



Western Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians Conference

Thursday, October 23 to Friday, October 24, 2025

Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

DRAFT PROGRAM

Thursday, October 23		
7:00 a.m.	BREAKFAST	
7:55 a.m.	Announcements	Dr. Cordell Young (WCASV President)
THEME: Influenza		
Chair – Dr. Cordell Young, WCASV President		
8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	Rhodes Lecture: Influenza from the US perspective and approach to regional vaccines	Bailey Arruda, USDA - REE-ARS
8:45 - 9:00 a.m.	Moderated discussion	
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Evolution and trends for influenza in Canada and Western Canada	Susan Detmer, University of Saskatchewan, WCVM
9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	BREAK	
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.	Experiences developing a regional influenza vaccine in Quebec	Marie-Claude Poulin, Centre de développement du porc du Québec inc.
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Regulatory perspective for developing regional influenza vaccines in Canada	CFIA, speaker TBD
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony – presented by the WCASV Executive	
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH	
THEME: Swine Health		
Chair – Melissa Desrochers, WCASV Vice-President		
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Brush up on pathology: interactive session	Yanyun Huang, Prairie Diagnostic Services Inc.
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Reproductive diagnostics for practitioners	Yanyun Huang, Prairie Diagnostic Services Inc.
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Pestiviruses: what we've learned	Bailey Arruda, USDA - REE-ARS
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	BREAK	
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Grad student research presentations	
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Poster session	
4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	WCASV Business meeting	
6:00 p.m.	Reception	
7:00 p.m.	Banquet	



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Chair – Nick Hawkins, WCASV Past-President		
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	A mental health toolbox for a time in need	Erin Wasson, University of Saskatchewan, WCVM
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.	Functional microbiome of swine: what’s in it for practitioners?	Ben Willing, University of Alberta, Department of Agricultural, Food & Nutritional Science
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.	TBD	
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	BREAK	
11:00 – 11:25 a.m.	MgO toxicity case	Blaine Tully
11:25 – 11:50 a.m.	Glasser’s case	Brad Chappell
11:50 – 12:15 p.m.	Sapovirus that looked like coccidiosis	Cesar Caballero
12:15 – 12:20 p.m.	Closing Remarks	John Harding, University of Saskatchewan, WCVM/Cordell Young, WCASV
LUNCH TO FOLLOW		