

2026 TEAM Leadership Conference Report
Hosted by the Young Canadian Simmental Association
Location: Saskatoon, SK

The Young Canadian Simmental Association headed west this spring and proudly hosted a successful 2026 TEAM Leadership Conference hosted across from the University of Saskatchewan in beautiful Saskatoon.

This year's event brought together 25 enthusiastic Young Simmental leaders between the age of 16-25 for a dynamic and educational experience centered around leadership development, the Simmental breed, and the Canadian agriculture industry.



Throughout the conference, participants engaged in a variety of learning opportunities and tours. Highlights included some extremely impactful presentations by Lee and Chelsea Norheim of Norheim Equipment and Mark Shologan from DLMS where they provided powerful messaging about work ethic, successful business plans, the ups and downs of the agriculture industry, family, succession planning and finding a way to succeed in the agriculture industry off the farm. Roxane Lieverse (CEO of the Canadian Simmental Association) also gave a talk on Finances that will aid in helping the attendees understand the importance of knowing where your finances sit and what that means for your farming operation.

Throughout the weekend the group was also invited to tour the University of Saskatchewan and their dairy barn. The University tour also included a visit to the Livestock and Forage Centre outside of town where they learnt about the research and on going work the centre puts into constantly improving animal welfare, sustainability and profitability for producers. Arguably the most delicious part of the tours was a visit to Twin Peaks Creamery a family run ice cream shop and operating dairy farm. Twin Peaks farm to cone style milk goes straight from their cows to the ice cream parlour where the group was invited to see the cows and working operation while enjoying the treats they had to offer.

Adding to the positive experience was a fun evening of bowling, which gave participants the chance to relax, unwind, and socialize in a casual setting.

TEAM Leadership Conference 2026 was an outstanding opportunity for young leaders to learn, connect, and grow within the agricultural community. The Young Canadian Simmental Association thanks, all attendees, speakers, and sponsors who helped make the event a memorable and impactful experience.

