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## TRI-VALLEY CONSERVATION AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2011 -OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS-

Nominations are now being accepted for the 4th Annual Tri-Valley Conservation Awards in the Mississippi, Rideau and South Nation river valleys.

These important community awards recognize and celebrate the voluntary work of ordinary people doing extraordinary things for our environment. Most often, these voluntary activities are done in the background with little fanfare and even less expectation of being recognized. Past winning projects have included tree planting, water conservation on farms, industrial innovation, municipal projects that protect water quality, teaching kids about the value of stewardship and many more. In the past three years, 36 prizes have been given to residents all over the awards area!

The awards committee is now accepting nominations in the following categories:

- Primary Schools (JK-grade 6)
- Intermediate/High School (grades 7-12)
- College/University
- Agriculture
- Community/Lake Groups
- Individuals/Family Groups
- Business
- Municipalities
- Lifetime Conservation Achievement in the Mississippi Valley (NEW)
- Lifetime Conservation Achievement in the Rideau Valley (NEW)
- Lifetime Conservation Achievement in the South Nation Valley (NEW).

In addition, the awards committee will now accept nominations from anywhere within an entire municipality which is at least partly within one of the three local Conservation Authorities.

Nominations will be accepted until 4:30 pm, Thursday, March 1, 2012. Winners

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**Annual Meeting**  
Monday, December 19, 2011  
at the  
Royal Canadian Legion, Stittsville.  
Details to follow by mail  
Please RSVP early for the roast  
beef lunch

## Grenville SCIA

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**Annual Meeting**  
Wednesday, December 14, 2011  
Lions Hall  
(Spencerville Fair Grounds)  
Details to follow

## Lanark SCIA

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**Annual Meeting**  
December 8th, 2011  
Lanark Civitan Hall  
At 10:30  
Hot Chicken Lunch \$10.00  
Guest Speakers  
Pam Cairncross, Cairncross Ele-  
vators  
Kevin Hachler, LAC

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Glen Smith -- 613-628-2987  
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**The Renfrew County Soil and Crop  
Annual Meeting**  
Friday, December 9, 2011,  
At the Renfrew Armouries, Renfrew  
10:30 am  
Details will follow in the next newsletter

## Frontenac SCIA

**President -**  
John Sutherland  
613-387-3957

**Secretary -**  
Henry Posthumus  
613-385-2078

**Annual Meeting**  
Friday December 2, 2011  
at  
Trinity United Church in Elginburg.  
Start time around 11:00am.  
Speakers include Max Kaiser and Pam Caimcross

## Leeds SCIA

**President**  
Scott Jackson  
613-382-1653

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Tony Gunnewiek  
613-359-6221  
[tgunnewiek@yahoo.ca](mailto:tgunnewiek@yahoo.ca)

**Annual Meeting**  
Thursday, December 15, 2011  
11:00 am  
Forfar Community Hall  
Lunch available  
Guest Speaker  
TBA

## TRI-VALLEY CONSERVATION AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2011

will be announced and recognized at the Tri-Valley Conservation Awards Gala to be held at the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre in Manotick on the evening of April 18, 2012. This special evening of fun, food and the environment will showcase the top nominees in each category.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.mvc.on.ca](http://www.mvc.on.ca), [www.rvca.ca](http://www.rvca.ca) and [www.nation.on.ca](http://www.nation.on.ca). You have the option of filling in and submitting the form online or downloading the form for submission by mail or fax.

"The Tri-Valley Conservation Awards are one of the top environmental prizes in the three watersheds gaining in prestige and honour as each year passes," said Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation Chair Jason Kelly. "We are very proud of all our nominees and look forward to learning more about all of the exceptional voluntary work going on out there in the watersheds," he continued.

The tri-valley area covers the watersheds of the Mississippi River, Rideau River and South Nation River. This 12,000 square km area represents a huge chunk of Eastern Ontario from Bon Echo Park to Carleton Place, Pakenham and Perth through Ottawa, Smiths Falls, Kemptville, Winchester, Chesterville, Casselman to Plantagenet. Over 700,000 people live here and benefit from the voluntary environmental leadership of local businesses, communities, schools and families who work to sustain the health of our watersheds because it's the right thing to do.

Online applications, expanded geographic coverage, new categories...it doesn't get much easier than that. Do you know a steward of the water or the land, an environmental leader or group in your community, school or business circle who is taking care of our common environment no matter how large or small their activities might be? Please consider nominating them today for a 2011 Tri-Valley Conservation Award of excellence. Let the awards begin...

