

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
FEDERAL/ PROVINCIAL/ TERRITORIAL
MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE**

**Delta PEI
Charlottetown, PEI**

July 15-17, 2015

DRAFT AGENDA

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Wednesday, July 15, 2015

16:00 – 18:00 **CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE (CFA)
TRIPARTITE ROUNDTABLE**

Location: **Delta Hotel Conference Centre**

Focus: The CFA has made social license the theme of this
year's roundtable.

19:00 – 21:00 **WELCOME RECEPTION**

Location: *Waterfront deck at the Delta Prince Edward*

Details: *All conference delegates are invited to the
reception.*

Thursday, July 16, 2015

7:30 – 9:00 **PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL BREAKFAST MEETING**

****PT DELEGATES ONLY****

Location: *Plenary (Sir John A. / MacDonald)*

Federal observers: *TBD*

9:10 – 10:00 **OPENING REMARKS AND ROUNDTABLE**

Chairs: Minister Gerry Ritz and Minister Alan McIsaac

Focus: Minister Ritz and Minister McIsaac will welcome
participants, followed by a summary by Minister
McIsaac of the Provincial/Territorial breakfast
meeting. A roundtable discussion will follow.

10:00 – 11:00

STATE OF THE SECTOR

Chair: Minister Ritz

Official: Greg Meredith (AAFC)

External

Participants: Value Chain Roundtable (VCRT) Chairs:

Dennis Laycraft, Canadian Cattlemen's Association

Chantelle Donahue, Cargill

Luce Daigneault, Federation interdisciplinaire de

l'horticulture ornementale du Quebec

Kelly Dobson, Dobson Farms Inc.

Murray McLaughlin, Sustainable Chemistry

Alliance

Focus: **For discussion:** An overview of the state of agriculture in Canada, outlining key trends and issues affecting the sector. This will be followed by a brief presentation by VCRT chairs on industry views on the state of the sector and a roundtable discussion on priority issues.

11:00 – 11:15

BREAK

11:15 – 12:30

PUBLIC TRUST, MARKET ACCEPTANCE

Chair: Minister McIsaac

Officials: Greg Meredith and Fred Gorrell, AAFC

Focus: **For discussion:** To foster a common understanding of issues related to the responsible production of food and to discuss the role of governments in working with industry to maintain consumer and public confidence in Canadian agriculture based on science. Ministers will also receive an update on the challenges involved in maintaining bee health, efforts made by agriculture to reduce threats, and conflicts within the sector.

12:30 – 13:30

**LUNCH AND MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS
GROUP PHOTOGRAPH** (*Harbour View Deck*)

13:30 – 14:45

FOOD PROCESSING

Chair: Minister McIsaac

Officials: George Borovilos (ON) and Sylvie Millette LeDuc (AAFC)

Guest

Speaker: Jim Thorne, General Manager, Griffith Laboratories

Focus: **For discussion:** A presentation on the state of the food processing sector from the FPT Food Processing Industry Development Forum (FPT FPIDF), followed by an industry perspective.

14:45 – 15:00

BREAK

15:00 – 15:45

TRADE AND MARKET ACCESS UPDATE

Chair: Minister Ritz

Official: Fred Gorrell (AAFC)

Focus: **For information:** An update on international and market access issues, as well as interprovincial trade.

15:45 – 16:15

BUSINESS RISK MANAGEMENT (BRM)

Chair: Minister Ritz

Official: Rosser Lloyd (AAFC)

Focus: **For direction:** To provide an update on the status of the Mid-Term Review and other BRM-related issues, with an emphasis on insurance.

16:15 – 16:45

FPT COMMUNIQUÉ REVIEW

Chair: Minister McIsaac

Official: Jane Taylor (AAFC)

Focus: **For decision:** Review of the Annual Conference communiqué.

16:45 – 17:00

WRAP-UP

Chairs: Minister Ritz and Minister McIsaac

Focus: Summary of the day's discussions and decisions.

18:00 – 21:00

CONFERENCE DINNER

Location: Culinary Institute

Friday, July 17, 2015

7:30 – 8:45

MINISTERS' IN-CAMERA BREAKFAST MEETING

Location: Plenary (Sir John A. / MacDonald)

DEPUTY MINISTERS' IN-CAMERA BREAKFAST MEETING

Location: Robert Dickie

9:00 – 9:10

OPENING REMARKS

Chairs: Minister Ritz and Minister McIsaac

9:10 – 10:00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Chair: Minister Ritz

Officials: Tina Namiesniowski (AAFC) and Paul Mayers (CFIA)

Focus: **For direction:** To review the draft Emergency Management framework and provide approval for next steps.

10:00 – 10:15

FINAL FPT COMMUNIQUÉ REVIEW

Chair: Minister McIsaac

Official: Jane Taylor

Focus: **For decision:** Approval of the Annual Conference communiqué.

10:15 – 11:30

MINISTERS' ROUNDTABLE

Chairs: Ministers Ritz and McIsaac

Focus: **For discussion:** To provide Ministers with a final opportunity to discuss other issues of interest, including grain transportation and regulatory modernization.

11:30 – 11:45

MEETING WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS

Chairs: Minister Ritz, Minister McIsaac and Minister Oneil Carlier.

Focus: Summary of directions to officials for work in the coming year and a presentation from Alberta, inviting Ministers to Calgary for the 2016 Annual Conference.

12:30

NEWS CONFERENCE

Location: Henry/Johnson