

## Atlantic Agronomy and Extension Conference

### Day 1 – July 15, 2026

Day 1 of the Atlantic Agronomist and Extension Conference focuses on extension in action, providing participants with practical examples of how beneficial management practices (BMPs) are communicated, demonstrated and adopted on farms. A key component of Day 1 is immersive, hands-on learning. Field-based demonstrations—including cover cropping and manure application—will showcase how BMPs can be translated from theory into practice. These sessions emphasize not just the technical “how-to” but also how to communicate benefits, address barriers and create learning environments that resonate with producers.

Day 1	Session	Speaker	Title
8:00 – 8:45	Registration and Coffee		
8:45 – 9:00	Welcome	Perennia Food and Agriculture	Opening Remarks
9:00 – 9:45	Keynote 1	Brenda Schoepp, Vice Chair of Nuffield Canada	Soil Bound: The Art of Engagement Through Invitation and Shared Values
10:15 – 11:05	General Presentations	Toban Dyck, Burr Forrest Extension Group	Effective Extension: Tools and Tactics for Researchers and Agronomists
11:10 – 12:00	General Presentations	Dr. Laura Underdown, Senior Knowledge Transfer Manager (C&O) Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board	Farmer-Led, Farmer-Driven: Learnings From UK Agriculture
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch		
1:00 – 1:15	Get on Bus		
1:15 – 1:30	Drive to Demo		
1:45 – 2:45	Demonstration at Lightfoot and Wolfville	Katarina Vucic, Viticulturist Perennia Food and Agriculture  Carolyn Marshall, Knowledge Transfer Specialist Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture	Cover Crops and Their Co-Benefits in Perennial Cropping Systems
3:00 – 3:30	Drive to Demo		
3:30 – 4:45	Demonstration in Grand Pre/Gaspereau	Jason Oliver, Dairy Systems Engineer Cornell University  Caitlin Congdon, Field Crop Specialist Perennia Food and Agriculture	Manure Spreader Calibration Demonstration
5:00 – 7:00	Networking and Snacks	Benjamin Bridge Vineyards	Social Time