



THAMES VALLEY REGIONAL SOIL & CROP IMPROVEMENT

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AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

13-15 Canada's Outdoor Farm Show

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Some spring photos (*yes, I needed some space filler*)



*Oops – this custom operator found himself unable to back up the hill away from the hydro pole and needed a little help.
Submitted by Mike Van Buggenhout*



Planting soybeans near Drumbo

*******IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING OUTDOOR FARM SHOW*******
*******BRUNCH TICKETS!!! PLEASE SEE OSCIA NEWS PAGE 3*******
*******FOR MORE INFORMATION!!!*******

In order to reduce the massive costs and time involved with mailing out this year's brunch tickets to all OSCIA members, we are moving to an electronic distribution format for 2011.

Please contact your local county secretary to ensure your email address is current and correct in order to receive your brunch tickets this year. While you're at it, consider signing up to receive this newsletter via email.
Thanks!! Cathy

From our Provincial Director

Hi Everyone

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. What a difference a year can make. We have been given a reminder that last year was not normal, but to get an extreme year in the other direction the very next year is really surprising and frustrating. I don't think any other occupation demands the patience that farming does. Hopefully the year straightens out and we finish off the year successfully. History shows us that some late planted years end quite successfully.

Your soil and crop directors have been busy planning summer activities such as trips, car tours and meetings. Some of these will be noted elsewhere in this newsletter. Be sure to take them in if you can. We had some excellent soil fertility workshops this spring that some of you participated in. Thanks to Peter and Cathy for organizing them. There is talk of a smartphone workshop later on so keep an eye out for details.

I wish everyone good luck with the remainder of planting, spraying, and hay harvest.
Gord Green

OXFORD SCIA SUMMER MEETING

Tuesday, June 21

7:30 Salford Farm Machinery Facility Tour

364018 McBeth Rd. Salford

8:30 Meeting at the Salford Community Centre

383908 Salford RD, Salford

Featured Speakers:

Henk Klyn, Salford Farm Machinery

Greg Stewart, OMAFRA

Tillage Talk and more!!!

Meeting sponsored by: Sylvite Agri-Services

Refreshments provided – Bring a friend – New members welcome!

Contact Ron Marshall for more info 519-475-4646 ronmarshall@xplornet.com

OXFORD WEATHER DATA

					mm						May	To May
NAME		RR	ADDRESS	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total'11	2010
David	Arthur	4	St Mary's	100								84
Jeff	Dibble	2	Drumbo		123						123	86
Mark	Erb	1	Tavistock									75
Gord	Haley	1	Otterville		109						109	109
P	Johnson		Ingersoll		161						161	108
John	Landsell	2	Thamesford									127
RM	Matheson	3	Embros		129						129	92
Caroline	Orth	1	Burgessville		173						173	96
Henry	Van Dorp	1	Woodstock		120						120	77
Ross	Wilson	1	Salford	73	141						141	92
Outdoor Farm Show			Woodstock		105						105	
HEAT	UNITS											
	Dibble				325						325	478
	Erb											532
	Haley				243						243	243
	Matheson				302						302	431
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Oxford SCIA is looking for more weather data collectors, particularly in the south Norwich and Tillsonburg areas as well as the Tavistock area in the north. If you already collect weather data, please forward it to Cathy for inclusion. Thanks!

OXFORD SUMMER TOUR 2011 - NEWFOUNDLAND

August 23-25

Tour begins Tuesday morning, Aug 23 from the Capital Hotel in St John's (www.steelehotels.com) and will conclude Thursday evening, Aug 25. Stops include large dairy operations (200+ cows), commercial scale greenhouse developments, crop farms, poultry farm, the Burnt Hills agricultural land reclamation project, Signal Hill, Bell Island and Iron Ore mine tour, St John's agricultural research station, a dinner cruise, pork BBQ with our Island Producer Hosts.

