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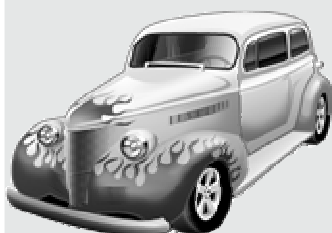
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Regional Car Tour

Wednesday, July 7th, 2010

Greenfield Ethanol

Pre-registration is required to organize the tours at
1 hour intervals beginning around 9:30 am.

For safety reasons please do not wear open toed shoes or lose
clothing.

Lunch will be hosted by Greenfield Ethanol

Tour Schedule

Early bird: 9:30 am

2nd tour: 10:30 am

Check the next issue for confirmation of our guest speakers!

For more information and pre-registration

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Farm Comes to Town
And

2010 Grenville Farm Family Day

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for Seed Show Results**

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Frontenac SCIA - 2010 Seed and Forage Show Results

Class	Description	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
12	Oats – 8 lb	Gary Gordon	Rick Woods	John Sutherland	Lloyd Orser
14	2 Row Barley	Gary Gordon			
15	6 Row Barley	Gary Gordon	Raymond Shannon	Mallenmar Farms	John Sutherland
24	Soybeans – 8 lbs	Jack Broeders	John Sutherland		
32	1 st Cut Alfalfa 85%+	Gary Gordon			
33	1 st Cut Legume 85%+ Not Alfalfa	Gary Gordon			
34	1 st Cut Legume & Grass - 70/30 mix	Gary Gordon	Jeremy Posthumus	John Sutherland	
35	1 st Cut Grass 85%+	Gary Gordon	Mallenmar Farms		
36	2 nd Cut Legume - 85%+	Gary Gordon	Derek Posthumus	Jack Broeders	
37	2 nd Cut Mixed Leg- ume & Grass	Gary Gordon	Mike Grainger	Derek Posthumus	
38	1 st Cut - Large Sq or Round	Gary Gordon			
39	2 nd Cut - Large Sq or Round	Gary Gordon			
40	Haylage – 5 lbs	Jack Broeders	Raymond Shannon	Gary Gordon	
41a	1 st Cut - Haylage – Rd Bale	Gary Gordon	John Sutherland		
41b	2 nd or 3 rd Cut - Haylage – Rd Bale	Raymond Shannon	Lloyd Orser	John Sutherland	
43	Corn Silage	Gary Gordon	Lloyd Orser	Jack Broeders	
44	10 ears Grain Corn	Lloyd Orser	Mallenmar Farms	Gary Gordon	Gary Gordon
46	Early Potatoes	Gary Gordon	Gary Gordon		
49	Best Sheaf - Cereal Grain	Wheat - Gary Gordon	Oats - Gary Gordon	Barley - Gary Gordon	Barley - Mallenmar Farms
50a	1 st cut – small bale	Gary Gordon			
50b	2 nd cut – small bale	Gary Gordon			
51a	1 st cut – Export Hay	Gary Gordon			
51b	2 nd cut – Export Hay	Gary Gordon			

Grand Champion – Gary Gordon

Thanks to the Sponsors of:



Frontenac Seed and Forage Show

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Leeds Seed and Forage Show

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- Syngenta Seeds, Gary & Susan Curtis
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- Willows Agriservices Ltd.

Leeds SCIA - 201 Seed & Forage Show Results

Class	Description	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
12	Oats	Bill & Mike Dwyre	Lee & Wendy Grant	
14	2 Row Barley	Scott Modler	Don Gordon	Gunnebrooke Farms
15	6 Row Barley	Scott Modler		
17	Soft Winter Wheat	Gunnebrooke Farms		
24	Soybeans	Sid Vanderwerf	Bill & Mike Dwyre	Scott Jackson
28	Red Clover	Nigel Smith		
32	1 st Cut Alfalfa	Bill & Mike Dwyre	Vogeldale Farm	Scott Jackson
33	1 st Cut Legume	Vogeldale Farm		
34	1 st Cut Legume/Grass	Scott Jackson	Vogeldale Farm	Bill & Mike Dwyre
35	1 st Cut Grass	Vogeldale Farm	Scott Jackson	Bill & Mike Dwyre
36	2 nd Cut Alfalfa	Vogeldale Farm	Bill & Mike Dwyre	Scott Jackson
37	2 nd Cut Legume & Grass	Lee & Wendy Grant	Gunnebrooke Farms	Vogeldale Farm
38	1 st Cut Round Bale	Bill & Mike Dwyre		
39	2 nd Cut Round Bale	Leslie Welch		
40	Haylage	Scott Modler	Scott Jackson	Alex Oosterhof
41A	1 st Cut Baled Haylage	Lee & Wendy Grant	Scott Jackson	
41B	2 nd Cut Baled Haylage	Nigel Smith	Chantland Farms	Scott Jackson
43	Corn Silage	Sid Vanderwerf	Alex Oosterhof	Chantland Farms
44	Grain Corn	Vogeldale Farm	Vogeldale Farm	Chantland Farms
45	Shelled Corn	Vogeldale Farm	Leslie Welch	Scott Jackson
46	Potatoes	Scott Jackson	Scott Jackson	
48	Shelled Corn Bin Run	Chantland Farms	Scott Jackson	Gunnebrooke Farms
51	Special Export Hay	Scott Jackson		
A	Whole High Moisture Corn	Sid Vanderwerf	Chantland Farms	
B	Processed High Moisture Corn	Chantland Farms	Sid Vanderwerf	Don Gordon
4 H	53 Entries	13 Exhibitors		

