



Western Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians Conference

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

PROGRAM

Thursday, October 22		
7:00 a.m.	BREAKFAST	
7:55 a.m.	<i>Announcements</i>	<i>Dr. Cordell Young (WCASV President)</i>
THEME: Influenza Chair – Dr. Cordell Young, WCASV President		
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
9:45- 10:15 a.m.	BREAK	
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.	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.	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.	BREAK	
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Grad Student 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 – Jessica Law, WCASV Past-President
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.	Ulcers case	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
10:15 – 10:40 a.m.	BREAK	
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
LUNCH TO FOLLOW		