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IPM 2009 Shows Off at the IPM 2008

By Darlene Bowen, IPM Coordinator

The 2009 Temiskaming International Plowing Match was front and center at the IPM 2008 in Teeswater this past week. More than 100 volunteers spent the entire week manning the information booth, selling souvenirs or booking RV sites. Many spent time touring the match, taking pictures and meeting with the organizers of IPM 2008 to ensure there was a complete record of everything that needs to be done for next year.



The week started in true IPM style... with lots of mud. When we arrived on Sunday many of our volunteers discovered that the RV Park was closed due to... you guessed it... mud! Hundreds of trailers were in the holding area and others were being rerouted to local quarries, the arena and anywhere else they could find parking spots. Our group was unfazed by the problems, but quickly realized that we needed to have a very strong Plan "B" in case a hurricane should blow into Temiskaming as it did in Bruce County.

On Monday morning the truck and trailer carrying all of our literature and souvenirs had to be towed into the match, only to find that our tent had no walls and a very muddy floor. By noon we had the walls up and by 5 o'clock we had the booth set up and everything ready for opening day on Tuesday morning

Opening day brought sunny skies and by late afternoon the mud was a distant memory, never to be seen again for the duration of IPM 2008.

Over the course of five days we sold souvenirs and handed out information to visitors from across Canada and the United States. Attendance at the Match reached 84,000 and we had a good chance to invite many of them to Northern Ontario in 2009. We were located in the TriCounty Tent, along with the 2010 host - Elgin County and the 2011 host - the amalgamated Counties of Prescott Russell.

Everyone we met were excited about attending the Match in Temiskaming and many are planning to holiday here before and after the match to enjoy the many attractions of Northern Ontario.

If you are planning to book an RV spot for 2009 in our 2500 site RV Park, please call 705-647-6380 and speak with the RV registration volunteers - Rolly and Lois Forget.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT
www.ipm2009.net

If you need information please call our office at 1-877-647-6910

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NEOSCIA News

By Janet Parsons



Alvin Brooks, director from Halton, Peel and York region, and his wife Brenda spent a day touring West Nipissing on the way to the OSCIA board meeting in Algoma. Here they are shown with John Parsons of Sturgeon Falls.

The NEOSCIA summer meeting and tour was hosted by Algoma district on August 6, 2008. After the meeting in Bruce Mines, the group toured very impressive fields, including corn plots at Vic Fremlins, winter wheat fields at Paul Oikaris and alfalfa forage at Hillstroms. Les and Pauline Hillstrom hosted the lunch and provided the site for the GPS/auto steer demonstration by Jordon Wallace of GPS Ontario.

The number one use of GPS is for spraying. Tillage and fertilizer application are close behind. Proper application of fertilizer and sprays saves fuel and input costs. A GPS auto steer system is eligible for funding under EFP and the Canada-Ontario Farm Stewardship Cost share Program. Call your local EFP co-ordinator for details.

The NEOSCIA board of directors will be having a fall conference call to finalize the constitution and prepare for the election

of the first Northeastern Ontario board member to OSCIA under the new provincial constitution.

Murray and Norma Cochrane put on a real 'show' for OSCIA board members attending the summer board meeting in Algoma. Murray had picture-perfect corn fields flanking the site of the outdoor barbeque and the sun shone making for a glorious evening.

Many of the OSCIA directors had never been to northern Ontario so this was an opportunity to see what's going on up here...a prelude to the International Ploughing Match next fall in Earlton.

Many directors took time to extend their visit and stopped in at Science North in Sudbury as well as other attractions. This was an opportunity to showcase northern Ontario and I'd like to thank Murray and Norma for being such wonderful hosts.

NEOSCIA Members *Classifieds*

Are you a member of your local Soil & Crop Improvement Association in Northern Ontario? If so, that membership entitles you to one free classified ad each year. Subsequent ads will cost \$10.00 per issue. Next deadline is November 01, 2008.

Note that the editor may "shrink" the amount of info in any given ad due to space limitations in a specific issue.

For more information, Contact Graham Gambles, editor, at 705-672-3105 or e-mail to gamblesgraham@yahoo.ca



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Office (NORO)**

Upcoming local events:

1. DAIRY SEMINAR

October 28, 2008 – Verner

October 29, 2008 – Earlton "Grand

Boulevard from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm

Are you having problems with feed quality this year? Come out to this interactive event where Mario Mongeon, bilingual livestock specialist and Ron Lackie, Feed Ingredients and Byproducts Feeding Specialist with OMAFRA will be speaking on the topic of feed quality and how to deal with some of the challenges. If you have feed analysis done, please let me know so that the specialists can be made aware of specific issues for the region.

