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## *Northwestern Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Associations*

Two from the Northwest!

Way to go, Peggy and Bill!

The selection process for individuals interested in participating in the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP) Class 12 was recently completed.

Two of the 30 members of Class 12 are from the Northwest:

**Peggy Brekveld**, Murillo, Dairy & Field Crop Producer and **Bill Groenheide**, South Gillies, Beef, Sheep and Cash Crop Producer

AALP is delivered by The Centre for Rural Leadership (TCRL). The 30 men and women selected for the upcoming class are current and emerging leaders within Ontario's agriculture, agri-food and rural sectors. They begin their exciting leadership development program in late September 2007 with Seminar #1 in Guelph, Ontario. Over the course of 19 months, they will learn more about leadership and organizational development theories and practices, government and political processes, economics, trade policies, global affairs, sector and industry related issues here at home in Ontario and globally through North American and International study travel components.

"The successful candidates, selected on the basis of written applications and panel interviews, have all demonstrated current leadership skills and future leadership potential through their involvement in

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their organizations and community activities." said Kevin Thompson, President of The Centre for Rural Leadership. Fourteen class members represent primary production agriculture through vegetables, field & cash crops, dairy, swine, turkey, chicken, goats, sheep and beef production. The remainder of the group comes from the agri-business, agri-service and agri-food sectors, the banking industry, and the provincial government and its agencies. Thompson went on to say that "The mix of sectors in the group will provide a variety of perspectives from across the value chain. They will certainly learn from each other as well as from others, during the program."

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If you are interested in discussing northern agricultural issues, solutions, opportunities and best practices with industry representatives throughout the circumpolar world, including Canada, Norway, United States, Iceland and Sweden, then apply to represent Northern Ontario at the Circumpolar Agricultural Association Conference, October 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in Goose Bay, Labrador.

Northern Ontario Agri-Food Education & Marketing Inc. (NOAFEM) was successful in securing funding to assist with a portion of the travel and conference costs for up to 5 representatives from Northern Ontario to attend the conference. In exchange, you will be required to share the conference proceedings with fellow producers in Northern Ontario. This includes writing articles for agricultural newsletters and local media as well as making presentations at meetings of agricultural organizations and/or staffing a display at agricultural trade shows.

The conference agenda can be accessed at  
<http://www.caa-cac.org/Conference.html>

For further information and an application contact:  
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Marketing Inc. - Phone: 705-694-4396;  
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Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural  
Affairs – Northern Ontario Regional Office -  
Phone: 1-800-461-6132

Applications will be accepted by NOAFEM until  
Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

A selection committee will review all applications  
and hold interviews in early August. Confirmation  
of participation will be made by mid August.

EARS – Report for June

Greetings from Lake Emo – formerly know as EARS. Yes, we are pretty wet again. I know many of you will argue that we need the rain and you are right, except we don't need it to all come at once! It does no good when it all comes and runs right off! Last Thursday (June 7<sup>th</sup>) we came to work with 1 inch of rain in our gauge and then right after lunch we had 2.6 inches in about 1 hour! Luckily because of the drought, it did disappear quite quickly – but not without a chance to canoe around the station. I do understand that west of here, is still lacking the moisture we have managed to acquire. So here is the weather update –

Until the end of May – we obtained – 557 CHU and we were at 372 GDD. To date (June 15) we have had 240.5 mm of rain or 9.62 inches. Last year to the end of May – we had 557 CHU and 398 GDD and for rain we had 133.5 mm or 5.34 inches.

Crop updates – like I was telling my girls the grain is doing great so we can expect horrible storms or hail. I finally managed to get some spraying done on June 12 and yes, I darn near came close to calling someone with a big John Deere to pull me out. It was wet in a few places. The Binscarth Barley that we planted seems to be amazingly thick! We finally managed to finish planting but not until June 5<sup>th</sup>. So the soybeans and the last of canola are up this week – finally. The forages are up except the crown vetch and cicer milk-vetch. Again we have a huge amount of winter kill; we lost a lot of alfalfa, trefoil and red clover. So if and when we get to start cutting, our yields will be reduced and I will have lots of ploughing to do! We would like to be cutting forages right now but we need it to be drier and more stable weather. The Reed Canary Grass Trial – (hay – pasture systems) looks great; the biggest problem is it is tall and starting to go down, and our little equipment does not work well on this!

