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**CWA introduces mentees for inaugural Next Gen Agriculture Program**

Regina, Saskatchewan – On Canada's Agriculture Day, Canadian Western Agribition (CWA) is pleased to introduce the mentees selected for the CWA Next Gen Agriculture Program.

The CWA Next Gen Agriculture Program is a new mentorship program which aims to create a community of graduates with a deeper understanding of agriculture, business, community, leadership and advocacy for the industry. Graduates will benefit from the most immersive industry-wide mentorship experience available.

"It's vitally important that young people become involved in and make decisions affecting the agriculture industry," said federal Agriculture Minister Lawrence MacAulay. "Our government is pleased to support industry-led initiatives that give young Canadians the opportunity to gain the experience and develop the skills needed to become the next generation of leaders of our world-class agriculture sector."

Mentees who will be participating in the program include:

- Brandt Carter – Lacadena, SK
- Chelsie Christison – Bethune, SK
- Coralee Fisk – Balcarres, SK
- Lesley Kelly – Watrous, SK
- Jennifer Mainil – Weyburn, SK
- Codie Nagy – Ogema, SK
- Derek Oleksyn – Prince Albert, SK
- Kaleigh Sorensen – Regina, SK

"CWA is honoured and excited to deliver this program," says CWA CEO, Chris Lane. "We all have a role to play in building a vibrant agriculture community and this group of young people certainly has that potential."

"By the end of their 18-month mentorship, I am confident these young people will feel better equipped to advance in the agriculture sector and take on future leadership roles in our industry," said David Marit, Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture. "The skills, experiences and network will serve them well on their operations and in the boardroom."



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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 49th edition of CWA will be held November 25-30, 2019.



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