



FOOD NEWS

December 2017

Workshops

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

Pricing Principles Workshop

January 18, 2018 - Airdrie, AB

January 30, 2018 - Grande Prairie, AB

Are you planning on selling to retail? Attend this workshop if you are looking to price your products for profit, understand the components of pricing for the retail market, understand the retail buyers' needs. The cost is \$25.

Using *Shopify* to Build Your Own Online Store

January 16, 2018 - Red Deer, AB

In this hands-on one-day workshop, you will create your online store, learn how to manage and sell your products, adjust inventory and be found by search engines. **Shopify** is a complete e-commerce solution that allows you to set up an online store to sell your products. The cost is \$25. Registration deadline: January 9, 2018.

Getting Into Local Foods

January 18, 2018 - Calgary, AB

This workshop is for producers who are new to selling food through farmers' markets or other direct to consumer methods. The cost is \$25. Registration deadline: January 11, 2018.

Getting Into Farmers' Markets

February 15, 2018 - Camrose, AB

Farmers' markets are big business in Alberta with over \$900 million in annual sales. Entering this market channel with the right skills can shorten your learning curve and enhance your success. The cost is \$25. Registration deadline: February 8, 2018.

Preparing Business for Change – **Save the Date!**

February 22, 2018 – Airdrie

The goal of this hands-on, one-day workshop is to enable Alberta agriculture and food processors to prepare and plan for addressing industry change issues and mitigate risks in their companies. Registration information coming soon. For more information, contact [Lisa Iwanyk](#).

Events

Two Day Educational Mission to the Pacific Northwest

January 29-30, 2018 – Seattle

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry along with the Consulate General of Canada in Seattle and the British Columbia (BC) Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology are developing a two-day educational mission for Alberta and BC food companies to learn more about opportunities in Seattle and the Pacific Northwest. This initiative provides an excellent opportunity for Alberta agri-food companies with little to no previous international trade experience to be introduced to exporting and to explore the potential of the Pacific Northwest market firsthand. For more info about the program and potential travel reimbursement, contact [Shelly Nguyen](#).



2018 Natural Health Products and Functional Ingredients Industry Conference - Save the Date!

Evening of February 7, February 8 — Full Day
Lacombe Memorial Centre, 5214 - 50 Avenue, Lacombe

Registration Information Coming Soon!!!

For more information contact:
[Margurite Thiessen](#) or [Ileana Costiuc](#)

Gulfood

February 18-22, 2018 – Dubai, United Arab Emirates

This event is for food and hospitality industries. For information contact [Aarij Bashir](#) or visit [Gulfood website](#).

Food Hotel Asia 2018

April 24-27, 2018 – Singapore

Agriculture and Forestry is in the proposal stages for a mission to FHA 2018. Contact [Albert Eringfeld](#) to indicate your early interest and receive full details when available.





Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Regulation Amendments

Have your say! The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is seeking feedback on proposed amendments to the Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Regulations, which were published in the Canada Gazette, Part I October 21, 2017. The public comment period is open for 60 days ending December 20, 2017. Read more [here](#).

After four engaging public webinars, the CFIA has added new questions and answers to the website which, along with other online resources, you may find helpful when submitting your comments.



New Roll-Out of CFIA Food Export Web Pages

CFIA is revising the food export web pages to better assist Canadian industry with export guidance. The aim is to align all export activities of current food programs under a single food program. This will allow the CFIA to transition the export requirements easily to meet the Safe Food For Canadians Regulations (SFCR) when they come into force. While the look and feel of the CFIA Food Export section will be different, food certification for export will still be under the same Canadian laws as they were prior to this change in layout. Furthermore, all specific food commodity manuals and materials will still be available to the inspectorate and/or public until further notice. View the new Food Export main web page [here](#).

Changes to Alberta Employment Standards Code

Starting January 1, 2018, changes to Alberta Employment Standards Code and Regulation will come into effect.

[The Employment Standards website](#) is the best place to start your information search to find out more about specific changes coming in January 2018.

Information sessions are available through the month of December and will cover topics such as:

- changes to key employment standards rules and entitlements,
- additions to existing laws, including job-protected leaves,
- a new administrative penalty system and other changes to administration and enforcement,
- expansion of critical illness leave to include care for an adult family member,
- details on averaging agreements and flexible averaging agreements.

[Register for an online information session](#) to learn about the changes.

Alberta's Agricultural Processing Industry Directory Yearly Update

The directory has been developed for use by the business community, government agencies, and other interested parties in Alberta, Canada, and internationally. It is posted online at www.agric.gov.ab.ca and is also available there in pdf format for printing. Inclusion in this publication is free of charge. To ensure your company's entry is current, please go to the online directory, check your company posting, and contact [Joan Bates](#) to confirm.

Alberta Food Processors Association

Food Safety and Quality Training – 2018 Course schedule now available to download [here](#)

- HACCP I: Prerequisite Programs – *February 5-6, Calgary*
- HACCP II: Developing Your HACCP Plan – *February 7-8, Calgary*
- FSPCA Preventive Controls for Animal Food (PCQI) – *February 21 (2.5 days), Calgary*
- Implementing SQF Systems - *March 5-6, Calgary*
- Internal Auditor SQF - *March 7, Calgary*

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Safe Food Section 780-415-4570