### *Laughter is the Best Medicine - Tech Support for Wives*

#### Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend to Husband and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance,, particularly in the flower and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend. In addition, Husband uninstalled many other valuable programmes, such as Romance and Personal Attention and then installed undesirable programs such as Rugby , Football, Sailing and Continuous TV. Conversation no longer runs, and Housecleaning simply crashes the system.



I've tried running Nagging to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed, Desperate



#### Dear Desperate,

First keep in mind, Boyfriend is an Entertainment Package, while Husband is an Operating System.

Please enter the command: 'http: I Thought You Loved Me.html' and try to download Tears.

Don't forget to install the Guilt update.

If that application works as designed, Husband should then automatically run the applications Jewellery and Flowers, but remember - overuse of the above application can cause Husband to default to Grumpy Silence, Garden Shed or Beer.

Beer is a very bad program that will download the Snoring Loudly Beta.

Whatever you do, DO NOT install Mother-in-law (it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources).

Also, do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband. In summary, Husband is a great system, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. It also tends to work better running one task at a time.

You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Food and Hot Lingerie.

## Eastern Ontario Local Food Conference

Registration is now open for the Eastern Ontario Local Food Conference on December 1, 2011 at University of Guelph Kemptville Campus.

This event is a bilingual conference designed to build stronger collaborative relationships among Eastern Ontario local food organizations and to provide technical information on key topics needed to build the sector. Details and Registration Information are available at: [www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/food/events](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/food/events)

### AGENDA

8:30 am Registration and Welcome

9:00 am Tom Stearns, Keynote Speaker

President of Center for an Agricultural Economy and High Mowing Seeds, Vermont

Topic: "Forging a Healthy Food System: Vermont's New Path" (English, with simultaneous translation)

Tom Stearns began gardening at an early age at his family home in CT. Prior to completing a degree in Sustainable Agriculture from Prescott College in AZ, he began saving seeds. A hobby was born in 1996 in Vermont, when Tom began sharing these seeds with others through a small seed flyer. High Mowing Organic Seeds has since expanded into one of the leading organic seed companies in the U.S., supplying both home gardeners and commercial growers. Tom's vision has always been to create a company that would help support the re-building of healthy food systems, first in Vermont, followed by the rest of the U.S. He has also taught numerous workshops since 1996 on many topics such as ag. education, economics, community supported agriculture, genetic engineering, plant breeding, local food systems, sustainable business, investing and more. His informal, personal style, ability to explain complex issues and infectious enthusiasm makes him a popular and inspiring speaker. In addition, he has served on the board of several agricultural organizations, most notably as the current President of The Center for an Agricultural Economy. He lives on 50 acres in Vermont, with his wife Heather, and their two girls, Ruby and Cora.

10 – 11:30 am Panel of Eastern Ontario Local Food initiatives: An interactive session focused on various approaches to scaling up the regional food system. (English/French, with simultaneous translation)

### Afternoon Breakout Sessions

- The Local Food Consumer, an update from Foodland Ontario
- Measuring Economic Success of Local Food Initiatives
- Accessing Retail Markets
- Food Business Incubation
- Co-operating for Success: Bringing farmers and consumers together
- Market Research 101
- Ontario's Meat Inspection System
- Planning for Local Food
- Local Food Lessons from Quebec

**Register by November 25 for the \$50 early bird rate.** After November 25, registration is \$70. To register, call the Kemptville OMAFRA Resource Centre at 613-258-8295 Details are available at

[http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/food/events/12012011\\_eastconf.htm](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/food/events/12012011_eastconf.htm)



**FARM CREDIT CANADA –  
FREE WORKSHOPS  
AVAILABLE**

FCC offers quite a variety of FREE business learning opportunities that may be of interest to you. Follow the link for goal setting and action planning, among a longer list of financial management workshops:

[http://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/LearningCentre/workshops\\_e.asp#level-connection-13](http://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/LearningCentre/workshops_e.asp#level-connection-13)

For a complete listing of OMAFRA products, please see our online catalogue at

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/products/index.html>

To order OMAFRA publications and factsheets:

- Visit any OMAFRA Resource Centre / Northern Ontario Regional Office or Service Ontario location
- Visit the Service Ontario website at: [www.serviceontario.ca/publications](http://www.serviceontario.ca/publications) or call 1-800-668-9938
- Visit the OMAFRA website at: [www.ontario.ca/omafra](http://www.ontario.ca/omafra) or contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre by calling: 1-877-424-1300

**Regional News**

**Ottawa Rideau Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Association**

**Executive:**

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 Alt - Rita Vogel  
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 Alt - Ian McGregor

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 Scott Banks, Emerging Crops Specialist

**Local OSCIA Program  
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**Info Source**

Keep up to date on Soil and Crop events across the province by joining the listserve. Visit [www.ontariosoilcrop.org](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org) for information.

