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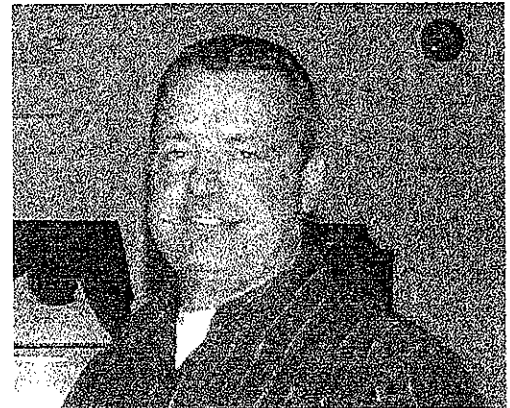
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Former ORRSCIA President 2008 Innovative Farmer of the Year

Rick Schouten of Richmond received the honour from the Innovative Farmers' Association of Ontario last month.

Rick and his brother, Ed and Ed's son Chris, operate a 3,500 acre dairy and cash crop farm, milking 530 head. Cornerview Farms has always been out front, trying new things - some that work and some that don't. The farm was among the first to recycle water in its dairy barn.

As well as managing the farms' accounting, cropping and mechanical repairs he is well known for his experiments in modifying equipment to fit the farm's needs. Visitors come from around the world to see how they get things done.



"We are always open to visitors and discussing what works and what doesn't." The local, regional and provincial Soil and Crop Improvement Associations have been extremely lucky to have benefited from Rick's involvement.

Conservation Ontario E-bulletin Now Available

The first issue of Conservation Ontario's E-bulletin entitled *Conservation Ontario E-News* is now available. This newsletter provides information and updates on issues about Conservation Authorities. Conservation Ontario represents Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities.

Conservation Ontario E-News is distributed every two months. To **subscribe** or **unsubscribe** go to www.conservation-ontario.on.ca

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On March 18, the Ottawa Carleton Soil & Crop Improvement Association held a breakfast meeting at Royal's Restaurant Dining Lounge in Richmond, purchasing breakfast for all who attended.

Guest speaker John Molenhuis, Business Analyst & Cost of Production Lead with OMAFRA delivered a presentation on Field Crop Budgeting for 2008.

Watch for details of the next event!!!

Grenville SCIA

President -

Bryan Cook
613-658-5580

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613-269-4226

Watch for details of
Farm Comes To Town
And

Grenville Farm Family Day
In future newsletters

Forage Survey Complete

As of March 10 Kemptville College (University of Guelph) has stopped collecting responses for the Forage Survey. The research appears to have gone well and they have had many responses to the survey from a wide variety of producers. In total there were 1218 responses although responses varied for each of the questions. For the basic identification question (postal code, type of producer, etc...) they had well over 1,000 responses and had good response numbers for questions about forage quality, dry hay purchased/sold, and inputs used on forage. Some questions

that had a particularly low response were the question about silage and silage storage.

They are expecting that the final report will be published this summer so any questions you might have about the data will be answered in full in that report. The Ontario Forage Council Newsletter in April will most likely carry a 1-page story on the study so that there is some follow up and so that producers see some value and some of the results from the survey.

Thanks again to all who participated in the survey.