Includes:

- 4 nights accommodations - Capital Hotel, St John's, Mon Aug 22 thru to Thurs Aug 25
- All bus costs, tour admissions, and ferry fees
- Pork BBQ, Dinner Cruise, 3 lunches (T/W/T)

Breakfasts will be on your own, there is a restaurant in the hotel and other options nearby.

You will be responsible for getting your own transportation between Ontario and the hotel in St John's, please plan to arrive at the hotel by Monday evening, Aug 22. That way you may choose to extend your stay on the island for as long as you wish. Direct flights are available from several airlines departing Toronto and Hamilton, and if you wish to consider carpooling etc, please contact Cathy for more details.

Cost is \$469.00 per person based on double occupancy at the hotel. If you wish to share a room with friends, your rate will be reduced. Space is limited to 50 people, first come first served. Reservation deadline is July 15, and a \$300.00/person deposit will be required along with your confirmation. Contact Mark Kirwin 519-485-2618 or jmkirwin@explornet.com or Cathy Dibble 519-463-9737 cdibble@odyssey.on.ca to reserve your spot!

Remember to send Cathy your email address for electronic distribution of brunch tickets for this year's Canada's Outdoor Farm Show and to start receiving this newsletter via email cdibble@odyssey.on.ca

OXFORD JR FARMERS NEWS

The Oxford Jr Farmers meets at 8:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Woodstock OMAFRA Office. Social to follow at Kelsey's. New members are always welcome.

For more information, contact Sarah Harrigan @ 519-801-8446

The Oxford Junior Farmers are hosting a car rally open to anyone ages 15- 30 on June 25th. We will be starting at the OMAFRA buildings in Woodstock at 8:30 and the car rally will end at a secret location for a bonfire. Non-members are welcome to come out and drive around the county looking for clues. The Junior Farmers focus on working with rural youth for community betterment.

We are also looking for volunteers at the Embro Tractor Pull this year. High school students are welcome to come out and volunteer for community hours. The tractor pull is July 30 & 31 2011. For more information about the car rally, tractor pull or joining Oxford County Junior Farmers please contact Sarah at 519 801 8446 or check us out at www.jfao.on.ca for more details. We meet every second Tuesday of the month at OMAFRA in Woodstock at 8:30.

**Elgin SCIA Summer Tour is scheduled for August 9.
Watch your mail and the website for more details to come.
Contact Margaret May 519-287-5334 elgin@ontariosoilcrop.org**

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brunch tickets for this year's Canada's Outdoor Farm Show
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Weather for May

Jamie Littlejohn Wallacetown 160mm 419 CHU

NAME	ADDRESS	APR (mm)
N. Stokman	R. 7, Strathroy	106.2
L. Whiting	R. 5, Mt. Brydges	119.0
J. Robinson	R. 5, Mt. Brydges	114.1
G. Richards	6079 Longwoods Rd.	95.0
G. Cornelis	R. 1, Ailsa Craig	84.0
E. Fox	R. 5, Parkhill	89.0
W. Mollard	R. 4, Parkhill	101.0
M. Robb	R. 1, Ilderton	81.0
R. Heard	Fanshawe Rd., London	122.0
D. Denys	R. 8, Parkhill	122.0
F. Vanneste	R. 2, Lucan	112.0
H. MacKellar	R. 2, Glencoe	60.0
C. McVicar	R. 1, Newbury	106.5
B. Grieve	R. 2, Dorchester	107.5
A. Brown	R. 2, Belmont	101.5
A. White	3739 Harry White Dr., London	93.0
D. Murray	4598 Murray Rd., London	123.0
S. Willemse	R. 4, Parkhill	124.0

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brunch tickets for this year's Canada's Outdoor Farm Show
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Heartland Soil and Crop Improvement Association

Heartland-Huron Meeting

July 8, 2011 from 10am to 2pm

At the Huron Research Farm

Morning Speakers and Plot Tour

Horst Bohner and Dave Hooker

Soybean production issues for 2011:
management to maximize yield and
economic returns

Chris Gilliard

Dry bean agronomy and pest
management

Peter Sikkema

Herbicide use in edible beans, RR corn
and/or spring cereals

Afternoon Discussion

All About Biomass Crops by Nick Betts and Guests

Representatives from Case IH, HJIV, John Deere and New Holland will be there too!

