

February 12, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Saskatchewan Hall, Western Development Museum | Saskatoon, SK

9:00 – 9:30 am | **Registration & Networking**

9:30 – 10:00 am | **Setting the Stage: SK DEN Overview & Field Efficiency Drainage Research**

Candace Mitschke – Executive Director, SaskFSA and Project Lead, SK DEN

10:00 – 11:15 am | **Ag Water Innovate Partner Spotlight Presentations – Part 1**

Dr. Chantel Chizen – Assistant Professor, Department of Soil Science, University of Saskatchewan

- Topic: Soil-water-nutrient interactions and digital soil science for resilient agricultural landscapes

Kyle Henderson – Business Manager, Crop Intelligence

- Topic: Soil moisture data, precision agronomy, and improving water-use efficiency

Ryan Husband – Executive Director, Irrigation Saskatchewan

- Topic: Agricultural water development, irrigation expansion, and enabling water management solutions

Robin Lokken – Applied Agricultural Research & Extension Practitioner, Conservation Learning Center

- Topic: Translating field-scale research into practical farm decisions

TBC - Provincial Crop Association

- Topic: Grower perspectives, regional priorities, and how water management supports / connects to emerging production challenges

11:15 am – 12:00 pm | **Innovate Panel – Part 1**

A conversation connecting research, policy, and producer realities - facilitated by the SK DEN Team

12:00 – 1:00 pm | **Networking Lunch**

1:00 – 2:15 pm | **Ag Water Innovate Partner Spotlight Presentations – Part 2**

Dr. Corinne Schuster-Wallace – Professor & Executive Director, Global Institute for Water Security, University of Saskatchewan

- Topic: Water security leadership, governance and collaborative pathways that move science into action

Etienne Shupena-Soulodre – Agri-Environmental Project Manager, Water Security Agency

- Topic: Agricultural water strategy, wetlands, and the drainage policy interface

Phillip Harder – Research Hydrologist, VP of Data Science, Croptimistic Technology & Bonnie Dobchuk – Sustainability Director, Croptimistic Technology

- Topic: Water quality, nutrient movement, and making stewardship measurable and adoptable

Darrell Corkal, Water Resources Engineer and President of h2adapt inc

- Topic: Bridging Water Adaptation Gaps - climate change adaptation for water management in agriculture and rural areas, connection of lived experiences and social science

TBC - Global Institute for Food Security

- Topic: Saskatchewan's Role in Advancing Water-Smart Food Security - innovation, efficiency, and global impact from prairie production systems

2:15 – 2:45 pm | **Innovate Panel – Part 2**

Forward-looking discussion on collaboration, adoption, and shared responsibility - facilitated by the SK DEN Team

2:45 – 3:00 pm | **Wrap-Up & Connections Moving Forward**



Ag Water Innovate: connect, learn, and lead.

Together, let's elevate water management from **opportunity to actionable outcomes**.