



Conference Agenda

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 am Opening Remarks & Welcome

Session 1: Early Roots

8:40 am Early Roots of Conservation Tillage: Recognizing the Need & First Steps
(30 mins) Fred Fulton, University of Saskatchewan (Retired)
Glen Haas, Former Executive Director, Soil Conservation Council of Canada

9:10 am Panel Discussion: Farmers with Foresight – Early Innovators on the Farm
(50 mins) Ike Lanier, Alberta
Jim Halford, Saskatchewan
Bob McNabb, Manitoba

10:00 am Networking Break (15 mins)

Session 2a: Making Dreams Reality – Engineering Advancements

10:15 am Eureka! Breakthroughs in Engineering the Technology
(20 mins) Dr. Wayne Lindwall, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (Retired)

10:35 am Panel Discussion: Progress Through Others' Eyes
(40 mins) Norbert Beaujot, SeedMaster
Ben Dyck, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Swift Current) (Retired)
Garry Meier, Bourgault Industries
Phil Leduc, PAMI

Session 2b: Agronomic Champions of Conservation Tillage and Direct Seeding

11:15 am De-mystifying CT – How myths were dispelled, and progress was made
(20 mins) Guy Lafond, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Indian Head)

11:35 am Foundations for growth – the role of researchers and AAFC research stations
(25 mins) Brian McConkey, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Swift Current)

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Getting Organized – The Role of Producer Groups
(50 mins) Manitoba-North Dakota Zero-Till Farmers Association
Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association
Alberta Reduced Tillage Linkages
Soil Conservation Council of Canada

1:50 pm An Agronomic Systems Approach to Innovation – the CT example
(20 mins) Stewart Brandt, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Scott)

2:10 pm Overcoming Weed Concerns
(25 mins) Bob Blackshaw, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Lethbridge)

Session 2c: People, Policies, Institutions and Economics

2:40 pm Policies that Drove Change
(30 mins) Bernie Ward, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration & Environment (PFRA&E)

3:10 pm Networking Break (20 mins)

3:30 pm It All Makes Cents – Economic Rationale for Conservation Tillage
(25 mins) Richard Gray, University of Saskatchewan

Session 3: What's Been Achieved Through Conservation Tillage and Direct Seeding?

- 4:00 pm Impact of CT in Landscape & Ecological Services – Challenges and Opportunities
(20 mins) *Dr. Brian Gray, Environment Canada*
- 4:20 pm International Success of CT/DS Technologies – Adoption Outside North America
(40 mins) *Rick Llewellyn, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
Urrbrae, Australia*

Evening Banquet

- 6:00 pm Guest Speaker “No Level Fields” Homesteading in Saskatchewan”
(30 mins) *Bill Waiser, Department of History, University of Saskatchewan*

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 am Hot Breakfast

Session 4: Future Drivers for Conservation Tillage and Direct Seeding

- 8:45 am International Development Opportunities – hot spots for future development
(20 mins) *Dr. Terry Roberts, International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI)*
- 9:05 am Environmental Drivers for the Future – where CT may have a role in meeting environmental objectives
(20 mins) *Dr. Henry Janzen, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (Lethbridge)*
- 9:25 am Development Opportunities at Home – Options for the Future
(35 mins) *Bill Harron, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration & Environment (PFRA&E) (TBC)*

10:00 am Networking Break (20 mins)

Session 5: Challenges and Opportunities of Applying Conservation Tillage

- 10:20 am Charting the Path Forward in China
(20 mins) *TBD*
- 10:40 am Recipes for Success in other Developing Countries
(30 mins) *Julian Dumanski, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (Retired)*
- 11:10 am Building on Lessons Learned for Future Development
(30 mins) *Dr. Wayne Lindwall, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (Retired)*
- 11:40 am Closing Remarks
(20 mins) *Dr. Bernie Sonntag, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (Retired)*

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