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**Winter settles in
over Farm View country.**

AGcalendar

Farm View's Ag Calendar is free to non-profit agricultural groups, up to a maximum of 40 words. All others are invoiced at \$25 per month. Please note the format of the listings below and submit your item by mail or email, in a similar fashion.

February 7: OSCIA Agricultural Summit

Save the date - Friday, February 7th at 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mono, (venue TBD). Mark your calendar for this one-day summit on Regenerative Agriculture.

February 12: Annual Meeting

Dufferin Soil and Crop Improvement Association is holding its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 12th at Amaranth Township Hall. Exhibitor Space Available, For more information call Jim at 519-835-9929.

February 15: Innisfil Historical Society

From 2 to 2:30 p.m., Innisfil Historical Society meeting at Knock School Heritage site, 7756 10 Sideroad at 9th Line, Innisfil. Join us to hear students' presentation from Nantray Shores on their trip and experiences to Vimy Ridge.

February 15: Advertising deadline

The deadline for news and advertising in the March edition of Farm View is Sunday, March 15, 2020.

February 19 - 20: Dufferin Cattlemen's Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Amaranth Township Hall. Speakers will include DVM Rex Crawford and a producer panel on feeding systems including winter feeding. This event is being hosted at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport & Conference Centre, 655 Dixon Road, Toronto.

February 27: Quilters' Guild Meeting

The Simcoe County Quilters' Guild will meet for its regular monthly meeting on February 27th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Simcoe County Museum, Hwy. 26, Midhurst. The executive members will have the pleasure of demonstrating quilt related "techniques" to the guild members. New members and visitors (\$5.00 fee) are welcome.

February 28: Central Ontario Ag Conference

Plan to attend the 2020 Central Ontario Agricultural Conference on Friday February 28th at the Sadlon Centre for Health & Wellness at the Barrie campus of Georgian College. For conference details see the article on page 3.

March 6: 4-H Sign-Up Night

South Simcoe 4-H Sign-Up Night will be Friday, March 6 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Church's Equipment, 3560 7th Line, Innisfil. Membership is \$75.00 on this night only. After this date the membership fee is \$95.00. Email southsimcoe4h@hotmail.com for details.

March 26: Quilters' Guild Meets

The Simcoe County Quilter's Guild will meet for its regular meeting on March 26th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Simcoe County Museum, Hwy. 26, Midhurst. Program to be announced. New members and visitors (\$5 fee) are welcome.

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News from the pews...



• **St. George's Anglican Church**
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9:00 a.m. Service

• **Christ Church St. Jude's Anglican Church**
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11:00 a.m. Service



Worth a Chuckle... and life lessons

by Aunt Hazel

60 Plus

Q: Where can single men over the age of 60 find younger women who are interested in them?

A: **Try a bookstore, under Fiction.**

Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?

A: **Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you're done, you will have a place to live.**

Q: Someone has told me that menopause is mentioned in the bible. Is that true? Where can it be found?

A: **Yes . Matthew 14:92: "And Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Egypt".**

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your over 60 year-old husband?

A: **Tell him you're pregnant.**

Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?

A: **Take off your glasses.**

Q: Seriously! What can I do for these crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face?

A: **Go braless . It will usually pull them out.**

Q: Why should 60 plus year old people use valet parking?

A: **Valets don't forget where they park your car.**

Q: Is it common for 60-plus year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?

A: **Storing memory is not a problem, Retrieving it is the problem.**

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: **Yes, but usually in the afternoon.**

Q: Where should 60-plus year olds look for eye glasses?

A: **On their foreheads.**

Q: What is the most common remark made by 60-plus year olds when they enter antique stores?

A: **"Gosh, I remember these!"**



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Food Freedom Day: The story behind your grocery bill

Each year, CFA examines the proportion of income that Canadians spend on food as a way to explore year-over-year expenditure changes and raise consumers' understanding of Canada's food system, from Farm-Gate-to-Plate.

Canadians spent 11% of their disposable income on food in 2018, which is in line with the 11% of disposable income spent on food in 2017. As a result, this year's Food Freedom Day *will likely* fall on the same day or near the same day as last year, February 9th.

