

Monday, July 18, 2016; 2:30 - 5:30 pm
Hyatt Regency; Stephen Room; Calgary, Alberta

Agriculture

Hosted by SaskCanola and Canpotex

Co-chairs: Patrick J. Kole, Vice President, Legal & Government Affairs, Idaho Potato Commission & Larry Doke, MLA, Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

Agricultural Advancements and Consumer Behavior

Discussion will focus on the interplay between science and society in agriculture. Presenters will discuss how consumers and other advocates are shaping regulatory decisions and influencing the industry's supply chain strategies. Industry approaches to raise awareness and understanding of realities surrounding agricultural production will also be presented

Janice Tranberg, Executive Director, SaskCanola

Karil Kochenderfer, Principal, LINKAGES

Climate Change and Food Security: How Agriculture can Adapt to Changing Realities

The potential impacts of climate change on agricultural systems and food security in the PNWER region and beyond. Presenters will emphasize the region's role in delivering solutions to climate and food security challenges through coordinated efforts in agricultural research, technology transfer and trade.

Maurice Moloney, Executive Director, Global Institute for Food Security

Frank Middleton, Environmental Manager, Cargill, High River Facility

Canada – US Regulatory Barriers Roundtable Discussion:

Co-Chairs will facilitate the development of working group action items to address specific regulatory barriers impacting Canada-US Agriculture trade. Items to be discussed include opportunities for increased regulatory cooperation, information sharing, and the resolution of outstanding cross-border trade issues in agriculture.

Bilateral Regulatory Issues:

I: Canada's Grain Grading System:

US producers are concerned that Canada's grain grading system unfairly discriminates against U.S. imports, as imports into the system are automatically assigned the lowest grade.

Cort Jensen, Chief Attorney at Montana Department of Agriculture

II: Livestock Trade and Regulatory Issues:

COOL has been repealed for beef and pork, however the rules remain in place for small ruminants (sheep and goats). These rules continue to discriminate against Canadian producers.

Canadian industry is awaiting progress on proposed USDA APHIS rules to address outstanding trade issues related to the import of small ruminants to the U.S., as well as the transshipment of these animals and their products, through the U.S., to Mexico and Latin America

Harmonization of antimicrobial use legislation: Update on RCC efforts related to the removal of important antimicrobials from animal feed and water for growth

promotion on both sides of the border. The US is ahead and Canada is looking to harmonize.

Dr. Gerald Hauer, Chief Provincial Veterinarian, Alberta

III: Transportation: Update on efforts to standardize trucking standards among U.S. western states.

Sen. Chuck Winder, Idaho