



**Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission SFSDC**  
**18th Annual General Meeting & Forage Seed Production Forum23**  
**Community Hall, Whitefox on Monday December 11, 2023**

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The plan for the day: in addition to the AGM, this is a forage seed producer community event, organized as sessions supporting our new Vision & Purpose statements. Speakers will have shorter presentations for a longer time for talking during our breaks. Posters will explain details of research results. Throughout the day, take advantage of the heart valve disease stethoscope screening clinic at the adjacent Senior's Centre.

<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>08:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	No charge admission; <u>meals no cost for speakers and forage seed growers who paid check-off in the past two years</u> , others meals at-cost payable at the door cash, cheque or e-transfer. Breakfast \$15, lunch \$25, black Angus roast beef supper \$60
8:30	<b>Welcome Introductions  Opening Comments Spencer Staffen, Chair SFSDC  Shannon McArton, Sask Forage Council, event emcee</b>	Sessions, themed for our new Mission/Purpose statement include: (i) managing soil health NE-SK soils, forage seed crop nutrient use, and products (fertilizer, biochar) (ii) managing resistant pests (weeds, insects, biochar), minor use process for new products (iii) new varieties and pedigreed seed production rule changes (iv) organic production systems (v) State of the Forage Seed Industry reports from: Oregon, France conference June 2023, the Peace Region, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Market Prospects and Industry Growth potential (vi) conventional production systems research results (On Farm Experiments, small plot trials pesticides, growth regulators)
<b>Session I</b>	<b>Managing Soil Health &amp; Fertility</b>	Jeff Schnoeu (northeast SK soils), Nicole Anderson (forage seed nutrient use), Ken Greer (biochar), Tom Barrie (N use efficiency products)
10:30-11:00	<i>Break</i>	<i>Networking, Coffee, muffins, AGM Registration - final tally of eligible voters</i>
<b>11:00 - 11:30</b>	<b>AGM</b>	Annual General Meeting (SFSDC activities and financial reporting)
<b>Session II 11:45 – 12:30</b>	<b>State of the Forage Seed Industry &amp; Market Prospects</b>	Nicole Anderson (Oregon), Huib JF (report from EU and Peace Region forage seed growers) Dale Risula (Manitoba forage seed growers) Dale Risula (Saskatchewan, CSGA data) and Gerry Duynisveld
<b>12:30– 1:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	Soup and fresh rolls
<b>Session I= 1:00 - 1:45</b>	<b>Managing Pests</b>	6fYUbbYHjXa Ub (herbicide resistant weeds) ZB jW Y5bXf gcb f lbgWg UbX VlcWUŁ, Carter Peru (testing/registering new pesticides)
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<b>Session III 2:00 - 2:40</b>	<b>Varieties &amp; Pedigree Seed Production</b>	Bill Biliget, breeding adapted forage seed crops, University of Saskatchewan, proposed changes to CSGA standards forage & turf crops
2:40 ! 3:00	<i>Break</i>	<i>Networking, coffee, muffins</i>
<b>Session IV 3:00 – 3:45</b>	<b>Organic Production &amp; the Consumer</b>	Interlake Forage Seeds -Paul Gregory, producer panel, Mumm's Sprouting Seeds - Carolyn Crawford
3:45 – 4:00	<i>Break</i>	
<b>Session V 4:00 - 5:15</b>	<b>Conventional &amp; organic - research &amp; demonstrations</b>	Surendra Bhattarai (growth regulators - staging and Peace Region research results) SM Ag Research (replicated trials St Brieux - grasses growth regulators, fungicides) Northeast Research Farm (replicated trials Melfort - clovers, fescue, bromegrass) Jeremy Irvine (grad student entomology lesser clover leaf weevil, other) On Farm Experiments (2022 & 2023 red clover and growth regulators on grasses)
<b>Social &amp; Supper 6:00</b>	<b>Saskatchewan's forage seed community resources - the people &amp; the place</b>	Black Angus roast beef supper (Artesian Angus farms, Joe Harvey's catering), cash bar, STARS donations for helicopter landing pad at Nipawin Key Note Speakers: Cardiologist - Dr. J. Eckstein & Plant Manager & Chief Technology Officer, BioLesna Carrot River Biorefinery - Dylan Borody & Phil Marsh