**Nutrient Management 2009 Training Courses:** Fee structure varies. To register call the Nutrient Management Information Line: 1-866-242-4460

[www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/nm/ert/courses.htm](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/nm/ert/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:

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[www.opep.ca/growertraining/Courses.cfm](http://www.opep.ca/growertraining/Courses.cfm)

Latest information from the Ontario Forage Council

[www.ontarioforagecouncil.com](http://www.ontarioforagecouncil.com)

Crop-Pest Ontario can be found at [www.gov.on.ca/OMAF/english/crops/field/news/#croppest](http://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](http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/environment/water/clean_water_incentives.htm)

OMAFRA Virtual Beef E-newsletter: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/live/stock/beef/news/vbn0707.htm>

## Upcoming Events

### DEC 10 – 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NFU NEW FARM PROJECT FALL GATHERING

Your Food System: Past, Present, and Future

- Learn more about our local food history
- Hear about exciting initiatives in our area
- Be heard in discussions to shape our community
- Unwind, meet new folks, and enjoy a feast!

For more information: <http://www.newfarmproject.ca/fall-gathering/>

### GROWING YOUR FARM PROFITS WORKSHOPS

County	Day 1	Day 2	Contact
Renfrew County	November 29th, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	December 6th 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Glen Smith</a> <a href="mailto:gsmith@ontariosoilcrop.org">gsmith@ontariosoilcrop.org</a> 613-628-2987
Leeds County	December 1st 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	December 8th 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Rita Vogel</a> <a href="mailto:rvogel@ontariosoilcrop.org">rvogel@ontariosoilcrop.org</a> 613-275-1753

## Monthly Meeting Schedule

**Arnprior Region Federation of Agriculture Meetings** are second Monday of each month. 8 pm. Galetta Community Hall. Contact Rick Cummings, President 613-832-3588

**Frontenac Federation of Agriculture Meetings** are last Thursday of the month. 7:30 pm, Glenburnie Church Hall. Contact Eileen Sleeth 613-353-2475

**Grenville Federation of Agriculture Meetings** are second Wednesday of the month, Spencerville Council Chambers, 8:00 pm Contact Carol Wynands 613-926-2579

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

**NFU Lanark, Local 310** meets third Wednesday of the month. Contact Hilary Moore 613-259-5757

**Leeds Federation of Agriculture Meetings** are third

Thursday of the month, Delta Agricultural Fair Society Boardroom, Delta, 8:00 pm. Contact Eleanor 613-275-2981

**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.

**Renfrew County Cattlemen Meetings** are third Thursday of the month, Cobden Agricultural Hall 7:30 pm. Contact Larry Schroeder 613-582-3222 or Donna Campbell 613-432-5568

## OMAFRA Update - by Katie Nolan

### FREE ONLINE FOOD SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PRODUCERS

Reduce your risk of food contamination and expand your customer base by putting in place a food safety program. OMAFRA is here to help you keep up to date on the latest food safety practices! Join us for these online workshops from the comfort of your home or business. All you need is an internet and phone connection.

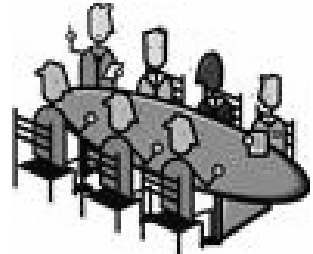
#### **Hygiene and Sanitation – November 25, 10:30 am -12:00 pm (noon)**

Did you know that dirty hands play a major role in the transfer of human pathogens to food? Reducing this risk on the farm means implementing a program of worker hygiene and building and equipment sanitation. This workshop will help you understand the risks associated with hygiene and sanitation. In the workshop you will become familiar with the good agricultural practices you need to customize and implement a program on your farm that reduces these risks.

#### **Pre and Post Harvest Water Use – February 14, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (noon)**

Did you know that water can carry germs from dirty produce to clean produce? A pre and post harvest water use program is an important step in reducing risks. During this workshop, evaluate your risks and discuss how to construct and monitor a water sanitizing program.

