

Scotia Horticultural Congress 2025 for Monday, January 27

“Adapting for Growth and Opportunity”

8:00	Registration desk opens – Morning coffee in Trade Show area (<i>sponsored by Stokes Seeds</i>)	
General sessions Topics of interest to all producers Moderator: William Spurr		
9:00	Welcome: William Spurr , HNS President / Kody Blois , MP Kings Hants / Alicia King , NSFA President	
9:30	FVGC update - Amy Hutchinson , Director of Operations	
	CPMA update – Sue Lewis , Vice President, Market Development	
10:00	Opening talk: “Adapting your Farm for growth and buffering Risks” Brian Newcombe , Cornwallis Farms	
10:30	Keynote – “Five Trends to watch for in Canadian agriculture” Shaun Haney , RealAgriculture (<i>Sponsored by Gintec Shade Technologies Inc.</i>)	
11:30	Networking session – Visit the Trade Show	Horticulture Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting-Blomidon Room Note: <i>Lunch served during the meeting is for attending HNS members only. Other congress attendees are welcome to attend, space permitting, and may pick up lunch in the Trade Show Area.</i>
12:00 p.m.	Lunch in Trade Show Area (<i>Sponsored by Farm Credit Canada</i>)	

Break-out sessions	Vegetable Crop Production Session - Salon ABC Moderator: Dustin MacLean , Perennia	Berry Production Session – Blomidon Room Moderator: Sonny Murray , Perennia
1:00	Garlic; clean seed – Travis Cranmer , OMAFA	1:00 “Understanding Runner Formation and Management” - Dr. Edward Durner , Rutgers University
1:30	“Hydroponic Retrofit Project” – Andrew Manning , Manning Family Farm & Talia Plaskett , Perennia	1:30 “Cyclamen mite and Chemical control options panel; one year later what have we learned?” Eric Richter , Syngenta & Slim Doghri , Gowan
2:00	“Heat stress symptoms and mitigation in vegetable crops” - Dr. Emmalea Ernest , University of Delaware	2:00 « SWD Management: Adjuvants, Biocontrols, Repellents, and Insecticides » - Dr. Cesar Rodriguez-Saona , Rutgers University

2:30	Nutrition break in Trade Show area (<i>sponsored by Belchim Crop Protection</i>)
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Joint production session – Introduction by Springboard Atlantic	
3:00 – 4:30	“Leveraging DNA metabarcoding in Agriculture: Building the tools for scalable soil health assessment” - Michelle D’Souza , McCain Foods Limited
4:30-5:00	Free time - <i>Note: Bus service between the hotel and Acadia will begin at 4:45 (last trip to Acadia at 6:00 p.m.) with return trips following end of banquet.</i>
5:00	Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA) Reception – Fountain Commons, Acadia University
6:30-9:00	Banquet – Fountain Commons, Acadia University Special Guest Greetings/ Awards / Buffet / Door Prizes MC: Phil Keddy ; Grace: Bruce Rand ; Entertainment – Mark Crocker , ventriloquist (<i>Industry banquet sponsor - Kings Produce/ host sponsors - Springboard Atlantic & Acadia University</i>)

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8:00 a.m.	Registration desk opens
7:30	Sobeys Breakfast – Acadia Room Sobeys’ Presentation - 8:00 a.m.
Full day general sessions – Topics of interest to all producers – Salon ABC – Moderator: Angus Ells	
9:00	Kickstarter – Jim Abraham, YHZWeatherGUY
9:35	Introduction to panel session – Opportunities for Sustainability <i>(Sponsored by TD Agricultural Services)</i>
10:00	Panelists: Michelle D’Souza , McCain’s Fraser Gray , Sustane Technologies Kraig Porter , Efficiency Nova Scotia
11:30	Networking session – visit the Trade Show
12:00 noon	Lunch in Trade Show area
Joint Sessions Salon ABC	Moderator: Cheryl Ritz , Horticulture Nova Scotia
1:00 -1:45	Climate-related program updates – HNS Climate Change Adaptation, RALP, TBC
1:45-2:30	“Waste Not Want Not!” Fraser Gray , Sustane Technologies
2:30	Nutrition break in Trade Show area <i>(sponsored by Bayer Crop Science)</i>
Labour & Related Programs (in partnership with the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers’ Association) Moderator: Charles Keddy , Charles Keddy Farms	
3:00	F.A.R.M.S. update - Carrie Raymond-Gardner , Program Manager, F.A.R.M.S.
3:30 – 4:15	National Workforce Strategic Plan for Agriculture and Food and Beverage Manufacturing – Jennifer Wright , Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council
4:15-4:45	Federal update/Canada-US - Kody Blois , MP Kings-Hants, Chair of Standing Committee on Agriculture & Agri-Food
4:45	Congress closed