

CANADIAN HERITAGE BREEDS LIVESTOCK CONFERENCE 2016



9:00 – 9:30 Registration at the main entrance. Light snack and coffee to start the day.

9:45 – 10:00 Welcome and overview of the day by Callum McLeod, CHB Director.
Where: Gather in classroom near building main entrance.

10:00 – 11:00 **DR. MADHU RAVI, ALBERTA AGRICULTURE**

Where: Classroom near main entrance

Dr. Ravi is a veterinary pathologist at Alberta Agriculture. Dr. Ravi received his veterinary medical degree in India. He earned his Master's Degree in Veterinary Pathology followed by residency training in veterinary anatomic pathology at Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Ravi performs small flock necropsies, so has great insight into the common disease conditions we see in small flocks in Alberta. He also assists small flock producers in treating those diseases.

11:00 – 11:30 **DR. MADHU RAVI, ALBERTA AGRICULTURE**

Poultry Disease Q & A

11:00 – 11:30 **LEILA CRANSWICK, SOUTH WEST WINDS FARM**

WHERE: SALES PAVILION

Leila and her husband Steve run a family farm, South West Wind Toggenburgs located west of Okotoks. They have been breeding, showing and selling quality Toggenburg Dairy goats across Canada for over 20 years.

11:45 – 12:30 **HOLMES BOYD, OLDS COLLEGE**

Where: Main Pavilion, Sales Ring

Holmes Boyd was born in Northern Ireland where he was raised on a mixed farm. He attended Greenmount Agricultural College, studying Complete Mixed Farming before immigrating to Canada in 1974.

Holmes has worked in the agricultural industry for over 40 years in BC and Alberta specializing in animal reproduction, nutrition and animal health. Holmes and his wife Joanne have owned and operated a small mixed farm, as well as providing agricultural contract services for 20 years and currently works at Olds College as part of the farm team. His presentation will cover topics such as field analysis, feed, stockmanship, breed specifics, fencing, dos and don'ts, and more.

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch counter at west end of the building.

1:30 – 2:15 **NICHOLE BOUTILIER, SEEL PROJECTS**

Where: Classroom near entrance

Learn practical strategies to keep small flocks healthy! Nichole works with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to educate flock owners and producers to help them implement sound biosecurity practices that will help keep multi-generational flocks safe and free from disease.

2:30 – 2:45 **CALLUM MCLEOD, SLOW FOOD/SLOW MEAT**

Callum serves on the National Slow Foods Board and is the Vice Chair of the Slow Meat Committee. Find out more about the Slow Food and Slow Meat movements, and how they are working to promote awareness among consumers to help them make informed choices and encourage more sustainable patterns of consumption.

2:45 – 4:00 **TAKOTA COEN, GRASS ROOTS FAMILY FARM**

Where: Grass Roots Farm Display area

Takota Coen and his family are stewards of Grass Roots Family Farm located near Ferintosh, Alberta. The Coen family has a strong tradition of using organic farming principles which are applied to a range of old and new endeavors on the farm such as bee keeping, cattle, pigs, grains, market garden, fruit trees, and their “food forest”.

Takota is a Red Seal Journeyman Carpenter and has also earned his certificate in Permaculture Design. He founded Deep Roots Design to empower others with the tools and resources to design and implement resilient living systems that are earth restorative. In this session Takota will introduce principles of successfully integrating livestock such as chickens, pigs and rabbits into your gardening and cropping rotations.

2:45 – 4:00 **CENTRAL ALBERTA RURAL SPINNERS**

Where: Spinning Demonstration Area – Sales Pavilion

This group of enthusiastic ladies will share their varied and vast knowledge of the ancient art of hand spinning. A wool spinning demonstration using a traditional spinning wheel is just the beginning. Displays of equipment and fibers plus lively discussion of raw wool preparation, combing, carding, and winding will serve to inspire and educate participants.

4:00 – 4:30 **NETWORK AND VISIT BOOTHS**
