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## AgriWorkforce Newsfeed

### *Fil d'actualité sur la main-d'œuvre agricole*

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**POLICY, RESEARCH, AND NEWS TRACKING**

**Industry Awareness**

[Lethbridge and District Exhibition officially opens Agri-Food Hub and Trade Centre](#) It's being called Southern Alberta's venue for world-class events. The brand-new, 268,000-square-foot Agri-Food and Trade Centre hosted its opening ceremony on Aug. 10, welcoming provincial and local dignitaries. The facility is expected to drive tourism while promoting Alberta's vibrant agricultural industries. [Read more...](#)

[Making sure consumers understand the language around agricultural improvements is key, say industry experts](#) Farmers and the food industry have roles to play as greater emphasis is placed on sustainable farming practices. Representatives across the food supply chain recently met to discuss the producer/industry relationship at Valley Bio Farms near Cobden, Ont. The panel discussion ranged from using cover crops in brewing to sustainable grass-removal practices. [Read more...](#)

[Le soutien des consommateurs est bien présent pour les producteurs locaux sur les marchés. Malgré l'inflation](#) Les agriculteurs qui vendent dans les marchés de la région d'Ottawa-Gatineau vendent tous leurs produits malgré l'inflation. Avec le prix des engrais, qui a doublé, et celui des semences, qui a augmenté de 30 à 40 %, Anne Cadotte, n'a d'autre choix que d'ajuster ses prix en conséquence. Cependant, l'agricultrice de 75 ans dit qu'elle vend moins cher qu'à l'épicerie. C'est une approche qui semble plus répandue, mais qui porte ses fruits pour les agriculteurs locaux qui ont éliminé les intermédiaires dans la chaîne de valeur. [En savoir plus...](#)

## Immigration and Foreign Workers

[Feds say new program will make it easier for trusted businesses to apply for temporary foreign workers](#) The federal government says it's introducing a new program to make it easier for some businesses to reapply for temporary foreign worker permits. The Recognized Employer Pilot is a three-year program aimed at eliminating the administrative burden for repeat employers participating in the foreign worker program with a track record of following the rules. The pilot will roll out in two phases — first, primary agriculture

employers will be able to apply in September 2023, while all other employers will be eligible to apply in January 2024. [Read more...](#)

## People, Wages and Workplace Culture

[Metro posts massive profit as GTA workers continue to strike](#) [Metro Inc.](#) says earnings surged in its latest quarter, fuelled by higher same-store sales. In the quarter that ended July 1, the grocery and drug store retailer says net earnings skyrocketed 26 per cent to \$346.7 million from \$275 million a year earlier. Metro says the massive gains in its third quarter are partly due to a tax benefit after the Canada Revenue Agency granted capital losses to the previously disallowed company. [Read more...](#)

[Les agriculteurs demandent une aide d'urgence](#) Avec les pluies abondantes des dernières semaines, de nombreux producteurs agricoles ont perdu une partie de leurs récoltes. Ils demandent une aide d'urgence pour faire face à cette saison catastrophique et une révision des programmes d'assurance qui ne sont plus adaptés à la situation actuelle. Selon l'Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec (UPA), toutes les régions, dont plusieurs qui ont reçu des pluies record et d'autres épisodes météorologiques extrêmes, sont touchées. [En savoir plus...](#)

[N.S. fishermen say province isn't doing enough to cover wildfire losses](#) Nova Scotia fishermen say financial support offered by the province doesn't come close to helping them replace the gear they lost in the Shelburne County wildfire. Meanwhile, the Nova Scotia government said the impact of the wildfires continues to be felt by the seafood industry and communities in southwestern Nova Scotia and said eligible licensed fish-processor and fish-buyer businesses had received support from the [small business wildfire relief program](#). Fishermen who lost income because of the wildfire have also received support through the province's [emergency relief grant for individuals](#). [Read more...](#)

['It's not like selling a house': as farmers age, more look at who will take over](#) As farmers on

Prince Edward Island near retirement, discussions about what will happen to their operations are becoming more common. More and more farmers are considering succession planning, according to the PEI Federation of Agriculture. [Read more...](#)

## Automation and Technology

[Révolution technologique en cours dans l'agriculture](#) Drones, robots autonomes, intelligence artificielle, cartographie et imagerie numérique... l'avenir du monde agricole se dessine avec les nouvelles technologies. Tour d'horizon. [En savoir plus...](#)

[Better broadband would make consolidation of equipment dealerships less of a concern](#) In the most recent Canadian Farmer Sentiment Index survey, farmers were asked whether they were concerned about consolidation within the ag industry. Farmers weighed in on what coalition worried them most, from ag retail to precision ag companies, and more on to equipment dealerships. As for category, the highest rating was given to equipment dealership consolidation, with 66 per cent saying this has a negative impact on their farm. Many said they were concerned about diagnostics, the availability of service, and parts when dealerships near them close or consolidate. [Read more...](#)

[Canada and Ontario bolstering resiliency and competitiveness of beekeeper operations](#) The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing over \$1.3 million through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) to help Ontario beekeepers maintain healthy honey bee colonies and will support them as they grow their number of colonies. Eligible activities also include equipment purchases or equipment modifications that prevent the spread of disease and analysis work to support best management practices. Information in [French right here](#). [Read more...](#)

## Skill Development

[Ontario Training More Dairy Farmers](#) The Ontario government is investing over \$300,000 to help young people prepare for meaningful and well-paying careers in the dairy industry. In partnership with Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO), the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus' Dairy Herdsperson Apprenticeship (DHA) program will be expanding to offer a hybrid, distance education option for students who are not able to study in person full-time or are already working on farms around the province. They will complete 480 hours of classroom training, hearing directly from industry experts about milking, feeding, animal health, reproduction, and other dairy-related skills— more [info in French here](#). [Read more...](#)

[Helping Women Turn Food Skills into Businesses](#) A pilot project that helps women, especially newcomers to Nova Scotia, turn their cooking skills into successful local food businesses recently received funding from the provincial government. The Specialized Program in Cooking Entrepreneurship (SPICE) helps women learn how to develop a business plan and follow regulations for running a food business. There is no cost for participants, and they get ongoing support for up to a year. The Department of Agriculture provided \$5,000 for the program and \$100,000 to help participants buy business equipment. [Read more...](#)

[Dauphin greenhouse opens for tomato production, partnering with college for skill development](#) After seven years of planning, raising capital, and building, Dauphin Greenhouse had its grand opening in northwestern Manitoba. The Dauphin company will be working with distributor Red Sun Farms, which has connections with grocers like Loblaws and Federated Co-operatives Ltd. Its tomatoes will be sold in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, according to Maria Deschauer, managing director of Vermillion Growers. The site will require 30 to 34 full-time employees, she said. The company is also partnering with Assiniboine Community College to give practical learning experiences to the school's horticulture students. [Read more...](#)

## EVENTS

- [NORTH AMERICAN EUROPEAN UNION AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE](#), September 12-14
- [ATLANTIC OPEN FARM DAY](#), September 17
- [INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRECISION DAIRY FARMING](#), September 18-19
- [PULSE AND SPECIAL CROPS CONVENTION](#), September 26-28
- [CANADIAN WESTERN AGRI-BITION](#), November 20-25
- [GROW CANADA CONFERENCE](#), November 28-30
- [NATIONAL FARMERS UNION ANNUAL CONVENTION](#), November 23-25

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