"Food Freedom Day is an opportunity to appreciate all that goes into producing our food—and the connections along the path toward our dinner tables. Canada has one of the most efficient, safe and affordable food systems in the world, and Food Freedom Day is an excellent way for Canadians to visualize how fortunate we as Canadians are to have access to such a diversity of affordable food," said Ron Bonnett, CFA President.

Farmers only receive a small percentage of the price that consumers pay for food, particularly

when the costs of production are taken into account. Canadian farmers continue to adapt to widely varying costs for inputs such as fuel and fertilizer, and to balance their plans against uncertainties in the marketplace.

Food Freedom Day demonstrates the value that Canadian farmers deliver to ALL Canadians—not only through quality food, but by supporting 1 in 8 jobs, which in turn translates into vital economic contributions for our rural communities.

Food Freedom Day is calculated by taking Canadians' total retail ex-

penditure on food and beverages and dividing it by the total Canadian household disposable in-

come to create a percentage. CFA then determines what this percentage of the year is, by day.

WARNING: SCAM ALERT

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is warning residents in the Nottawasaga Valley Watershed and beyond to ignore a scam that uses the organization's name, slogan and logo.

The scam is disguised as a Go Fund Me campaign, with a photo of a boy in a hospital, with text describing his serious illness and that it will require a large sum of money to help with his recovery. When clicking on the link to donate, it goes to a PayPal payment platform.

"We are asking members of the public to not click, respond or donate when seeing this email," says Sheryl Flannagan, Director of Corporate Services at the NVCA. "Our staff are working hard to rectify the situation and to find the source of the scam. In the meantime, we would like to ensure everyone that our data is secure. This is a matter of misusing our name, slogan and logo. We invite anyone who has questions or concerns to contact us."

For more information about the scam, please contact NVCA at 705-424-1479 or email admin@nvca.on.ca.



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EDITORIAL

Taking stock at the change of the decade

At the change of a new decade, news media are busy taking stock of where we have come and where we might be going. After a difficult year on many fronts in agriculture, "taking stock" is more necessary than ever to try to chart a new direction for the years ahead.

Canadian farmers recently experienced a significant loss in realized net farm incomes, according to Statistics Canada. Nationally, net farm income dropped 45.1% in 2018 from the previous year.

In Ontario, the 63.9% drop was even more significant, though not as much as the 68.1% decline in Alberta.

Sean Pratt, a reporter for the Western Producer, offered some further analysis of the broader impacts. He also noted that this drop comes after several years of above-average net farm income. At the same time, especially because of increasing farmland values, the net equity of farms in Canada is up significantly over the past decade.

It is also clear that trade patterns have been disrupted and that more change is expected. An October report for Agri-food Economic Systems on "Shifting Geo-Politics and Trade Policy" suggested that Canada significantly benefited from the liberalized rules-based trade that had been the norm for several decades. Now, however, this system of trade is changing.

Canadian agriculture, still heavily dependent on trade in many sectors, needs to respond to the new trade environment and find opportunities wherever possible. Looking to the positive, the authors of the report said that our "sustainable natural capital to produce food" still puts us at an advantage on the world stage.

Another change we're seeing on the horizon challenges the decades-long concern about the fate of "middle sized farms." I was encouraged to read Lorraine Stevenson's recent Country Guide article about successful middle-sized farms which are thriving because they are well managed and able to diversify or respond to changes in a way that big farms cannot.

The article also seemed to suggest that these farmers know their limits, be it in expanding slowly, in how much work they want and can manage, and in living within their means. They are finding contentment in the time with family and participation in community that these choices bring them in exchange.

There is comfort in knowing that there is still room for Canada as a middle-sized trading partner, and for Canada's middle-sized farms to find opportunities for success in the midst of significant changes in agriculture. Knowing our limits and being adaptable are among the important strengths we will bring to the decade to come.

By Suzanne Armstrong, CFFO



Ag Snapshot



On a grey day, in the Grey Highlands of Grey County, turnbines loom over the fields as if they're part of the atmosphere.

—Photograph by Don Beaulieu

LETTERS

Emergency Numbers for Farm and Rural Properties

Dear Editor:

Please be advised that Council for the Town of New Tecumseth is continuing to encourage farm and rural property owners to get 911 emergency signs and, through the below motion that was passed by Council on December 23, 2019, the first 50 property owners wishing to buy a 911 emergency sign for their farm or rural property will receive a 50% cost reduction.