Lanark SCIA

Lanark Soil & Crop Improvement Association
2007 Seed & Forage Show Results

Class	Description	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
16	Spring Wheat	Twin Peaks	Andrew Dawson	John Nanne
12	Oats	Ray Halpenny	Jockbrae Farms	
50	Analysis Class	Twin Peaks	Taylea Farms	John Nanne
15	6 Row Barley	Ray Halpenny	Taylea Farms	
24	Soybeans	John Nanne	Taylea Farms	Twin Peaks
46	Early potatoes	Taylea Farms		
47	Late potatoes	Taylea Farms		
41b	2 nd cut Baled Haylage	Jockbrae Farms	Ray Halpenny	
34	1 st Cut Legume/Grass	John Nanne	Twin Peaks	Ray Halpenny
35	1 st Cut Grass	Donald Miller	Ray Halpenny	John Nanne
36	2 nd Cut Alfalfa	Twin Peaks	John Nanne	Donald Miller
37	2 nd Cut Legume/Grass	Twin Peaks	Mervin Hunt	Ray Halpenny
39	Round Bale 2 nd Cut	Ray Halpenny		
40	Haylage	Jockbrae Farms	John Nanne	Donald Miller
41a	Round Bale Haylage	Jockbrae Farms		
43	Corn Silage	John Nanne	Taylea Farms	Twin Peaks
44	10 Ears Corn	John Nanne	Robert Campbell	Taylea Farms
45	Shelled Corn	Taylea Farms	Ray Halpenny	John Nanne
48	Bin Run Corn	Taylea Farms	Mervin Hunt	John Nanne
50	Export Hay 1 st Cut	John Nanne	Donald Miller	Jockbrae Farms
50	Export Hay 2 nd Cut	John Nanne	Twin Peaks	Ray Halpenny

Grand Champion - Ray Halpenny

Reserve Champion - John Nanne

Lanark held a very successful Seed and Forage Show again this year. Thank you to M & P Farm Enterprises, Almonte for hosting the show in conjunction with their Customer Appreciation Day. Entries were down slightly but still a very good turnout of entries and exhibitors. There were several pieces of equipment and displays to view during the day. Our guest speaker, Fred Evans from Greenfield Ethanol, gave us an update on the construction at Prescott and the current market conditions. Thanks to all of the contributors of prizes and to the set-up committee.



Special thanks to Scotiabank and M & P for a delicious lunch!!!

Details of the July Twilight Meeting will be in the June newsletter.

President: Douglas Conboy (613) 326-0938

Secretary-Treasurer: Robert Campbell (613) 267-6461

Frontenac SCIA

Frontenac 2008 Seed & Forage Show Results

Thank you to all of our Sponsors for making this another successful show & competition.

Class	Description	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
14	Barley 2 row	Gary Gordon	Wayne Grant	
15	Barley 6 row	Gary Gordon	Mallenmar Farms	Wayne Grant
16	Spring Wheat	Jack Broeders		
24	Soybeans	Jack Broeders		
31b	High Moisture Corn	Mallenmar Farms	Lloyd Orser	
32	1 st Cut Alfalfa 85%+	Gary Gordon	Jeremy Posthumus	
33	1 st Cut Legume 85%+not alfalfa	Gary Gordon		
34	1 st Cut Legume/Grass	Gary Gordon	Jeremy Posthumus	Wayne Grant
35	1 st Cut Grass 85%+	Mallenmar Farms	Gary Gordon	Jeremy Posthumus
36	2 nd Cut Legume 85%+	Gary Gordon	Jack Broeders	Mike Grainger
37	2 nd Cut Leg-	Lloyd Orser	Gary Gordon	Mallenmar Farms
38	Large Square or	Gary Gordon	Kevin Bovey	Lloyd Orser
39	Large Square or	Gary Gordon	Henry Posthumus	Lloyd Orser
41a	Round Bale Haylage 1 st Cut	Gary Gordon	Charlie Cumpson	
41b	Round Bale Haylage 2 nd Cut	Henry Posthumus	Shawn Mosier	Raymond Shannon
43	Corn Silage	Lloyd Orser	Gordon Gordon	Shawn Mosier
44	10 Ears Corn	Mallenmar Farms	Gary Gordon	Gary Gordon
45	Shelled Corn	Gary Gordon	Mallenmar Farms	Raymond Shannon
46	Early potatoes	Gary Gordon	Gary Gordon	
47	Late potatoes	Gary Gordon		
50-1	Small Bale - Hay 1 st Cut-tested	Gary Gordon		
50-2	Small Bale - Hay 2 nd Cut-tested	Gary Gordon		
51a	Export Hay 1 st Cut	Gary Gordon		
51b	Export Hay 2 nd Cut	Gary Gordon		

