideal suppliers for this mission include those marketing value-added ingredients, niche commodities and innovative ingredient technologies; commodity trading companies may also join. For more information, please click here or contact [Dusan Rnjak](#).

Winter Fancy Food Show
January 22 - 24, 2017 – **San Francisco, USA**

Mark your calendars and get planning for this must-see event for all food-makers!
-See over 100,000 specialty food products at their best in tastes, trends, brands and innovations - take the ideas back to Alberta and create change!
-Attend fantastic, peer-to-peer education sessions on pricing, branding and best practices, etc.
-Facilitated tours through retail/grocery sites in San Francisco, look at merchandising, marketing, brand position, etc. For more information, email [Lindsay Sutton](#) or call 780-643-3849.

Local Events

Agri-Food Processing Lenders Conference
October 20 - 21, 2016 – **Nisku, AB**

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry is hosting an Agri-Food Processing Lenders Conference at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Nisku.

The conference will have learning and networking opportunities for both lenders and agri-food processors. Lenders will be able to learn more about the agri-food processing industry and the challenges and opportunities it presents. Agri-Food processors will get a better understanding of what their lenders are looking for and how to be better prepared for discussions about their businesses when trying to obtain financing.

For more information, call Ron Lyons at 780-980-4363. To register call the Ag-Info Centre at 1-800-387-6030.

Agricultural Labour Summit 2016
October 26, 2016 – **Olds, AB**

The Agriculture Industry Labour Council of Alberta (AILCA) is hosting the third annual Fall Labour Summit. This year AILCA will be focusing on practical solutions for farmers and ranchers to help them adapt and thrive in the changing world of human resources. Please join us at Olds College, a centre of excellence for agriculture in the province. Information and registration details can be found at: <https://aglaboursummit.ca/>.

Sustainable Strategic Planning Webinar Resource

Tapings of three webinars are now available on Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's webinar page as a resource to the agriculture and food processing industry:

- Understanding Sustainability for Agri-Processors
- Sustainable Strategy Development
- Sustainable Strategy Execution

To review the webinars, go to [Webinars Home page](#) and check past webinars for business planning.

Explore Local Events

Explore Local Food Markets Webinar, November 9, 2016 – 9 a.m.

Join this webinar to explore the advantages and disadvantages of local food markets and how to choose the best fit for your products and your business. Register [here](#) if you would like to attend this one hour free webinar.

Getting Into On Farm Sales Workshop, November 15, 2016 – Leduc, AB

Discover simple options you could consider as you start on-farm direct sales. Learn about the different options available to you for selling direct to consumers from your farm – from u-picks to farm stands and seasonal sales centres. For more information visit [Explore Local – Events](#); to register call: 1-800-387-6030.

Getting Into Local Foods Workshop, November 22, 2016 – Lethbridge, November 23, 2016 – Airdrie, November 24, 2016 – Parkland County

Attend one of these one-day workshops to learn about the local food opportunity and the different farm direct marketing channels, their benefits and challenges. Examine the regulations that apply to your business directly from the agencies responsible for enforcement. Meet the resource specialists available to assist you within Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. For more information visit [Explore Local – Events](#); to register call: 1-800-387-6030.

Sustainable Procurement Workshop

December 7, 2016 - Stony Plain, AB.

Chris Luery and Laura Rees of LeanCor will present this one day interactive workshop. LeanCor Supply Group is a trusted supply chain partner that specializes in lean principles to deliver operational improvements. This workshop will help you understand how supply chain risks are preventing you from achieving the results you are looking for. Take a day to build a successful foundation for sustainable procurement. As an added bonus you will receive a copy of one of LeanCor's books related to sustainable procurement.

Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to register today. To register call the Ag-Info Centre Registration Desk at 1-800-387-6030. For more information, email [Lisa Iwanyk](#) or phone 780-968-3511.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Update to Method of Production Claims for Meat, Poultry and Fish Products

The criteria for making natural, naturally raised, feed, antibiotic and hormone claims in labelling or advertising for meat, poultry and fish products have been updated. These criteria have been incorporated into the [Method of Production Claims for Meat, Poultry and Fish Products](#) section in the Method of Production Claims page of the Industry Labelling Tool.

Alberta Food Processors Association

Alberta Food Processors Association presents "**Alberta's Carbon Levy: What It Means to Your Bottom Line**".

A full-day workshop outlining Alberta's carbon levy and how it will be applied to your business operations.

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – Edmonton, or

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 - Calgary

Click [here](#) for more details and Registration Form.

Food Safety Training

- HACCP IV – Verification, Validation and Reassessment – November 14, 2016 – Calgary
- HACCP V – Internal Auditing of Your HACCP System – November 15, 2016 – Calgary
- HACCP VI – Procedure Writing and Document Control – November 16, 2016 – Calgary
- FSSC22000 – Internal Auditor - November 17, 2016 – Calgary

For registration or list of other upcoming courses, click [here](#) or contact [Melody](#) at 403-201-3657 (ext. 21).

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