

Dr. Sylvain Charlebois is a professor in food distribution and policy in the Faculties of Management and Agriculture at Dalhousie University in Halifax. He is also the Senior Director of the Agri-food Analytics Lab, also located at Dalhousie University.



Known as “The Food Professor,” Dr. Charlebois’ current research interest lies in the broad area of food distribution, security and safety. He is one of the world’s most cited scholars in food supply chain management, food value chains and traceability. He co-hosts *The Food Professor* podcast, discussing issues in the food, foodservice, grocery and restaurant industries and which is the most listened Canadian management podcast in Canada.

Every year since 2012, Dr. Charlebois has co-published the now highly anticipated *Canada’s Food Price Report*, which provides an overview of food price trends for the coming year. Furthermore, his research has been featured in several newspapers and media groups nationally and internationally. He has testified on several occasions before Parliamentary committees on food policy-related issues as an expert witness. He has been asked to act as an advisor on food and agricultural policies in many Canadian provinces and other countries.

Mr. Stephen Heckbert is the Executive Director of the Canadian Pork Council (CPC). Mr. Heckbert brings a talent for strategic communications and a passion for results to every project. A fluently bilingual leader with a bias for action, he also brings more than 30 years of experience to CPC.

Recognized with 2011 with an Excellence in Teaching Award from Algonquin College, Mr. Heckbert has a very broad experience from a 25-year consulting practice and a training career of almost 30 years. In his consulting career, he worked with clients in the agriculture, mining, infrastructure, nuclear and space industries, among others.



A 2003 honouree as one of Ottawa’s “40 Under 40” by the Ottawa Business Journal, Mr. Heckbert started his career as a journalist before moving to communications work. He is a father of two young men, and he’s been with CPC for almost a year now.

Ms. Katerina Kolemishvka is the Director of Policy Development for the Canadian Pork Council (CPC), working on sustainability and environmental stewardship for Canadian pork producers.



Ms. Kolemishvka attended York University in Canada and the Copenhagen School of International Relations in Denmark, where she studied political, societal, economic and environmental security. She started her career with InWent - Capacity Building International and the German Technical Cooperation as project manager of international projects to support agricultural development and economic diversification of rural communities in developing countries.

With the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UNFAO), Ms. Kolemishvka led a regional project to support family farming knowledge integration and systematization. In close cooperation with the European Commission, she participated in the establishment of a regional agency for promoting sustainable agriculture in southeast Europe. Ms. Kolemishvka worked on multiple studies and projects with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Regional Environmental Centre and the Global Environment Fund.

Dr. Egan Brockhoff serves as the Veterinary Counselor for the Canadian Pork Council (CPC). He is an experienced swine veterinarian, policy advisor and university lecturer.

Throughout his career, Dr. Brockhoff's work in swine veterinary medicine has afforded him the opportunity to consult extensively within the pork value chains throughout southeast Asia, Europe and the Americas. In 2020, he was the recipient of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's Merck Veterinary Award for Food Animal Veterinarian of the Year. In 2021, he was honoured to have received the Allen D. Leman Science in Practice Award.



Mr. Brett Stuart is a founding partner of Global AgriTrends. He was formerly employed by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) as their lead economist. In this capacity, he conducted many research and analysis projects in the global meat trade area, as well as advising U.S. trade officials on international meat access issues.



Mr. Stuart has conducted on-the-ground agriculture industry research around the globe. Prior to his work with USMEF, he was the Assistant Manager of Marketing for AgReserves Inc. and was involved with a variety of livestock marketing strategies.

Mr. Stuart was raised on a cattle ranch in Utah and also worked as a financial controller in the agriculture industry. He received an undergraduate degree in accounting at Utah State University and an MBA from the University of Nebraska.