



Pre-Conference Tour- February 3, 2010

Please join us for a day of pre-conference tours on February 3rd, 2010! Spacing is limited (40 people only) so register now!

We will start our day at the [Agrium Vanscoy Potash Operations](#) which produces 1,790,000 metric tonnes of potash annually. The ore body at Vanscoy is located approximately one kilometre below the surface.

Proper attire must be worn by those on the Vanscoy Potash Operations tour.

- No skirts, dresses, or shorts
- No jewelry
- Jeans or similar is preferred
- Sensible walking shoes
- Contact lenses may present a problem due to salt dust
- Hard hat, safety glasses, safety toed boots will be provided at the site

Other things to be aware of:

- This tour has a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing. Those with breathing problems such as asthma, heart problems, severe arthritis, or those who suffer from claustrophobia should reconsider.
- The mine is warm at 84° F
- High noise levels may be experienced. Ear plugs are available at mine site.
- Some people are uncomfortable walking on floor grating when they can see through to the main floor below.

We will depart from Vanscoy Potash Operations by 12:30pm.

In the afternoon we will be visiting a Hutterite Colony, Sovereign Hutterite Brethren, founded in 1995, the name coming from the closest town they built beside. Hutterite Colonies are a religious group originating from Germany and Russia but immigrated in the late 1800s to Canada because of religious persecution. Hutterite Colonies are very up-to-date with current technologies, as long as it will improve their farm business operations. The Sovereign Hutterite Brethren currently consists of about 85 people and when it reaches about 125 a new colony will be started with about 60 people. The Hutterite Colonies are limited to Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Montana, and North Dakota. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn about a different culture and see advanced farm technology at the same time!

We plan to be back to the hotel by 4:00pm leaving lots of time to freshen up before our Opening Keynote Speaker Dr. Lowell Catlett at 6:30pm!