

AGRIWORKFORCE NEWSFEED

Latest Headlines for CAHRC Partners



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NEXT WEEK - TFWP Webinars Continue: On Tuesday, January 20th, CAHRC will be hosting a webinar alongside members of ESDC to discuss TFWP employer compliance and provide general updates. Get the latest on **employer obligations, compliance requirements, and what to expect from inspections**. [Register here!](#)

Dive Into December's Edition of AgriWorkforce Matters: Our latest edition of AgriWorkforce Matters is here. This edition is packed with insights shaping the future of Canada's agriculture workforce. Dive in today and explore the stories shaping agriculture's workforce future. [Read now!](#)

Check Out Upcoming Events and Programs This Month From CAHRC: Whether you're seeking training opportunities or important updates on the Temporary Foreign Worker Program, we have you covered in 2026! Check out all the exciting events we have planned [starting January](#).

BC Agri HR Toolkit is Now Live: The BC Agriculture HR Toolkit is now live, a **free online resource** for employers across British Columbia. BC employers, start building your HR foundation today. [Access the Toolkit here](#). Want to discover how to maximize your Toolkit membership? Attend one of our walkthroughs - [next session January 29th](#).

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POLICY, RESEARCH, AND NEWS TRACKING

Industry Perceptions and Awareness

- **[Canada Urged to Reject 'False Certainty' Driving Salmon Farming Ban in British Columbia](#)**. Canada needs to reject the "false certainty" pushed by activists that is being used to pressure Ottawa into banning ocean salmon farming in British Columbia or risk the same aquaculture policy failure seen in Washington State, a veteran fisheries expert warns. [Read more...](#)
- **[Resignation of Saskatchewan wheat breeder draws concern](#)**. Stakeholders say they hope the federal government will replace wheat breeder Richard Cuthbert, who has resigned his position at Agriculture Canada's research centre in Swift Current, Sask., effective the end of the month. Cuthbert has been at the centre since April 2011 after taking over from well-known breeder Ron DePauw. [Read more...](#)
- **[Lights, agriculture, action: Western Canadian Crop Production show is on](#)**. The doors are open and the 2026 version of the Western Canadian Crop Production Show is underway in Saskatoon. The Crop Production Show will run for three days, through to Jan. 15, at World Trade Centre Saskatoon at Prairieland Park. Doors open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and at 4 p.m. on Thursday. [Read more...](#)

People and Workplace Culture

- **[Franc to lead 4-H Canada as CEO](#)**. Christina Franc has been announced as the new CEO of 4-H Canada. With over 15 years of experience leading national nonprofit organizations,

Christina brings a collaborative, people-first leadership style and a deep commitment to youth, rural communities, and volunteer-driven networks, says 4-H Canada. [Read more...](#)

- **[Canadian Food Inspection Agency defends bee replacement stance](#)**. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has responded to beekeeper concerns over the agency's handling of the packaged bee trade, its rejection of trade-related beekeeper requests and its response plans to the potential arrival of the tropilaelaps mite – another parasite risk that might pile on top of Canada's existing varroa mite problems. [Read more...](#)
- **[Agricultural exporters push for trade deal extension](#)**. The Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) is under review by all three countries, and a decision will soon be made whether it will be extended another 16 years or allowed to sunset in 2036. The stakes couldn't be higher for Canada's agriculture sector. "The United States is the biggest, richest market on the planet and it is right next door to us," said Michael Harvey, executive director of the Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance (CAFTA). [Read more...](#)

Immigration and Foreign Workers

- **['Stable and predictable': Why Alberta farmers depend on temporary foreign workers](#)**. Producing 1.3 million pounds of honey a year requires all hands on deck, knowledgeable beekeepers and consistent workers to run a business year round. That's why hiring temporary foreign workers (TFW) have been essential to the success of Nixon Honey Farm since it began operating in 1998, according to its owner Kevin Nixon. [Read more...](#)
- **[What to expect from Canada's new immigration rules in 2026](#)**. Canada is set to tighten immigration rules and accept fewer new residents, students and temporary workers in 2026. The ongoing cuts are a major shift for the country, which had been boosting immigration levels for years. First introduced in late 2024 and updated again in November, the new caps and lower targets are meant to reduce Canada's unemployment rate, address housing affordability and ease pressures on public services like healthcare. [Read more...](#)
- **[Temporary foreign workers switch jobs and earn more after becoming permanent residents, study finds](#)**. Temporary foreign workers in Canada who are granted permanent residency tend to achieve greater economic mobility – moving up the career ladder more quickly and securing wage increases – in the years after settling, according to new research. [Read more...](#)

Automation and Technology

- **[Ceres AI enhances integration with John Deere](#)**. Ceres AI has announced a renewed and enhanced integration with the John Deere Operations Center. While this integration has existed for years, recent upgrades bring a more seamless and actionable experience for growers, the company said in a release. [Read more...](#)

- **Innovier pour réduire les fongicides en agriculture.** Depuis plus de 30 ans, Odile Carisse consacre sa carrière à un objectif ambitieux : réduire l'usage des fongicides en agriculture, tout en préservant la santé et le rendement des cultures. Chercheuse au Centre de recherche et de développement de Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu d'Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada (AAC), elle est reconnue à l'échelle mondiale pour son expertise en prévention des maladies des cultures causées par les champignons. [En savoir plus...](#)
- **Des chercheurs néo-écossais tentent de comprendre le meuglement des vaches.** Sous la direction de Ghader Manafiazar, l'équipe du campus agricole de Dalhousie à Truro, en Nouvelle-Écosse, enregistre et analyse les bruits émis par les vaches afin de déterminer si les animaux ont des schémas vocaux différents. [En savoir plus...](#)

Skill Development

- **UFV students shine at 'Solutions in Scaling Sustainable Agriculture' hackathon.** As part of the Sustainable Food Systems for Canada (SF4C) platform, a national food security project co-led by UFV, Mwenda and Jason travelled to Winnipeg to participate in a two-day hackathon. They joined some of the brightest young minds in western Canada, tasked with brainstorming sustainable agriculture solutions. [Read more...](#)
- **Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Invest \$9.7 Million in Crop Research.** Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Heath MacDonald and Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture David Marit announced \$9.7 million to support crop research in Saskatchewan. This investment includes \$7.2 million to support 39 new crop research projects through the Agriculture Development Fund (ADF) and \$2.5 million through the Strategic Research Initiative (SRI) to study the long-term management of herbicide-resistant kochia and wild oats. [Read more...](#)

Events

Find CAHRC Here:

- [Cannexus 2026](#), Jan 26-28
- [Building Awareness of Careers in Agriculture](#), Jan 28
- [NLFA AGM](#), Jan 28-29
- [KAP AGM](#), Feb 3
- [Experience Guelph Job Fair](#), Feb 9
- [Future of Food Conference](#), Feb 10
- [Aspire Career Summit](#), Feb 11

Other Events:

- [Saskatchewan Crops Forum](#), Jan 13-14
- [Salon de l'agriculture](#), Jan 13-15
- [Dairy Farmers of Ontario AGM](#), Jan 13-15
- [Western Canadian Crop Production Show](#), Jan 13-15
- [Ontario's Rural Leaders Conference](#), Jan 18-20
- [Manitoba Ag Days](#), Jan 20-22

- [Pacific Agriculture Show, Jan 22-24](#)
 - [Guelph Organic Conference, Jan 27-28](#)
 - [Salon Industrie et Machinerie Agricole de Québec, Jan 29-31](#)
 - [Islands Agriculture Show, Jan 30-31](#)
 - [National Poultry Show, Feb 4-5](#)
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