(1) Emergency Numbers for Farm and Rural Properties

Motion:

Whereas the absence of a 911 emergency sign resulted in an increased response time for first responders called to an emergency resulting in a fatality at a farm property in Northumberland County;

And Whereas Northumberland County now supports the Farm 911 Emily Project which encourages the installation of 911 emergency signs on farm and rural properties and will contribute \$25.00 towards the sign application fee;

And Whereas the Town of New Tecumseth has previously supported the North Cumberland County Initiative with regard to 911 emergency signs and the Town of New Tecumseth wishes to continue to support the installation of 911 emergency signs on farm and rural properties;

And Whereas the Town of New Tecumseth issues 911 emergency signs at the time of issuance of a building permit and it is recognized that not all farm and rural properties will be issued building permits;

And Whereas the cost of a 911 emergency sign in the Town of New Tecumseth is \$111.00;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of New Tecumseth continues to provide a 50 percent reduction in the cost of a 911 emergency sign to bring the total cost to \$55.50 for the first 50 property owners wishing to purchase a sign for their farm or rural property;

And Further That this resolution be forwarded to the County of Simcoe, Northumberland County and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.



Thank you,
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**"Burn down your cities and leave our farms,
and your cities will spring up again as if by
magic, but destroy our farms and the grass
will grow in the streets."**

W.J. Bryan

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Bill 156: Security from trespass



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A great big thank you to those who visited the OFA Act Now website in support of Bill 156, Security from Trespass & Protecting Food Safety Act. Over 6200 letters were sent to your local MPP's, the Premier, the Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, The Solicitor General of Ontario and the Attorney General. Along with official opposition MPP's John Vanthof & Sarah Singh. This bill is going to committee soon for debate and discussion resulting in a report on Bill 156 being presented to the legislature and then the third reading and final approval vote before royal assent. Stay tuned as we continue to follow this important piece of legislation on its journey through the legislative process.

Another thank you goes out to the Town of New Tecumseth for their support of FARM911 The Emily Project. They are offering farmers and owners of vacant farmland properties a 50% discount on the costs of obtaining an emergency 911 civic address number. The discount will be available to the first 50 applicants. Contact the building department for further information on the application process.

Do you need to upgrade to energy efficient lighting? Save on Energy has launched their Small Business Lighting Program once again. The program is delivered by the Independent Electricity System Operators. Small businesses with 50 or less employees that haven't participated in the program during the 2016-2019 period can apply. This program provides up to \$2000 in incentives plus they provide a free lighting assessment and take care of the entire project. No need to collect quotes or hire a contractor. Save on Energy arranges your entire installation by a licensed contractor. Visit saveonenergy.ca for more information or call 1-866-932-8283 to speak to a representative.

A reminder to property owners who do not agree with your property assessment values that Requests for Reconsideration through the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) deadline is March 31st. For additional information on the process visit the website [aboutmyproperty.ca](http://myproperty.ca) or call 1 866 296-6722.

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Farm View is a 'community' newspaper that provides advertising opportunities to hundreds of ag businesses every month. While many daily and weekly newspapers have closed their doors in recent years, a great number of 'niche' market publications like Farm View are thriving.

The reason is simple; chain newspapers have traditionally relied on paid classified advertising for as much as 1/3 of their revenue. For more than a decade, this revenue stream has all but disappeared as social media sites (Kijiji, Google, etc.) have offered free classified advertising.

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Whimsical Vintage Valentines

By Valerie Barnes

After all the shiny and colourful Christmas decorations get put away for the years, our house looks a little blah. I keep out the red linens because up next is one of my favourite holidays—Valentine's Day! (Who am I kidding? I like all the holidays—more reasons to decorate and, ahem... collect!)

I was inspired by a magazine cover from nearly a decade ago to make a valentine tree. A tall silver vase, curly willow, heart shaped glass ornaments, silk carnations and soldered ornaments that I made featuring vintage valentine images set the tone for January and February.

All around our home, I set out framed valentines. I've not found anything as whimsical as vintage valentines. Being a collector for years of these charming little cards, I can attest that there is no subject matter and no pun or romantic sentiment that has not been featured on a valentine, making them extra charming.