2. GROWING YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

November 29th, 2008

9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Canadian Hearing Society.

1233 Paris St., Sudbury.

There will be some great speakers from the North as well as from the rest of Ontario. The focus is on capturing Local Food Opportunities in Northern Ontario. For further information, contact: 1-800-461-6132.

Upcoming Provincial Events:

North American Beef Congress

October 31 – November 2, 2008

Western Fair, London. Watch for details on the 2008 show at <http://www.northamericanbeefcongress.com/>

ANNUAL SHEEP SEMINARS – LIVING WITH PARASITES 'TAKE CONTROL'

November 11th, 2008 – Atwood, Elma Memorial Community Centre

November 13th, 2008 – Napanee, Napanee Lion's Community Hall

8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Program highlights:

- Speakers from the UK and France
- Effects of parasites on sheep
- Important worm facts
- Current control principles
- What is *Cysticercus ovis*?
- Drenches & drench resistance

- New strategies for control
- Preventing coccidiosis

Early registration (up to November 5th)
- \$42.00 (includes 5% GST, lunch and proceedings)

Late registration (after November 5th)
- \$57.75 (includes 5% GST, lunch and proceedings)

To register, call 1-877-424-1300.

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

November 7- 15, 2008

Visit <http://www.royalfair.org/> for further information

Great Lakes Community Shared Agriculture Conference 2008

November 21 - 23, 2008

Geneva Park Conference Centre, Orillia

The theme for the conference is "Seeding the Future, Growing Together!" For more information, visit www.csaconference2008.ca

New Business

Premier's Innovation Awards Program Invites New Applications

Innovators in the province's agriculture and food industry are encouraged to apply for awards under the Premier's Agri-Food Innovation Excellence Award program, now accepting applications until December 1, 2008.

The \$2.5-million, five-year program (currently in its third year) was established to recognize innovators who contribute to the success of Ontario's agri-food sector.

The awards program includes the Premier's Award (up to \$100,000), the Minister's Award (up to \$50,000) and up to 55 regional awards of \$5,000 each.

Program applications must be received by December 1, 2008, and will be reviewed by two independent panels made up of representatives from across Ontario's agri-food industry.

Additional information and application forms are available on the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs [website](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/premier_award/). Download your guidebook and [application](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/premier_award/) for the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation. On the website at: http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/premier_award/

Examples of types of innovation include but are not limited to:

- improved farm practices
- responding to consumer demands
- environmental stewardship

- health and safety on the farm
- energy innovations
- education and marketing of agriculture to society, and
- local food.

The Ontario Market Investment Fund (OMIF)

The Ontario Market Investment Fund program is a 4-year \$12 million provincial initiative to promote consumer awareness of Ontario-produced foods and encourage Ontarians to buy locally.

The objectives of the Ontario Market Investment Fund are to develop opportunities through trade events, marketing campaigns and industry research initiatives that foster partnerships and collaboration for the promotion of Ontario foods.

How to apply

In order to be considered for funding under the Ontario Market Investment Fund applicants must complete an application form that includes details on the need for the project, its purpose, objectives and benefits and information on performance measurement in the short and longer term.

Information and application forms

are available on our website at www.ontario.ca/omif

Who may apply?

The Ontario Market Investment Fund encourages collaboration and partnerships. Individuals or individual businesses are not eligible to apply as sole applicants.

Eligible projects

The Ontario Market Investment Fund will support innovative market research, communications and/or marketing projects that encourage Ontarians to buy locally-produced foods.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Market Research
- Development of Market Opportunities
- Communication Initiatives
- Consumer or Trade Events
- Funding

Projects are cost-shared with the provincial government investing up to 50 per cent of the project's eligible cost. Grants of up to \$100,000 per approved project are available. In-kind contributions are not eligible for cost-sharing.

Eligible expenditures include, but are not limited to:

- Market research designed to increase understanding of consumer and trade channel demands and sector capabilities

Who is Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc.

By Colleen Smith-Robinson, Executive Director, Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc.

