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Message from the Chairman

As summer slowly turns to fall and the kids head back to school, you know soybean and corn harvest time is just around the corner! Cereal harvest seemed to be about average this year, if only the prices would be higher! For those of you who harvest corn silage take note: some corn is drying down very fast this year so make sure to check the moisture and don't wait too long to get harvest underway!

With the dramatic increase in fuel costs, it is quite possible we'll see less tillage this fall compared to average. These high prices will provide an incentive to try reduced till or no-till cropping. If you are interested in trying something different on your farm, contact your local soil and crop group and see if you can set up a few plots replicated on some different farms. Doing on farm research is the best way to test new techniques or ideas.

For those of you who have plots set up this year, remember to get accurate yields when harvesting the plots. Weigh wagons are usually available from your local seed dealer for little cost. Make sure to share the information you gather as well. It may help your neighbours make a few more dollars during these tough times!

May everyone have a safe and bountiful harvest season!

*Alan Kruszal
Chairman*

Dundas Soil & Crop Improvement Association

A **Director's Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday evening, Sept. 22nd, 2005 at 8:00 pm at the Dundas Meeting Centre in Chesterville.

The DSCIA enjoyed a very successful 3-day bus trip to the Wellington, Waterloo Region on July 26, 27, and 28th with 46 members participating. Highlights of the trip were a visit to the "Wings of Paradise", a Butterfly Conservatory in Cambridge, a tour of the dairy and beef research barns of the University of Guelph, a visit to the University of Guelph Fish Farm, a tour of the farms of Steve and Sandra Eastep and Ian and Janet Harrop. Most of the group enjoyed the Cambridge Theatre Presentation of "Shady Business" and the final day of the tour included a tour of the Home Hardware Distribution Centre in St. Jacobs as well as a visit to the St. Jacobs Farmers Market and Flea Market. Special thanks to the Bus Tour Committee: Chair – Gordon Smith, Phyllis MacMaster, Charles Farlinger, Tyler Hoy and Norm Tinkler.

The group posed for a quick photo on the way home.



A **DSCIA Twilight Meeting** was held on Thursday evening, Aug. 11th at the Kemptville College research plots on Baker Road. More than 20 farmers attended to hear Crop Specialist Gilles Quesnel explain how to determine aphid infestation in their soybeans and when and how to spray. Chair Brent Vanden Bosch along with committee members Arden Schneckenburger, Tim Moher, Graham Duke, Garry Brugmans and Tyler Hoy organized the evening.

The **2005 Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 7th, 2005 at the Chesterville Legion Hall. More information will be available soon.



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A successful corn plot tour was held at the farm of Alain Leduc. Lunch was at the home farm where approximately 30 had gathered. We all then had a road tour through Stormont and Prescott counties to reach the plot north of St. Isidore. On hand were reps from several of the seed companies. The planted hybrids were discussed as well as the planting, fertilizing and spraying program. The reps each had a Q&A session. Good discussion occurred and everyone had the opportunity to carefully look at the varieties

Sincere thanks extended to our host.

The annual meeting is being planned for December 2005. Stay tuned for the date and place.

Just a reminder to all members to keep some samples of the crops you are harvesting, so you have step 1 done in getting your entries ready for the Seed and Forage Show in March 2006.

STORMONT TEST PLOTS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING

1. Ron/Kim van Loon- 984-2375> call first, it is behind a headland
2. Barry Smith/Bernard Grady- 984-0128/984-0148>west of Berwick on County Rd.9
3. Alain Leduc- 538-2547> call first, it is located north of St. Isidore.



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Le **banquet du Mérite Agricole 2005** aura lieu le 22 octobre 2005 en collaboration avec la Société d'agriculture de Vankleek Hill, le Club Holstein de Prescott et DHI de Prescott, au Centre de la Foire agricole de Vankleek Hill, à compter de 19 h 00.

Récipiendaires : **Barbara et Allen Barton** de Vankleek Hill

Pour plus d'information : Thomas Haerle, Prés. 524-2163

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The **2005 Award of Merit Banquet** will be held on October 22, 2005 in collaboration with the Vankleek Hill Agricultural Society, the Prescott Holstein Club and Prescott DHI at the Vankleek Hill Fairground Hall at 7:00 pm.

Honoring **Barbara and Allen Barton** from Vankleek Hill

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Canada-Ontario

Les ateliers sur la planification environnementale à la ferme (troisième série)

Russell (en anglais) :	12 - 19 septembre 2005
Ste-Anne de Prescott :	14 - 21 septembre 2005
Embrun :	3 - 17 octobre 2005
Vankleek Hill (en anglais) :	5 - 19 octobre 2005
Rockland (en anglais) :	7 - 14 novembre 2005
St-Bernardin :	9 - 17 novembre 2005

Téléphonez dès aujourd'hui pour vous inscrire!

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Canada-Ontario

Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Workshops now available

Russell :	September 12 - 19, 2005
Ste-Anne de Prescott (in French) :	September 14 - 21, 2005
Embrun (in French) :	October 3 - 17, 2005
Vankleek Hill :	October 5 - 19, 2005
Rockland :	November 7 - 14, 2005
St-Bernardin (in French) :	November 9 - 17, 2005

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