The first Valentine's Day cards appeared in the 18th



century. These were handmade and decorated with flowers and love-knots accompanied by lines of poetry. The oldest surviving pre-printed card dates from 1797 and is on display at the York Castle. It was sent by Catherine Mossday to a Mr. Brown of London. I wonder how their story ended because it seems as though all was not well between Miss Mossday and Mr. Brown when she sent him the valentine.

*Happy Valentine's Day
to Brianna, Lily, Trenton
and Harry.*

Love grandpa

Quilters' Guild meets on February 27th

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- Quilting Corners Guild in Alliston
- Region of York Quilters in Newmarket
- Orillia Quilter's Guild in Orillia
- Simcoe County Quilter's Guild in Barrie
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SCFA budget for 2019/2020 accepted as amended

SCFA President, John Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

Agenda: Additions – Food Freedom Day, Governance, Simcoe County Food Council, advocacy, COAC, debit card

Moved by Bill French, seconded by Dave Ritchie that the Agenda be accepted as circulated and amended. Carried.

Minutes: Moved by Dave Lucas, seconded by Dave Ritchie that the minutes of the SCFA December 5, 2019 Board of Director's meeting be accepted as circulated. Carried.

Financial Report: Moved by Bonney Smith and seconded by Paul Maurice that the financial statements be accepted as presented. Carried.

Reports:

OFA Field Staff: Leah Emms reported on the following:

- "Act Now" website is active with a letter for members to send to MPP's re support of the Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019
- TSC discount cards are now 15%, with restrictions
- Farm Transition Planning Workshop – Jan 29 webinar 12-1:30; register through OFA/Members
- Farm Business Registration – \$240 + HST
- PAC meeting in Guelph, Jan 28 – "Visioning of PAC" on agenda
- OFA Priorities for Ontario's Agri-Food Industry in 2020 information sheet circulated
- Wild pigs – MNR is encouraging sightings to be reported to iNaturalist.org or wildpigs@ontario.ca
- Building Relationships survey from OFA deadline is Jan. 21



Jim Partridge

- Mud on roads – municipalities are taking notice; be diligent in debris left on roads
- Municipalities are amending Official Plans (OP) – we should be aware of shifts in urban boundaries
- Our involvement – watch for amendments to your local OP; Ag Liaison Committee can put forth our concerns

Ag Liaison Committee: Paul Maurice

• Farmland Tax Ration presentation to Simcoe County by John Morrison and Ben Lefort, OFA, on Jan. 14

NVCA Ag Liaison Committee:

- AGM – Jan 24, 9-12

PAC:

- Next meeting Jan 28 in Guelph; Ty Jelinski to attend as alternate

Grain Farmers of Ontario, District 11:

- Annual meeting is on Jan. 13, 2020 at St. John's United Church in Alliston at 10 a.m.

Ag Knowledge Forum:



Bill French

- Moved by Josephine Martensson-Hemsted, seconded by Dave Ritchie, that we give Ag Knowledge Forum \$500 this year, but next year they be encouraged to partner with COAC. Carried.

Simcoe County Food Council:

- Applications for a seat on the council are open until Jan 17, 2020

- Moved by Bill French, seconded by Josephine

Martensson-Hemsted, that we support Dave Ritchie and Colin Elliot in their application to the council. Carried.

Simcoe County Economic Development Strategy Update:

- 8 question interview conducted by Catherine Oosterbaan for the county in January 24
- Dan deBoer will participate on behalf of SCFA

Committees:

- Each committee chair outlined the roles and responsibilities of members on each committee
- New committee set up – Governance
- Committee sign-up sheet circulated

Budget 2019-2020:

- Moved by Jim Partridge, seconded by Paul Maurice, that the amended budget for 2019-2020 be accepted as amended. Carried.

Jim Partridge passed over the office key and expired debit card to John Morrison.

Paul Maurice announced the dates of COAC – February 28, 2020 at Georgian College.

Food Freedom Day:

- Date in early February to be announced
- Proposal of donating to Simcoe County Food Banks with media involvement
- Canada's Agriculture Day is February 11, 2020

Adjournment: On motion by Dave Lucas, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Paul Maurice

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OFA agri-food priorities for a new decade

A new year, and a new decade, is a great opportunity to reflect on where we have been and look ahead to the opportunities and challenges for Ontario's agri-food industry. We are a powerhouse for the province, making tremendous contributions to the prosperity of all Ontarians.

