CANADIAN WILD
PIG SUMMIT 2026

PROGRAM GUIDE



OCTOBER 27–28
BRANDON, MANITOBA

AGENDA

In-person and virtual | All times in Central Daylight Time (CDT)

DAY 1 - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026

BEFORE AN OUTBREAK: PREVENTION AND POPULATION MANAGEMENT

8:30–9:30 AM	Registration and refreshments
9:00–9:15 AM	**Welcome and Framing the Summit**
9:15–9:45 AM	**Wild Pigs in Alberta: Ecology, Disease Risks, Monitoring and Control** Speaker: Mathieu Pruvot (University of Calgary)
9:45–10:15 AM	Break
10:15–11:45 AM	**Managing Wild Pigs Across Canada: Status, Lessons Learned, and Next Steps** Speakers: Wayne Lees (MB), Leanne Heisler (SK), Rob Gau (NT), Isabelle Laurion (QC), Paula Julio (ON), Hannah McKenzie (AB), Emily Lomas (BC) and Nicole Wanamaker (NB) | Facilitator: Cassidy Klima (Animal Health Canada)
11:45 AM–12:30 PM	**Wild Pig Field Tools, Technology and Research Showcase** Format: Booths displaying field tools. Photos and videos will be shared with virtual participants.
12:30–1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30–2:15 PM	**Peacetime Surveillance: CanSpotASF** Speaker: Amy Snow (Canadian Food Inspection Agency)
2:15–3:00 PM	**Measuring Success: Missouri as a Case Study** Speakers: Kim Pepin and Travis Guerrant (United States Department of Agriculture)
3:00–3:30 PM	Break
3:30–4:00 PM	**Eradication Success: Kangaroo Island** Speaker: Brad Page (Government of South Australia)
4:00–4:15 PM	**Day 1 Closing Remarks**
5:30–7:00 PM	**Networking Reception**

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DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026

RESPONSE: INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND CANADIAN READINESS

7:45–8:00 AM	Arrival and refreshments
8:00–8:15 AM	**Day 2 Framing: After an ASF Detection**
8:15–9:00 AM	**Sweden: Preparedness Meets Reality** Speaker: Karl Ståhl (Swedish Veterinary Agency)
9:00–9:30 AM	Break
9:30 AM–10:30 AM	**National Preparedness: CFIA's Wild Pig Surveillance and Response Plans** Speaker: Kristine Lewis (Canadian Food Inspection Agency)
10:30–11:00 AM	Break
11:00–11:45 AM	**From Plan to Readiness: Manitoba's Wild Pig Emergency Response Plan** Speaker: Wayne Lees (Squeal on Pigs MB)
11:45 AM–12:00 PM	**Next Steps and Closing Remarks**



MEET OUR SPEAKERS & PANELISTS

DR. MATHIEU PRUVOT

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY



Dr. Mathieu Pruvot is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Calgary and an affiliated wildlife epidemiologist with the Wildlife Conservation Society. Trained as a veterinarian in France, he completed his PhD on pathogen transmission between wildlife and livestock in western Canada. His work links wildlife disease surveillance, epidemiology and conservation.

DR. WAYNE LEES

SQUEAL ON PIGS MANITOBA



Dr. Wayne Lees is a veterinarian, epidemiologist and coordinator of Squeal on Pigs Manitoba. He works with partners on wild pig detection and management, connecting animal health with field operations. Manitoba's first Chief Veterinary Officer, he also designed the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance Network and co-founded the organization now known as Animal Health Canada.

LEANNE HEISLER

SASKATCHEWAN CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION



Leanne Heisler is the Wild Boar Program Coordinator with Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation. Her background includes wildlife biology, and her work focuses on wild pig management in Saskatchewan. At the Summit, she will contribute the province's perspective to the panel discussion on management approaches, lessons learned and next steps across Canada.

