



90th ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel and Conference Centre
September 17, 18 & 19, 2026

AGENDA

Thursday September 17, 2026

1:00 pm – 6:30pm	Registration – <i>Haliburton Foyer</i>	
4:00pm – 4:45pm	IAMCA Executive Committee Meeting – <i>Haliburton Room</i>	
6:00pm – 8:00pm	President's Reception – <i>Niagara Room</i>	
	Canadian Greeting	<i>Ralph Dietrich, Vice-Chair, Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission</i>
	U.S.A. Greeting	<i>Julie-Marie Bickford, Executive Director, Maine Milk Commission</i>

Friday September 18, 2026 – MacIntosh Meeting Room

7:30am – 8:30am Breakfast

SESSION I

8:50am	Welcome & General Introductions	<i>Mark Hamel, Chair Dairy Farmers of Ontario</i>
9:00am	Canadian Dairy Commission Report	<i>Philippe Charlebois, Executive Director Canadian Dairy Commission</i>
9:30am	U.S. Department of Agriculture Report – Cost of Manufacturing Survey	<i>Steve Quadros, Assistant Market Administrator Dairy Programs, USDA</i>

10:00am Break

SESSION II

10:15am COFOCALEC Dairy Report *Dr. Sergio Soltero Gardea, Director General COFOCALEC (Estados Unidos Mexicanos)*

10:45am Trade in a World of Uncertainty *Steve Verheul
President, Steve Verheul Consulting Inc*

The New Trade Policy Landscape – A US Dairy Perspective *Shawna Morris, Executive Vice President, Trade Policy and Global Affairs for the National Milk Producers Federation and U.S. Dairy Export Council*

11:45am Lunch

SESSION III

12:45pm The Rise of Beef on Dairy (BOD) in North America *Dr. G. Kee Jim
Principal Owner of GK Jim Farms*

1:45pm Dairy, Dietary Guidance & the Regulatory Environment *Katie Brown, EdD, RDN, CPT, FASN, FAND
President, National Dairy Council, Executive Vice President, Dairy Management Inc*

2:15p Break

2:30pm Cow Shares, Civil Liberties and Public Health: Regulating Raw Milk in Ontario *Alyssa Holland
Partner, Conway Litigation*

U.S. Legal Update *Charles (Chuck) Kooyman
Senior Assistant Attorney COAG*

3:30pm Canadian Dairy Sustainability Objectives: Where Are We at Today and What We Are Working Towards *Annie AcMoody, M.Sc.
Chief Executive Officer,
Dairy Farmers of Canada*

US Dairy Sustainability - A Commitment to Environmental Stewardship & Continuous Improvement *Kirsten Workman, MS.CCA, Senior Extension Associate, Nutrient Management & Environmental Sustainability Specialist PRO-DAIRY & Nutrient Management Spear Program*

4:30pm	AI Opportunities and Best Practices for the Dairy Industry	Dan Maycock, CTO & Co-Founder of Dataplai
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[SESSION IV](#)

5:45pm	Social Hour – <i>Georgian Bay Room</i>
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6:30pm	Banquet Dinner – <i>Niagara Room</i>
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Saturday September 19, 2026

7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast – <i>Olio Grill Restaurant</i>
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[SESSION V - ONTARIO AGRICULTURE TOUR](#)

8:00am	Load Bus
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8:45am	Mount Kolb Farms, Caledon, Ontario
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10:15am	Sheldon Creek Dairy, Loretto, Ontario
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11:30am	Lunch at Sheldon Creek Dairy
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[SESSION VI – Haliburton Meeting Room](#)

1:30pm	IAMCA Committee Provincial Round Table
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2:30pm	IAMCA Annual Business Meeting
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3:15pm	IAMCA Executive Committee Meeting
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[SESSION VII](#)

6:30pm	Dinner	Chop Steakhouse & Bar <i>801 Dixon Rd, Etobicoke, ON</i> <i>(2 minute walk from the hotel)</i>
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