

Growth Factors

WORKSHOP AGENDA *(Subject to change)*

January 14, 2026

Double Tree by Hilton West Edmonton, Room TBA

Sponsors: **Hanks Feed Mills & Garratt Industries**



This How-To Workshop is designed with personal and professional growth in mind.

1:00 pm Workshop Kick Off

- **1:07 pm Funky Fungi:** This session will uncover management methods on how to be part of the solution to protect yield & global markets: Speaker: Krista deMilliano
- **2:00 pm Pesky Pathogens:** This session covers everything from Ascochyta to Fusarium and other pathogens that commonly show up on seed tests. Speaker: Trevor Blios
- **2:50 pm Break**
- **3:20 pm Health Heros:** We have all seen Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in public buildings like skating rinks and community halls. This session is designed to have attendees gain confidence in operating an AED: Someone's life could depend upon it!
 - Speaker: St John's Ambulance.
- **4:30 pm Workshop Wrap-up** 2 Pesticide Applicator's Credits

Speakers:



Krista De Milliano

Chief Plant Health Officer: Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation

Krista's work experience covers many areas of the plant health sector including farming, research, agricultural retail, municipal and provincial government. She has worked with various provincial Acts and Regulations while conducting activities such as surveillance, policy reviews and emergency response. In her free time, Krista is out in the garden or chasing around her very busy toddlers.



Trevor Blios

Disease Diagnostics Supervisor: 20/20 Seed Labs

Trevor Blois grew up in the Peace Country, where he spent a lot of time on his grandparent's farms. After graduating from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology, Trevor started working at 20/20 Seed Labs. Trevor is one the most knowledgeable experts of seed-borne diseases in Western Canada. The analysis and mapping of Fusarium graminearum infections across Alberta are regularly used and referenced by many experts in government and industry.