To Register call 1-877-424-1300 or register online at <http://omafra.webex.com> Registration closes the day prior to each workshop. A confirmation email will be sent following registration with the online presentation and teleconference details.



**Additional Opportunities:** *Mix and Match Workshops* – Select from a range of food safety topics to create a workshop day tailored to your producer organizations' specific needs. *One on One Sessions* – Review and discuss specific food safety plans and issues directly with a food safety advisor in Guelph. For more information on Mix and Match Workshops or One on One Sessions contact: Toll Free: 1-877-424-1300, E-mail: [advantage@ontario.ca](mailto:advantage@ontario.ca) [www.ontario.ca/foodsafety](http://www.ontario.ca/foodsafety)

### TED MCMEEKIN — MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Ted McMeekin represents the riding of Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale. He was first elected in a by-election in 2000. In October 2011, he was appointed Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Previously he served as the Minister of Consumer Services, the Minister of Government Services and as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education and to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities. Before entering provincial politics, McMeekin served as mayor of Flamborough, as a Hamilton city Councillor and as a leader in several community organizations. He has been a strong advocate for children with special education needs, seniors, the environment and community development. McMeekin holds a MSW from Wilfrid Laurier University and served as Assistant Practicum Professor at the university. He served as executive director of the Burlington Social Planning Council, chair of part-time studies at Mohawk College, was a regional staff person responsible for social justice issues for the United Church of Canada, and owned and operated the original Chapters bookstore in Waterdown, Ontario. McMeekin has served as president of his local YMCA, the Hamilton-Wentworth Lung Association and as an executive volunteer with the Hamilton Mental Health Association, Operation Life-line, Circle of Friends and the Wesley Urban Ministries. He also served on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce. In his spare time, he coached baseball and soccer. McMeekin lives in Waterdown with his wife, Dr. Barbara McMeekin. They have three daughters who are all involved in postsecondary studies.

### MINISTRY OF LABOUR ALERT

The MOL has issued an alert regarding "Oxygen-Limiting Silos". Silos on farming operations continue to be a major source of serious injuries and fatalities in the workplaces covered by the Industrial program.

A recent farming fatality investigation and a recommendation for an alert from the lead inspector, a new hazard alert dealing with the atmospheric hazards associated with oxygen-limiting structures. This alert expands on the

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existing information that is currently set out in the farming guidelines.



The attached hazard alert outlines some of the precautions in the farming sector for workers may potentially be entering oxygen-deficient atmospheres in silos. Some other associated hazards include flammable and explosive atmospheres, falls and engulfment. The Workplace Safety and Prevention Services (WSPS) have further information on their web-site on the hazards associated with silos under formerly Farm Safety Association. More information on WSPS is available at this web link:

<<http://www.healthandsafetyontario.ca/bundles/wsps/index.html> > .

### ONTARIO BIOPRODUCTS LISTING ADDS VALUE AND HELPS IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITY

Information currently available on Ontario bioproducts (bioenergy, biochemicals, biomaterials) companies and others associated with the sector is scattered and comprehensive databases are not publicly available. Agriculture Development Branch specialists receive regular requests from growers, clients and government looking for industry and company information. As a result, an inventory of suppliers has been taken to help industry and other stakeholders make new connections throughout the value chain and accelerate the growth of the bioproducts industry in Ontario. The listing gives Ontario farmers the chance to explore new opportunities, diversify market options and become globally competitive.

There is significant interest building in Ontario-grown biomass crops, with growers, biomass end-users and entrepreneurs for renewable energy and other bioproduct applications looking to make connections. The new Bioproducts Sector Listing gives stakeholders access to other contacts within the industry so they can identify areas of collaboration along the value chain. A listing has been developed containing the names of biomass seed and planting material suppliers, biomass pellet and equipment manufacturers and biomass fuel pellet suppliers. The listing allows the user to search by supplier or input and can be accessed here:

**Biomass Pelletizing, Heating and Combustion Equipment Manufacturers/Suppliers** <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/resource/biomass-equip.htm>

**Biomass Crop Seed/Planting Material Suppliers** <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/resource/biomass.htm>

**Biomass Fuel Pellet Suppliers** <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/resource/biomass-fuel.htm>

Contact: Mahendra Thimmanagari [Mahendra.Thimmanagari@ontario.ca](mailto:Mahendra.Thimmanagari@ontario.ca)

### ONTARIO AGRI-FOOD TECHNOLOGIES OFFERS SUPPORT TO SMALL TO MID-SIZED AGRI-FOOD BUSINESSES

Please note, these programs are designed to provide benefit to the “business of agriculture” in Ontario.