The Lambton Cattlemen's Association will be stopping in for a tour on July 18<sup>th</sup>. We are thinking their stop will be around noon so feel free to drop in and mix and mingle. We have booked our Open House for July 24, 2007 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Soil and Crop will have their tour on July 24<sup>th</sup> as

well. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. – watch for the schedule!

Have a good month – good luck making hay!

Kim Jo EARS 482-2354  
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Thunder Bay Agricultural Research Association  
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### Upcoming events in Rainy River

4-H Leaders

July 16, 2007

4-H Food Booth

8:00 p.m.

Rainy River Cattlemen's Association - Directors

Meeting

July 18, 2007

Stratton Municipal Office

7:30 p.m.

Lambton Cattlemen's Tour (of Rainy River District)

July 18, 2007

-various stops throughout the district

Emo Beef Club

4-H Funday

July 21, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Riley Cauls

Emo Agricultural Research Station

Open House

July 24, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Crop tour, visits and snacks!

Rainy River Soil & Crop Improvement Association

Field Tour

10:00 a.m. - schedule to be confirmed

July 24, 2007

Rainy River Federation of Agriculture - Directors

Meeting

August 7, 2007

7:30 p.m.

Semen Order

August 10, 2007

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Emo Fall Fair

August 16, 17 & 18.

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August 23, 24 & 25.

## What's growing in the Thunder Bay Countryside?

Summer has arrived in Thunder Bay. The manure and fertilizer are spread, the crops are planted and the Annual July Field Crop Tour with the Thunder Bay Agricultural Research Station (TBARS) and the Thunder Bay Soil and Crop Improvement Association (TBSCIA) is coming soon! Mark July 26 on your calendars for the 2007 Summer Tour. Starting at the TBARS in the morning, Dr Sahota will be leading interested parties around to highlight various experiments and answering production questions. Following a BBQ lunch, the tour will continue to different growers' fields in the area. Funding for the tour is provided by the Agricultural Adaptation Council and the Thunder Bay Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

**Canola** is coming back to fields in Thunder Bay. Previous years at TBARS had excellent canola yields and various experiments showed excellent responses to nitrogen and sulphur. Approximately 100 acres of canola is in the ground at the farms of John Hanna and Jason & Trudy Reid. Talks are underway with Parrish and Heimbecker elevator in Thunder Bay about pricing and delivery but nothing has been contracted yet. Canola is an oilseed crop well suited to Northern Ontario and could be an excellent cash crop option.

Many growers in the region are trying new practices and on-farm trials in **fertilizers**. Wilma and Jim Mol are investigating the effect of MicroEssentials<sup>TM</sup>MSZ (MESZ) 12-40-0-10-1 on corn as a part of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association's Fertilizer BMP program as well as a major project grant for Environmentally Sound Nitrogen (ESN) on corn. MESZ is designed to provide phosphate, sulphur, and zinc in every granule and to deliver the right nutrition through all stages of crop development. In Canada, this fertilizer is available only in parts of Manitoba and Ontario. ESN is a polymer-coated slow-release urea that is designed to release nitrogen throughout the various crop stages. As ammonium nitrate is no longer available in Ontario, other sources of nitrogen are being investigated. Ammonium sulphate is being used on many fields in the Thunder Bay area this year. Calcium ammonium nitrate is new to turf fields in Thunder Bay. It is a

combination of limestone and ammonium nitrate fertilizer with the nitrogen rate from 25 to 28% and calcium at around 10%. The lime content in this fertilizer helps to neutralize the soil acidity from the ammonium nitrate and reduce the explosive properties of ammonium nitrate.

New **varieties** are being grown in the region. Growers are trying various crops in their fields. New from Dekalb is 24-51R soybeans and 27-44R corn. 24-51R soybeans were new in Canada in 2006 but none was available for Thunder Bay and are rated for 2450 CHU. 27-44R corn is rated at for areas of 2000 to 2300 CHU for grazing or forage corn use and is new for 2007. Jim and Wilma Mol are also trying a test variety of corn called D2301NRR rated at 2400 CHU. Baxxos RR grain corn (2250 CHU) and HL SR06 silage corn (2150-2350 CHU) varieties from Hyland are being tried by several growers in the area.

*Christina Mol*

*Thunder Bay Agricultural Research Station*



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## Crop Rotations and Soil Quality

Fibrous rooted crops, e.g. winter cereals (especially under seeded to red clover), and forages especially mixed hay, contribute most to the soil quality. If it is impractical to include forages in the rotation, seeding cover crops will help to fill the gap. Dr. Tony Vyn found the highest aggregate stability in the first year corn following two years of barley >= corn following wheat or alfalfa; the lowest aggregate stability was in the first year corn following soybeans and continuous corn was in between these extremes. North Dakota researchers

observed that soil loss in a 3% slope came down from 5t/ha with continuous corn to 1t/ha with corn-corn-3 year barley and to 0.5t/ha with corn-corn-barley-3year hay.

