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Regional Car Tour A Huge Success

Despite the heat and it being 'hay weather' an excellent number of participants joined us for a very special day at Greenfield Ethanol in July. All six of our counties were represented on the tour, as well as OMAFRA and OSCIA. It was really super that Frontenac joined us as a part of their county bus tour.

The folks at Greenfield were excellent hosts, providing us with an extensive tour of their operation. We were divided into four groups, which allowed our guides to answer the many questions put to them. Not only were we shown how they use resources and how their product is made, we were provided with some insight into the uses of the ethanol product and the regulations it must meet for the market.

Greenfield treated us to a delicious lunch at the Prescott Golf Club. Our guest speaker Don Kenny, Chair of the new Grain Farmers of Ontario provided us with an update on the development and work of this group. Many thanks Don!!!

As one of the major highlights of the day the ORRSCIA presented a very deserving Arlene Ross with an award, recognizing her outstanding commitment to the agricultural community. Arlene has spent almost 20 years working with farmers as a representative of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association. She also represents agriculture on several other committees.

Congratulations Arlene - you deserve it!!!!

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Forage Masters Results

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**1st place - Jockbrae Farms
2nd place - Taylea Farms
3rd place - Nandale Farm**

**Congratulations to Jim and Mark.
They will have the option of compet-
ing in November at the next level!!!**

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Renfrew OSCIA

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Forage Masters winners

Shannon Russell, Cobden
Daughter of Don & Joanne Russell

Kayla Doering, Cobden
Daughter of Wayne and Janice Doering

Rachel Enright, Cobden
Daughter of J.T. and Shawna Enright

Congratulations girls!!!!

The Renfrew County Soil and Crop Annual Meeting

Friday, December 10,
At the Renfrew Armouries, Renfrew

10:30 am

Guest Speaker 1:00 pm

Pat Souliere,

Lands & Waters Technical Specialist, MNR

“Drain and Ditch Clean Out Procedures for Ren-
frew County”

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“Watch for details of our Annual Meeting in December”

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On July 14th, the Leeds Soil and Crop visited and toured the Miller Seed Farm in Bath.

Owner Mike McInnon grows spring and fall cereal crops and soybeans for seed. Corn is grown as a cash crop. Mike showed the group the seed plant where they weigh, clean and bag the seed which is sold directly to farmers and wholesale across Eastern Ontario.

It was a very interesting tour that ended with lunch provided by the farm. Thanks Mike!!!

Continues to be a summer of great looking crops. Hay yields are above average with enough rainfall, sunshine and warm temperatures. Grain yields have been good and soybeans and corn crops are expected to yield above average. The main challenge to date has been the frequency of the showers.

Fall planning meeting Oct 7, 2010 at Don Gordon's.

Forage Master Results

1st-Brian Smith, Lansdowne
2nd-Alex Oosterhof, North Augusta

Congratulations!!!!

Leeds SCIA would like to thank all who participated in the 2010 program. Prizes will be awarded at the Annual Meeting.

Date for Availability of COFSP Applications for 2011 Year

Applications for the Canada-Ontario Farm Stewardship Program (COFSP) will open on **November 15, 2010**. There are changes being considered to eligible Best Management Practices Categories. These changes will be shared in the coming weeks.

Applicants are encouraged to review the COFSP Project Eligibility Policy and Procedures document before submitting completed 2011 Project Proposal Application (PPA) form to the OSCIA.

Please note that producers must have each of the following (as applicable) **before** submitting a PPA for cost-share funding:

- Producers with livestock or poultry as their primary commodity must have a Premises Identification (PID) Number for the property where the proposed project will be located, before applying for cost-share. This is a new requirement for the program. Contact OnTrace for an application form at www.ontraceagrifood.com or be calling toll-free 1-888-388-7223. You will be provided a PID number certificate to verify enrolment.
- Applicants must possess a current Farm Business Registration Number (FBRN) or equivalent
- A Third Edition EFP deemed appropriate through peer review.

Consult the OSCIA website regularly for updates at www.ontariosoilcrop.org or speak to your local OSCIA Program Representative, or contact the OSCIA Guelph office at 1-800-265-9751.