Grand Champion Trophy donated by Dixie & Egan to Scott Jackson

Reserve Champion – Vogeldale Farm

Lanark SCIA - 2010 Forage and Seed Show Results

A special thanks to Pioneer Seeds for their sponsorship to help make our show a success!!

Class	Description	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
12	Oats	Ray Halpenny	Jockbrae Farms	
14	2 Row Barley	Ray Halpenny		
15	6 Row Barley	Paul Thompson	Robert Campbell	Taylea Farms
16	Spring Wheat	Nandale Farms	Ray Halpenny	
24	Soybeans	Zoey McLellan	Nandale Farms	Ray Halpenny
46	Early Potatoes	Jim Tims	Taylea Farms	
34	1 st Cut Legume/Grass	Robert Nanne	Taylea Farms	Nandale Farm
35	1 st Cut Grass	Nandale Farms	Robert Nanne	Jim Tims
36	2 nd Cut Alfalfa	Robert Nanne	Nandale Farms	Jim Tims
37	2 nd Cut Legume/Grass	Robert Nanne	Taylea Farms	Nandale Farm
40	Haylage	Ray Halpenny	Jockbrae Farms	Taylea Farm
41a	Round Bale Haylage	Nandale Farm	Ray Halpenny	
41b	2 nd Cut Baled Haylage	Robert Nanne	Ray Halpenny	
43	Corn Silage	Taylea Farms	Bradyview Farms	Jockbrae Farms
44	10 Ears Corn	Robert Campbell	Nandale Farm	Taylea Farms
45	Shelled Corn	Taylea Farms	Robert Nanne	Nandale Farm
48	Bin Run Corn	Taylea Farms	Jockbrae Farms	Robert Nanne
50	Analysis Class	Robert Nanne	Nandale Farms	Taylea Farms
51	Export Hay 1 st Cut	Nandale Farm	Robert Nanne	Taylea Farms
51	Export Hay 2 nd Cut	Reggie Campbell	Nandale Farm	Jim Tims
Pedigreed Classes				
3		Adam Cochrane		
4		Adam Cochrane		
5		Adam Cochrane		

Grand Champion – Nandale Farms

Reserve Champion – Ray Halpenny

Renfrew SCIA - SEED, FORAGE AND AGRI-BUSINESS SHOW

2010 Award Winners

Grand Champion Exhibit of the Show – Barclay Dick & Son - Soybeans
Reserve Grand Champion Exhibit of the Show –David Reid – 2nd Cut Hay
Champion Hay Exhibit – David Reid – 2nd Cut Hay
Champion Pedigreed Exhibit –Barclay Dick & Son – 2 Row Barley
Grand Champion Exhibit in the Jr. Classes – Grace Reid – 2nd Cut Hay
Reserve Grand Champion Exhibit in the Jr. Classes – Aidan Reid – 2nd Cut Hay
Grand Champion Exhibit from 4-H Classes 60 to 75–Curtis Schultz – Item of Woodworking
First Time Jr. Exhibitor with the Highest Placing Exhibit –Aidan Reid
Champion Forage Exhibit in the Jr. Classes –Grace Reid – 2nd Cut Hay



Summer Activities

Twilight Meeting and Crop Tour

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Renfrew Area

For more information, contact Ian McGregor 613-432-2754

Soil and Crop Education Day

Breakfast Meeting

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Whitetail Golf Course, Mink Lake

Registration - 9:00 am to 9:30 am.