1. Who is Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. and what is its role

Ontario Agri-Food Education is the source for trusted, non-biased, and factual resources to raise agricultural awareness among JK to grade 12 students in a way that meets Ontario curriculum requirements. Our potential audience includes 2.2 million students in Ontario. Our credibility is earned through delivery of services by:

- educational consultants working across the Province
- talents and insights of knowledgeable staff
- input of commodity groups, agricultural fair boards and the

agricultural industry at large

2. What are the future goals of Ontario Agri-Food Education? How do we intend to get there?

- We will continue to build strong alliances within agriculture and with the educational infrastructure of Ontario.
- Growing our outreach outside of traditional parameters, we can have an important impact on the development of leadership and mentoring initiatives among the youth of today - linking them to career opportunities of tomorrow in the agricultural industry.
- We are uniquely positioned to

build links between Corporate Canada and the agricultural sector through innovative communication platforms and build/strengthen relationships in the business sector.

- We plan to mobilize innovative thinkers to develop traditional and non-traditional initiatives under the umbrella of being sensitive to the voices of all of our stakeholders.

3. What is the call to action?

Go to the website www.oafe.org to keep up-to-date on our initiatives.

See more on OAFE on page #6 (e-Bulletin).

NEW HAY LISTINGS SERVICE

In July, 2008, the ONTARIO FORAGE COUNCIL officially launched a new service for the forage industry. The "Ontario Hay Listings Service" is now available at the website www.ontariohaylistings.ca and it is free of charge.

Both hay producers and purchasers have often commented that there is a real need for a hay (and straw) listing service in Ontario. This site has been designed with dial-up users in mind, and with the objective of being as simplistic, yet efficient as possible. Their mission is to provide an easy and effective process of bringing hay producers and buyers together. It will create an awareness across Ontario, as well as in Western Canada and the U.S. of the potential supply of quality hay that is available.

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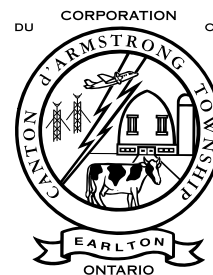
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Breaking Ground (in Northeastern Ontario)

“Growing Your Opportunities”

NEWS RELEASE

SUDBURY -- Northern Ontario Agri-Food Education & Marketing (NOAFEM), with the assistance of FedNor, the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, will be presenting “GROWing Your Opportunities” Conference on Saturday, November 29. The conference will focus on Capturing Local Food Opportunities -- in Northern Ontario.

The keynote address: “Local Food -- Focusing on the Farmer” will feature Margaret Webb, journalist, author of Apples to Oysters: A Food Lover’s Tour of Canadian Farms and a promoter of local foods. The morning panel, Make It Happen -- success in reaching retail, will feature Raymond Savage manager of Co-operative Regionale de Nipissing/Sudbury; Dan Poulin of Don Poulin Potatoes Inc., Sudbury District; Troy Isaac of Last Mountain Berry Farms, Algoma District; and Will Samis of the Penokean Hills Farms Beef Producers, Algoma District.

Following a hot lunch, Dorene Collins and Carl Fletcher of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs will update attendees on The What? The Who? And The Why! Understanding food and Value Added Regulations.

Rose Diebolt, owner of Garden’s Gate Restaurant in Tehkummah, Manitoulin Island, and Nancy Guppy, Guppy’s Landing, Nipissing District, will address “Filling The Order – from farm to the plate.” Wrapping up the afternoon will be a discussion of distribution models, Rebuilding The Middle – innovative distribution models. This panel will feature Diana Bockus of the Food Buyers’ Group, Thunder Bay District; Mark Trealout of Kawartha Ecological Growers, and Dave Lewington, Dalew Farm, Sudbury District.

This exciting conference will take place at the Canadian Hearing Society, 1233 Paris Street, Sudbury. The registration fee of \$20, due by November 3, includes a hot lunch. The application form is available online at www.norontagrifood.org or by calling 1-705-694-4396. Mission: Northern Ontario Agri-Food Education & Marketing Inc. educates consumers, processors and retailers on the agri-food industry in Northern Ontario, while assisting producers with marketing initiatives.



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- Project management costs related to the delivery of the project

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Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. (OAFE) announces \$450,000 for projects under their Healthy Eating Program Request for Proposals

Ontario Agri-Food Education (OAFE) has announced \$450,000 to spend on a Healthy Eating Program and is looking for groups such as marketing boards, co-operatives and associations to help spend the money.

The goal is to promote, through a number of innovative projects, the health benefits of Ontario grown food products. Eligible projects must target either students at either primary or secondary schools, or the general public and must be completed within two years of project approval.

In a news release, OAFE's Executive Director Colleen Smith-Robinson said that applicants are encouraged "to look at non-traditional partners for success."