Dr. Craig Drury found an increase in soil organic carbon of over 14 t/ha in the top 60 cm soil after 34 years of rotational corn, compared to continuous corn. John Heard, Karen Davies and Kim Jo Bliss's work at TBARS and EARS proved that soil quality, as determined by general nutrient content, organic matter and earthworm numbers, was greatest with forages and manure application as compared to continuous cereals. Manure application helped maintaining soil K. Earthworm populations were affected more by tillage than by crop rotation. Previous fall and spring tillage reduced their numbers dramatically. Lowest soil organic matter and earthworm numbers were found under the annually-tilled cereal monoculture.

Crop rotations influence nitrogen (N) supply. Inclusion of legume crops improves N supply to the following crops. Forage legumes (alfalfa and clover) contributed more N (up to 50 lb/acre) to the soil than soybean (up to 40 lb/acre) and pea/or lentil (20 lb/acre). Alfalfa yield in the fourth year is only up to 70% of the first harvest year. It is therefore advisable to rip off alfalfa fields after 3 years and seed those fields to winter wheat or spring cereals/corn. Intensification of cropping could deplete N if it isn't replenished, influence organic matter and affect N mineralization. Legume residues are easily mineralized as compared to the non-legume residues that can lower N supply and increase demand for fertilizer N. However, intensive crop rotations with recommended NPK fertilizers are reported to improve the soil organic matter and N supplying capacity of the soil.

Crops vary in their water extraction pattern from the soil. Spring seeded small grains usually deplete soil water 3 to 4 feet deep. Corn, sunflower, and sugarbeet can deplete soil water to 5 to 6 feet. Alfalfa and sweet clover are also deep-rooted crops-can be used to dry up wet areas. Oats love moisture more than the barley does.

Weaver et al's work showed that soybean yield was lowest in continuous soybean and highest in

rotation with winter wheat and corn. Soybean-corn or soybean-winter wheat was in between these two extremes. Quoting this work, an OMAFRA fact sheet states that continuous soybean resulted in decline in yield, poorer soil structure, greater erosion potential and increased soybean cyst nematodes. It also points out that including winter wheat under seeded with clover in rotations with soybean can build soil structure and improve net profits! Clarence Swanton, university of Guelph, observed that soybean/corn yields were higher with winter wheat-corn-soybean than with corn-soybean in conventional tillage, but not with zero tillage in which soybean and corn yields from the two rotations were similar. Wheat yield is reported to be 14, 7 and 4 bushels/acre higher after soybean, corn and barley, respectively, than wheat after wheat. Recent work at TBARS indicates a barley yield improvement by ~35% after clover, and soybean yield improvement of 26% after oats-barley as compared to that after clover-barley. Legumes in rotation not only increase the yield of non-legume crops in a rotation, but their protein content too.

In view of the foregoing considerations, it is advisable to rotate crops to improve soil quality (aggregate stability, organic matter, N supplying capacity etc.) leading to increase in yields, net profits and quality of crop produce.

*Dr. Tarlok Singh Sahota*

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### Factsheet

**2007 SUPPLEMENT, Fruit Production Recommendations, Publication 360S May 2007;** this supplement contains new product registrations and changes from May 2006 to May 2007; [Agdex for on-line catalogue is 210.]

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### Thunder Bay District Soil and Crop Improvement Association SUMMER CROP TOUR

10a.m Thursday July 26, 2007

Thunder Bay Agriculture Research Station

Lunch Compliments of TBDSCIA

1pm Tour departs Research Station to view winter  
and spring wheat, alfalfa and canola crops.

Contact Bruce Forrest 473-9609 for further info.



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The OCA Market Development Partnership Program is phase two of the Regional Marketing initiative to support producers in their development of a "gate to plate" or value-chain strategy. The objective of the program is to support Ontario beef producers and processors with a regional/local marketing process that will assist them in developing their gate-to-plate, value- chain strategy, and provide them with options in the marketing of their products.

