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### **Canadian Western Agribition Unites Indigenous People from Around the World**

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN – Canadian Western Agribition (CWA) today announced the launch of a new event, the **Canadian Western Agribition Indigenous Agriculture Summit**, a platform to showcase Indigenous agriculture practice throughout North America. This two-day conference will take place on November 12-13 in Regina, during the 43<sup>rd</sup> edition of CWA.

The conference will feature topics and discussion focused on individual and organization's success stories in agriculture and opportunities that exist in the agri-food sector. Each topic will be centrally themed around a First Nations based program or activity related to agriculture.

"First Nations activities have been on the rise at Canadian Western Agribition the last few years. This conference will address a need for Indigenous communities to come together and benefit from shared learnings." said Elmer Eashappie, Committee Chair and CWA Director.

Guest speakers and topics will range from land use capacity and resource management techniques used across Saskatchewan by First Nations groups, to a variety of U.S. based presenters including Florida's Seminole Tribe's beef production model.

Success stories shared at the conference will include Ochapowace First Nations 9,000 acre grain farm, Black Bear Orchards: Traditional Food to Contemporary Business, and the work done by the First Nations Agriculture Association of British Columbia.

"The Indigenous Agriculture Summit is the first conference of its kind in Canada." said Marty Seymour, CEO of CWA. "This event compliments Agribition's programming, and strengthens Regina profile as an agriculture center of excellence."

Organizers of the conference hope to elevate the profile of the show to attract additional international interest.

For more information, and to register for this conference visit: [www.agribition.com](http://www.agribition.com)

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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, goats and an extensive agribusiness trade show. CWA continues to promote the expansion, development and interest in agriculture. The 43<sup>rd</sup> edition of CWA will be held November 11-16, 2013.

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