

*NORTH OF 60
CONFERENCE
2025*

Recap

NOVEMBER 8TH, 2025

DECORA GARDEN CENTRE



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This year's North of 60 Conference theme was **"Getting to the Root of It."**

On November 8, we brought together speakers focused on the roots of agriculture: *land, practices, and principles*. Key topics included cover cropping, rotational grazing, biostimulants, and resilient agricultural operations.

We also heard from local 4-H youth on best agricultural practices, as well as programs, information, and resources available through the YAA.

A huge thank-you to Decora for graciously hosting us at their garden centre, and to Cold Snap Chippery for keeping everyone well fed with outstanding snacks and Industrial Sandwiches.

We are also grateful for our funders and sponsors who made this event possible.



4-H youth speakers

PANELISTS & SPEAKERS



Canadian Seed Growers Association Brianna Chouinard

Introduction to the CSGA and their national seed crop certification program. Plus the upcoming Whitehorse Summer meeting 2026.



Cover Cropping in the North Dr. Caley Gasch

Overview of benefits (and risks) associated with cover cropping, along with practical recommendations on fitting cover crops into a rotation at high latitudes. These insights are based on research trials and on-farm observations conducted in Alaska since 2023.



Biostimulants Dr. Av Singh

This practical session was all about biostimulants – natural substances that help your crops thrive by improving plant growth, stress tolerance, and quality.



Circumpolar Agricultural Conference 2025 Panel

Highlights, take aways and connections made from the Yukon participants at the CAC 2025 conference.



Rotational Grazing: Principles & Pathways to Support Julia Smith

A high-level primer on rotational grazing plus an overview of funding and training resources available through the Climate Agri-Solutions Fund and the Farmers for Climate Solutions FaRM Learning Hub. This session set the stage for Yukon-specific programming to roll out this winter and next spring.



Sustainable Roots of Your Ag Operation Dan Trottier

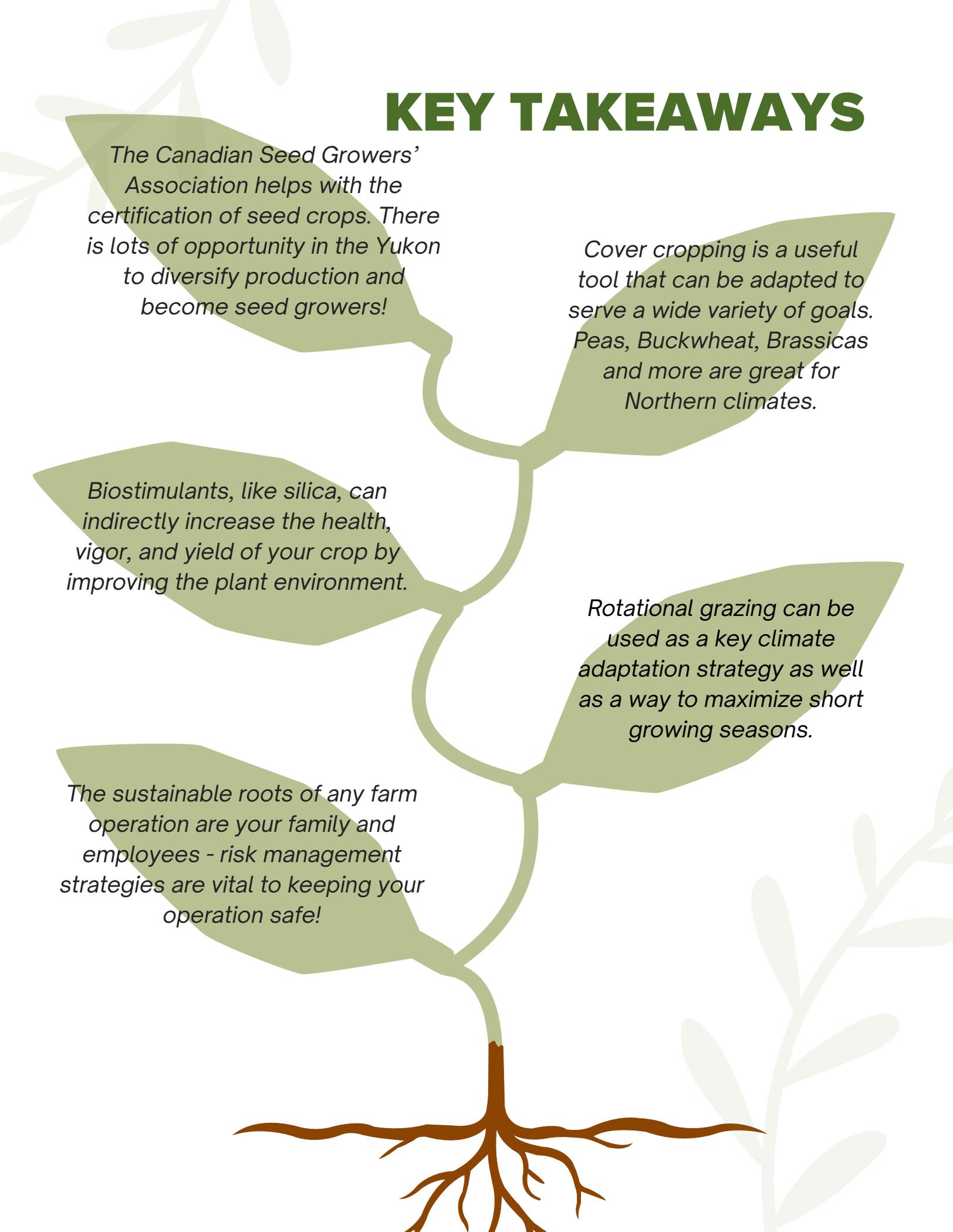
Cultivating sustainability through agriculture health and safety, this session explored risk management strategies that make sense for your operation.



Speeches from 4h Spirit Riders

Adding a youth perspective, we will also hear 5 speeches from the Spirit Riders 4-H Club in between our presenters.

KEY TAKEAWAYS



The Canadian Seed Growers' Association helps with the certification of seed crops. There is lots of opportunity in the Yukon to diversify production and become seed growers!

Cover cropping is a useful tool that can be adapted to serve a wide variety of goals. Peas, Buckwheat, Brassicas and more are great for Northern climates.

Biostimulants, like silica, can indirectly increase the health, vigor, and yield of your crop by improving the plant environment.

Rotational grazing can be used as a key climate adaptation strategy as well as a way to maximize short growing seasons.

The sustainable roots of any farm operation are your family and employees - risk management strategies are vital to keeping your operation safe!

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NEXT STEPS

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Stay tuned for more information for the next North of 60 Conference on **November 20 & 21, 2026!**

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