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Canadian Dairy XPO Celebrates its 12th Edition with Expanded Programming

International Presence and Strong Dairy Producer Support

DLG (German Agricultural Society) announces the 12th edition of the Canadian Dairy XPO (CDX), taking place April 1–2, 2026 at the Stratford Rotary Complex. The fully booked venue will host over 300 exhibitors from some 30 countries showcasing their products and innovations for the dairy sector. The exhibition brings together dairy producers, industry partners, and agricultural professionals from across Canada and around the world for two days of innovation and education.

Over the past twelve years, the annual Canadian Dairy XPO has become a cornerstone event for the Canadian dairy industry, offering producer industry networking, cutting-edge technology, and dairy education on current topics. The 2026 XPO edition builds on this strong foundation with an exciting lineup of new and returning programming designed to support the future of the Canadian dairy industry. The “Canadian Dairy Business Summit” will return for its third year with a fresh new look on March 31st at the Stratford Rotary Complex, home of CDX. The Summit will continue to deliver high-level business-focused content for dairy producers, Attendance is priced at \$50 per producer and includes complimentary admission to CDX on the following day. New this year, the event will conclude with a networking evening in the Cow Coliseum during the “Calves for a Cause Preview Night”, offering producers ample opportunity to connect and engage with industry peers.

Other highlights of CDX this year include the “Genetics in Motion” display, featuring top AI companies showcasing elite dairy genetics in a free stall setting. The exhibition will feature strong international participation with the returning German Pavilion and the new Netherlands Pavilion, offering attendees insight into global innovations.

New for 2026, the Canadian Dairy XPO will introduce the “Youth Showmanship Clinic” on day two, reinforcing the XPO’s commitment to developing the next generation of dairy leaders. Youth engagement at CDX continues to be a priority as the industry looks to the future.

On April 1st from 4pm-7pm CDX will host a Irish-themed DairyFEST, adding a festive flair to the Cow Coliseum. The event is supported by Enterprise Ireland. Following DairyFEST, the “Calves for a Cause Sale” will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Cow Coliseum. The live auction will feature 40 elite calves, with all proceeds supporting the Children’s Health Foundation, raising funds for London’s Children Hospital. Youth fundraising also returns as a major component of the Canadian Dairy XPO. 4-H members, part of a North American youth organization focused on agriculture and leadership, will once again be serving grilled cheese sandwiches and milkshakes, made possible through the support and product donations from Gay Lea, a Canadian dairy co-operative.

Junior Farmers will be selling apple fritters and operating the VIP parking lot throughout the XPO. Proceeds from both activities will support junior farmers’ programs and scholarships, representing their largest annual fundraising actions.

“The Canadian Dairy XPO extends its sincere thanks to its founding partners — Baker Tilly, Diamond V, Grand Valley Fortifiers, Progressive Dairy, and BVL — for their vision, leadership, and continued commitment. Their support has been instrumental in the growth and long-term success of the XPO. We can’t wait to welcome dairy producers back to Stratford,” says Jordon Underhill DLG Director of USMCA Exhibitions. “The 12th edition of the Canadian Dairy XPO reflects the strength of the Canadian dairy industry, the importance of connection, and the optimism for the future.”

About the Canadian Dairy XPO

CDX was incepted in 2013 and is located in Stratford, Ontario, the heart of Canada’s dairy production. DLG (German Agricultural Society) acquired CDX from North American trade fair organizer Underhill Enterprise Inc. in June 2024 and established its subsidiary DLG Markets North America in Elora, Ontario. Set up to manage DLG’s activities across the continent, the subsidiary aims to provide North American farmers with access to technical solutions and best-practice knowledge. Its first major initiative was the launch of ADX – American Dairy XPO. The new subsidiary draws on DLG’s 135 years of international exhibition expertise to foster knowledge exchange and innovation in agriculture. The mother company, DLG Markets is a global leader in agricultural exhibitions, including the international trade shows Agritechnica and EuroTier in Germany.

For more information about Canadian Dairy XPO, visit Canadiandairyxpo.com.

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About DLG

With more than 31,000 members, DLG is a politically independent and non-profit organisation. DLG draws on an international network of some 3,000 food and agricultural experts. DLG operates with subsidiaries in 10 countries and also organizes over 30 regional agricultural and livestock exhibitions worldwide. DLG's leading international exhibitions, EuroTier for livestock farming and Agritechnica for agricultural machinery, which are held every two years in Hanover, Germany, provide international impetus for the local trade fairs. Headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany, DLG conducts practical trials and tests to keep its members informed of the latest developments. DLG's sites include DLG's International Crop Production Centre, a 600-hectare test site in Bernburg-Strenzfeld, Germany and the DLG Test Centre, Europe's largest agricultural machinery test centre for Technology and Farm Inputs, located in Gross-Umstadt, Germany. DLG bridges the gap between theory and practice, as evidenced by more than 40 working groups of farmers, academics, agricultural equipment companies and organisations that continually compare advances in knowledge in specific areas such as irrigation and precision farming.

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