Projects that will be considered for funding should follow the below priorities:

- Should complement, not duplicate other market support programs

- This program specifically applies to beef production and marketing. Fed, OTM and dairy culls are included
- Limit marketing support to domestic markets only, not export initiatives
- Projects that focus on increasing carcass values shall be encouraged
- Program will not support normal business
- Capital costs will be considered if strong rationale is provided

The Market Development Partnership Program will require a minimum 25% investment into any eligible project. In-kind for non-profit organizations will be considered. Normally, payments will be made on a reimbursement basis only. However, depending on the size of project, the committee may consider advancing funds to start the project.

A letter of intent to OCA is the initial step in the application process for the Market Development Partnership Program. The purpose of the letter is to begin the information exchange between the applicant and the funding body so as to provide the screening committee with sufficient information to determine the suitability of the project and to provide the applicant with a quick assessment of the eligibility of the project for the fund before compiling a full application

**Step 1: Submit Letter of Intent** by June 29, 2007 via email to [dave@cattle.guelph.on.ca](mailto:dave@cattle.guelph.on.ca)

#### Step 2: Review

The letter of intent will be reviewed to determine if the project meets the objectives and the project eligibility criteria.

#### Step 3: Accepted/Not Accepted

After review of the letter of intent, OCA will inform the application of the decision. If acceptable, the applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal. If unacceptable, the applicant will be advised. The applicant may have the opportunity to revise the submission as suggested and resubmit to OCA. For more information, contact Dave Stewart at 519-824-0334 or [dave@cattle.guelph.on.ca](mailto:dave@cattle.guelph.on.ca) or Bruce Forrest at 807-473-9609

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More protection for groundwater

A major step was taken recently to fulfill the objectives of Justice O'Connor's report from the Walkerton Inquiry – measures to safeguard the quality of drinking water in Ontario.

The step came with the opening of Ontario's first Well Wise Centre at Orono in Durham Region, north of Bowmanville. Dr. Mary Jane Conboy, former water resource analyst with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, is executive director of the centre and is, without a doubt, someone with a passion for quality drinking water.

The centre's focus will be to help private landowners attain quality standards for their water wells. Studies by the Ministry of the Environment have found major threats to Ontario's groundwater supply from improperly maintained private water wells.

The Sustainable Water Well Infrastructure Expert Panel concluded that 'wells that are not maintained, not tested regularly and not decommissioned properly at the end of the well life cycle are the biggest threats to the sustainability of water wells in Ontario.'

Studies by the Ministry of the Environment have concluded that Ontario's groundwater is in good shape, but under threat of contamination from private septic systems and improperly maintained water wells on private lands. Agriculture and industry are not the greatest threats to the groundwater supply.

Because an estimated three million people in Ontario rely on groundwater for their water supply, it is essential that the supply is kept safe and secure from contaminants. The Ontario Groundwater Association estimates there are more than 500,000 abandoned wells in Ontario – all threats to

groundwater quality – and up to 89 per cent of the wells in Ontario are in need of repair.

Besides working with well owners, the professional staff at Well Wise will be providing advice to professionals who work in the water well industry on a daily basis. Because the water well industry is recognized for the services it provides, the Well Wise Centre will be an essential education tool capable of achieving improvements to the condition of the private wells across Ontario.

The training provided by staff of the Well Wise Centre will be extended to real estate agents, home inspectors and agrologists in an effort to reach every private water well owner across Ontario.

Because farmers, their families and the entire eco system rely on a clean and safe source of drinking water, OFA recognizes the high value of the services being offered by the Well Wise Centre's staff of professionals.

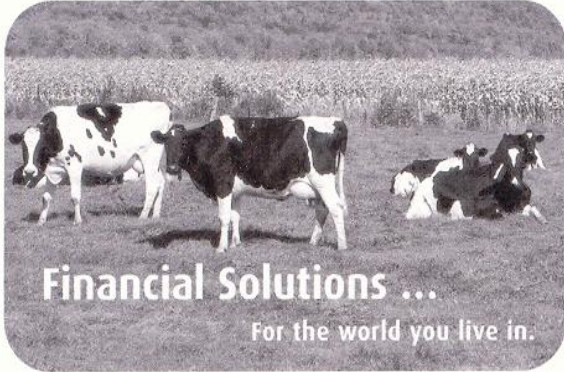
Information about the Well Wise Centre can be found on the Internet at [www.wellwise.ca](http://www.wellwise.ca) and by telephone at 905-983-9911. Well Wise staff will be conducting education seminars in schools and communities across Ontario.

OFA encourages all residents of rural Ontario to check out the services provided by Well Wise and undertake needed measures to protect our groundwater supply.

