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## Canada's Outdoor Farmshow 2011



On September 13, 14, and 15, 2011 Canada's Outdoor Farm Show (COFS) at Woodstock welcomed 42,600 attendees to the 18th edition of COFS. This event attracted exhibitors, media and farmers from around the globe - 34 countries and 9 provinces.

"The place where farmers meet", Canada's Outdoor Farm Show offers producers an opportunity to see and learn about innovative advances in farm equipment, agriculture technology and agriculture sector initiatives. Each year since the farm show started, the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) and OMAFRA Crop Technology staff have prepared and participated in an interactive demonstration site.



The Field Crops, Horticulture Technology and Greenhouse, Agroforestry, Specialty Crops Units in partnership with (OSCIA) offered producers a hands-on look at the latest in field, forestry and energy crops. Not your typical plots, the crops and plot comparisons featured gave attendees a chance to see the latest in crop technology with the opportunity to ask questions and talk to the specialists from across the province.

Highlights this year included a smorgasbord of "opportunity" crops that included super grains and biomass crops, edible bean desiccants applied at various times, corn yield impact from hail damage, tillage erosion from various tillage implements, annual forage crop options and manure and organic amendment displays.

Inside the tent displays, publications, and posters provided a myriad of information including provincial weather data, crop heat unit data, wheat provincial variety data, and information on current programming and cost share opportunities.



Lunch hour presentations each day gave Certified Crop Advisors (CCA's) the opportunity for education credits. Topics included a walk through the opportunity crop plots, an update of agroforestry opportunities, and an overview of causes of and solutions for tillage erosion.

Both the field plots and the tent display were designed to invite farm show goers over the three days to visit the displays, and to discuss and ask questions of the OSCIA and OMAFRA crop technology specialists.

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