\$10, includes lunch and coffee

. Please RSVP to Karen Jacobs if you wish to attend: 519-662-1505 jacobsk@live.ca

Horst Bohner, OMAFRA Provincial Soybean Specialist, has won the T. R. Hilliard Award for distinguished agricultural extension. The award recognizes people who are making significant contributions in agricultural extension in the province of Ontario. Horst, otherwise known as “ ‘bout a bushel Bohner”, is dedicated to soybean research in Ontario, always trying to find ways to increase producers’ yields and bottom line. He is involved with many local and regional SCIA research projects and is called upon by many groups as a featured speaker at events. Horst also coordinates the OMAFRA Field Crops staff demo plots at Canada’s Outdoor Farm Show somewhere in his busy schedule as well. Congratulations Horst!



Photo courtesy M...

FarmSmart Expo

THURSDAY, JULY 14 & FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2011 - ELORA RESEARCH CENTRE



Informative in-field diagnostics and demonstrations

FarmSmart Expo provides progressive farm operators and agri-business people with leading-edge, hands-on diagnostics stations that identify current issues in crop production to help them develop and advance their farm business operations.

Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) Continuing Education credits have been applied for. Pre-registration encouraged. Pre-registration deadline: July 8, 2011.

Come early to take in the Ontario Forage Expo held on WEDNESDAY, JULY 13. Info: www.ontarioforagecouncil.com.

UNIVERSITY of GUELPH ELORA RESEARCH STATION, 6182 2nd Line, Ariss (south of Elora, one block west of County Road 7)

THURSDAY, JULY 14

Sign in at 8:45 am. First session starts at 9:30 am. Registration fee (includes lunch): OSCIA members - \$50; non-OSCIA members (includes one year membership) - \$65. Walk-in registrations welcome, lunch not guaranteed.

FRIDAY, JULY 15 - 4H/YOUTH DAY

Sign in at 9 am. First session starts at 9:30 am. Registration fee (includes lunch): \$15. Walk-in registrations welcome, lunch not guaranteed

FarmSmart Expo is brought to you by the University of Guelph, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Golden Horseshoe and Heartland Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Associations, 4-H Ontario, the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) and various agribusiness partners.

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CATHY'S COMMENTS

Hello everyone! I hope that by the time you get this, all your planting will be wrapped up. It's been a tough spring for most in the region. As I am wrapping this up edition (June 6), Jeff is off helping a neighbour get soys planted. He's never planted beans this late in the year, at least in the last 24 years that we've been married - our anniversary today too!

See PAGE 5 for info on the Oxford tour in Newfoundland in August. I will keep the website updated as the agenda develops, keep watching <http://oxfordscia.wordpress.com/> and subscribe to get updates when new info is posted.

Also, check out the OSCIA News portion of this newsletter for more information regarding brunch opportunities generously sponsored by Syngenta. We are trying to move towards electronic distribution of the tickets for 2011, but not all the details have been finalized yet. Please send your local county secretary your correct email address so you can be sure to receive your brunch tickets when we have the process in place. If you do not have email, we will find another means for this, also please contact your local secretary (contact info above).

Have a great and safe summer everyone! See you at many of the events your local scia has planned. Come out to catch up with friends and neighbours, hear crop updates, tour some plots and meet new people. Feel free to bring a friend, perhaps we can sign them up for a new membership!

Next regional newsletter will come out in late September, after the Outdoor Farm Show. Keep checking the website for updated info on county meetings, tours etc.

Take Care! Cathy