Renfrew SCIA -

75th ANNUAL RENFREW COUNTY SEED, FORAGE AND AGRIBUSINESS SHOW**AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

Award of Merit - Presented annually to persons who have shown a genuine concern for and who have made an outstanding contribution to the general welfare of agriculture within their community as selected by the county soil and crop improvement associations who make up the Ottawa Rideau Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

The Award of Merit for 2008 is being presented to **Bob Cotnam** for his many years of service as Director of the Renfrew County Soil and Crop and for his 3 years as Ont. Soil and Crop Director for Renfrew, Lanark and Ottawa Carleton.

Longtime Service Award - In recognition of his many years as Member and Director of the Renfrew County Soil and Crop Improvement Association: **Bob Stuart**

Soil Conservation Sign - For continued efforts in soil and water conservation by the use of conservation tillage, minimum till and no-till on his farm: **Murray Crozier - Renfrew**

Bank of Montreal Silver Tray - Grand Champion Exhibit of the show.
Presented by Mary Harris - **Winner - Kirk Young**

Lanark Mutual Insurance Co. Award - Reserve Grand Champion Exhibit of the show.
Presented by Alex Cuthbertson - **Winner - Grace Reid**

The Scotiabank Award - For the Champion Hay Exhibit. **Winner - David Reid**

Barclay Dick Trophy - For the Champion Pedigreed Exhibit. **Winner - Larry Reaburn**

M&R Feeds and Farm Supply - For the Grand Champion Exhibit in the Junior Section.
Winner - Kirk Young

Millar Feed and Seed Ltd. Award - Reserve Grand Champion Exhibit in the Junior Section.
Winner - Grace Reid

Renfrew Lions Club - an award for the Grand Champion Exhibit from the Junior classes, 60 to 70.
Winner - Emily Schultz

Barclay and Eva Dick Memorial Award - \$25.00 to the First Time Exhibitor with the highest placing exhibit.
Winner: Kirk Young

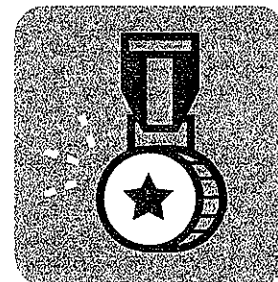
Pickseed Company - Mac McLaren /Stirling McKibbon Memorial Award - for the Champion Forage Exhibit in the Junior Classes. **Winner: Kirk Young**

Special Export Hay Class - 1st cut square bale
Sponsored by **John A. Burnett Farm Equipment Ltd.** Renfrew - \$50 \$30 \$20 \$10
Winners: 1 JA-AR Farms; 2 David Reid

Special Export Hay Class - 2nd. Cut square bale.
Sponsored by **Ken and Tom Barr** - \$50 \$30 \$20 \$10
Winners: 1 Schultz Farms; 2 David Reid; 3 JA-AR Farms

Special: High Moisture Ground Corn Class - Sponsored by **Harvex Agromart**
Winners: 1 Forest Valley Holsteins; 2 Tom Agnew; 3 Twin Creek;
4 Schultz Farms;

Special: High Moisture Corn Cob Meal - Sponsored by **Harvex Agromart**
Winners: 1 Nagel Farms; 2 Ourquest Farms



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to Tirecraft for
helping with
the cost of the
banquet!*