#### Grant Writing Program

Small to mid-sized companies often have great difficulty in attracting research and development or capital assistance dollars from government programs. OAFT will provide the services of a professional grant writing team free of charge (to a maximum of \$10,000). Any company or organization shall simply send an email to [info@oaft.org](mailto:info@oaft.org) outlining what they wish to accomplish. We will make a decision within two business days and contact the applicant as to investing in the writing of the project and the appropriate funding agency for the application. We will also line-up letters of support for the proposal.

- Company or organization must be willing to invest 30% minimum of project costs. Value to agriculture in Ontario will be a key.
- Note - OAFT is not reimbursed if the project is successful.
- Contact -[info@oaft.org](mailto:info@oaft.org)

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### Rapid Response to Business Opportunities Program

This program will provide up to \$10,000 to cover direct costs for sales meetings concerning agricultural products from Ontario.

- Rapid - A decision will be made within two working days upon receipt of final proposal.
- Process - A 2-3 page overview describing the purpose of the sales trip and what you hope to accomplish (note: we recognize this may involve several trips).
- Note - (1) we will not fund exhibits at trade shows. There must be prior contact; (2) we can also pay for clients to come to your facility (again, to close sales).
- Contact - [info@oaft.org](mailto:info@oaft.org)

Information on all OAFT programs can be found at <http://www.oaft.org/funding/oaft-programs.aspx>

### **CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL ADAPTATION PROGRAM**

The Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP) is a five-year (2009-2014), \$163 million program with the objective of facilitating the agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based products sector's ability to seize opportunities, to respond to new and emerging issues, and to pathfind and pilot solutions to new and ongoing issues in order to help it adapt and remain competitive. Launched as a successor to the Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAF) program, CAAP will continue to support industry-led initiatives at the national, regional and multi-regional levels. Regionally the Agricultural Adaptation Council (AAC) will receive \$28.1 million over the five years to deliver Ontario's CAAP funding. CAAP's goal is to support industry-led approaches and solutions that allow the sector to quickly adapt to changes, respond to emerging issues and capture new opportunities. More information: <http://www.adaptcouncil.org/e/current-programs/caap.php>

### **FOOD SAFETY PRACTICES AFTER PRODUCT IS PACKED AND IN STORAGE** by Don Blakely, OMAFRA

You have taken all the necessary steps to ensure your harvested product is free of any food safety issues through harvesting, cleaning, packaging and placing into storage for future sale. Practices you should follow once product is in storage to maintain your superior food safety standards are:

1. Ensure your storage area/facility is well maintained to prevent any leakage of water onto product or allow for any entry of insects or vermin.
2. Ensure all equipment is serviced and functioning to maintain moisture and temperature control.
3. Have a pest control program around external walls and foundations that is monitored regularly and if chemical controls are used they must be approved for the purpose intended. Dispose of any dead pests by a method that will not introduce any chemical contamination into your buildings or production areas. If a pest control program must be set up within the storage, ensure all traps are placed away from stored products and again only approved chemical control products are used and any dead pests are disposed immediately outside the storage area to prevent any cross contamination occurring.
4. When removing product from storage for marketing, ensure to follow high standards for hygiene of workers and sanitation of all equipment and areas where product is moved.

Good Agricultural Practices for food safety are essential at all points in the food production chain to ensure consumers always receive safe products. For training information and resources, please call 1-877-424-1300 or visit our website [www.ontario.ca/good-ag-practices](http://www.ontario.ca/good-ag-practices). Food safety questions? - just ask us.



## INVOICE

### 2012 Annual Membership Renewal

We welcome and encourage all farmers to become active members in the local Soil and Crop Improvement Association. Agricultural businesses are also invited to support the county organizations by purchasing an annual Membership. If you know some one who isn't currently a member please invite them to join.

Please complete and return the form below to the Secretary in your county (see list below) with a cheque payable to county Soil and Crop Improvement Association. Members will receive newsletters and emails, invitations to participate in local Soil and Crop meetings, crop tours, research projects and other activities as well as provincial activities:

- Free admission to East Central Farm Show
- Free admission to Outdoor Farm Show
- \$15 off FarmSmart Conference
- Reduced rates at other participating events

## For New Memberships or renewals

### Contact your local SCIA

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Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Commodity: \_\_\_\_\_

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