Breakfast – 9:30 am.

Presentations - 10:00 am. to 12:00 noon

More details available in May

For more information, contact Dean Matheson at 613-646-9622



Eight Time OVFS Hay Quality Champion – Ever wonder how it's done?

Gary Gordon, Frontenac Dairy Farmer, one of the guest speakers at the Leeds County Feed and Seed Show, shared his know-how with the farmers in the audience. He has competed at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show for several years, capturing the top position in the Hay Quality Competition seven times and earning the title of Grand Champion Hay four times. This year at the recent Frontenac Seed Show Gary, once again was crowned with 'gold' as the Grand Champion.

Gary farms south of Inverary with his wife Cindy, daughter Lindsay and son Ben. His father Gerald, who is 87, is still on the farm helping out too. Gary is the third generation on the soon to be Century Farm. Ben, who is keen on farming will be the fourth generation in the operation which includes 500 owned acres, 60 rented acres, 60 milk cows and a lot of heifers for replacement animals.

Crop rotation is heavy forages, usually growing corn for one or two years then barley and under seeding. Forage stands usually down five to six years, depending on yield. Some hay ground is left longer for the horse market after it has been frost seeded with more timothy.

He grows 50 acres of corn for silage, 100 acres of barley and straw, and 290 acres of hay, chopping 800 tons of first cut haylage. This year he plans to do 1000 tons. He bales 5000 square bales, 2000 plus round bales. All second cut hay dry is put up in small square bales or round.

When planting Gary practises minimum tillage, using an offset disc in the fall and a cultivator with rollers behind it in the spring to prepare the seed bed. His drill has a packer hooked behind it, along with duals on the tractor to prevent compaction.

Gary likes trying new varieties in a test plot to see how they perform under the conditions on his farm when establishing a new stand of forage. When a new seed variety comes out it usually has some new traits in it for higher yield, winter hardiness or disease, and new insect and per resistance. He will plant only the varieties that satisfy his yield expectations. Most hay is a 80-20 mixture of alfalfa and timothy, but he is trying a 60-40 mixture for the horse market. Alfalfa is considered the



'queen of crops' because of the amount of protein it produces.

Soil testing is conducted to know exactly how much fertilizer is required when a new rotation is started. He seeds down at rate of 22 lbs per acre with a cover crop of barley or oats. Fertilizer is applied at a rate of 100 to 150 pounds of 6-24-24 when planting. Potash is applied annually in the fall to maintain fertility. "If you take a big yield off, you need to feed that crop to keep it built up. It is like your bank account, if you keep taking money out and don't put it back you are going behind. The more yield you have, the more you need to put back into the soil....we are here to be stewards of the land and it is only ours to use and we need to keep it healthy and fertile for the next generation."

First cut hay is harvested the last week of May or the first week of June. If weather conditions are right, he cuts every 30 days, cutting with two haybines, one discbine and one conventional to get a lot of crop down fast to preserve protein. Protein content is highest when alfalfa is in the bud stage, timothy in the boot stage. He tries to harvest haylage at 21-23% protein. "The higher the protein you can harvest, the cheaper you can produce milk. We can grow our protein cheaper than we can buy it." He feeds a 40% pellet supplement, so the higher the protein in the hay, the less supplement required.

When cutting dry hay it is laid out to the width at which Gary can reach two ten foot windrows at one time with a rake tedder, making a 20 foot windrow for baling. He

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rakes hay while it is tough to prevent leaf loss. If it gets too dry he waits until the dew comes on in the evening to rake it.

Haylage is stored in 200 foot long Ag bags so feeding can be done with a loader tractor. The balance of hay is done in round or square bales for the cattle and the horse market. We keep the older stands for dry hay to get more grass in the mixture. “For the horse market they want green hay that smells good, contains no dust and stored inside. They will pay a premium for it.”

Gary has been a judge for the Forage Masters Competition for several years in Frontenac County, finding “it interesting to see how everyone does things differently. What might work well for one, might not work for someone else under different conditions.” He suggests, when entering the competition, chose a field with a good mixture of 80-20 alfalfa/timothy for a higher protein content. The judges are looking for weeds, insect damage, leaf colour (bright green leaf, no yellow) and leaf disease. The thickness of the stand shows how vigorous the growth. They will look at the fertility program along with the use of soil tests.