Species At Risk Farm Incentive Program (SARFIP)

The Species At Risk Farm Incentive Program (SARFIP) provides 50% cost share funding for environmental projects that help protect species at-risk and essential habitats located on-farm. SARFIP funding is administered by OSCIA and is made available by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources through the Species at Risk Stewardship Program and the Government of Canada through the Habitat Stewardship Program.

Portions of five specific Best Management Practices categories are eligible for funding under this new initiative:

- Upland and Riparian Area Habitat Management - Category 10 - 1002 to 1009
- Erosion Control Structures (Riparian) - Category 11 - 1101
- Improved Pest Management - Category 16 - 1606
- Shelterbelt and Native Vegetation Establishment - Category 19 - 1901, 1902
- Resource Planning - Category 24 - 2403 to 2405, 2408

To be eligible, farmers must:

- Have a valid Farm Business Registration Number (OFA, CFFO, NFU number) or equivalent
- Have a completed a peer reviewed EFP, 3rd edition - since 2005
- Complete the eligible project between April 1, 2010 and the end of 2010

If you have any farm projects potentially eligible for this funding opportunity please contact your OSCIA Program Representative. Funding is limited and available on a first-come basis as applications are received.

More information is available at

www.mnr.gov.on.ca/stdprodconsume/groups/lr/@mnr/@species/documents/document/260037.pdf

You're Invited - Biomass Information Meeting

Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, along with Ontario Federation of Agriculture, invites you to attend a Web seminar to learn about participation in a field-scale energy crop research and development project. Registration is required.

Date: October 8, 2010 Time: 10:00 am

If you are unable to attend the Web seminar, all components of the presentation and questions and answer period will be posted online through a link on the OSCIA website:

www.ontariosoilcrop.org/biomass.htm

To register go to <https://oscia.webex.com> - chose "Biomass Information Meeting," click on Register, enter your information and click on "submit". You will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to join the event.

OMAFRA Updates - by Katie Nolan

Agricorp Extends Business Risk Management Pilot Program to 2010 Crop Year

The Government of Ontario has extended the Risk Management Program (RMP) for the 2010 crop year while the national review of current programs is underway. RMP is a price support program designed to help Ontario grain and oilseed producers offset losses caused by low commodity prices.

What's new?

Two key changes for the 2010 RMP extension are:

There are now three coverage levels: 85%, 90%, and 95%. The 100% coverage level is not available for 2010.

Due to the timing of the announcement, producers are not required to participate in Production Insurance and AgriStability.

Who's eligible?

To be eligible for the 2010 RMP extension, producers must have:

Participated in the 2008 and/or 2009 RMP pilot, or

Started farming on or after January 1, 2008.

Eligible crops

Black beans	Buckwheat	Canola	Corn (grain corn and farm fed)
Cranberry beans	Faba beans	Field peas	Flax
Hard red winter wheat	Japan/other beans	Kidney beans	Millet
Mustard	Organic winter wheat	Organic winter spelt	Rye (for harvest as grain)
Seed and popping corn	Soft red winter wheat	Soft white winter wheat	Sorghum
Soybeans	Spelt	Spring grain (oats, barley, and mixed grain)	Spring wheat
Sunflowers	Triticale	White beans	

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OMAFRA Updates - by Katie Nolan

How to participate

Producers must:	How:
1. Enrol	<p>Agricorp will contact producers who participated in the 2008 or 2009 RMP pilot.</p> <p>If you started farming on or after January 1, 2008, you can call Agricorp to request an application.</p> <p>You must enrol your entire acreage of each grain and oilseed crop grown for the 2010 crop year.</p>
2. Select coverage	<p>Existing participants:</p> <p>If you selected the 100% coverage level previously in RMP, your coverage will be renewed at the 95% level. Other coverage levels will remain the same as they were previously.</p> <p>To change your coverage level, call Agricorp after you receive your renewal notice.</p> <p>New participants:</p> <p>If you started farming on or after January 1, 2008, select a coverage level on your application form.</p>
3. Report acres	Report your planted grain and oilseed acres by the deadline on your renewal notice.
4. Pay premium	Pay your 2010 RMP premium by the due date on your invoice.

Agricorp will provide more program information, premium rates, support levels, and timelines as they become available. All details will be posted on www.agricorp.com.

