

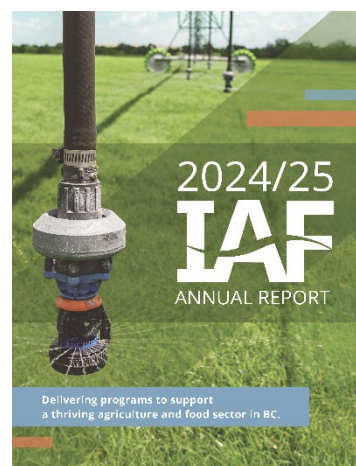
IAF HOLDS 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 1, 2025 – Victoria, BC: The Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC (IAF) held their 29th Annual General Meeting via ZOOM on September 24, 2025, where the Board of Directors shared highlights of IAF's activities and financial statements for the 2024/25 fiscal year.

Highlights included:

- 33 programs delivered
- 2,600+ projects approved
- \$83.5M committed to projects
- And more

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Three seats for Board of Directors were voted on by delegates of IAF's Member organizations, two Primary Agriculture seats and one Value-Added Food & Beverage Processing seat. Eight candidates put their names forward in advance of the AGM for a seat.

Angela Groothof and Shane Landreville were elected by majority for the Primary Agriculture seats. A majority was not achieved for the Value-Added Food & Beverage Processing seat after two rounds of voting. In accordance with IAF's Bylaws, the Board of Directors who convened the next day for a secret ballot resulting in Lara Tiro as the successful candidate.

"We are excited to have Angela Groothof, Shane Landreville and Lara Tiro joining the Board of Directors," said Jack Dewit, Chair, IAF Board of Directors. "They bring a wealth of experience in the agriculture and food sector and beyond."

Joining the IAF Board of Directors:

Angela Groothof, Primary Agriculture

Angela Groothof is an agricultural leader and business owner with extensive experience in governance, finance, and management. As owner of Meadow View Poultry and former Director with the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers Association and the Investment Agriculture Foundation, she is recognized for her collaborative leadership, adaptability, and commitment to sustainable farming and community service. Angela previously served six years on the IAF Board of Directors.

Shane Landreville, Primary Agriculture

Shane Landreville is a lawyer, farmer with expertise in tax, trust, and corporate law. As a lawyer with RLR and founder of Pip & Barrel Appleworks, he combines legal acumen with hands-on agricultural experience, supporting farmers and agribusinesses through growth, compliance, and succession. Shane

is recognized for his leadership in governance and community service, serving on boards and advisory committees while contributing to policy development and professional publications.

Lara Tiro, Value-added Food & Beverage Processing

Lara Tiro is a food innovation and commercialization expert with over 20 years of experience bringing consumer-driven products to market. As founder of Rebel Botanica, she advises emerging food brands on scale-up, co-manufacturing, compliance, and product development. Previously, she led innovation at various BC-based businesses, launching dozens of successful products across North America. With a background in food science and business, Lara is recognized for her ability to link ideas, people, and technologies to optimize processes and deliver high-quality, market-ready solutions.

About IAF

IAF is a non-profit organization that delivers programs to support a thriving agriculture and food sector in British Columbia. With more than 25 years of experience, IAF is recognized as the leading provider of high-quality and cost-effective program delivery services for the agriculture and food sector in BC; having delivered more than \$370 million to industry on behalf of the federal and provincial governments.

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