*By Geri Kamenz, President,  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture*


**URGENT:**

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Week ending June 16, 2007

Average Hot Weight 641.68 lbs  
Average Price 88.60¢/lb  
Average Settlement \$568.33

Week ending June 23, 2007

Average Hot Weight 632.56 lbs  
Average Price 88.30¢/lb  
Average Settlement \$558.66

Grid range for cows has been 56.6¢ to 97.8¢ per pound

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"Ontario's food producers grow, raise and produce high quality food products that are among the best in the world. "I'm delighted that IL FORNELLO wants to showcase the fine quality food that is produced in Ontario on their menu," said Dombrowsky.

The Ontario government will be putting the spotlight on the fresh, high-quality foods grown and produced in the province this summer with a new Pick Ontario Freshness marketing strategy that complements and supports producer-led branding and marketing campaigns. The government is contributing \$12.5 million to the strategy, which includes a consumer awareness campaign designed to increase interest and demand for local foods across the province, expands the Foodland Ontario program to more fresh food products, and boosts the Savour Ontario program in fine dining and vacation establishments. Of the total, \$2.5 million has already been distributed to a number of agri-food industry associations to assist them in promoting the sale of Ontario products.

"The McGuinty government understands that we all have a role to play in supporting the prosperity of the agri-food sector in Ontario," added Dombrowsky. "If everyone buys Ontario products, everyone wins, because we're supporting our farmers and processors, our rural economy, our environment and ourselves with fresh food from here at home."

This is just one more example of how, working together, Ontarians have achieved results for the agri-food sector. Other examples include:

- Helping farmers by providing funding for farm income stabilization and support programs. OMAFRA expenditures for farm income stabilization and support will total more than \$1 billion over the 2003-04 to 2006-07 fiscal years.
- Investing \$10 million for an Ontario livestock and poultry tracing system that will help the province's agri-food industry enhance market opportunities and strengthen emergency management.
- Providing \$200,000 to the Organic Council of Ontario to further its efforts to promote the development of the organic sector in this province.



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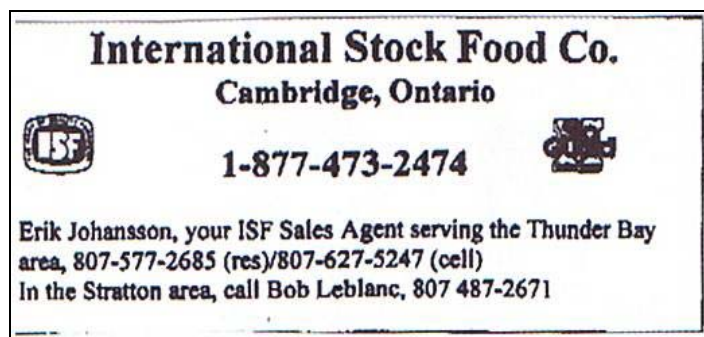
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## Cost of Production Top-Up Program

On June 8, 2007 the Government of Ontario announced it is committed to providing effective risk management programming for Ontario producers. Working with the federal government and our stakeholders, the provincial government has pledged to improve the system of food safety nets and secure short and longer-term programs that work for Ontario farmers.

The province has provided more than \$1 billion in farm income support over the past four years and, since 2004, more than \$620 million has been delivered to Ontario farmers through the CAIS program. The provincial and federal governments have pledged to work together to improve the system of food safety nets and secure short and longer-term programs that work for Ontario farmers.

With the recent announcements of Ontario's Cost of Production Top-Up program funding, and a commitment to a 3-year pilot Risk Management Program, the McGuinty government is helping Ontario farmers meet current needs and plan for the future. Ontario farmers will have more bankable support and be in a better position to deal with the challenges that nature, global competition, and higher energy and input costs present.

### Cost of Production Top-Up Program

This spring, the federal government announced that it would allocate \$400 million for cost of production payments to Canadian farmers. Ontario is providing \$55 million to this province's farmers through the new Ontario Cost of Production Top-Up Program. This is our 40 per cent match of the total federal funds.

The Ontario Top-Up program will be distributed as soon as the federal government releases their payment information details.

What producers need to know

The Ontario Cost Recognition Top-up is a matching 40 per cent contribution to the national cost of production payment announced by the federal government in March. It is a direct payment to producers in recognition of rising production costs over the past few years.



