

# NEXT GEN AGRICULTURE LEAD.GROW.THRIVE.

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## Mentees and Mentors announced for the 2020/2021 Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship Program

Regina, Saskatchewan – Canadian Western Agribition (CWA) is pleased to announce the eight (8) successful mentees and their mentors selected to participate in the 2020/2021 Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship Program.

In partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and the Government of Canada, the Next Gen program is delivered by 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.

Following Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship's successful inaugural term, CWA announced the second intake for the program in November of 2019. 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:

- Claire Alexander, paired with Tyler Friesen
- Dana Carpenter, paired with Kristjan Hebert
- Sera Grover, paired with Tim Oleksyn
- Sydney Lake, paired with Rob O'Connor
- Eric Martens, paired with Kevin Hursh
- Julie Mortenson, paired with Ryan Beierbach
- Mathew Scott, paired with Cherilyn Jolly-Nagel
- Katie Serhienko, paired with Kathy Larson

"CWA has been around for 50 years and has seen multiple generations contribute to the success of Saskatchewan agriculture," says CWA President Chris Lees. "We're proud to be part of the legacy that ensures generations to come will also leave their mark on an industry that's so important to this province and this country

"With industry growth in mind, we aim to develop the leadership capacity of young people in agriculture to prepare them to take active roles in industry leadership and governance as well as efforts to build public trust," Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "This is a promising group, and I look forward to seeing their growth and development over the next 18 months and into the future."



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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 50<sup>th</sup> show will be held November 30 – December 5, 2020.



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