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### Canadian Western Agribition welcomes 2022/2023 Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship mentees and mentors

Regina, Saskatchewan – The Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship Program is proud to announce the mentees and their paired mentors selected to participate for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

In partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and the Government of Canada, the Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship program is delivered by Canadian Western Agribition (CWA) and accepts eight (8) applicants into an 18-month mentorship experience. Mentees are paired with some of the brightest minds and strongest leaders in Canadian Agriculture and are exposed to industry knowledge, board and governance training, business education, and networking opportunities.

The Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship Program, now entering its fourth cycle, was established in 2019. Mentees are selected by an advisory committee based on industry involvement, existing skills, interests, abilities, desired outcomes, and overall fit in the program.

Mentees and their paired mentors include:

- Kaitlyn Kitzan, paired with Dale Leftwich
- David MacTaggart, paired with William Greuel
- Erika Stewart, paired with Mike Sidoryk
- Kristin Thompson, paired with Tara Davidson
- Brooke Dudley, paired with Alison Weaver
- Chelsey Mitchell, paired with Megz Reynolds
- Morgan Heidecker, paired with Sheldon Kyle
- Rena Leier, paired with Clinton Monchuk

“Young Canadians are the ones who will shape the future of agriculture, and we all benefit from having them learn from seasoned mentors,” said Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. “With the Next Gen Program, our government is supporting knowledge transfer to get the next generation of farmers on the right track toward successful careers.”

“The Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship Program plays an important role in the sustainability of the agriculture sector,” said Agriculture Minister David Marit. “Through this mentorship, bright, young leaders can develop the essential skills and tools to advance their careers and, ultimately, advance the industry. Congratulations to the mentees and thank you to the mentors for your guidance.”



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"CWA remains a proud partner in building the future of agriculture with this program," says CWA President Chris Lees. "The quality of the applicants and the dedication of mentors show how truly important and how bright the future of our industry really is."

*The Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship Program is funded through Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial initiative.*

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Canadian Western Agribition (CWA), located in Regina, Saskatchewan, is the best beef show on the continent and the largest livestock show in Canada. The show is anchored by beef cattle and features horses, bison, sheep, alpacas, an extensive agribusiness trade show and professional rodeo. CWA continues to promote the expansion, development, and interest in agriculture. The 51st edition of CWA will be held on November 28 to December 3, 2022.



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