## Successful Dryden Event

Dryden held their first Dryden & District Agricultural Society and "Agriculture in the Classroom", agricultural education event in Dryden, May 16 and 17, 2007. The event was part of several special celebrations to commemorate the Dryden & District Agricultural Society's 100th anniversary in 2007.

An open initiation was extended to all Grades 2-4 public elementary classes, several private and Christian schools in the Kenora-Patricia School District. A total of 759 students and 79 educators, education assistants and parent chaperones signed up to participate in the two day event with about 400 attending each day.


Students visited 16 interactive learning stations which featured agricultural topics with direct and indirect links to the Ontario Curriculum for Grades 2 to 4. Stations included: grinding grain and identifying products made from grains and seeds, farm animal families, their needs and use for humans; farm machinery; soil components and soil & water protection methods; dairy products and cheese making; honey bee display; food security initiatives; care for plants; agricultural pioneer tools; and inter-provincial trade of agricultural products. Students were able to see, smell, touch and taste agricultural products, make an agricultural craft and plant their own tomato. Each teacher was provided with a package of agricultural education resources to take to their classroom including several activity booklets for each student provided by Ontario commodity groups and organizations.

We gratefully acknowledge the participation and assistance of the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Dryden & District Museum, the Northwestern Health Unit, the City of Dryden's Parks and Recreation Department, the Dryden & District Horticultural Society and the staff at Roger Valley's Constituency office.

The event was generously sponsored by the Patricia Area Community Endeavour (Local Initiative Fund) and agricultural organizations, which allowed us to

provide participants with a free lunch, activity books and take home materials.

We are proud to report that the event was a tremendous success. Reviews and feedback from students and teachers have been wonderful. A small but enthusiastic agricultural community in the Dryden area came together with a positive attitude to make the event a reality. Each and every volunteer made "Agri-Connections 2007" a showcase for agriculture.




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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO GOAT  
PRODUCERS May 2, 2007

Voluntary Goat Tagging for CFIA Scrapie  
Prevalence Project

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will be launching a voluntary tagging program of goats, nation-wide, for the purposes of random testing for Scrapie prevalence beginning mid-May 2007. The intent of the program is to ensure traceability to the farm of origin of goats that may be randomly sampled for scrapie at slaughter in abattoirs.

Producers willing to volunteer their herds for this CFIA program are encouraged to contact Jenny Montgomery at CFIA. Details on this tagging program will be available to volunteer herds when they contact CFIA. Tags will be free of charge to the herds, and tagging will be conducted by CFIA personnel, or the owner, in the presence of the CFIA personnel. Tags used will be those tested and found acceptable by the Canadian National Goat Federation (CNGF) in trials on goats. The tags will also be accepted as valid when the national identification and traceability system is implemented, so no additional tags will be required to conform with regulations.

Originally, the CFIA intended to undertake mandatory tagging of goats in Canada for the purposes of Scrapie prevalence testing. The Canadian National Goat Federation (CNGF) indicated that it was strongly opposed to a mandatory tagging program, and that prior to the implementation of the national identification and traceability system for goats, CNGF suggested a voluntary program be adopted instead. The voluntary proposal has been accepted by CFIA with a goal of tagging 4000 goats. However, CFIA has said that if there are not enough herds volunteered to be tagged, then the program will become mandatory.

CFIA hopes to establish a prevalence rate of Scrapie in the national goat population. With food safety and animal disease control issues continuing to be of increasing importance to the consumer, and the possible impact of problems in these areas on international trade for some species, CFIA sees the lack of prevalence testing in goats as an area that needs to be addressed without delay.

Without the animal identification system in place for goats, CFIA has been unable to perform random sampling for TSE disease (Scrapie in goats) as they have in other species. Until goats have CFIA-approved identification traceable to the farm of origin, CFIA is unwilling to test them in a scrapie prevalence program. CNGF has completed the majority of the development of the national identification and traceability system, and it will now be moving on through the government regulation process.

This project should not be confused with the Voluntary Scrapie Certification Program which has been in effect for some time. The proposed CFIA tagging for scrapie prevalence purposes is a temporary project and does not require a herd inventory or specific number of animals to be tested. Those are requirements of the already established Voluntary Scrapie Certification Program.

Information on Scrapie and CFIA programs regarding it is available at [www.scrapiecanada.ca](http://www.scrapiecanada.ca).  
CFIA Contact: Jennifer Montgomery,  
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### Farm Wisdom

A representative of the Ministry of Agriculture stopped at a farm and said to the old farmer; "I need to inspect your farm" The old farmer said, "You better not go into that field." The representative said in a "cocky" tone, "I have the authority of the Government with me. See this card, I am allowed to go wherever I wish on agricultural land."