He recalls an experience when participants backed out because there was a lack of rain – they did not think their crop looked good enough. “At times like this 'everyone is in the same boat' – if one is hurting, usually everyone is unless you live on Wolfe Island “south of the border,” where they might have lucked out and received adequate rain.”

In 1999, Gary competed at the Royal in the Ontario Forage Masters Competition. He had to do a PowerPoint presentation, talking about your farm and growing forages. At that time most of the mixtures were heavy alfalfa mixtures. “Things have changed a lot since then. Now there are grass mixtures producing high protein feel as well.” Gary recommends anyone who wins the county competition should compete at the Royal. “It is interesting to listen to everyone talk about how they ended up in Toronto, he highly.”

Congratulations on your 2010 success!!!

How will HST Affect Farmers?

Proposed Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) Benefits for Ontario's Farmers

Author: OMAFRA Staff

Creation Date: September 2009

Last Reviewed: September 2009

The 2009 Ontario Budget included a comprehensive tax package that would, when enacted, provide tax cuts for individuals, families and businesses to strengthen the foundation for job creation and future economic growth.

Starting July 1, 2010, Ontario's Retail Sales Tax (RST) would be converted to a value-added tax structure and combined with the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) to create a single, federally administered Harmonized Sales Tax (HST).

It is estimated that Ontario farmers will save about \$30 million annually under the HST on items that are currently not exempt from the RST.

Farmers would continue to pay no tax on the majority of inputs purchased such as feed, seed, fertilizer, farm equipment and machinery, which are currently point of sale tax-exempt.

Under the HST, Ontario's farmers would no longer pay sales tax on many items such as trucks, light vans and parts, furniture, lawnmowers, computers, freezers and other equipment. This would put Ontario farmers on a more level playing field with farmers in other provinces that have harmonized sales taxes.

The HST would follow the same rules and structure as the GST. Farmers who are currently remitting their GST paperwork would continue to do so and continue to receive input tax credits on any applicable purchased farm inputs.

What the HST Would do for Ontario Farm Inputs

Most farm inputs would continue to be zero rated and would be purchased without paying any tax.

Examples: feed, fertilizers, grain bins and dryers, seed, farm equipment and machinery, livestock purchases, pesticides, quota and tractors greater than 60 hp.

B. Farm inputs that are currently taxed with the RST would be subject to the HST and also be eligible for an offsetting input tax credit.

Examples: pick-up trucks used on the farm, computers and office equipment used in the farm's business.

C. Farm inputs that are exempt from the RST but not the GST would be subject to the HST, and also be eligible for an

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C. input tax credit.

Examples: contract work, freight and trucking, veterinary fees and drugs, custom feeding, machinery lease and rental, hand tools, fuel, oil and grease.

What's New

The 2009 Ontario Budget announced temporarily restricted input tax credits (ITCs) for large businesses, but excluded the farm use of energy.

In addition to the temporary ITC exception for energy, farms with more than \$10 million in annual taxable sales would also not be subject to the restrictions for:

- Telecommunication services other than internet access or toll-free numbers;
- Road vehicles weighing less than 3,000 kilograms (and parts and certain services) and fuel to power those vehicles; and

Food, beverages and entertainment.

HST Benefits for Ontario's Farmers

- Farmers would experience a net decrease in the sales tax they pay under the new proposed HST.
- There would be about \$30 million in new benefits under the HST.
- Ontario's farmers would no longer pay sales tax on many items such as trucks, light vans and parts, furniture, lawnmowers, computers, freezers and other equipment.
- On average, farmers would realize about \$600 annually in new benefits.
- No identification or Purchase Exemption. Certificates required at the time of purchase.
- No extra paperwork; any input tax credits to be claimed would be part of the existing GST filing.
- Many farms would be eligible for a small business transition credit of up to \$1,000.

Zero rated farm inputs mean that producers would pay no tax on more than \$5.6 billion worth of items.

Additional Tax Reduction Measures for all Ontarians

- 93 per cent of Ontario taxpayers would receive a personal income tax cut.
- The corporate income tax (CIT) rate for manufacturing and processing – which includes income from farming – would be cut to 10 per cent from 12 per cent.
- The small business CIT rate would be cut to 4.5 per cent from 5.5 per cent.

This comprehensive tax package includes both temporary and permanent tax relief measures totaling \$10.6 billion over three years.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Will I have to fill out separate tax returns when I apply for GST/HST input tax credits for the 2010 tax year?

