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Welcome to CAHRC's Bi-Weekly Round-Up. This publication will replace the weekly news updates. The content is more robust than the past publication and aims to be a valuable resource for our partners to be informed of workforce-specific as well as broader industry news, information and events.

## POLICY, RESEARCH, AND NEWS TRACKING

### Skill Development

[CANADA'S AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS NEED MAJOR INVESTMENT, SAYS AG FACULTY GROUP](#). An association of 13 Canadian faculties constituting the core of research and skills says the country's 13 agricultural and veterinary schools need a major investment to develop the infrastructure needed to train the next generation of agri-food sector workers. [Read the article...](#)

[ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL TRADES FOUNDATION EXTENDS SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE](#). The Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation has extended its deadline to receive applications and nominations for 2023 scholarships to July 31. [Read more...](#)

[B.C. LAUNCHES NEW WORKFORCE INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT THE PROVINCE'S AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY](#). A new program called the Agriculture and Food Workforce Development Initiative will support British Columbia's agriculture and food industry in recruiting and retaining workers. [Read the article...](#)

[N.B. GIVES 5,000 MORE HECTARES OF FORESTS FOR MAPLE PRODUCTION](#). The amount of Crown land available for maple syrup production has just increased in New Brunswick by 5,000 hectares. Agriculture Minister Margaret Johnson estimates that the

new land allocation, which will be leased over the next five years, could grow the province's maple industry by "one million taps." [Read the article...](#)

## Immigration and Foreign Workers

[RIFT BETWEEN MIGRANT WORKERS REINFORCED BY PROGRAM DESIGN AND EMPLOYERS, RESEARCHER SAYS.](#) Researchers and advocates say employers and the structure of the federal Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program reinforce divisions between workers, and they hope to see more intentional efforts to unite them. [Read article...](#)

[ONTARIO TO LICENSE RECRUITMENT AGENCIES.](#) Responding to the exploitation of vulnerable foreign workers by some job recruiters, the Ontario government announced it would begin licensing temporary help agencies. The change comes with tough penalties for violators and a public registry to alert employers of those operators with any history of violations.. [Read the article...](#)

## Automation and Technology

[HOW AN ALBERTA PROJECT IS HELPING FARMERS REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES AND MAINTAIN CROP YIELD.](#) A research project at Olds College is using high-end technology and a unique setup in an attempt to understand how to reduce the carbon footprint of farmers without impacting their crop yield. Using a system of automated chambers set up on small plots, the project directly measures emissions in soil that has been treated with fertilizer. [Read article...](#)

[INNOVATION KEEPS CANADA'S LARGEST PRODUCE HUB RUNNING SMOOTHLY.](#) Nestled between The Queensway and the Gardiner Expressway is the Ontario Food Terminal, Canada's largest and only wholesale fruit and vegetable distributor. And as Farmtario reports, it's a state-of-the-art food-waste system, with efficient logistics and

energy conservation that are helping set industry standards in sustainability. [Read the article...](#)

[CANADA'S FARM SHOW LINKED AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY TO THE FARM.](#) Organizers for Canada's Farm Show are calling this year's show an enormous success. [Read more...](#)

[GEOTHERMAL AGRICULTURAL SITE TO GROW STRAWBERRIES YEAR-ROUND IN ALBERTA.](#) Calgary-based agricultural startup Freshbay has signed a definitive agreement with Affinor Growers Inc. (Affinor) for the construction and operation of a geothermal agricultural site near Hinton, Alberta. [Read more...](#)

[GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INVESTS \\$7.7 MILLION IN MANITOBA MÉTIS FEDERATION TO HELP ADOPT SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES.](#) Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs, Minister responsible for PrairiesCan and CanNor, and Member of Parliament for Saint Boniface–Saint Vital, announced a total investment of up to \$7.7 million for the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF). [Read more...](#)

[NEW ASSOCIATION WANTS TO TAKE FARMING INSIDE.](#) The Controlled Environment Agriculture Association of Alberta is a new association that expects to become operational by September, hoping to support and create a network of companies using high-tech, indoor methods in agriculture and aquaculture. [Read more...](#)

## **People and Workplace Culture**

[FREDERICTON STRAWBERRY FARM FACES POSSIBLE CLOSURE AS OWNERS RETIRE.](#) Two long-time owners of a U-Pick strawberry farm are ready to retire but have been struggling to find buyers who can provide a longer-term commitment to keep the land as is. [Read the article...](#)

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## Industry Awareness

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[ALBERTA POTATO SECTOR'S ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION APPROACHING \\$3](#)

[BILLION, SAYS NEW REPORT](#). The Potato Growers of Alberta (PGA) has released what it calls a “landmark study” which outlines the significant growth of Alberta’s potato industry in recent years and documents its economic impact. [Read more...](#)

[ONTARIO CRAFT CIDER LAUNCHES NEW INDUSTRY GROWTH STRATEGY](#). The Ontario Craft Cider Association (OCCA) is launching a new industry growth strategy of increasing production from six to 30 million litres per year by 2030. [Read the article...](#)

[FARM EQUIPMENT STATUS QUO RETURNS](#). The Canadian farm equipment industry is mostly back to its pre-pandemic state, according to some experts, and farmers are more likely to get their equipment when they’re supposed to. [Read more..](#)

#### [MINISTER BIBEAU ANNOUNCES TWO NEW LIVING LABS FOR QUEBEC AGRICULTURE](#)

Minister Bibeau has announced the creation of two new living labs in Quebec. These on-farm collaborative innovation projects bring together producers and scientists, among others, who co-develop and test innovative practices and technologies to accelerate the agri-environmental shift. [Read the article...](#)

[FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES INVESTMENT IN DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABILITY](#). The federal government announced over \$7.5 million to Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) to help support sustainable development in the dairy industry. This funding is provided through the AgriScience Program’s Clusters Component, under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership. [Read the article...](#)

## EVENTS

- [AG IN MOTION](#): July 18-20: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- [CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE SUMMER BOARD MEETING AND FPT MINISTERS’ ROUNDTABLE](#): July 18-19: Fredericton, New Brunswick

- [ONHOPPENINGS WEBINAR](#): July 19
- [WHEATSTALK 2023](#): July 25: Vermilion, Alberta
- [DOING BUSINESS IN HONG KONG WEBINAR](#): July 25
- [SOUTHERN ALBERTA GRAZING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN](#): July 26-27:  
Longview, Alberta

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