Career Focus Program – Investing in the Future of Agriculture

The Career Focus Program provides employers with up to \$20,000 in matching funds to create internship opportunities for recent graduates from agriculture-related programs.

For employers, the program offers an economical way to attract new talent and helps provide new graduates with a valuable first job that will help pave the way to a career in the ever-changing agriculture and agri-food industry.

Eligible employers:

Must offer projects that will give graduates meaningful agriculture career-related work experiences in Canada and skills acquisition through mentoring and coaching

Could include organizations such as farm businesses, industry, not-for-profit organizations, provincial and municipal governments, associations, boards, councils, colleges and universities

Eligible employees:

Must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant

Must be 30 years old or younger

Must have graduated from a university, college, CEGEP or provincial institution within the last three years, specializing in biology, agriculture, veterinary sciences or applied technology.

Currently the delivery for Career Focus for the Ontario Region is being handled out of Winnipeg by Jürgen Kohler. His direct phone number is 204-983-0575 and his email address is Jurgen.Kohler@agr.gc.ca. For more

Need Someone to talk to?

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1-888-451-2903

Confidential/anonymous
Peer Support & Referral
For Ontario farmers and rural families
On line resources
Check out the updated web page at:
www.thefarmline.ca

Agricorp Dates

Are available
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

**2010 Winter Wheat
Performance Trials
are now available
online**

Go to:

www.gocereals.ca

Regional News

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**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
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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



Oct 5 and
Oct 12-
GYFP
Workshop,
Grenville,
contact
Shelley

McPhail 613-256-4011

Oct 7 and Oct 14 - GYFP workshop -
Ottawa (Carleton), contact Shelley
McPhail 613-256-4011

Oct 15 and Oct 22 - EFP workshop -
Lanark, contact Shirley Munro 613-
267-6362

Oct 16 - Taste of the Valley organizing
committee is seeking local vendors to
take part in the 2010 events scheduled
for **COBDEN**. If you live in the
geographical borders of the County of
Renfrew, we would love to hear from
you! For more information or to
register, please call Helen Giroux,
County of Renfrew 613-735-0091 or
hgiroux@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

Oct 19 - Agricultural Wall of Fame
Committee Meeting. Preparations for
the 2011 induction of three worthy
agriculturalists. Please have your
organization send a representative to
this meeting. Contact Donna Campbell
613-432-5568 / donnaofa@nrtco.net

Oct 19 - The Grenville Community Fu-
tures Development Corporation is
hosting **complimentary** business
seminars on Marketing and Succes-
sion Planning during Small Business
Week - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the
North Grenville Municipal Centre.
Please RSVP/register by October 11th
by contacting Samantha Joudoin, 877-
925-4275 or 613-925-4275 ext. 27 or
sjoudoin@grenvillecfdc.com

Oct 20 and Oct 27 - EFP workshop -
Carleton/Grenville - contact Arlene
Ross 613-821-3900

Nov 2 - **Farm Tax & Business
Seminar 2010 for Professional
Advisors.** – Kemptville, Royal
**Canadian Legion, Branch 212, 100
Reuben Cresent.** For more detailed
information and to register, visit
<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/busdev/conference/ftbs.htm> or call the
Agricultural Information Contact Centre
1-877-424-1300 or 613-475-1630.

Nov 18 - OMAFRA Sheep Seminar -
Keeping Lambs Alive - Napanee;
www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/sheep/20091110.htm November 19
Leeds & Grenville Holstein Club
Banquet, 6:45 pm (social hour), Spring
Valley Hall. Contact Andrew Greaves,
613-924-0084

Nov 23 and Nov 30 - EFP workshop -
Carleton/Dundas - contact Arlene Ross
613-821-3900

Nov 23 - **OnTrace Traceability
Workshop 2010** for Producers –
Kemptonville, ON Traceability is good
for business. Find out how it can
improve yours. Space is limited.
Register today. Pricing, Early Bird
before October 1st, 2010 – \$100. After
October 1st – \$125. For locations and
further information, visit
www.ontraceagrifood.com or call 1-
888-38-TRACE (8-7223)

Nov 25 - **Farm Credit Canada Forum
“Think Inspiration”**, 10 am to 3 pm,
LYN, ON, Centennial Road Church,
3545 County Road 27 (note:
Centennial Road turns into County
Road). Here is an opportunity to learn,
inspire big ideas and network with
business owners and operators just
like you. To view the exciting group of
speakers for this free event, and to
reserve your seat, visit
www.fcc.ca/forums or call 1-800-387-
3232. Seating is limited so pre-register
today!

