

# Canadian Grains Tour

Tuesday 9 – Saturday 20 July 2024



## Day 1 Tuesday 9 July

<b>Arrive</b>	3.00pm arrival and hotel check-in The Fairmont Palliser, 133 9 Avenue SW, Calgary
<b>Dinner</b>	6.00pm registration, arrival drinks & dinner, cocktail style Aspen Room, The Fairmont Palliser, Calgary
<b>Overnight</b>	The Fairmont Palliser, Calgary

## Day 2 Wednesday 10 July

**Welcome breakfast** Rabobank Canada welcome, setting the scene for upcoming tour and formal participant and staff introductions. Banff Room, The Fairmont Palliser, Calgary

**Industry visit** **Olds College Centre for Innovation**  
*Olds College Centre for Innovation is the applied research division of Olds College of Agriculture & Technology, focusing on practical, industry driven applied research that can be easily implemented by the agriculture industry. Key areas are crop production, environmental stewardship, field crop development, livestock production, smart agriculture, and faculty-led research.*

**Farm visit** **Sunterra Farms**  
*Founded by the Price family of Alberta, Sunterra Farms is a vertically integrated business with 20-acres of green houses along with grain, pork and specialty meat production.*

**Overnight** The Fairmont Palliser, Calgary

## Day 3 Thursday 11 July

**Industry visit** **International Agricultural and Agrifood Committee for the Calgary Stampede Luncheon**  
*Formal introduction to the Canadian G&O complex, including the global trade position of Canada and insights into barriers and opportunities. This forum will be a formal speaker event, hearing from Canadian industry experts on the state of affairs in Canada. The event will be attended by industry experts, producers and agri-processors with a keen interest to network and showcase the Canadian Ag landscape. This is an exclusive private event, curated for the Australian Rabobank grains tour.*

**Leisure activity** **Calgary Stampede**  
*The Calgary Stampede is ten-day event, which bills itself as "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth", it attracts over one million visitors per year and features one of the world's largest rodeos, agricultural displays/competitions, stage shows, concerts, chuckwagon racing and First Nations exhibitions.*  
*Participants have the afternoon to explore the stampede at their leisure, early evening dinner followed by Chuckwagon Experience and Grandstand Show.*

**Overnight** The Fairmont Palliser, Calgary

## Day 4 Friday 12 July

**Depart** Calgary for Lethbridge

**Industry visit** **HyTech Production**  
*HyTech's primary focus is certified hybrid seed production and breeder seed inbred line maintenance and multiplication. Other services HyTech Production specialises in is production research, seed quality grow outs, facility services (treating, packaging, storage and inventory of seed) and coordinating international shipping logistics.*

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## Industry visit

### Farming Smarter

#### Building and inspiring a culture of innovation in Western Canadian agriculture

*Farming Smarter exists to drive agriculture innovation at the farm level. Farming Smarter attracts a community of passionate innovators and provides agronomic testing, scientific knowledge, and the right connections enabling them to succeed.*

## Overnight

Holiday Inn, Lethbridge

## Day 5 Saturday 13 July

## Leisure activity

### Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, UNESCO World Heritage Site

*Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump is a UNESCO designated World Heritage Site that has preserved and interprets over 6,000 years of Plains Buffalo culture. Through vast landscapes, exhibits, and diverse programming, participants will learn about the cultural significance of this cliff to the Plains People.*

## Farm visit

### K Wever & Sons Farms

*Intensive livestock operation transitioning from the 2nd to 3rd generation. The operation features up to 14,000 head of cattle, with 1700 acres of irrigated cropland that supplies the feed for the livestock.*

## Farm visit

### Quattro Ventures

*Quattro Ventures is a unique and exciting agricultural joint venture created by the synergy of five multi-generational family farms. It is an innovative agricultural business producing diverse commodities for local and international markets. Quattro Ventures is currently growing a variety of crops on a mix of irrigated and dry land.*