We often repeat the economic contributions the agri-food sector makes to the province, and they are numbers worth repeating. When you look at the entire agri-food value chain – from farm level production through to value added food processing – we generate more than 837,000 jobs in Ontario and support \$8.1 billion in annual wages and salaries. Those are very significant statistics. And we should all be proud of the work we do to power the province.

Keeping an industry as diverse as ours running at its best requires continued investments and supports from all levels of government. And as we start this new year and a new season, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) will focus on four key areas that we believe need immediate attention and action from government. With strategic investments in infrastructure across the province, Ontario's agri-food industry will continue to thrive and drive the provincial economy.

OFA's priority areas for 2020 are not new. But like many other issues OFA advocates for, we'll continue bringing them to the table until the needs of our members are met.

The first issue is the continued call for natural gas across Ontario. There has been positive progress made on this issue in 2019 with the provincial government announcing the Natural Gas Expansion Support Program (NGESP) as well as the recent announcement to expand natural gas infrastructure to more families and businesses throughout rural and northern Ontario, and Indigenous communities. We appreciate the work the provincial government has done to extend natural gas access to those communities in need, but we understand the need is great and will continue to push for access to affordable natural gas energy, wherever you are in the province.

Our second issue is the need for reliable

high speed internet for rural and northern communities. So many people in Ontario take the internet for granted, but there are still many communities without access to reliable broadband. OFA is actively petitioning the federal government to roll out a broadband access plan. We are urging the province to join this campaign and facilitate functional access to internet across rural and remote Ontario. We all need to be connected and OFA will keep this issue front and centre with policymakers throughout 2020.

A strong rural school network is the third issue we'll focus on this year. Rural schools are essential to attract and retain local employees by providing quality education and critical community hubs. An investment in physical and social infrastructure, like schools and health care, will provide opportunities and reasons for families to look to rural Ontario as an affordable and ideal place to work, live, play and invest.

And our fourth area of focus in 2020 is the need for investments to support better infrastructure for roads and bridges throughout rural Ontario. We produce more than 200 different agricultural commodities in Ontario, and everything we grow

and process relies on well maintained road, bridges and drainage systems to transport from farm to market.

We'll also be following new legislation introduced in 2019 including the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 and the progress of Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019. Our goal is always to ensure the agri-food sector and our rural communities are included, consulted and considered in any new and changing legislation that impacts the sustainability of our farm businesses.

While many of us would like to forget the 2019 season with all its challenges, every new year brings new opportunities for Ontario's agri-food industry. OFA looks forward to continued collaboration with government to unlock economic growth and opportunities for agri-food and our rural communities.

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Roblin's Mill is the only operating stone mill in Toronto

The grist mill was a testament to pioneer-era industrialism. Perhaps the best preserved example of the grist mill in Ontario resides in Toronto's Black Creek Pioneer Village.

As would have been the case in any 19th century community, the five-storey Roblin Mill looms high over the other, more modest buildings in the recreated village, an imposing and somehow romantic structure that captures the imagination of everyone who visits the living history museum.

In the early 1800s, arriving settlers harnessed the abounding water supply of rivers and streams throughout Ontario to power saw mills and grist mills. One of those entrepreneurs was Owen Roblin, who built a five-storey grist mill in the Prince Edward County village of Ameliasburg, near Belleville.

A sixty foot long canal, measuring fifteen feet wide and eight feet deep, was blasted from nearby Roblin Lake to the mill site. Water came through this canal, spilled 75 feet into the mill-pond and then through a flume to turn a 30-foot diameter overshot water-wheel. The spinning of this wheel turned three six-foot millstones within the building, grinding grain into flour.

The mill had a daily capacity of 100 barrels of flour. Horse drawn wagons carried bags of wheat and rye flour to the docks in nearby Rednersville, from which point they were

placed aboard ships for transport to Montreal, the United States, Britain and British colonies.

Like most mill owners of the era, Roblin thrived financially from his operation. So much so that, in short time, he was able to add extensively to the mill complex with a saw mill, carding mill, shingle mill, post office, bake shop, and a cooperage for the manufacture of barrels. Roblin's varied businesses provided jobs and valuable services for locals, especially those many local farmers who depended upon export markets for the wheat they grew.

