

FARM VIEW

A newspaper with something for everyone

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Complimentary copy for
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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.

January to April: Grey Ag Services Winter Webinars

Grey Ag Services is pleased to offer a wide range of courses from January through to April. Please visit www.greyagservices.ca/courses-webinars for full details. Register at info@greyagservices.ca or by calling 519-986-3756.

Feb 15th - March 31st: Livestock Veterinary Innovation Initiative applications due

Eligible applicants can receive up to 35 per cent cost share for eligible expenses province-wide and up to 50 per cent cost-share in areas that have been identified as under-served in terms of available veterinary capacity.

Veterinary businesses can apply for support through this initiative starting February 15, 2022 to March 31, 2022. Full details in the article on page 13.

March 4th: North Simcoe Soil and Crop Improvement Association presents Crop Information Session

North Simcoe Soil and Crop Improvement Association Virtual presentation **Friday, March 4th 12:45 pm to 3 pm.** Full details in advertisement on page 8.

March 8th - 10th: Ontario Forage Council presents "Profitable Pastures"

Three live webinars airing daily from **7:30 - 8:30 pm EST from March 8-10, 2022.** There is no cost to register and CEUs will be available for Certified Crop Advisors.

Register here <https://events.eventzilla.net/e/profitable-pastures-2138826297> or call 519-986-1484

March 10th: "What do you Farm" survey deadline

Write in for a chance to win a gift card to a farm supply store! Tell us what your interests are and how you receive the paper. Full details on page 20.

Contest closes March 10th.

March 15th: News and Advertising Deadline

The advertising and news deadline for the April issue of Farm View is **Tuesday, March 15th.**

April 5th: Virtual Mental Health Literacy Program "In the Know"

Virtual Mental Health Literacy Program for farmers and the agricultural community "In the Know" free to attend. Presented in partnership with York Federation of Agriculture.

Register for this two part session with Danielle Luciano dluciano@cmha-yr.on.ca.

April 5th 10 am - noon and 2 pm - 4 pm.

Full details in the ad on page 6.

Agricultural and Horticultural Support and Recovery Funding Initiative

In February Minister of Agriculture, Lisa Thompson, issued a press release regarding the second year of Agricultural and Horticultural Support and Recovery Funding Initiative.

This Initiative features two funding streams:

- Base Support Funding will be issued to all eligible Agricultural and Horticultural Societies through one-time funding payments of \$1,000 as a means of supporting their continued incorporation and activities.

- Hardship Funding for eligible Agricultural Societies will provide additional support which will be based on reported gate revenues from 2019. This will help off-set operating losses, liabilities, and fixed overhead costs related to land and buildings. This one-time payment is expected to be disbursed by March 31, 2022.

Vince Brennan, Manager of OAAS stated "OAAS certainly appreciates OMAFRA's continued financial support for our over 200 agricultural societies as well as Minister Thompson's and OMAFRA's confidence in our agricultural societies and the impact the societies and their members have on their local communities."

Fairs and Farm Shows 2022

Heading out to the local fair or farm show is the highlight of the summer for many of us. The memories that are made with friends and family can't be beat. As 'Fair Season' gears up I will do my best to post upcoming dates in each issue. If you are organizing a fair or farm show please call or email and I will be happy to include the details here. (Contact information at the bottom of page 4.)

I have also found that the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies has a wonderful website where you can find up-to-date information about all fairs; you can browse by location, date, or name <https://ontariofairs.com>

The OAAS website states that 2022 Fairs and events will be updated by late March to early April. Check back often for updates. Also the individual Agricultural Society's websites will have information.

The OFA's website is also an excellent resource for upcoming events <https://ofa.on.ca/events/>.