Leeds SCIA 2008 Seed & Forage Show Results

Class	Description	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place
AA	High Moisture Corn, Processed	Alex Oosterhof	Chantland Farms	Don Gordon
BB	High Moisture Corn, Whole	Sid Vanderwerf	Bill & Mike Dwyre	Roosburg Farms
12	Oats	Lee & Wendy Grant		
14	2 Row Barley	Alex Oosterhof	Don Gordon	
15	6 Row Barley	Scott Modler	George Webster	Scott Jackson
16	Spring Wheat	Sid Vanderwerf		
18	Hard Winter Wheat	Ross Hawkins	Chantland Farms	
24	Soybeans	Gunnebrooke Farms	George Webster	Sid Vanderwerf
32	1 st Cut Alfalfa	Bill & Mike Dwyre	Vogeldale Farm	Scott Jackson
34	1 st Cut Legume/Grass	Vogeldale Farm	Bill & Mike Dwyre	Alex Oosterhof
35	1 st Cut Grass	Vogeldale Farm	Bill & Mike Dwyre	Sid Vanderwerf
36	2 nd Cut Alfalfa	Vogeldale Farm	Bill & Mike Dwyre	Scott Jackson
37	2 nd Cut Legume/Grass	Lee & Wendy Grant	Bill & Mike Dwyre	Vogeldale Farm
38	Round/Square Bale-1 st Cut	Don Gordon		
39	Round/Square Bale 2 nd Cut	Don Gordon		
40	Haylage	Scott Modler	Gunnebrooke Farm	Alex Oosterhof
41a	Round Bale Haylage 1 st Cut	Lee & Wendy Grant		
41b	2 nd cut Baled Haylage	Gunnebrooke Farm	Roosburg Farms	
42	Oat/Barley Silage	Bill & Mike Dwyre		
43	Corn Silage	Scott Modler	Scott Jackson	Gunnebrooke Farm
44	10 Ears Corn	George Webster	Bill & Mike Dwyre	Scott Jackson
45	Shelled Corn	Scott Jackson	Vogeldale Farm	Bill & Mike Dwyre
46	Early potatoes	Bruce Teepell	Corn Acres	
48	Bin Run Corn	Chantland Farms	Scott Jackson	Bill & Mike Dwyre
50	Analysis Class	Vogeldale Farm	Bill & Mike Dwyre	
51a	Export Hay 1 st Cut	Bill & Mike Dwyre	Scott Jackson	
51b	Export Hay 2 nd Cut	Vogeldale Farm	Scott Jackson	Bill & Mike Dwyre
61	4H Club Exhibit	Lombardy 4H Dairy club	Grenville 4H Rare Breeds	
62	4H Member Exhibit	Matthew Welch		

Frontenac Bison Producer New ORRSCIA President

Jason Pyke, a Wolfe Island bison farmer has been elected as the Ottawa Rideau Regional SCIA President. Raised on a dairy farm on Wolfe Island, Jason moved to Gananoque in 1992 to help operate another dairy operation owned by his parents Grant and Margaret Pyke. While living in Gananoque, he was introduced to his future wife, Christina Jackson. Both of them graduated from the U of G in 1995 with a diploma in Agriculture.

Not sure that dairy farming was the direction they wanted to continue with, they took a 5 week trip in the summer of 1995 through the northern U.S. states to the west coast and Vancouver Island coming back through the Canadian provinces. It was on this trip they were first introduced to the bison industry. By 1998 they were selling bison meat raised on their farm and shortly thereafter began selling leather products made from the bison hides.

In 1996, the milk quota was sold, a herd of 30 bison was purchased and brought to

Wolfe Island and they were married. Jason and Christina purchased the farm from his parents in 2001, the same year their first child, Jack, was born followed by Chloe in 2003. Today there are 125 bison on the farm with another 40 calves expected this spring. The market has outgrown the number of animals being finished on the farm and requires raising additional animals to supply the demand for this lean, healthy red meat. Meat and leather products are sold through farm gate sales, local restaurants, meat shops and farmers markets in Kingston and Ottawa (Lansdowne Park on Sundays May thru Oct).

Their operation also includes 750 acres of cash crops, soybeans, wheat, and corn under primarily no-till conditions, as well as 250 acres of hay, on a combination of owned and rented land. Some custom cropping for a few neighbours is also a part of their summer routine for a number of years.

