



## Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association

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### Media Release

## Wellington County Dairy Farmer Acclaimed as OSCIA President Elect

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Kenilworth, ON. The annual Summer Meeting of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) was held in Heartland Region August 18-20, 2019 hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Stuart Wright and his wife, Carolyn. The 3-day event started on Sunday at Wright Haven family farm with a tour of their new dairy barn, an excursion around the Kenilworth area, followed by dinner and entertainment to round out the Sunday events at the Arthur Community Centre.

Wright has been acclaimed as the President Elect, setting the stage to be named President in 2020. He represents the counties of Huron, Perth, Waterloo and Wellington in the Heartland Region and is the first president elect from Wellington County since Steven Eastep held the position in 2004.

Les Nichols, current OSCIA President commented that “Stuart and Carolyn showcased the uniqueness of the Heartland Region, and certainly pulled together an excellent three days”. Planned activities for delegates and other attendees included a visit to Quality Homes, Grand River Raceway, Cribit Seeds, a Mennonite Farming history tour, the University of Guelph’s Elora Research Farm including the Soil Health Interpretive Centre, Bayer Crop Science Research Farm, and many others.

Stuart, along with his brothers Lloyd and Mark and his son Andrew, operate Wright Haven Farm which is a dairy and cash crop enterprise. Stuart and Carolyn have three other children: Tim, Genna, and Chevonne. Stuart joined Wellington SCIA as a director in 2000, became the Local Association President in 2005, named Provincial Director in 2011 and elected onto the Provincial Executive Committee in 2017. He enjoys his connections in Heartland and the staff and directors of OSCIA. “After experiencing the energy, camaraderie and positivity of the attendees at the Summer Meeting it will be an honour to collaborate to ensure that OSCIA continues to be a valuable and dynamic part of Ontario Agriculture.”

OSCIA’s mission is to *facilitate responsible economic management of soil, water, air and crops through development and communication of innovative farming practices.*

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