The deadline for project submissions is Nov. 24 and details of the program can be viewed at www.oafe.org. or <http://www.oafe.org/section/view/?fnode=70>

Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program – Extended through 2008

Retrofitting an existing facility with newer equipment is natural business practice. Technological improvements often make the newer equipment more efficient

and effective than the ones you are replacing. For electricity driven equipment this is almost certainly the case.

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Everyone can help reduce energy consumption in Ontario. Through this program, your business can contribute to a cleaner environment and benefit from incentives and lowered operating costs.

What Projects Qualify?

Incentives will be available for pre-approved projects that result in measurable reductions in electrical peak demand.

These projects may be completed using energy efficient technologies prescribed by the program or may be based on innovative custom initiatives.

Project applications must be submitted for approval before December 31, 2008 and completed and functional before December 1, 2009.

Complete program details are available at this web site:

<http://business.everykilowattcounts.com/feature/ERIP/index.php>

Applications can be downloaded from this site:

<http://business.everykilowattcounts.com/feature/ERIP/forms.php>

Giant pumpkin surpasses previous record

NORTHERN ONTARIO – Northern Ontario Agri-Food Education & Marketing Inc. (NOAFEM) again sponsored an annual Giant Pumpkin Contest with weigh-ins in four locations across Northern Ontario: Central Manitoulin Public School Fair in Mindemoya, Sudbury's Anderson Farm Museum Fall Fair, Desbarats Farmers' Market, and New Liskeard Fall Fair. The contest was supported in part by funding from The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario.

The winning pumpkin, weighing 522.5 pounds, was entered at the Anderson Farm Museum's Fall Fair in Lively, successfully beating the previous record of 465 pounds. Rene Gravelle grew his winning entry at his home in Hanmer.

The largest entry in New Liskeard was won by Alexander McMillan-Pipe of New Liskeard while Dexter Bowerman of Spring Bay placed first at Central Manitoulin Public School.

In addition to Giant Pumpkin, the competition included three other categories: Most Perfect Shape, Most Unusual Shape and Smallest.

At Anderson Farm Museum, Ryan Marcotte of Wahnapiatae won first in Most Perfect Shape with one pumpkin and placed in the Smallest category with another. Reese Marcotte of Wahnapiatae took first in the Smallest category.

Each entry was eligible to win a gift basket donated by McClelland's Hardware & Feed of Desbarats, which was won by Alexander McMillan-Pipe.


Plans are now underway for 2009's Pumpkinfest to include pumpkin baking with entries being accepted for Pies, Muffins and Cookies.

Who will be the first to grow a pumpkin in excess of 1,000 pounds? This challenge has been issued.

Can it be met?

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Breaking Ground (in Northeastern Ontario)

OFA Election '08, Ontario Farm Issues.

By Neil Tarlton

Carbon Offsets

Farmers do more than grow food and fibre. Farmers provide valuable services to preserve soil, protect water, provide wildlife habitat and sequester Carbon. Farmers have been providing these types of services to the public without recognition or compensation.

Farmers want a fair system of rewards for the ecological goods and services they provide to the general public, including clean water, habitat for endangered species and others.

Competitive Inputs.

Access to pest control and veterinary products:

Canada maintains a strict regulatory regime on crop protection and veterinary drugs for use by Ontario farmers. The slowness and expense of the approval process means that Canadian farmers lag the rest of the world (especially the US) in access to new safer products.

Federal Excise tax on Farm Fuel.

Farmers the immediate elimination of the 4 cent per litre farm fuel excise tax.

Cost of Production Payment Program.

The Federal government must follow through on its commitment to provide farmers with \$100 million annually to help offset rising input costs.

Business Risk Management Programs.

Canadian Farmers need flexible and responsive business risk management programs funded by the federal government. They need to accept and include the Agri-Flex proposal into the new agricultural policy framework, Growing Forward.

Food Safety Programs.

Confidence in Canadian food products in both foreign and domestic markets has been shaken over the past few years.

Canadian farmers and their customers need the ongoing support of the Canadian government in implementing and funding a comprehensive food safety protocol to ensure Canadian food products maintain a solid reputation at home and abroad.



