

FarmSmart Farming Systems Expo 2006



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 150 participants away from the field plots until the end of the day. In 2005, 185 participants and hosts/sponsors and others endured one of the hottest day in history (biggest single day for electrical usage in the history of Ontario Hydro).

In 2006 we were back to the rain, but over 100 hardy soles beat “Mother Nature” at her own game and endured the conditions to participate in a series of sessions including forage insects, corn planting problems, manure and fertilizer management in corn, weed control in cereals and soybeans, edible bean disease management, nitrogen timing in corn, 20 years of tillage research among others.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the day , with a special mention for Peter Smith of the Plant Ag Dept. and Office of Research for his enthusiastic activities that kept on top of much of the site.

In 2007 we have made a change in the event timing to the last week of August. This will give us the opportunity to show various demonstrations and diagnostics that are not possible with a mid July date. So join us on Tuesday August 28th for the next edition of the FarmSmart Farming Systems Expo again 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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Figure 1. Part of the "Soggy" FarmSmart Team



Figure 2. New Techniques in Aqua Weed Management



Figure 3. Edible Beans or Bust!



Figure 4. Soggy Corn Production Options



Figure 5. Not Your Typical Liquid Lunch!



Figure 6. One of Our Hearty Sponsors Greets Some Guests