## Overnight

Holiday Inn, Lethbridge

## Day 6 Sunday 14 July

## Depart

Lethbridge for Moose Jaw

Travel and leisure day

## Leisure activity

### The Tunnels of Moose Jaw

*Buried deep under Moose Jaw's streets is a series of passages that have a tragic and fascinating history. Participants will learn about the hardship and discrimination heaped upon Chinese workers on their 'Passage to Fortune.' Fast-forward a few decades to make the 'Chicago Connection.' Al Capone is rumored to have visited Moose Jaw in the 1920s to oversee his bootlegging operation, masterminded in these very tunnels.*

## Overnight

The Grant Hall, Moose Jaw

## Day 7 Monday 15 July

## Depart

Moose Jaw for Regina

## Industry visit

### Potash industry visit, mining and processing

## Farm/Industry visit

### Richardson, Bennett Farm

*Bennett Farm is a 444-acre demonstration farm and training centre which provides a supportive environment for agricultural learning, fostering the growth and development of knowledge in the field. The farm puts the latest seed varieties, crop input products and equipment to the test in real growing conditions.*

## Overnight

The Hotel Saskatchewan, Autograph Collection

## Day 8 Tuesday 16 July

## Depart

Regina for Saskatoon

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<b>Farm visit</b>	<p><b>Land &amp; Sky Grains</b>  <i>Land &amp; Sky Grains is a family-run large scale grain farm producing wheat, barley, oats, canola and lentils on 28,000 acres. The Maurer family focus on efficiency, innovation and technology to prioritise careful land and crop management practices and environmental stewardship.</i></p>
<b>Farm visit</b>	<p><b>Windy Polars</b>  <i>This multi-generational, multi-family operation leads the way on strategy, sustainability and production. The joint venture structure lays out a framework for success into the future with an annual business plan, structured operating roles, return to farm guidelines and infrastructure development.</i></p>

**Overnight** Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon

## Day 9 Wednesday 17 July

<b>Industry event</b>	<p><b>Ag in Motion</b>  <i>Ag in Motion is the largest outdoor farm expo in Western Canada, showcasing the latest advancements in agricultural technology and equipment.</i></p>
	<p><b>Rabobank Canada hosted Industry Networking breakfast</b>  <i>Joined by keynote speaker Steve Nicholson, Rabobank Global Sector Strategist, Grains &amp; Oilseed.</i></p>
	<p>After breakfast participants are able to absorb Ag in Motion at their leisure. Several transfers will be provided back to the hotel throughout the afternoon.</p>

**Overnight** Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon

## Day 10 Thursday 18 July

<b>Industry visit</b>	<p><b>Grain Elevator</b></p>
<b>Farm visit</b>	<p><b>Freedman Brothers Ag</b>  <i>The Freedman family run a 18,000 acre grains operation in conjunction with their recently purchased equipment dealership. The business is in the midst of building a new bin yard with a dryer system which they are receiving substantial government grants to support the development under Green Energy Framework.</i></p>
<b>Leisure activity</b>	<p><b>Saskatchewan Rattlers vs Edmondton Stingers Pro Basketball Game</b></p>

**Overnight** Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon

## Day 11 Friday 19 July

<b>Depart</b>	<p>Saskatoon for Vancouver, via air</p>
<b>Industry visit</b>	<p><b>Vancouver Port Terminal</b>  <i>To complete the Canadian grains paddock to port value chain story, insights will be gained into the Vancouver Port operations.</i></p>
<b>Farewell dinner</b>	<p>Private dining room at Bluewater Cafe. The farewell dinner is the last formal engagement of the tour.</p>
<b>Overnight</b>	<p>The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver</p>

## Day 12 Saturday 20 July

<b>Breakfast</b>	<p>Participants enjoy breakfast at their leisure. Breakfast marks the final tour inclusion, hotel check out is at 12.00pm.</p>
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