2021 VIRTUAL SUMMIT ON AGTECH VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

The 2021 Virtual Summit on AgTech brought together close to 800 attendees virtually over three days to watch, learn, and discuss the latest topics on food and agriculture. Attendees joined from 32 different countries with diverse representation across roles/sectors. VSAT 2021 took place during the COVID-19 pandemic, and many panels discussed the impact of the pandemic on the way that humans currently consume food.

900+
Total attendees registered

32
Countries represented

$2,000
Raised for out charity partner: SUSU Community Farm

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2021 TUCK VIRTUAL SUMMIT ON AGTECH SPEAKERS

Investors

Start-Ups

Industry Leaders

2021 TUCK VIRTUAL SUMMIT ON AGTECH PITCH COMPETITION

Pitch Judges

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Bread and Butter Ventures

Mark Brooks
Investment Manager
Syngenta Corporate Ventures

Natalie Cira, T17
Advisor
ReGen Ventures

Kellee James
CEO & Founder
Mercaris

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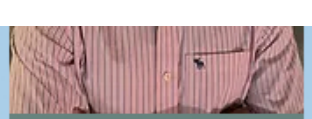

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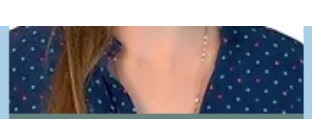

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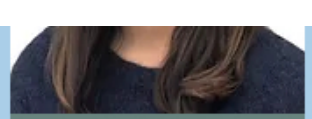

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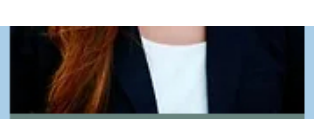

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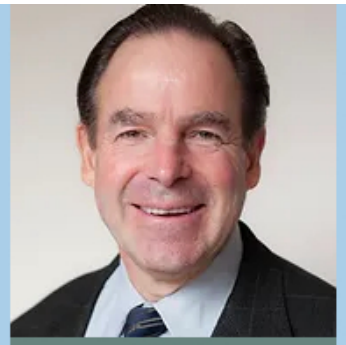

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TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

FOOD FOR TOMORROW

10:30 am - 10:45 am — Opening Remarks by Tuck Food and Sustainable Agriculture Leadership

10:45 am - 11:15 am — Fireside Chat: Food for Thought with Dennis Woodside (President, Impossible Foods)
- Moderator: Daniella Reichstetter, T07 (Adjunct Professor of Business Administration; Executive Director, Center for Entrepreneurship at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth)

11:15 am - 11:45 am — Keynote: A Call to Action with Seth Goldman (Co-Founder and Chief Change Agent, Eat the Change)

11:45 am - 12:30 pm — Panel: The Power of Plants - Plant-Based Meat
- Blair Crichton, T18 (Co-Founder, Karana)
- Christie Lagally (Founder and CEO, Rebellyous)
- Jacek Prus (Co-Founder and CEO, Kuleana)
- Moderator: David Benzaquen (Founder and Managing Director, Mission: Plant)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

THE GROWER'S VISION

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm — Keynote: The Indoor Farming Revolution with Viraj Puri (Founder and CEO, Gotham Greens)

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm — Panel: Bringing the Garden Indoors - Indoor Ag
- Dana Worth (SVP of Commercial, Plenty)
- John Purcell (Founder and CEO, Unfold Bio)
- Michael Ingemann, T92 (Chairman of the Board, Nordic Harvest)

1:15 pm - 2:00 pm — Panel: Investing in Tomorrow - Corporate Venture Capital
- Moderator: Anne Greven (Global Head F&A Startup Innovation, Rabobank)
- Erin VanLanduit (Corporate Ventures, Cargill)
- Mark Brooks (Investment Manager, Corporate Ventures, Syngenta)
- Ryan Teksten (Director, Venture Investments, Leaps by Bayer)

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm — Panel: Financing the Future of Ag - AgTech Investing
- Amy Duffuor (Principal, Prime Impact Fund)
- Mark Lambert (Director , Quantified Ventures)
- Robyn O'Brien (Co-Founder, rePlant Capital)

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE

11:30 am - 12:00 pm — Remarks from VSAT 2021's Charity Partner, SUSU CommUNITY Farm, by Amber Arnold (Co-Executive Director)

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm — Fireside: Feeding the World: A Conversation with Kevin Lockett (Founder, Fulcrum Global Capital) and Brett Wong (Partner, Anterra Capital)

12:45 pm - 1:30 pm — Panel: Beyond Banking - FinTech and AgTech
- Alan Glezer (Co-Founder and CEO, Agrolend)
- Casey Richardson (Chief Credit Officer, Hello Tractor)
- Dan English (GM - FBN Finance, Farmers' Business Network (FBN))
- Moderator: Connie Bowen (Director of Innovation and Investment, AgLaunch)

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm — Panel: Early Stage Capital & Support - AgTech Investing
- Will Coleman (Venture Partner, ReGen Ventures)
- Karen LeVert (Co-founder, Ag TechInventures & Venture Partner, Pappas Capital)
- Liz Keehner (Venture Analyst, Ag Ventures Alliance)
- Rebecca Kaufman (Senior Director,