The community thrived as well. By 1870 it had grown from just a handful of homes to include several general stores, a carriage shop, harness shop, a couple of blacksmith shops, a large hotel, and 300 inhabitants. The mill was so central to its fortunes that the community was named Roblin's Mills in its honor.

The mill was at the height of its fortunes during the American Civil War, when demand for Canadian flour south of the border meant it literally worked around the clock to support Union armies in the field. It was around this time that the aging owner began to turn over operation of his mill to eldest son, Edward.

Edward was fated to be the last Roblin to operate the mill. When he passed away in 1900 (three years before his father died at the age of 97, while still serving as postmaster) the mill was sold and a succession of owners came

and went, each trying to make the mill profitable at a time when the small-town mill was being eclipsed by industrial-scale urban mills. Each failed in turn. Operations ceased for good in 1920.

The building stood vacant for many years with most of its machinery still in place. Age began to take its toll. In the early 1960s, when a serious crack developed in the masonry and its structural integrity began to be called into question, it began to look as if the mill would be demolished. Thankfully, the heritage structure was saved from this unfortunate fate when it was purchased by Black Creek Pioneer Village. In 1964, the mill was disassembled stone by stone, shipped to Toronto, and rebuilt over the course of a year to provide visitors with an opportunity to see an early mill in full operation. Incredibly, it was found that the original timbers, flooring and machinery were all in sound condition and could be re-incorporated, making the mill truly authentic. The only real difference is the size of the mill wheel: it was determined that an

Photograph by Don Beaulieu, 2015.



18-foot diameter wheel could perform as efficiently as the original 30-foot wheel, and so the change was made.

Today, Roblin's Mill is the only operating stone mill in Toronto, while back at its original site a plaque has been erected and the millpond forms part of Harry Smith Conservation Area.

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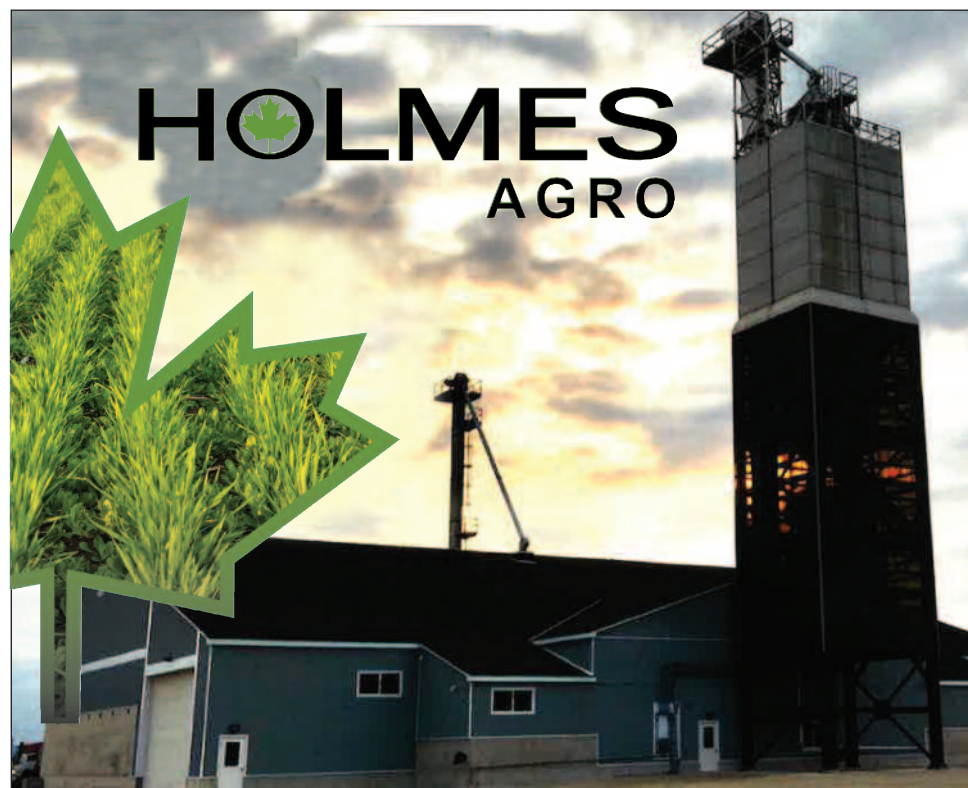
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Make well water testing a priority this year

Clean, safe drinking water is one of the most essential resources on a farm and in a home. Here in Ontario, we're fortunate to have an ample supply of fresh, safe and sustainable groundwater. Ontario's groundwater is monitored through the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network, that shares the responsibility with conservation authorities, municipalities and cities to regularly test and monitor the quality and safety of our provincial drinking water. Regular water quality testing of private wells is the responsibility of the property or well owner.

