



2021 OSCIA *Resolution #1 & #5*



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Resolution #1a – Renfrew SCIA – Forage Seeding Program

WHEREAS Agricorp includes a broad list of cover crop species under the "Standard new forage seeding" program for stand establishment crop insurance coverage, and;

WHEREAS Cereal rye is not included in the current list of species covered under the new forage seeding program, while 2020 rye acreage is estimated near 150,000 acres in Ontario.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA work with Agricorp to have cereal rye added to the list of species covered under the new forage seeding program, and to allow for fall seeded plantings of winter cover crops.

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SEND TO: Doug LaRose, CEO Agricorp
Debbie Brander, Manager, Product Management & Industry Relations, Agricorp

COPY TO: Christine O'Reilly, Forage & Grazier Specialist, OMAFRA
Ray Robertson, Manager and Terry Nuhn, President, Ontario Forage Council

RESPONSE FROM: RAY ROBERTSON, MANAGER, ONTARIO FORAGE COUNCIL

June 25, 2021

*Doug LaRose, CEO
Debbie Brander, Manager Product Management & Industry Relations
Agricorp*

Dear Mr. LaRose and Ms. Brander,

I am writing in support of requests submitted to Agricorp by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association; to add cereal rye to Agricorp's Forage Seeding Program, work with Agricorp to promote the benefits of Ontario's soil health with the goal of increasing cover crop utilization, and work with Agricorp to develop related Production Insurance for cereal rye.

The Ontario Forage Council (OFC) is a non-profit organization devoted specifically to forages. We are comprised of producer associations, commercial companies and agribusiness interests which share common goals – gathering and disseminating ideas and information, supporting research and development in forages and sponsoring consolidation of forage projects to provide a focus for the efforts of a multitude of personnel.

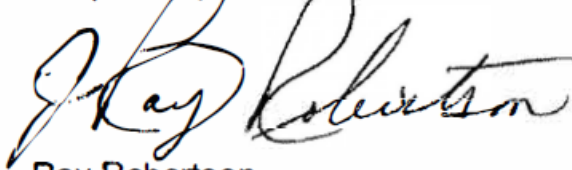
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OFC wishes to support Renfrew and Eastern Valley Soil and Crop Improvement Associations in their aforementioned requests. By approving these requests, Agricornp can demonstrate a strong support for the Continued development of the forage industry.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ray Robertson
Manager, Ontario Forage Council

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**Resolution #1b – Renfrew SCIA – Standard new forage seeding program**

WHEREAS The Agricornp "Standard new forage seeding" program was expanded to cover the establishment of a diversity of beneficial cover crops in Ontario some time ago, and;

WHEREAS The knowledge and awareness of this program among farmers is poor, and;

WHEREAS Crop insurance is a vital risk management tool for farmers and can also be a strong incentive to advance the cause of soil health through improving cover crop utilization among all progressive farmers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA work with Agricornp to promote this program to all farmers for the benefit of Ontario's soil health with the goal of increasing cover crop utilization.

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## **Resolution #5 – Eastern Valley Regional SCIA – Crop Insurance for Cereal Rye**

- WHEREAS according to Statistics Canada, cereal rye acreages in Ontario have been similar to those of canola, and;
- WHEREAS in 2020 cereal rye area reached around 40 times that of sunflowers, and;
- WHEREAS both canola and sunflowers are both insurable crops while cereal rye is still un-insurable under Production Insurance in Ontario, and;
- WHEREAS cereal rye area in Manitoba is similar to that of Ontario yet Manitoba offers Production Insurance for cereal rye, and;
- WHEREAS OMAFRA and OSCIA continue to promote crop rotation as a Beneficial Management Practice and;
- WHEREAS cereal rye may offer another viable crop to help expand rotations for some Ontario producers and;
- WHEREAS some producers may be unwilling to risk trying to grow an unfamiliar crop without Production Insurance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA work with OMAFRA to convince Agricorp to develop Production Insurance for cereal rye.

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RESPONSE FROM: RAY ROBERTSON, MANAGER, ONTARIO FORAGE COUNCIL

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