



# SFGA and SVGA CONFERENCE

Friday, January 24, 2025

8:15am to 3:30pm (Breakfast buffet from 7:30am-8:15am)

Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre, 2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK

**Please join** Sask. Fruit Growers Association and Sask. Vegetable Growers Association for our annual Conference on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Saskatoon Inn in Saskatoon, SK (**Canadian Room**) for a day filled with a variety of speakers, networking. The SFGA and SVGA two AGM's will follow after the speakers.

**Our day will start** out at 8:15am, with Opening Remarks, followed by our **Keynote speaker, Dr. Sylvain Charlebois**, joining us in person this year. Sylvain, known as the "Food Professor", is a well-known Canadian researcher and professor in food distribution, security and safety. Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

## Our speaker lineup is as follows:

- **Keynote Speaker – In person - Dr. Sylvain Charlebois**, Professor and Researcher – "Fruitful Insights: Navigating the Vine of Food Inflation in Fruits and Vegetables"
- Dr. Tyler Wist, AAFC Research Scientist, Insect Pests (e.g., spotted wing drosophila; Japanese beetles)
- Tammy Shields, PAg, Cleanfarms – "Agriculture plastic and packaging recycling on the farm"
- Connie Achtymichuk, PAg (Prov. Vegetable Specialist) and Forrest Scharf, PAg (Prov Fruit Specialist), "Saskatchewan Research Project Updates"
- Karen Dow, PAg, Hello Nature – "Enhancing Quality and Yield of Fruits & Vegetables with Biostimulants"
- Bruce McTavish, Heliae – "PhycoTerra that is a microalgae product that is food for the microbiome in the soil."
- Dr. Karen Tanino, U of S, Plant Science "Research Update" and Will Short, U of S "Protecting seedlings from spring frost by applying Hydrophobic sprays and modifying cuticular wax."

**Meals:** Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided in your fee.

**Conference fees** as follows (must be paid by January 21<sup>st</sup>)

- SFGA and SVGA members: \$100.00 (If you are a paid member of either organization prior to the conference)
- Non-member attendees: \$120.00

**Accommodation:** Please contact the Saskatoon Inn directly for a guest room for single (Superior King) or double (Two Queen) occupancy. Mention you are attending the Sask. Vegetable Growers Conference. **Book right away to get your room.**

**Registration Required:** Please contact Judy at: [saskvegetable@agcouncil.ca](mailto:saskvegetable@agcouncil.ca) to register for the conference prior to January 21<sup>st</sup>, or for further information about the conference. A full meeting package with Agenda will be emailed to you prior to the conference once you are registered.

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