Water quality and environmental stewardship continue to be a priority for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). This year, we are working on a new resource to remind farmers and rural residents to prioritize well water testing.

Bacteria and nitrate are the most common health related contaminants in well water in Ontario. Well owners should test for bacterial contamination using free water tests available through local public health offices. It is recommended property owners test their well water in spring, summer and fall. Bacterial contamination should be tested three times per year, targeting time after a heavy rainfall or snowmelt.

Bacterial contamination isn't the only impurity that could impact the safety and quality of well water. The Ontario Ground Water Association (OGWA) offers ad-



ditional water testing packages for well owners. Testing for metals, minerals and salts is available to assess nitrates and other common impurities in well water. Be sure to test for these types of impurities if you have a well that taps into bedrock or is a spring

source, to check for naturally occurring elements that could cause concern. Additional tests available through the OGWA include testing for fuels, solvents, fluoride and pesticides. If you're unsure about water testing, or looking for advice on the best water test package for your needs, contact the OGWA. Additional well water testing options are available through private laboratories. Click here for a list of government accredited water testing labs (www.ontario.ca/page/list-licensed-laboratories).

Diligent well water testing is vital for the safety of family, employees and animals on every Ontario farm. Property owners should also consider baseline testing to monitor the quality and quantity of water over time. Start this process by obtaining your Well Record, available online from the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

OFA encourages all farm and rural property owners that source their drinking water from a well to regularly test their water – testing for bacterial contamination at least three times a year and investing in additional testing packages when necessary. We all share a responsibility for the health and safety of our farms and families.

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Gov't helps beekeepers address bee health

The governments of Canada and Ontario are supporting projects that will strengthen the health of managed honey bees and Ontario's beekeeping sector.

Since September 2019, the federal and provincial governments have committed more than \$221,000 to support 135 projects. These projects will help beekeepers make improvements to better manage pests, diseases and other stressors and grow their bee-related business. Factoring in project funding coming from the businesses themselves, this represents a joint investment of more than \$602,000 in the sector.

The funding has been provided through a targeted application intake under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership). Eligible applications are being received and assessed on a continuous basis, while funding is available.

- Projects supported through this targeted intake include:
- Equipment to help managed honey bees survive over the winter months
 - Projects to detect and manage pests such as varroa mites
 - Technology to enhance production
 - Equipment to prepare operations for managing Small Hive Beetle
 - Market and customer research to help increase sales.

"Many of our agricultural crops depend on the health and productivity of our pollinators, and this regional approach to strengthening Ontario's honey bee populations plays a vital role in allowing our high-value crops to succeed," said the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

"Honey bees play an essential role in Ontario's agricultural sector and in maintaining healthy ecosystems," said the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "That's why it's so important to support and sustain the health of our honey bees. This investment has helped over 135 beekeepers so far to equip themselves with better tools to prevent diseases, improve winter survival, adopt best management practices and grow their businesses."

Since June 2018, both the federal and provincial governments have committed cost-share support to approximately 2,500 projects through the Partnership to help eligible Ontario

farmers, processors, businesses and sector organizations innovate and grow.

QUICK FACTS

The targeted application intake to support managed bee health opened on September 3, 2019. Eligible applications are being received and assessed on a continuous basis, while funding is available.

This initiative is delivered by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA), and supports specific beekeeping activities in two project categories:

Advancing Beekeeper Business Capacity; and
Honey Bee Health Management.

OSCIA also delivers cost-share funding under the Partnership for farmers and other businesses (plant health) – the next application intake for this group is from January 8 to January 29, 2020. Program details, including how to apply, program guides, and application forms, can be found on the OSCIA website.

The health of honey bees is complex and influenced by several factors, including diseases, pests, genetics, environmental stressors and extreme weather.

In addition to producing honey, Ontario-managed honey bees pollinate a wide range of crops, including apples, apricots, asparagus, blueberries, squash and canola, both within Ontario and in other provinces.

