



SAI PLATFORM ANNUAL EVENT 2026

Tour Summary: TOUR 2: Regenerative Ag with Farm and Food Care 22nd - 24th June 2026



Summary

University of Saskatchewan Crop Development Centre (CDC)

First stop is the University of Saskatchewan Crop Development Centre, Canada's leading academic institute for crop improvement. Set against the iconic architecture of the University of Saskatchewan campus, participants will hear directly from leading plant breeders and gain insight into how crops are developed for prairie conditions. The CDC has played a foundational role in establishing pulse crops across Western Canada, alongside major advancements in wheat, barley, oats, and durum. Sustainable agriculture in the Prairies is made possible through genetic advancements aligned with modern agriculture.

Website: cdc.usask.ca

All in Acres Ltd.

All in Acres is a family-run grain farm producing wheat, canola, and lentils with a focus on soil biology and ecosystem cropping. Committed to building production resilience, the farm has systematically replaced synthetic seed treatments with on-farm biological inoculants, integrated winter cereals as shoulder-season cover crops, and installed a Reverse Osmosis system to dramatically reduce chemical use. Their experimental practices have paved the way for a strategic connection with PepsiCo, aligning the farm's approach to grain production with global corporate supply chains looking for regenerative agriculture approaches.

Transitioning to a biological system takes time and patience. All In Acres relies on self-directed research, on-farm trials, a private agronomist, and organizations like SaskSoil. By prioritizing peer-to-peer learning and pioneering biology-focused methods on the Canadian prairies, All In Acres is able to attract valuable commercial partnerships to ensure both economic and environmental sustainability of their operation.

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Monchuk Farms

Monchuk Farms stands as a benchmark for local agricultural excellence. Now a fourth-generation family operation spanning approximately 4,500 acres, the farm focuses solely on row crop agriculture, planting 3,900 acres annually with a strict, diverse rotation of wheat, malting barley, milling oats, canola, fall rye, lentils, peas, and brown mustard. As industry leaders in technological integration, the Monchuk family relies on zero tillage, direct seeding, precision herbicide and fungicide applications, and "Harvest Command" artificial intelligence to optimize their crop yields.

As Executive Director of Farm and Food Care Saskatchewan, Clint Monchuk focuses on environmental stewardship which is deeply embedded in their highly advanced production techniques. By implementing 4R Nutrient Stewardship, the farm utilizes variable rate mapping to ensure all nutrients are applied using the right source, at the right rate, at the right time, and in the right place. These cutting-edge, precision ag practices work in tandem to actively build soil organic matter and maximize production efficiency while significantly minimizing the farm's overall environmental footprint.

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/sector/canadian-food-system/taste-commitment/meet-clinton-videos>

Black Fox Farm & Distillery

As the final stop for all tour paths, Black Fox Farm & Distillery stands as Saskatchewan's premier estate distillery, internationally recognized for crafting luxury Canadian gin and whisky. Founded by fifth-generation farmers and celebrated as recipients of Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers award, Black Fox is built on a profound connection to the soil and a deep respect for agricultural heritage. Operating across 160 acres of pristine prairie, 95% of the ingredients used in their spirits are grown directly on-site.

The distillery leverages Saskatchewan's dramatic climate and temperature fluctuations to rest and age its spirits under open prairie skies, giving them a distinctively bold flavor profile. Beyond world-class flavor, Black Fox is an industry leader in sustainability and environmental stewardship. The operation champions eco-friendly practices by reusing nearly 95% of its process water, composting 100% of spent grains back into their orchards, and prioritizing green energy to minimize its environmental footprint.

Website: blackfoxfarmanddistillery.com

Day Itinerary

Arrival and departure times are approximate based on weather, traffic and road conditions. Bus loading time is limited to 15 minutes. Tour stream buses will be leaving Black Box Distillery at different intervals should anyone want to leave earlier or stay later.

6:30 am - 7:30 am	Breakfast at Delta Hotels Saskatoon Downtown
7:45 am	Load Bus from Delta Hotels Saskatoon Downtown
8:00 am	Depart from Delta Hotels Saskatoon Downtown
8:30 am	Arrive at the University of Saskatchewan Crop Development Centre (CDC)
9:15 am	Begin loading bus
9:30 am	Depart University of Saskatchewan Crop Development Centre (CDC)
11:00 am	Arrive at All in Acres
1:00 pm	Begin loading bus
1:15 pm	Depart All in Acres
1:30 pm	Arrive at Monchuk Farms
3:00 pm	Begin loading bus
3:15 pm	Depart from Monchuk Farms
4:45 pm	Arrive at Black Fox Farm & Distillery
5:00 pm	Welcome from Black Fox and Networking
6:15 pm	Depart Black Fox Farm
6:45 pm	Arrive back Delta Hotels Saskatoon Downtown