



2026 PGDC Annual Meeting

Plenary Session – Banff, AB

8:30 – 12:00 Wednesday, March 04, 2026

Made in Canada Seed:

A Decade of UPOV91 in Canada

& Pedigreed Seed Distribution, Production, and Retail Overview

8:30 – Welcoming Remarks

Ana Badea- Executive Chair, PGDC

8:35 – Plenary Presentations: A Decade of UPOV91 in Canada

Harvesting Lessons: Canada's First Decade with UPOV'91 (35 mins)

Anthony Parker- Commissioner of the Plant Breeders' Rights Office, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

Questions / Discussion (10 mins)

9:20 – Plenary Presentations: Pedigreed Seed Distribution, Production, and Retail Overview & Panel Discussion

From PGDC to the Farm: The Seed Variety Commercialization Pathway (20 mins)

Todd Hyra- Western Canada Business Manager, SeCan

Pedigreed Seed Production and Retail Business Overview - Stamp Seeds (15 mins)

Greg Stamp- Stamp Seeds (Alberta)

9:55 – 10:10 Health and Networking Break

Pedigreed Seed Production and Retail Business Overview - Pitura Seeds (15 mins)

Tom Greaves- Pitura Seeds (Manitoba)

Pedigreed Seed Production and Retail Business Overview - Petruic Seed Company (15 mins)

Nick Petruic- Petruic Seed Company (Saskatchewan)

Panel discussion: (40 mins)

Moderator: Dana Maxwell- President & Director of Plant Genetics Services, Ag-Quest Inc., MB

Panelists: Todd Hyra, Greg Stamp, Tom Greaves, and Nick Petruic

11:20 – Canadian Food Inspection Agency Variety Registration Office (CFIA-VRO) – Updates

An Update from CFIA-VRO to the Variety Registration Recommending Committees in Western Canada (15 mins)

Heather Ryan- Program Specialist, Variety Registration Office (VRO), CFIA

An Update from CFIA on Seed Regulatory Modernization (15 mins)

Wendy Jahn- National Manager, Seed Section, CFIA

Questions / Discussion (10 mins)

12:00 NOON – Adjourn for Recognition Luncheon (hosted in the same room)