

# Food, crop experts gather

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Leaders in food and agriculture are gathering in Saskatoon on Monday to discuss agricultural policy, enhancing crop innovation on the Prairies and Canada's role in feeding the world.

The two-day conference - Breadbasket 2.0 National Summit - is put on by Canada's Public Policy Forum.

David Mitchell, the forum's president and CEO, said agriculture is one of the most innovative industries in the country and the conference's aim is to discuss ways in which Canada can reach its full potential in the agriculture field.

"How many more people could prairie crop productions feed? Could it be another billion? We think it could be in that range."

The summit is part of an 18-month-long project exploring challenges and future opportunities for agriculture in Canada. Mitchell said the goal is to not only bring leaders together but also for them to make recommendations to advance innovation in Canada's agriculture sector.

Keynote speaker Dr. Roger Beachy is the founding executive director and CEO of the University of Saskatchewan's Global Institute for Food Security. His address Monday evening will discuss the need for increased efficiency and sustainability in agriculture, food security and nutrition and environmental responsibility.

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