So the old farmer went about his farm chores. Later, the farmer heard loud screams and the Ministry of Agriculture man running for the fence; close behind was the farmer's prize bull. The bull was madder than a nest full of hornets, and it was gaining on the fleeing man at every step. "Help," the harried man shouted to the farmer. "What should I do?" he screamed helplessly. The old farmer, hooking his thumbs in his overalls, called out, "Show him your Government card!"

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[www.ontario.ca/omafra](http://www.ontario.ca/omafra)

Here you will find information on Ontario's agri-food industry and rural communities and the services and programs OMAFRA provides.

Murillo Fair Youth Dairy Show  
No entry fee. Entry deadline August 24, 2007  
Show Time: Saturday August 25, 2007 at 12 noon

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Open to youth 21 years of age and younger as of August 25, 2007.  
Exhibitors are encouraged to comply with the dress code of a white shirt and trousers- free of colours, logos, letters and labels.  
All animals must be free of disease and in good health entering the fairgrounds and during the fair or will be asked to remove such animal.  
All general rules as stated in 2007 Prize book also apply.  
Classes may be split at the discretion of the fair when the number of exhibits in a class exceeds 15 animals. If a class is split, a runoff must be held to declare one winner for the age category.  
Prize money will be given as follows:

1st	\$20	2nd	\$15	3rd	\$10	4 <sup>th</sup>	
	\$8	5th	\$7	6th	\$6	7th	
	\$5	8th	\$5	9th	\$5	10th	
\$5							

## SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP: exhibitor 11 years or under as of August 25, 2007  
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP: exhibitor 12-15 years as of August 25, 2007  
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP: exhibitor 16-21 years as of August 25, 2007  
CALF CLASSES

JUNIOR CALF: born on or after Mar 1, 2007  
INTERMEDIATE CALF: Dec 1, 2006 - Feb 28, 2007  
SENIOR CALF: Sept 1, 2006 - Nov 30, 2006

For information call Shannon 939-1013  
Entry forms available at [www.murillofair.ca](http://www.murillofair.ca)

Why Use Detectable Needles?

Terry Grajczyk, National Manager, *Quality Starts Here - Verified Beef Production (VBP)*  
Canadian Cattlemen's Association, (306) 737-2290

Detectable needles are more widely available and their use is supported by the beef industry's on-farm, food-safety program. The Canadian Cattlemen's Association's *Verified Beef Production*™ program now includes a recommendation for producers to use detectable needles.

Compared to standard aluminum needles, these ones are much firmer, stay sharper much longer and, as a result, are far more difficult to break. "Research from the original Quality Starts Here program supported the development of these needles," says provincial VBP coordinator Dan Ferguson. "Among the detectable needle types now available are two types – the Ideal D3 from Neogen and the HDN from Rivard Instruments. An early detectable needle version had some problems with breaking at the hub but the new detectable needles do not have that problem. Plus the costs have come down to that comparable with other needles."

Most traditional needles are not made of a magnetic stainless steel that makes them more detectable in processed meat. These non-magnetic versions are made of austenitic 304 stainless steel and other non-magnetic metals and alloys that are not detectable. Both types of detectable needles are now available through veterinary drug distribution centres in various sizes and lengths.

Research results from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Lacombe research station showed clear results: detection rates for conventional needles at 0 to 8%, and detection rates for detectable needles – 93 to 100%. These results are highlighted for one-inch, 16-gauge needles over several types of meat cuts.

The use of detectable needles is part of the revised Producer Manual for the *Verified Beef Production*™ program. This includes simplified standard operating procedures and recommendations geared for practicality. Check out the new manual at [www.cattle.ca/qsh/qsh/Producer%20Manual/produ](http://www.cattle.ca/qsh/qsh/Producer%20Manual/produ)

[er\\_manual.htm](#) or call a provincial VBP coordinator for more information. In Western Ontario – Ron Wooddisse, (519) 831-9429, in Eastern Ontario – Dan Ferguson, (905) 375-8551

-from Ceptor June 2007

**Recent Winnipeg Cattle Prices**

Prices on feeders have stayed fairly steady in the last month though slightly lower on the heavier weights.. Here are the price ranges for steers at Winnipeg Livestock Sales to June 22.