Currently Jason is president of the Ontario Bison Association representing 30 to 40 bison producers in the province. He is also a director and vice-president of



the Wolfe Island Plowman's Association, a very active organization which will be hosting the Canadian Plowing Competition on Wolfe Island this August 27th to the 30th. Jason plans to continue as an active director in the Frontenac County SCIA, completing a three year term as president in 2006. The Ottawa Rideau Regional SCIA is looking forward to Jason's enthusiastic leadership for the next two years.

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Monsanto Canada 2008 Opportunity Scholarship Program

Monsanto Canada has released details of its 2008 Opportunity Scholarship program for grade 12 graduating students from farm families who plan to pursue post-secondary education in agriculture or forestry.

2008 Monsanto Canada Opportunity Scholarships are available to eligible students entering their first year of post-secondary education in agricultural sciences or forestry at a recognized Canadian educational institution. In 2008, Monsanto will award approximately 50 to 60 deserving students with a \$1,500 scholarship to help pay for their studies. Entering its 17th year, the Monsanto Canada Opportunity Scholarship Program has awarded almost \$1 million to thousands of deserving students since

the program's inception in 1991.

"Our scholarship program continues to grow and it is certainly one of the most rewarding programs we provide through our corporate giving program," said Trish Jordan, public affairs director with Monsanto Canada. "Every year we are impressed by the achievements and commitment of the students who apply and it is terrific to see the very best and brightest wanting to pursue careers in agriculture or forestry."

Monsanto Canada Opportunity Scholarships are available to students who meet the following criteria:

Students must come from a family farm and/or forestry background with confirmed plans to enrol in their first year of post-secondary education in an agricultural sciences or forestry program;

Students must have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership capabilities, and a keen interest and involvement in their rural community;

Students must submit a completed application form, which includes an essay that outlines what area of agriculture or forestry they would like to work in and why;

All completed application forms must be post-marked no later than May 16, 2008.

Scholarship application forms and posters were distributed to high schools, 4H clubs, provincial and federal agriculture offices, farm retail outlets and seed companies.

Application forms are also available from Monsanto's CustomCare line at 1-800-667-4944 or they can be accessed online at www.monsanto.ca

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At

www.agricorp.com/en-ca/

Field Crop issues or questions?
Contact Cropline at

1-888-449-0937

OMAFRA crops webpage:

www.omafr.gov.on.ca/english/crops/index.html

Eastern Ontario Crop Diagnostic Day

July 15, 2008

Winchester Research
Station,

University of Guelph,
Winchester

Registration 8:30 am

Contact OMAFRA
Kemptville 613-258-8295

Regional News

Ottawa Rideau Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Association

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Alt -

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Alt - Rita Vogel

RenfrewJennifer Doelman

Alt - Ian McGregor

OSCIA Provincial Directors

Bob Cotnam (Lanark, Ottawa-Carleton,
Renfrew)

Alan Kruzel (Grenville)

Max Kaiser (Frontenac, Leeds)

OMAFRA Crop Technology Contact:

Scott Banks, Emerging Crops Specialist

Local OSCIA Program Representatives

OSCIA Program Representatives will be assisting with the delivery of the NMFAP. The following is the contact list for Eastern Ontario.

Carleton, Dundas, Grenville, Lanark -

Arlene Ross 613-821-3900

Frontenac - John Wise 613-378-2583

Leeds - Rita Vogel 613-275-2956

Renfrew - Glen Smith 613-628-2987

**Glengarry - Lyall McLaughlin
613-347-2244**

**Prescott-Russell - Micheline Begin
613-679-8867**

**Stormont - Barbara Ann Glaude
613-984-2398**

Info Source

Keep up to date on Soil and Crop events across the province by joining the listserv. Visit www.ontariosoilcrop.org for information.