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	Panel: Remodeling Food Inputs - Alternative Ingredients • Abhiram Dukkipati (CEO, Magellan Life Sciences) • Eran Baniel (CEO, DouxMatok) • Evan Hyman (VP, Regional & Emerging Accounts, Kerry) • Tom Burrows (CEO, Epogee)
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Panel: Funding New Foods - Alternative Protein Investing • Andrew Ive (Founder, Big Idea Ventures) • Johnny Ream (Partner, Stray Dog Capital) • Nick Cooney (Founder, Lever VC) • Rob Leclerc (Founding Partner, AgFunder) •
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Fireside Chat: Financing For the Future with Kelly Belcher (Managing Director and Head of Energy & Resources Innovation, Silicon Valley Bank) • Moderator: Jim Feuille (Executive Director, Center for Private Equity and Venture Capital at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth; Venture Partner, Crosslink Capital)
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Presentation: Innovating for Our Future by Dr. Travis Frey (Chief Technology Officer, Calyxt)
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Keynote: The Future of Food with Josh Tetrick (Co-Founder and CEO, Eat Just)
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm	Panel: Renovating the Grocery Store - Innovative CPG • Kavita Patel (CMO of The HIVE, PepsiCo) • Leigh Hamp (Vice President of Product, Banza) • Vanessa Pham (Co-Founder, Omsom)
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Panel: Next Generation Dairy - Alternative Dairy • Miyoko Schinner (Founder and CEO, Miyoko's Kitchen) • Phaedra Randolph (Founder and CEO, Spero) • Tim Geistlinger (Chief Scientific Officer, Perfect Day) • Veronica Fil (Co-Founder, Grounded Foods) • Moderator: Matt Tom (New Product
	• Sami Tellatin (Founder and COO, Farm Raise)
2:45 pm - 3:30 pm	Panel: The Farmer's Prospective - Growers • Carie Moore (Farm Manager, Moore Farms) • Doug Schroeder (Farmer; Chairman of ISA, Illinois Soybean Association) • Manuel de Tezanos Pinto, T06 (CFO, Grapeman Farms) • Mitchell Hora (Farmer, MT Hora Farms)
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Fireside Chat: Policy Priorities in Agriculture with Paul Lightfoot (Founder and President, Bright Farms) • Moderator: Susanne Friedberg (Professor of Geography, Dartmouth College)
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Panel: The Fight Against Food Waste - Food Waste Reduction • Alex Golub (Procurement Project Specialist, Misfits Market) • Caroline Cotto (COO, Renewal Mill; Board President, Upcycled Food Association) • Jamie Crummie (Co Founder and Director, Too Good To Go) • Kari Armbruster (Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Project Manager, Kroger) • Shannon Thoits (Senior Analyst of Sustainability, Apeel)
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm	Panel: Covering New Terrain - Cannabis • Coleman Beale (CEO, Bastcore) • Jeff Howard (Managing Partner, Salveo Capital) • Jonathan Vaught (CEO, Front Range Biosciences) • Morgan Paxhia (Co-Founder and Managing Director, Poseidon Asset Management)
5:45 pm - 6:30 pm	Keynote: The Next Generation of Renewable Energy with Pat Gruber (CEO, Gevo)
6:30 pm - 7:15 pm	Panel: The Future of Ocean Farming - Aquaculture • Donna Hazard (Board Member and General Partner, SeaAhead) • Gray Harris (Senior Vice President, Food Systems , Coastal Enterprises) • Joe Powers (Principal, Maine Venture Fund) • Maggie Fried (Head of Ocean and Aquaculture Investor Consortium, CREO Syndicate)
	AgLaunch)
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Fireside: Precision Agricultural Solutions with Brad Arnold (SVP of Global Product Management, AGCO Corporation • Moderator: Chris Rhodes (Director of Industry Partnerships and Project-Based Learning, The University of Georgia, former AGCO)
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Panel: From Farm to Fork – Data & Analytics throughout the Value Chain • Gabe Sheets-Poling (Chief Strategy Officer, Cloud Agronomics) • Naeem Zafar (Founder and CEO, TeleSense) • Will Wells (Founder and CEO, Hummingbird Tech)
3:45 pm - 4:30 pm	Panel: Transforming Agricultural Trade - Marketplaces • Brennan Turner (CEO, FarmLead/Combyne) • Dallas Hansen (Director of Trading, Arthur Trading) • Gordon Russell D'08 (Head of US Grains and Oilseeds, Louis Dreyfus Company)
4:30 pm - 5:15 pm	Keynote: Farming Carbon's Future with Nick Reinke (Senior Manager, Strategy & Market Development, Truterra, a subsidiary of Land O'Lakes)
5:15 pm - 6:00 pm	Panel: Farming of the Future - Robotics • Betsabeh Madani Hermann, T13 (Co-Founder and Chair, Neupeak Robotics) • Igino Cafiero (CEO, Bear Flag Robotics) • Trevor Thompson (President, Terraclear)
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	VSAT Pitch Competition Finals
7:00 pm - 7:15 pm	Closing Remarks by Tuck Food and Sustainable Agriculture Leadership

	Development and Commercialization Consultant, MTCC)
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm	Panel: Reimagining Food as Medicine - Functional Food • Cessna Mac (Head of Portfolio Services, PowerPlant Partners) • Kim Dunn Soviero (Head of Strategy & Operations, Sakara Life) • Olivia Moore, T20 (Director of Strategy and Operations, MEND)
5:45 pm - 6:30 pm	Panel: Food Without Compromise - Cultivated Food and Dairy • Brian Spears (Founder and CEO, New Age Meats) • Carrie Chan (Co-Founder and CEO, Avant Meats) • David Kay (Director of Communications, Memphis Meats) • Max Rye (Co-Founder and Chief of Strategy, Turtletree Labs)

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