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ROB GAU

GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES



Rob Gau is Manager of Biodiversity Conservation with the Government of the Northwest Territories and a director of the NWT Council on Invasive Species, Pests, and Pathogens. His experience connects wildlife management and invasive species preparedness. At the Summit, he will contribute a northern perspective to the discussion of wild pig management across Canada.

ISABELLE LAURION

GOUVERNEMENT DU QUÉBEC



Isabelle Laurion is a biologist whose work with Quebec's wildlife health and welfare team has included public information on escaped wild boar, pigs and exotic cervids. She brings experience communicating about these animals and preventing their establishment in the wild. At the Summit, she will contribute Quebec's perspective to the provincial and territorial panel.

PAULA JULIO

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Paula Julio has contributed to Ontario's wild pig reporting and monitoring work, as well as associated public outreach. Her experience connects information gathered through reporting and monitoring with communication about wild pigs. At the Summit, she will share Ontario's experience and priorities as part of the discussion on management approaches across Canada.

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HANNAH MCKENZIE

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA



Hannah McKenzie is a Wild Boar Specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation. She holds master's degrees in Mathematical and Statistical Biology and Applied Mathematics from the University of Alberta. Previously, she worked with Alberta's Aquatic Invasive Species program alongside her canine partner, Seuss. She applies her quantitative skills to evidence-informed policy and program decisions.

EMILY LOMAS

GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Emily Lomas is a Terrestrial Invasive Fauna Specialist with British Columbia's Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship. Her work addresses invasive wild pigs through early detection, rapid response and provincial management planning. She has presented on surveillance and regulatory tools for wild pig management, bringing a focus on preventing populations from becoming established.

DR. NICOLE WANAMAKER

GOVERNMENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK



Dr. Nicole Wanamaker is New Brunswick's Chief Veterinary Officer and a graduate of the Atlantic Veterinary College. Her experience includes provincial veterinary services, work with livestock producers and horse owners, and hands-on dairy farming. She has represented New Brunswick on animal health and surveillance committees, bringing veterinary and producer perspectives to animal health and welfare.

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DR. AMY SNOW

CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY



Dr. Amy Snow is a veterinarian with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. A University of Guelph graduate, she spent seven years in small animal practice before joining the CFIA in 2009. Her experience includes animal imports, foreign animal disease programs and African swine fever preparedness, including serving as Planning Chief for the National Emergency Operations Centre.

DR. KIM PEPIN

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Dr. Kim Pepin leads the Wildlife Disease Ecology, Management, and Preparedness Project at the United States Department of Agriculture's National Wildlife Research Center in Colorado. Her research addresses scientific and technological gaps in wildlife damage and disease management programs, with particular emphasis on feral swine and disease at the wildlife–livestock interface.

TRAVIS GUERRANT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Travis Guerrant is State Director for the Missouri and Iowa Wildlife Services program within USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. He earned a bachelor's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife from the University of Missouri–Columbia in 2001 and is a Certified Wildlife Biologist. He oversees integrated wildlife damage management assistance for partners across both states.

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DR. BRAD PAGE

GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Brad Page leads pest animal policy and research for the South Australian Government. He has overseen the Kangaroo Island Feral Pig Eradication Program, including its two-year proof-of-freedom phase. His responsibilities also include wild dog and feral deer programs. He combines policy development, research and coordinated field operations to protect agriculture, the environment and biosecurity.

PROFESSOR KARL STÅHL

SWEDISH VETERINARY AGENCY



Professor Karl Ståhl is a veterinarian and State Epizootiologist at the Swedish Veterinary Agency. He provides risk assessments and expert advice on surveillance, preparedness and outbreak control for exotic animal diseases. A national expert on African swine fever, he has 25 years of infectious disease epidemiology research experience, including 15 years focused on African swine fever.

DR. KRISTINE LEWIS

CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY



Dr. Kristine Lewis is a Veterinary Program Officer with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, serving as a movement control and African swine fever technical specialist on Canada's national ASF emergency preparedness team. An Atlantic Veterinary College graduate, she joined the CFIA in 2016 and has spent eight years developing the ASF hazard-specific plan and associated policies.

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