Over 1000 lbs.	\$	84.00 –	89.00
900 – 1000 lbs.	\$	82.00 –	95.75
800 – 900 lbs.	\$	90.00 –	108.50
700 – 800 lbs.	\$	95.00 –	114.50
600 – 700 lbs.	\$	100.00 –	124.75
500 – 600 lbs.	\$	105.00 –	137.00
400 – 500 lbs.	\$	110.00 –	138.00
under 400 lbs.	\$	110.00 -	129.00

No slaughter steer and heifer prices posted for the past month. Cows sold much the same as last month while bulls were higher. Here are the price ranges to June 22.

Choice Strs. & Hfrs.	\$	NA
Select Strs. & Hfrs.	\$	NA
Cows Dry Fed	\$	40.00 – 47.00
Good Fleshed	\$	35.00 – 41.00
Lean	\$	26.00 – 35.00

Good Bulls                   \$ 34.00 – 59.50

**The Food Security Research Network** has been successful in working with the agriculture community to develop a local stone ground grain milling operation.

Please complete a survey following the below and tell us how interested you are in buying local flour.

**[www.foodsecurityresearch.ca](http://www.foodsecurityresearch.ca)**

The results will be posted in the November *Northwest Link*.

Questions, please send an email to [fsrcn@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:fsrcn@lakeheadu.ca)

MILLING LOCAL WHEAT IN NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

# Locally Stone-Ground Flour

*A community driven project*

## The project in few words...

In order to create and diversify market opportunities and to create some new agricultural based employment in the area, we propose to run a pilot testing of milling locally grown wheat for use in retail points and by local consumers. This pilot testing would include providing samples to local bakeries, institutional kitchens such as the university, school lunch programs, hospitals etc. and local consumers; and surveying their interest in having access to locally grown wheat: specialty types, organic, non-organic and stone-ground.

This project aims to help individual farmers to adapt to structural change and capture emerging opportunities in the marketplace; to enhance self-reliance in agri-food production in Northwestern Ontario; and to foster greater cooperation among local farmers in developing new specialized varieties of wheat, strategic alliances with country and farmers' markets, local bakeries and other institutions, and partnerships with the local university to provide research marketing leadership.

This proposed project in building a local market for locally-produced and milled stone ground flour would enable local farmers to diversify their crops and to create at least two full-time and two part-time jobs as millers and marketers of the locally produced flour.

### Main steps:

- Create brand name

- Explore local potential to create flour bags
- Consult and engage with agriculture producers for shifting to food quality grain production
- Lease and set up of the equipment
- Pilot production of flour
- Distribute flour for testing consumers and retailers preferences
- Conduct large scale survey to explore the market potential for flour



*Locally Stone-Ground Flour  
Locally Grown and Milled Flour*

### Robert Groeneheide: project miller

*I believe that the Wheat Milling program will benefit both producer and consumer. The producer will gain a market that is close to home. Because of the remote location we have in Northern Ontario the producer needs a locally supported market otherwise they have to ship their product out of town at an expense and then try to compete in a market much farther away. A local market will help reduce these shipping costs and will also let the producer know exactly what the consumer requires from him.*

## Objectives of the project

### It's a win-win deal!

The project will ultimately lead to the establishment of a local wheat industry in Northwestern Ontario, and the creation of new jobs in the area which will lead to economic development. The way priority project for the sector: (i) we will create a mechanism that operates as a "smart-match" between supply and demand, and (ii) generates a multi-party benefit system:

- ☑ To the producers who have a local market that decreases the immediate cost of moving their grain to the marketplace
- ☑ To capture a new market that holds promise for increased local production of specialty wheat varieties.
- ☑ To local commercial users who can develop niche markets for local breads and pastries from specialty wheat varieties.

☑ To non-profit institutions who are promoting better environmental practices through food localism

☑ To local family consumers who want to purchase locally grown products.

### How can the agricultural producer help this project succeed?

We have our 2007 season wheat in production. We need to know who is willing to produce food grade wheat for 2008. This would involve small or large acreages under production of food grade wheat, alongside our commitment to purchase.

Contact, and find out if you are interested in being a part of this project, supplying the grain or otherwise.



### Food Security Research Network *in and for the North*

The Food Security Research Network is the principal partner in this project. Funding through AAC (Agriculture Adaptation Council) has been obtained in May 2007. The money will help design and implement the main steps of the project.

For further information please contact the Food Security Research Network at: (807) 343-8447, (807) 343-8388, or at [fsrn@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:fsrn@lakeheadu.ca) or visit our website: [www.foodsecurityresearch.ca](http://www.foodsecurityresearch.ca)

