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Canadian Western Agribition announces 2021/22 Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship mentees and mentors

Regina, Saskatchewan – Now entering its third cycle, the Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship Program has announced the mentees and their paired mentors selected to participate for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

In partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and the Government of Canada, the Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship program is delivered by Canadian Western Agribition (CWA) and accepts eight (8) applicants into an 18-month mentorship experience. Mentees are paired with some of the brightest minds and strongest leaders in Canadian Agriculture and are exposed to industry knowledge, board and governance training, business education, and networking opportunities.

CWA announced the third intake of the program in December of 2020 and after several weeks of applications, mentees were selected by an advisory committee based on industry involvement, existing skills, interests, abilities, desired outcomes, and overall fit in the program.

Mentees and their paired mentors include:

- Alexandra Clarke, paired with Gerry Hertz,
- Sandra Hessdorfer, paired with Sara Shymko,
- Megan Roger, paired with Brett Halstead,
- Morgan Follensbee, paired with Kim Keller,
- Blaine Lamontagne, paired with Danny Petty,
- Grayson Berting, paired with Joe Barnett,
- Ryan Garbarczyk, paired with Shelley Jones,
- Anna Karlsson, paired with Heather Deobald.

"It's been a pleasure watching the Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship program grow and CWA is proud to be part of the success of our industry's future," says CWA President Chris Lees. "Already, graduates from the program are filling leadership roles in agriculture all over the province."

"Canada's young people are key to the future success of our agricultural sector. The Government is working hard to ensure our youth are able to play an active role in building a stronger and more prosperous sector. The Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship program creates leadership development opportunities to give the future agriculture leaders the skills and experience they need to contribute and make a difference in our industry," says the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.



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"Canadian Western Agribition's Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship program provides young industry leaders with valuable skills that will help them advance their careers and share the story of how our producers create safe, high-quality food," says Agriculture Minister David Marit. "I want to congratulate CWA on matching their third intake of mentees with mentors and thank them for their efforts to engage young people."

The Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship Program is funded through Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial initiative.

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Canadian Western Agribition (CWA), located in Regina, Saskatchewan, is the best beef show on the continent and the largest livestock show in Canada. The show is anchored by beef cattle and features horses, bison, sheep, alpacas, an extensive agribusiness trade show and professional rodeo. CWA continues to promote the expansion, development, and interest in agriculture. The 50th show will be held November 22 – 27, 2021.



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