



## Western Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians Conference

Thursday, October 22 to Friday, October 23, 2026  
Hilton Garden Inn Saskatoon Downtown, Saskatchewan

### PROGRAM

| <b>Thursday, October 22</b>                             |  |  |
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| <b>7:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>BREAKFAST</b>   |  |
| <b>7:55 a.m.</b>  | <b>Announcements</b>   | <b>Dr. Cordell Young (WCASV President)</b>       |
| <b>THEME: Influenza</b>                                 |  |  |
| <b>Chair – Dr. Cordell Young, WCASV President</b>       |  |  |
| 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  | Managing Sow Health for Herd Productivity and Downstream Flows                       | Daniel Linhares, Iowa State University           |
| 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.  | Group Sow housing experiences  | Colin Pratt, Colin's Pork Consulting             |
| <b>9:45- 10:15 a.m.</b>                                 | <b>BREAK</b>   |  |
| 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.                                      | Sow mortality: a Canadian perspective  | Terri O'Sullivan, University of Guelph           |
| 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.                                      | Design and management of free farrowing & loose lactation pens: insights for success | Yolande Seddon, University of Saskatchewan, WCVM |
| 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.                                 | <b>Awards Ceremony – presented by the WCASV Executive</b>                            |  |
| <b>12:00 - 1:00 p.m.</b>                                | <b>LUNCH</b>   |  |
| <b>THEME: Swine Health</b>                              |  |  |
| <b>Chair – Melissa Desrochers, WCASV Vice-President</b> |  |  |
| 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  | From Barn to Border: ASF Crisis Management for Practicing Vets - <i>tentative</i>    | TBD  |
| 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.  | TBD  |  |
| 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.  | PED Update: A US perspective   | Daniel Linhares, Iowa State University           |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.                                   | <b>BREAK</b>   |  |
| 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.  | Grad Student Presentations   |  |
| 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.  | Poster session   |  |
| <b>4:30 -5:45 p.m.</b>                                  | <b>WCASV Business meeting</b>  |  |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Reception</b>   |  |
| <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Banquet</b>   |  |



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| <b>THEME: Practitioner tools</b>                 |  |   |
| <b>Chair – Jessica Law, WCASV Past-President</b> |  |   |
| 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.                                 | Where do we stand with antimicrobial usage: The Canadian CIPARS update                                       | Sheryl Gow, University of Saskatchewan, WCVM                        |
| 8:45 – 9:30 a.m.                                 | Gastric Ulcers in Swine: Known Knowns and Known Unknowns of Gastric Barrier Function in the Era of Fine Feed | Matthew Loewen, University of Saskatchewan, WCVM                    |
| 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.                                | Becoming an Expert Witness – What you need to know   | Sue Burlatschenko, Goshen Ridge Veterinary Services                 |
| <b>10:15 – 10:40 a.m.</b>                        | <b>BREAK</b>   |   |
| 10:40 – 11:10 a.m.                               | Highlights from the Animal Welfare projects at the Prairie Swine Center                                      | Jen-yun Chou, Prairie Swine Centre                                  |
| 11:10 – 11:35 a.m.                               | Urolithiasis at the boar stud  | Rienske Mortier, Prairie Livestock Veterinarians                    |
| 11:35 – 12:00 p.m.                               | The oral health of cull sows   | Abigail Tillotson   |
| 12:00 – 12:05 p.m.                               | Closing Remarks  | John Harding, University of Saskatchewan, WCVM/Cordell Young, WCASV |
| <b>LUNCH TO FOLLOW</b>                           |  |   |