A. No, all input tax credits would be claimed on the existing GST return.

Q. What is the frequency for filing a tax return?

A. The filing frequency for the HST would follow the current GST rules as dictated by the Canada Revenue Agency.

Q. Will I need to present a farmer ID card when making purchases?

A. No, farmers will not be required to provide identifications to purchase goods and services on a zero rated basis.

Q. How do I apply for the small business transition credit?

A. The details on the small business transition credit are still being developed and will be shared as soon as more information becomes available.

Q. Will I pay more sales tax on my farm business inputs?

A. No. Over all, you would pay less tax. Ontario farmers would save an estimated \$30 million annually on new farm inputs that would no longer be subject to RST.

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Author: Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Examples of items that will change with HST

1 Items That Will Not Change

Farm machinery (except tractors under 60 hp)
Seed in farm size lots
Fertilizer in farm size lots
Livestock (except pets)
Fencing

All items that are currently GST free for farms at point of purchase

These items have been and will continue to be RST free and GST free.

2 Items now RST exempt at point of purchase that will be subject to HST but on which HST can be recovered by input tax credit

2A Major Items

Tractors under 60 hp
ATV with hitch or rack over 200 cc
Boats/motors for fish farms
Custom farming services
Land rental – except share cropping
Truck rental
Road clearing, maintenance
Artificial insemination
Grain storage in an elevator/bin
Fruit and veg. storage
Heating oil, natural gas, propane, electricity
Generators
New farm buildings
Building materials
Machinery rental (unless the machinery would be HST free if bought)

Purchases of land – deducting value of used buildings from land purchases for HST payment may become a matter of serious contention

2B Minor Items

Power tools and hand tools
Ladders, wheel barrows

Animal weight record forms
Manger nets
Fluids for equipment including - oil, antifreeze, grease, hydraulic fluid

The above items are now RST free, but farmers will have to pay HST. Provided they file for HST (same process as for GST now) they will have the tax rebated.

3 Items where farmers must charge HST as a vendor

Beeswax
Maple syrup candy
Canary seed, grass seed, flowers, bedding plants, live trees, firewood,
Livestock as pets – horses, mules, rabbits (except where clearly for food)
Hay in lots under 1,650 lbs. (more than 1 large round bale or equivalent)
Electricity from generators connected to the grid For all of these items if a farmer is selling them, he must collect and remit HST.

The customer if they are a business and are re-selling the material can file for HST and get the tax rebated. If they are a final consumer, they cannot claim a rebate.

4 Items subject to RST and not rebated that will be HST rebated

Farm trucks & vans (12,000/yr. @ \$25k)
Phones
Computers, etc. (10,000/yr. @ \$2k)
2-way radios
Office supplies (\$ 500/farm/yr.)
Water treatment chemicals

For these items farmers pay RST now and do not get it back. In future they will pay HST, but they will get it back. The savings for farmers from this category greatly out weigh any costs from the other categories.

Total savings on top of the old RST exemptions will be approximately \$ 30 million per year. Savings will average about \$ 600 per farm per year or about \$ 2,44 in years that the farm purchases a truck for farm use.

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5 Policy Considerations

Farmers should promptly become GST registered if they are not presently.

If the items in lists 1, 2A and 2B were made exempt at point of purchase (zero rated for farmers buying such things) it would:

ensure full access to the proper HST rate,

remove the finance cost of $\frac{3}{4}$'s of a million and remove the irritation of losing over the counter exemptions.

Monthly or quarterly filing would still be needed, but items would be filed as zero rated, as many are now. Using the FBR/GFO cards at point of purchase and in filing would keep the entitlement clear. Items sold as zero rated could not get a rebate, but would be accounted for statistical and other purposes at time of filing.

OMAFRA Update

- For Environment and Climate Change, this includes the EFP/COFSP programs, the COFSP is now fully subscribed but EFP courses will continue to run.
- For Business Development for Farm Businesses, this is accessed through the GYFP workshops. Once you have your GYFP action plans signed off you can access the four different funding streams to develop their farm businesses. See your GYFP Program Rep for more details
- Fully subscribed for now.
- Biosecurity: There are two sections – the Agricultural Biosecurity Program and the Farm Biosecurity Program. Some info below from our website on both of these:

Agricultural Biosecurity Program

The Agricultural Biosecurity Program will engage industry stakeholder organizations across livestock, poultry and plant production as well as the service and supply sectors.

Eligible organizations are invited to submit proposals for sector-level initiatives that will increase awareness and uptake of biosecurity measures or otherwise improve the level of biosecurity in their industry across the province.

This is a competitive call for proposals subject to annual funding allocations. Approved proposals must meet the stated eligibility criteria.