Monthly Meeting Schedule

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

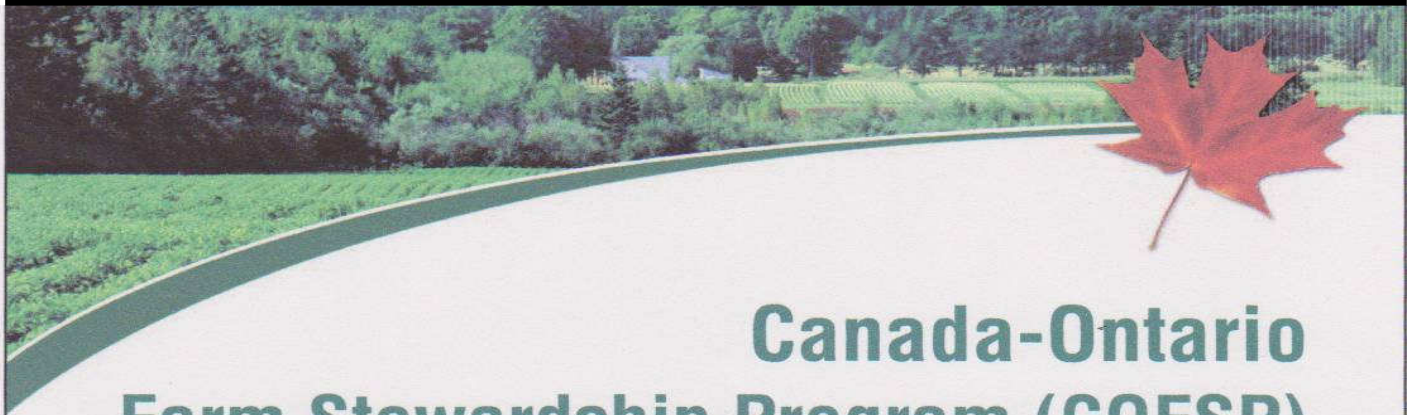
**Lanark Federation of
Agriculture Meetings** are
SECOND Thursday of
each month. 8:00 pm.
Beckwith Township Hall,
Blacks Corners.

**Renfrew Federation of
Agriculture Meetings** are
fourth Monday of each
month. 7:30 pm at Ope-
ongo High School.

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

**Renfrew Plowmen’s As-
sociation Meetings** are
fourth Thursday of each
month at White Water
Community Health Cen-
tre, 70 Main Street, Cob-
den at 7:30 pm. Contact
Norman Eady 613-432-
4200 or Marg Crozier
613-432-2560.

**NOTE: If you are thinking about a project for next year
you must be prepared for the
November 15th, 2010 application date!!!!**



Canada-Ontario Farm Stewardship Program (COFSP)

is the cost-share program associated with the Canada-Ontario Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) and can help you boost economic, production and environmental performance on your farm. COFSP and EFP are supported by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs through the Growing Forward Best Practices suite.

How to get prepared for participation in the 2011 cropping year for COFSP

Each of these items (as applicable) will be required prior to submitting a Project Proposal Application (PPA) for COFSP:

- Producers with livestock or poultry as their primary commodity must have a Premises Identification Number (PID Number) for the property where the proposed project will be located, before applying for cost-share. This is a new requirement for the program. Contact OnTrace for an application form at www.ontraceagrifood.com or by calling toll-free 1-888-388-7223. You will be provided a PID Number certificate to verify enrollment
- Applicants must possess a current Farm Business Registration Number (FBRN) or equivalent
- A Third Edition EFP deemed appropriate through peer review

PPA are expected to be available through Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) in the fall of 2010. Consult the OSCIA web site regularly for updates at www.ontariosoilcrop.org, or speak to your local **OSCIA Program Representative**, or contact the OSCIA Guelph office at **1-800-265-9751**

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