Managed honey bees pollinate 80 per cent of all agricultural crops requiring insect pollination. They account for \$395 million in pollination services to Ontario farmers and contribute \$30 million a year in honey sales.

Examples of projects supported through the Partnership since June 2018 include: implementation of technology to enhance food safety in processing plants; improving adoption of cover crop management to help reduce phosphorous entering the Lake Erie watershed; installation of equipment to improve biosecurity; technology solutions to improve labour produc-

tivity and marketing plans to help businesses to expand their markets.

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year, \$3-billion commitment by Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments that supports Canada's agri-food and agri-products sectors.



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Livestock transportation regulations get two-year reprieve

The Current federal government is showing some flexibility in enforcing new livestock transportation regulations.

Initially, amendments to the Humane Transportation regulations were to take effect in February. The industry successfully pushed back. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is now giving a two-year transition period which it will complete ongoing research, assess infrastructure needs and build more awareness in the industry.

The intention behind the new rules is sound. Using good animal welfare practices is a must, and we need to prevent injury or abuse. The regulations hadn't been updated in more than 40 years. It was definitely time.

At the same time, government and the industry agree that Canadian farmers and transporters are already good stewards. It's a very small minority that are bad actors.

One of the main issues is the amount of time livestock are in transport. Under the new rules, transport times for

Saskatchewan to Ontario would need to be taken off mid-country. There currently are not enough facilities to accommodate the extra load.

Sheep farmers were also worried about the regulations—especially those aimed at ensuring animals aren't transported during the last 10 percent of their gestation period. This would put farmers in violation who want to move their sheep to better lambing conditions in pasture.

There are also questions around what kind of training would be required to properly unload and load the animals.

We need to be vigilant in ensuring that regulations are sound, effective and don't inadvertently make things worse for either farmers or our livestock. The government has shown some flexibility. We hope that, over the next two years, the concerns of our livestock farmers can be taken into account and issues can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Clarence Nywening is President of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario. The CFFO Commentary represents the opinions of the writer and does not necessarily represent CFFO policy.



cattle, for example, will drop from 48 to 36 hours, with a rest stop that has to last eight hours instead of the current five hours.

Many studies have been done around how animals react to being transported. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is currently financing research into whether stopping to unload, feed, water, rest and reload is better or worse for the cattle's health than completing the journey. The study runs until 2021 and is the crux of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association pushback.

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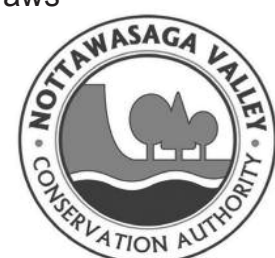
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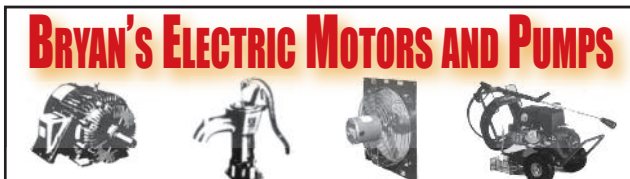


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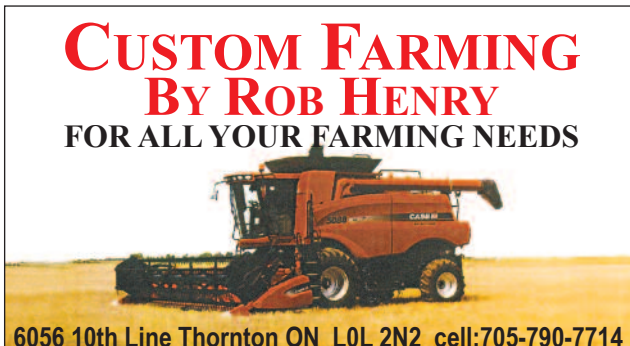
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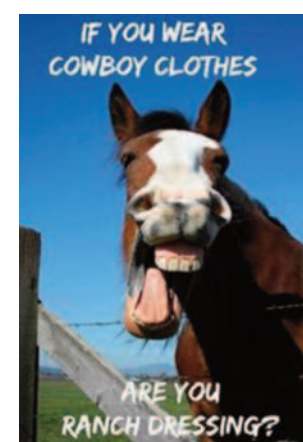
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