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

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Le Fil d'actualité sur la main-d'œuvre agricole est un suivi hebdomadaire des nouvelles les plus récentes préparé à l'intention des partenaires du Conseil canadien pour les ressources humaines en agriculture (CCRHA). Il constitue un service d'information seulement. Son contenu n'exprime pas une position, une opinion ou un soutien officiels du CCRHA ou de ses membres. Les renseignements qu'il contient sont recueillis auprès de diverses sources et sont distribués à titre d'information seulement.

POLICY, RESEARCH, AND NEWS TRACKING

Industry Perceptions

[Canadians more curious about cellular meat development than Americans: cfin report](#) A new report on cellular food finds consumer interest in cultivated meat has increased in recent months. The [Canadian Foodtech Trends: Interest and Curiosity in Cellular Food Continues to Grow](#) report, co-created by the [Canadian Food Innovation Network \(CFIN\)](#) and [Fiddlehead Technologies](#), provides insight into how interest and activity in cellular meat are progressing in Canada and how that compares to our neighbours down south. [Read more...](#)

[Bill c-282 would tie the hands of trade negotiators, beef industry says](#) There are concerns at the Canadian Cattle Association regarding what's happening on the trade and legislative fronts in Ottawa. General manager of the CCA, Ryder Lee, points to the lack of follow-through on the Canada-EU trade deal and the impending [inclusion of the UK into the CPTPP, even though the UK refuses to accept Canada's standards as equivalent](#). It sets a precedent regarding what Canada is willing to accept on trade, Lee says. Then [there's Bill C-282](#), which would remove talk of access to the supply-managed sectors in any trade negotiations. [Read more...](#)

[Des chercheurs s'inquiètent de l'augmentation du seuil de tolérance d'un pesticide](#) Les chercheurs mettent en garde le secteur agricole contre l'utilisation du Fludioxonil, un fongicide pour les cultures, tandis que Santé Canada propose d'augmenter la limite autorisée sur les betteraves à sucre importées des États-Unis qui sont traitées avec le produit. Des études ont récemment montré que la sécurité de ce fongicide sur les produits alimentaires devrait être réévaluée. [En savoir plus...](#)

Immigration and Foreign Workers

[Farmers struggling to find foreign workers blame Canada's baffling immigration](#)

[bureaucracy](#) Despite overseeing animal care at one of the Middle East's largest dairy farms, a Kenyan veterinarian was deemed by Canadian immigration officials to be unqualified to work as a herdsman at a B.C. cattle ranch. As the National Post reports, the situation isn't a one-off but rather a larger problem pointing at the red-tape bureaucracy of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada that is causing real and measurable harm to food and farming operations across the country which are struggling to find staff. [Read more...](#)

[People who feed us are hungry': Ontario migrant worker support group seeing increase in need](#) An increasing number of migrant farm workers in Ontario's Niagara region, whose work helps bring local produce to market, are facing food insecurity, according to a local organization that supports them. The Farmworker Hub says it has seen a 27 per cent increase in demand for food and clothing supplies this year. [Read more...](#)

People, Wages and Workplace Culture

[Grain contract issue far from 'settled'](#) Grain contracts are in the media again, and with many areas in Saskatchewan experiencing drought conditions, there is concern that many farmers will suffer a repeat of 2021, highlighting a longstanding problem with contracts. For many Saskatchewan grain farmers, this isn't news. Farmers have been raising concerns over the past few years about the lack of transparency in grain purchase contract terms and conditions. These concerns were exacerbated by the drought in 2021. [Read more...](#)

[Météo désastreuse : petits et grands producteurs réclament de l'aide](#) Les agriculteurs, en particulier ceux du secteur biologique, accumulent les pertes et les défis depuis le début de la saison. Tandis que le ciel a offert un répit récent, de nombreuses cultures sont au-delà de la récupération. Ce mois-ci, l'Union des producteurs agricoles et diverses associations de producteurs à travers le Québec ont uni leurs forces pour exiger une aide d'urgence des gouvernements, compte tenu de la détérioration inquiétante des plantations

en cette année « catastrophique ». Cet argent servirait à compenser la perte de revenus et à financer le déploiement de solutions pour "sauver les récoltes" de la saison. [En savoir plus...](#)

[Dr. Kim ominski honoured with outstanding research and innovation award](#). Kim Ominski is being honoured for her role in furthering the environmental and economic sustainability of forage-based beef cattle production systems in Canada. Ominski received the Canadian Beef Industry Award for Outstanding Research and Innovation at the Canadian Beef Industry Conference this week in Calgary, Alta. [Read more...](#)

