

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show 2007

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 fourteen years ago, OSCIA and OMAFRA Crop Technology staff have prepared and participated in an interactive demonstration site.

Traditional Crops, Innovative Strategies was the theme for the 2007 OMAFRA-OSCIA demonstration site. The site offered producers a hands-on look at the latest in field, forestry and energy crops. This year's highlights included a working anaerobic digester, edible bean desiccation, herbicide effects on sorghum, corn grown for biomass, new soybean inoculants, crops for biodiesel and biomass, and a sprayer demonstration. Inside the tent were displays of maple syrup production, posters of 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. Both the field plots and the tent display were designed to invite farm show goers over the three days to visit the displays, discuss and ask questions of the OSCIA and crop technology specialists.

The Bayer Crop Science "Where Crop Farmers Meet" – VIP Brunch was a popular event again this year. Over 1100 producers attended the Brunch; 730 were members, and 370 were members' friends or neighbors invited with the buddy offer. At the event we gained 22 new members. This event will be offered again in 2008 so please mark Sept 9-11 on your calendars, and come join us.

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