

## Schedule

**Tuesday, August 5, 2025**

**Coffee/ Light (?) Breakfast**

**8:00 – 8:30 a.m.**

UofA South Campus (UofA Farm): Poultry Science Centre

<b>8:30 – 9:30 a.m.</b>	Welcome & Orientation (Poultry Centre)	
<b>9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Pig Science Centre and Dairy Research &amp; Technology Centre</b>	<p>Pig Science Centre Tour, UofA Farm: Located on UofA's South Campus, the center will give you a chance to learn about the care and business of raising pigs. For biosecurity reasons, you will view piglets and pigs from behind class.</p> <p>Dairy Research and Technology Centre Tour, UofA Farm: Located on UofA's South Campus, you will have a guided tour of the dairy barn and learn about the dairy industry. You will be required to wear protective booties, but you'll be able to touch calves and cows! If you're lucky, the barnyard cat may pay us a visit, too.</p>
<b>Lunch</b> <b>12:00 – 12:45 p.m.</b> Poultry Science Centre		
<b>12:45 – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Connecting Children—and Ourselves—to Nature</b> Dr. Holli-Anne Passmore, Concordia University of Edmonton Poultry Centre	Children's engagement with nature and their level of nature connectedness is highly predictive of their well-being as children, and their well-becoming as adults. For both children and adults, even simple passive exposure to nature promotes positive changes in attention, memory, and mood. A strong connection to nature is related to experiencing reduced stress, along with greater emotional and social well-being. Moreover, nature-connected individuals engage in more pro-nature activities. Indeed, nature connectedness is the number one driver of pro-nature behaviour. Given that childhood experiences with nature are an important predictor of adult nature connectedness, clearly, fostering children's connection with nature is vital. So how do we do that? Nature-related literature, poetry, music, art, and film clips will be utilized as mediums as we explore how we can connect ourselves—and children—to nature. (And of course we'll interact with the nature in our immediate surroundings!)
<b>3:00 – 3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Reflect &amp; Connect</b> Poultry Science Centre	

**Wednesday, August 6, 2025**

**Coffee/Breakfast**

**8:00 – 8:30 a.m.**

UofA South Campus (UofA Farm) Poultry Science Centre

<b>8:45 – 10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Dig Into Gardening!</b> Dr. Kevin Jones, University of Alberta UofA South Campus Garden (Start at Poultry Science Centre) (break incorporated)	Learn about urban gardening and ways to make it prosper at the UofA farm (South Campus). This hands-on session will allow you to dig into gardening – literally! Come prepared to garden!
<b>10:45 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Women Leaders in Agriculture: Intergenerational Panel</b> (Poultry Science Centre)	Alberta women have been and continue to be leaders in the agriculture sector. This panel will engage women across the age span to hear from the wisdom of experience and the aspirations of those women beginning their agriculture journey, and the ages between.

**Lunch**

**12:00 – 12:45 p.m.**

Poultry Centre

<b>12:45 – 1:45</b>	<b>Agri-Food Discovery Place Research Tours</b> (UofA South Campus)  <b>Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> :</b> Dr. Marleny Saldaña, University of Alberta	Dr. Saldaña will take you on a tour of her research lab. You'll have a chance to learn how research plays a central role in the agriculture industry.
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**Break**

**1:45 – 2:00 p.m.**

Agri-Food Discovery Place

<b>2:00 – 3:00</b>	<b>Regenerated Cellulosic Fibre from Hemp and Post-Consumer Textiles-</b> Dr. Patricia Dolez, University of Alberta	The research aims to establish a made-in-Canada supply of regenerated cellulose fibres using Canadian sources of cellulose such as farming residues, hemp, and recycled textiles. The fibres are produced using the more environmentally-friendly Lyocell process; it has low water consumption and employs a non-toxic solvent that is more than 99% recoverable. The research involves a partnership with several Alberta companies. The lyocell fibres will find applications in a wide range of products, including personal protective equipment (PPE), workwear,
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		dental floss and healthcare products, nonwoven products, filtration media, and consumer apparel textiles.  <a href="https://www.ualberta.ca/en/folio/2024/04/canadian-made-environmentally-friendly-fibres-could-boost-textile-manufacturing.html">https://www.ualberta.ca/en/folio/2024/04/canadian-made-environmentally-friendly-fibres-could-boost-textile-manufacturing.html</a>
3:00 – 3:30	<b>Reflect &amp; Connect</b> Poultry Science Centre	
Thursday, August 7, 2025		
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	<b>River Valley Walk</b> Dr. Dwayne Donald, University of Alberta Meet at Huskie House in Kinsmen Park	Dr. Dwayne Donald will share insights, reflections, and stories regarding the many layers of history, memory, experience, and wisdom that animate the place now known as Edmonton. Dwayne Donald is a descendent of the amiskwaciwiyniwak (Beaver Hills people) and the pâhpâscês nehiyawak and works as a professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta. He is also a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair. His work focuses on ways in which Indigenous wisdom traditions can expand and enhance conventional understandings of curriculum and pedagogy.
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	BREAK	
11:00	Board Bus to Ukrainian Cultural Village	
11:45 – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch @ Ukrainian Cultural Village	
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Ukrainian Cultural Village Interactive Activities & Tour	Ukrainian Cultural Village: We'll board a bus and head east of Edmonton for lunch and a customized program and tour.
2:45 – 3:30	Return to Kinsmen Park, Edmonton Reflect & Connect on the Bus	
Friday, August 8, 2025 UofA North Campus		
8:00 – 8:30 Coffee/Breakfast UofA North Campus (Room TBD)		
8:30 – 9:45	<b>Understanding Farm Culture: Social and Cultural Dimensions of Agriculture</b> Dr. Rebecca Purc-Stephenson, Augustana	Agriculture is more than food or textile production -- it's a way of life shaped by cultural values, environmental pressures, and strong community ties. This presentation shares emerging research on farm culture in Alberta and beyond. Participants will explore the values,

		rhythms, and stressors that shape agricultural communities and consider how these intersect with education. The session also highlights ways educators can build trust, support mental wellness, and enhance cultural relevance when working with students from farming backgrounds.
9:45 – 10:00 BREAK (Room TBD)		
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Creative Writing with Agriculture Dr. Jenna Butler, Red Deer Polytechnic	In this hands-on session you will find inspiration for creative writing using agriculture as your ‘muse’.
12:00 – 12:30	Farewell	
12:30 LUNCH (Room TBD)		