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For more details please go to the OFA website at:

www.ofa.on.ca or download the "Cast a vote for agriculture" election booklet from the CFA website www.cfa-fca.ca

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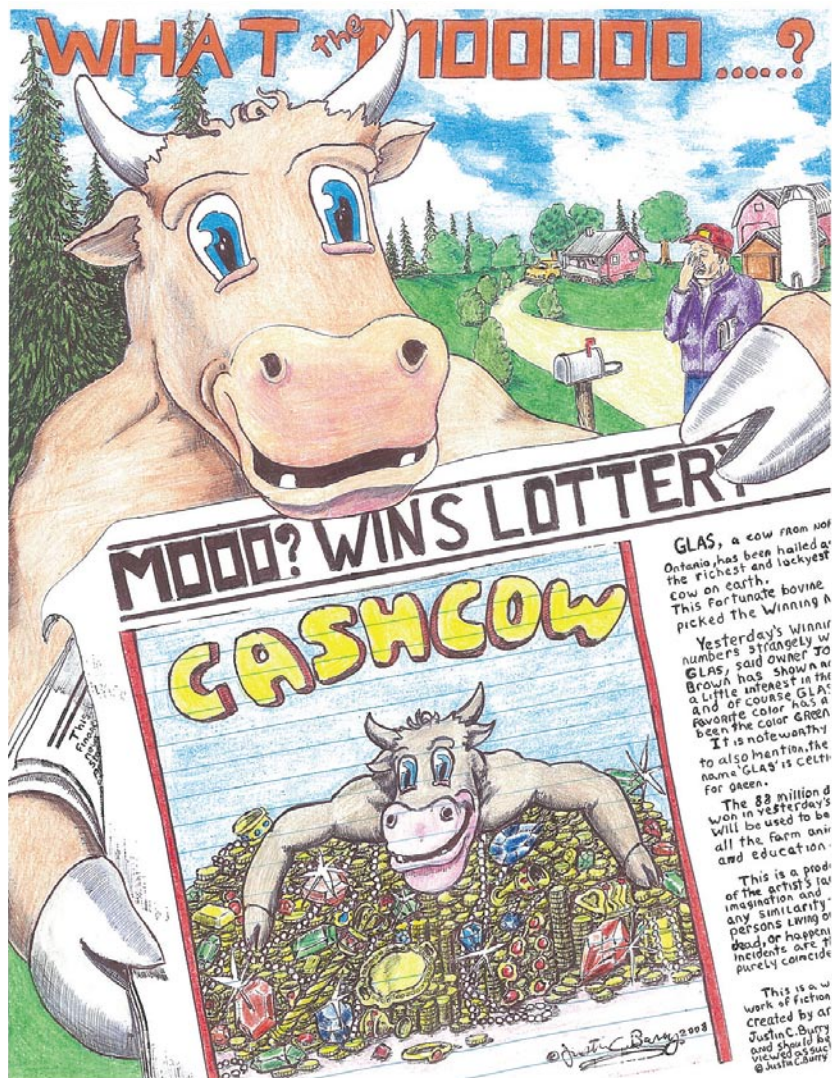
PROPOSED NEOSCIA REGIONAL PROJECT (CONTROL SMOOTH BEDSTRAW)

In the spring of 2009, OSCIA will make available \$6000 (over 3 years) for each Regional organization to undertake a significant research project that will support the regions farmers. The last project that NEOSCIA undertook was the evaluation of Sulphur fertilizer in Canola production. The results have been a great help to the cash crop industry.

For this round, we are looking at developing chemical (or other) management techniques for the control of Smooth Bedstraw. It is common on pasture and hay farms where common grade trefoil seed may have been applied in the last couple of decades. Bedstraw does not seem to be associated with alfalfa fields, or where annual cash crops are dominant. It has been seen on beef farms, as well as roadsides and ditches in Algoma, Manitoulin, Temiskaming and Cochrane districts, and can be expected to be seen throughout the north if we seriously look for it. We are aware of some fields that are completely over-run with the weed, and right now there is no chemical control for it. (It is not considered serious in southern Ontario.)

Please examine the enclosed photo of Bedstraw and determine if you have it on your farm, and how serious the invasion is. The colour of the plant is bright green with small white flowers that bloom from June through August. It spreads by roots and seed. When growing vigorously, the section of the field will appear "matted". It will be ignored by pasture animals as the weed is not palatable.

To undertake this research project, NEOSCIA is looking for farm partners who have a known bedstraw infestation this fall and can commit a field to three years of control research starting next spring. We need participants from ALL districts! Contact your Ag Rep, or call NEOSCIA rep Graham Gambles at 705-672-3105.



This month's artwork comes from Justin Burry of Thornloe. View more of his work at <http://justin-burry.tripod.com>

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NEOSCIA director Murray Cochrane of Algoma is the 2009 President Elect for OSCIA. As such, Murray was the the host of the OSCIA summer meeting at his farm in Thessalon. Read more about this event on pages #2 and #8.

Congratualtions Murray!