Nutrient Management 2008 Training Courses: Fee structure varies. To register call the Nutrient Management Information Line: 1-866-242-4460 www.omafr.gov.on.ca/english/nm/cert/courses.htm

Ontario Pesticide Education Program, Ridgetown College, University of Guelph. Phone 1-800-652-8573 or 519-674-1580 Fax: 519-674-1589 or Email: opec@ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca www.opec.ca/growertraining/Courses.cfm

Latest information from the Ontario Forage Council www.ontarioforagecouncil.com

Crop-Pest Ontario can be found at www.gov.on.ca/OMAF/english/crops/field/news/#croppest

"Programs and Services for Ontario Farmers" - a Factsheet that gives a short overview and the contact locations for the many programs available. To view <http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/busdev/facts/o4-051.htm>

The Resources Management Branch has updated information on the Environmental Web page of the OMAF website. It now reflects many of the new local incentives that are in place with new municipal, Great Lakes and other funding through Conservation Authorities and Stewardship Councils. http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/environment/water/clean_water_incentives.htm

National BSE Repositioning Strategy - Set-Aside Programs - for either the Fed Cattle Set-aside program or the Feeder Cattle Set-aside Program call 1-888-292-5856 for the details.

BSE Helpline (Advice from OMAF specialists) call 1-888-292-5856



Upcoming Events

March 26 -
Grower
Pesticide
Safety
Course,
Harrows-
mith, 8:45

am – 3:30 pm Cost \$85, Register with Ontario Pesticide Education Program, Ridgetown, 1-800-652-8573

March 27 - Growing your Opportunities and Your Business One-day Workshop, Best Western, Renfrew Inn, 760 Gibbons Road, Renfrew, 9 am – 3 pm, Contact Alastair Baird, 613-735-0091 ext 466 or Email abaird@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

March 28 - Profitable Pastures - Almonte; Building A Profitable Sustainable Farm"; speaker Don Campbell, Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan; pre-registration required \$35; 1-877-892-8663 or email:

info@ontarioforagecouncil.com

March 29 - Grower Pesticide Safety Course, Bells Corners (Nepean), 8:45 am – 3:30 pm, Separate Exam 3:30 pm Cost \$85, Register with Ontario Pesticide Education Program, Ridgetown, 1-800-652-8573

April 2 - Renfrew County National Farmers Union Annual Meeting, Sacred Heart Church Hall, Cobden, Guest Speaker: Grant Robertson, NFU Ontario Coordinator, Contact Dave Mackay, President 613-582-7379

April 2 - Farm Comes to Town, Renfrew Armouries, Renfrew Contact Steve Schultz, Chairperson 613-649-2346 or Email sschultz@nrtco.net

April 3 - Grower Pesticide Safety Exam Only, Kemptville, 12:45 pm Cost \$85, Register with Ontario Pes-

ticide Education Program, Ridgetown, 1-800-652-8573

April 5 - Beef Day hosted by Dundas County Cattleman's Association and OMAFRA, Winchester Community Centre, Winchester. All cattleman from Eastern Ontario are welcomed. 10 am – 3 pm, Cost \$20 includes hot beef dinner with prepaid pre-registration by March 20th. To register contact Nancy Woeldike 613-989-3049

April 12 - Grower Pesticide Safety Course, Pakenham, 8:45 am – 3:30 pm Cost \$85, Register with Ontario Pesticide Education Program, Ridgetown, 1-800-652-8573

April 12 - Children's Farm Safety Workshop for ages 6 to 18, Admaston Township Public School, 9 am – 3 pm, Cost \$2. Contact 613-432-6317 or Email liclelland@nrtco.net

April 17 - Grower Pesticide Safety Course, Kemptville, 8:45 am – 3:30 pm, Separate Exam 3:30 pm, Cost \$85, Register with Ontario Pesticide Education Program, Ridgetown, 1-800-652-8573