[Struggling ranchers call for fix to disaster relief](#) Changes need to be made to agricultural disaster relief and business risk management programs to better help beef producers in an era of increasing weather extremes due to climate change, says an industry leader. As the *Western Producer* reports, Brodie Haugan, chair of Alberta Beef Producers, believes producers can't continue to keep looking for payouts from the federal and provincial governments every year to bail them out. [Read more...](#)

Automation and Technology

[CAAIN announces meat processing challenge recipients](#) The Canadian Agri-Food Automation and Intelligence Network (CAAIN) today announced the two recipients of funds from the \$5M Beef and Pork Primary Processing Automation and Robotics Program it launched in March 2022 to foster the development and adoption of innovative technology-based solutions to challenges facing red meat processors. [Read more...](#)

[U of A research team studying tech that can corral cattle with the touch of an iphone](#)

Cattle domestication began some 10,000 years ago. Controlling the movements of the creatures has been a human endeavour for millennia, using all manner of tool from herding dogs to electrified fences. Now, it can be done with an iPhone. A University of Alberta research team is looking into how virtual fencing can be used in cattle ranching. By looking

at how the technology works and how it may affect production, the hope is to provide relevant, concrete information for producers interested in adopting it. [Read more...](#)

[What's driving automation growth in fresh food distribution?](#) Within the modern food manufacturing plant, automation enables fast, efficient and cost-effective production processes. And the benefits of automation go far beyond the production side of things. Automation can also make a big impact in food distribution – including powering better, faster order fulfillment for fresh and perishable foods. Automated order fulfillment solutions can be installed within the distribution end of food manufacturing facilities or in stand-alone distribution centres. [Read more...](#)

[La petite prairie qui séquestre du carbone](#) Depuis l'an dernier, la ferme Vimo, propriété de la famille Viens, participe à un projet pilote mené par Régénération Canada et financé par General Mills. Trente-deux producteurs laitiers québécois participent à ce programme qui vise à tester des pratiques et technologies plus écologiques permettant la régénération des sols agricoles et la séquestration du carbone. Au cours des cinq prochaines années, Pascal Viens tentera de réduire sa production de maïs – voire de l'éliminer – pour planter davantage de prairies. Il procédera avec soin pour s'assurer que ses vaches apprécient le changement de régime alimentaire. Le producteur continuera également à pratiquer le semis direct. Cette technique de non-labour évite de trop mélanger le sol et de « brûler » la matière organique du sol. [En savoir plus...](#)

[Minister MacAulay announces investment for western grains research foundation](#) The federal government has announced an investment of over \$4 million to the Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF) under the AgriScience Program – Clusters Component, part of the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership. The Agronomy Cluster will deliver innovative research and knowledge transfer resulting in more resilient, productive crops and increased yields. WGRF makes investments in crop research to benefit western Canadian grain farmers. One of the priority areas for WGRF is funding integrated crop agronomy. [Read more...](#) More information in French [found here](#).

[Farmer experiments with protein monitor](#) In farming, there are late adopters of technology,

there are early adopters, and then there's Rick Rutherford. As an example of his eagerness to try new things, Rutherford was ahead of the curve on yield mapping. He began using yield monitors and producing yield maps more than 25 years ago. [Read more...](#)

Skill Development

[Wheat growers young farmer mentorship program open for application](#) The Wheat Growers Association has launched a young farmer mentorship program with the support of Canadian Pacific Kansas City Rail. The focus of the mentorship is to encourage young farmers to get informed and involved within agriculture policy, the organization says. Saskatchewan director and treasurer of the Wheat Growers, Kaitlyn Kitzan, says that this mentorship is a great opportunity for young farmers to learn the effects different policies, such as transportation, trade, and environment, have on their farm. [Read more...](#)

[Video game for cattle industry education to be integrated into alberta schools](#) Farm simulations are a popular video game subgenre. Now, the Guardians of the Grasslands teaching tool, produced by the Canadian Cattle Association, has a video game component aimed at middle and high school students for in-class learning. Riffing off the title of the popular superhero series Guardians of the Galaxy, the CCA has been promoting the message of how cattle play a similar role to that bison once did in protecting the remaining grasslands of the Canadian Prairies. The video game is meant to be played after watching the 12-minute short documentary. [Read more...](#)

EVENTS

- [EXPO-CHAMPS](#), AUGUST 29-31

- [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
- [GALA AGRICULTRICES DU QUEBEC](#), OCTOBER 14
- [CANADIAN WESTERN AGRIBITION](#), NOVEMBER 20-25
- [GROWCANADA CONFERENCE](#), NOVEMBER 28-30
- [NATIONAL FARMERS UNION ANNUAL CONVENTION](#), NOVEMBER 23-25

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