

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show Demonstrations 2008

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show offers producers an opportunity to learn about innovative advances in farm equipment, agriculture technology and ag-sector initiatives. Each year since the farm show started fifteen years ago, OSCIA and OMAFRA Crop Technology staff have prepared and participated in an interactive demonstration site to demonstrate this leading edge technology.

Partnering for Innovation was the theme for the 2008 OMAFRA-OSCIA demonstration site. The site offered producers a hands-on look at the latest in field, forestry and energy crops. This year's demonstration highlights included:

- 1) a working anaerobic digester
- 2) crops for bio-energy
- 3) foliar fungicides on corn and soybeans
- 4) silage corn hybrids
- 5) hail damage on soybeans ,
- 6) soil aggregate stability
- 7) maximizing wheat yields
- 8) innovative forestry practices, and
- 9) Weed Pro 75 - herbicide selection tool



Inside the tent were information on; dealing with the high fertility pricing, nutrient content of manure, 2008 Winter Wheat performance trials, provincial weather data, crop heat unit data, and information on current programming and cost share opportunities.

The objective of the display was to highlight and showcase beneficial management practices (BMP's) that can be used on the farm, their economic potential and possible environmental impacts. The field plots and the tent display were designed to invite farm show goers to visit the displays, discuss and ask questions of the OSCIA and crop technology specialists. The site was well attended over the three days of the show.

The OMAFRA – OSCIA partnership demonstration site benefits from a unique relationship with Bayer Crop Science. Bayer Crop Science hosted a “Where Crop Farmers Meet” – VIP Brunch which was popular and drew early morning participants to our site.

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