April 23/April 30/May 7/May 14 - Intermediate Organic Gardening Course sponsored by the Canadian Organic Growers – Ottawa Chapters, Just Food and the City of Ottawa, Sandy Hill Community Centre, 250 Somerset East, Cost \$62.50 for four-week course or \$25 per 2 hour session, Register with Bruno at Sandy Hill Community Centre, 613-564-1062 or Contact COG – Ottawa 613-244-4000, ext. 5 or visit www.cog.ca/ottawa/index.html

May 10 - Pembroke Farmer's Market Spring Smorgasbord Fundraiser, Cost \$15 or \$18 at door. Contact Maureen Sheedy, 613-646-7878 or Email: soap@opeongo.com

Monthly Meeting Schedule

Arnprior Region Federation of Agriculture Meetings are second Monday of each month. 8 pm. Galetta Community Hall. Contact Sharon Foran 613-832-4667 or

afortan@sympatico.ca

Lanark Federation of Agriculture Meetings are FIRST Thursday of each month. 8:00 pm. Beckwith Township Hall, Blacks Corners.

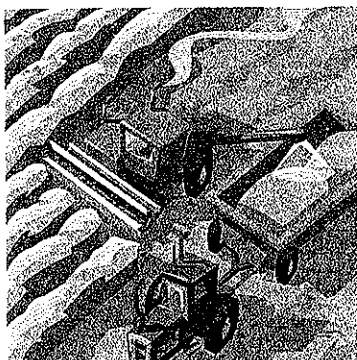
Renfrew Federation of Agriculture Meetings are fourth Monday of each month. 7:30 pm at Opeongo High School.

Renfrew County National Farmers Union meets monthly. Contact NFU 613-582-7462 or 613-649-8211 for date and location.

Renfrew Plowmen's Association Meetings are fourth Thursday of each month at White Water Community Health Centre, 70 Main Street, Cobden at 7:30 pm. Contact Norman Eady 613-432-4200 or Marg Crozier 613-432-2560.

Regional Projects for Consideration - Scott Banks

At the recent meeting of the Ottawa Rideau Regional SCIA, directors were brought up to date by Scott Banks about the possible Research Projects being considered for 2008.



- Proline on Wheat
- Fungicide Wheat (Stratego)
- Mn on Wheat
- Corn N-Calculator
- Fungicide on Corn
- Seed Insecticide Fungicide on Soy's
- Fungicide Soy
- Soy Sentinel Plots
- Smart Soys
- Soybean Aphid Control

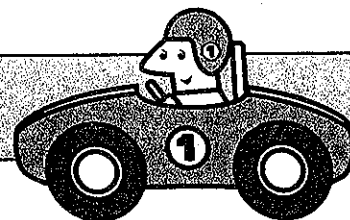
- Brown Rootrot of Alfalfa
- Alfalfa Snout Beetle Survey
- Nitrogen + Manure on Corn
- Corn Population 40,000

If any one is interested in participating in any of these plots or would like more information about the project, please contact Scott Banks, Emerging Crops Specialist at:

(613) 258-8359 Office
 (613) 258-8392 Fax
 (613) 294-4436 Cell

Scott.Banks@ontario.ca

Tips On Pumping Gas



I don't know what you guys are paying for gasoline.... but here in California we are also paying higher, up to \$3.50 per gallon. But my line of work is in petroleum for about 31 years now, so here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every gallon.

Here at the Kinder Morgan Pipeline where I work in San Jose, CA we deliver about 4 million gallons in a 24-hour period thru the pipeline. One day is diesel the next day is jet fuel, and gasoline, regular and premium grades. We have 34-storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 gallons.

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening....your gallon is not exactly a gallon.

In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role. A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. In slow mode you should be pumping on low speed, thereby minimizing

the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL. The reason for this is, the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount.

Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up - most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

Hope this will help you get the most value for your money.

DO SHARE THESE TIPS WITH OTHERS!

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