

FarmSmart Farming Systems Expo 2005



The FarmSmart Farming Systems Expo began in the summer of 2004. This event grew from the success of the FarmSmart Agricultural Conference and similar diagnostic days held at Ridgetown and Kemptville colleges. The purpose of these diagnostic days is to highlight current issues in crop and livestock production. This was done through creating and exploring “field issues” which provided participants with skills and knowledge needed to identify and solve problems as they become evident, or better yet, identify and correct issues before they become problems.

The first event was hampered by one of the coldest July days on record where consistent drizzle kept the participants away from the field plots until the end of the day. Over 150 people attended the inaugural event where they were exposed to informative sessions such as planter clinics, compaction sessions, and nutrient management talks. Although the event was moved inside to the Research Station buildings at the Elora Research Station, people were still pleased with the event and the caliber of presentations. At the end of the day, a majority of the crowd joined the presenters at the field site to view the plots.

In 2005, 185 participants and additional organizers and presenters along with local farm equipment sponsors endured the heat for a successful full field expo. We discussed soil compaction, soil fertility and fertilizers, optimizing weed control profitability, soybean seeding rates and densities, cereal seeding dates, rates and depths along with many other informative topics.

We look forward to bigger and better things for the next edition of the FarmSmart Farming Systems Expo to be held Wednesday, July 12th, 2006 at the University of Guelph Elora Research Station. Consult our event website to keep current with this and other associated events: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/farmsmart>

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Crop Advances: OMAFRA Field Crop Project Reports



Figure 1. All About Wheat



Figure 2. Soil Pit Dynamics



Figure 3. World of Weed Control



Figure 4. Planting Success



Figure 5. FS Expo Sponsors



Figure 6. FS Expo Site



Figure 7. Soybean Story



Figure 8. Learning Livestock