The Agricultural Biosecurity Program will be delivered

by the Agricultural Adaptation Council (AAC).

More information is available from the AAC here: <http://www.adaptcouncil.org/e/current-programs/abp.php>

Please note that the deadline for the latest call for proposals has passed.

Farm Biosecurity Program

The Farm Biosecurity Program (FBP) supports the implementation and adoption of national standards for biosecurity. Biosecurity refers to measures that prevent the introduction and spread of contagious disease. The FBP is designed to build producer awareness of health risks and ways that Ontario's farmers can implement and/or improve upon existing biosecurity measures.

Currently only the poultry industry has a national standard - the National Avian On-Farm Biosecurity Standard. This Standard is a comprehensive tool designed to identify a range of measures intended to prevent disease causing agents from entering, spreading within a farm or escaping from a premises housing poultry.

Through educational workshops and a self-assessment exercise, poultry producers will be able to identify their current level of biosecurity and develop plans to adopt new and/or additional measures to heighten their existing level of biosecurity.

The Farm Biosecurity Program offers cost-share oppor-

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tunities to assist farmers in the implementation of biosecurity projects identified in their action plans. All cost-share funds are available on a first come, first served basis up to the available annual funds for each year of the program.

Before producers can access cost-share funding under the FBP, they must complete a FBP workshop.

For more information please

see: http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/growing_forward/fbprog2.htm

Notice on the Status of the Food Safety and Traceability Initiative

Cost share funds for year two (2010-2011) of the Food Safety and Traceability Initiative (FSTI) have been fully subscribed. As a result, FSTI is no longer able to accept

applications for 2010-11 funding.

Under the FSTI, program funds are allocated annually on a first come, first served basis. Once the annual program funds are fully committed, applications for cost-share funding for that fiscal year can no longer be accepted.

All applications are currently under review and applicants will be notified of the status of their applications within eight weeks. Applicants whose applications were not accepted for the 2010-11 intake are encouraged to re-apply next year.

Growing Forward is a commitment by Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments to support the development of a profitable, innovative agri-food sector that is adept at managing risk and responsive to market demands. Growing Forward runs until March 31, 2013.

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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.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/index.html

**Eastern Ontario
Crop Diagnostic Day**

July 21, 2009

Winchester Research Station,
University of Guelph,
Winchester

Registration 8:30 am

Contact OMAFRA
Kemptville 613-258-8295

Regional News

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Peter McLaren
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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**
- Arlene Ross 613-821-3900
- Lanark** - Shirley Munro 613-267-6362
- Frontenac, Leeds**
- Rita Vogel 613-275-2956
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- Stormont - Barbara Ann Glaude 613-984-2398

Info Source

Keep up to date on Soil and Crop events across the province by joining the listserve. Visit 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/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:
opep@ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca
www.opep.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_incentive_s.htm

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



Upcoming Events

Apr 15-16
- How to Prepare a Nutrient Management Strategy and Plan

(Using NMAN) - 9 am to 5 pm, Kemptville. For more info or to register contact the Nutrient Management toll-Free Information line 1-866-242-4460.

Apr 18 - Grower Pesticide Safety Course for **Lanark** - 8:45 am start, Pakenham. For more info or to register contact the Ontario Pesticide Education Program 1-800-652-8573.

Apr 22 - Grower Pesticide Safety Course for **Grenville** - 8:45 am start, Kemptville. For more info or to register contact the Ontario Pesticide Education Program 1-800-652-8573.

Apr 22-29 - Growing Your Opportunities - Ottawa Area Value Plus™, Quest For New Farm Value - 2 day workshop at Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm, Edwards , 8:30 am to 4 pm. Cost \$75 includes lunch both days. Workshop is limited to 25 participants and pre-registration is required. For farm and rural based entrepreneurs who want to learn how to tap into new market place and value added opportunities. For more info or to register call 613-791-4436 or email info@countryside.ca

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

Lanark Federation of Agriculture Meetings are SEOND 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.

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- Free admission to East Central Farm Show
- Free admission to Outdoor Farm Show mailed to members
- \$15 off FarmSmart Conference
- Reduced rates at other participating events
- Newsletters, crop tours, plot participation and discussion, annual meeting with special speakers

Contact information to renew for 2009-2010

Membership renewals are due - New members April 15th

Contact your local SCIA

Lanark	Robert Campbell	267-6461
Grenville	Stuart Leyenaar	269-4514
Frontenac	Brian Tolls	542-0605
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