March 9th - 11th: London Farm Show

The London Farm Show is returning to an in-person event for 2022. Western Fair District, 316 Rectory Street, London www.westernfairdistrict.com/london-farm-show

March 15th - 17th: The Ottawa Valley Farm Show

The Ottawa Valley Farm Show returns to in person for 2022. EY Centre 4899 Uplands Drive, Ottawa www.ottawafarmshow.com

April 6th - 7th: East Central Farm Show

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Pressures underscore importance of local food sources

Story by Diana Robichaud

It was the middle of January when most people started hearing about a convoy of truckers on their way to Ottawa. The support along the highways was an impressive sight. The reasons of the protest started with a published memorandum of understanding from large groups out West but attracted a lot of attention from groups along the way – creating difficulty for anyone to support just one message. Initially it was believed that truckers in general were upset about the new requirement for them to be vaccinated in order to cross any land border to the United States and this would impact our supply chains. Questions arose on the validity of the argument when mandates were in place on both sides of the border and that a high percentage of truckers were fully vaccinated which meant there were no issues with crossing. Trucking companies indicated they were using non-vaccinated members to run domestic only routes. Statements were made that it wasn't about being vaccinated, it was about losing our right to choose.

The OFA issued the following press release in early February.

"The tractor rallies that have been targeting Queen's Park and local MPP and MP offices are not organized by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

OFA respects the right to peaceful public protest that all Canadians enjoy, provided there is no risk to the biosecurity and safety practices that ensure the well-being of people, animals and the food supply.

And we understand that the pandemic has been difficult on everybody and is causing rising frustration. We have felt the pressure that has been put on all parts of the food supply chain – farmers, processors, truckers, restaurants, grocery stores and consumers – by public health measures intended to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

But these pressures also underscore the importance of having and protecting local sources of food. Throughout this pandemic, we have and will continue to work with all levels of government, supported by science and health-care pro-

fessionals to find the best way to return to normal once again.

Ontario agriculture is an economic powerhouse that will help to pull this province and country out of this pandemic.

We all need to eat, and the local food supply chain is essential to all Ontarians. It ensures food on our plates and drives economic growth in both urban and rural Ontario. Farmers will continue to meet the challenges and ensure there are food and drinks on our tables and around the world as we edge closer to the end of this pandemic."

At the time of publication, it has been a month of protests, including blockades at different land borders, with an increasing amount of passenger vehicles and individuals who are wanting to protest all mandates and levels of government. Our Prime Minister has declared a State of Emergency.

When the protest is over we will still be left with the question "how can our supply chain be so easily impacted by the actions of a select group of people?" Supply chain questions have been highlighted since the start of the pandemic, at first due to the increased demand of certain consumer goods such as toilet paper. Countries depend on other countries for production facilities, as well as finished products. Problems increase when people get sick and we have weather interruptions. Originally vaccine mandates were designed to help slow the spread and decrease the amount of sick time – intended to keep production and supply going. As these very mandates get questioned, it's important to see all the issues at play. There were more disruptions to the supply chain during the Christmas buying season, then during the 'Trucker Protest.' National grocery chains still citing staff illness as the larger problem in stocking shelves.

In general, just because the average consumer didn't experience the supply shortage predicted, does not mean there aren't real issues that need addressing. The next question is, how has the supply chain issue altered your buying habits and have you reconsidered your impact during the last two years?



On the Cover

Spring Tonic - kicking off the 2022 maple syrup season, Hon. Jill Dunlop MPP Simcoe North (left), and Brent Beers, VP of the Simcoe and District Maple Syrup Producers Association. Read about the first tapping event on page 9.

— Photo by John Beischer

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FROM THE EDITOR

Inspiration and dedication

I've enjoyed hearing from many readers entering the 'What do you Farm?'" survey. A special mention goes to Ted Gordon at Gordhill Farms in Cannington. Mr. Gordon wrote in and shared that they recently celebrated 100 years on their farm. Congratulations to you and your family and thank you for your dedication. The survey is open until March 10th, please enter for your chance to win a \$25.00 farm supply gift card. The full details are on page 20.

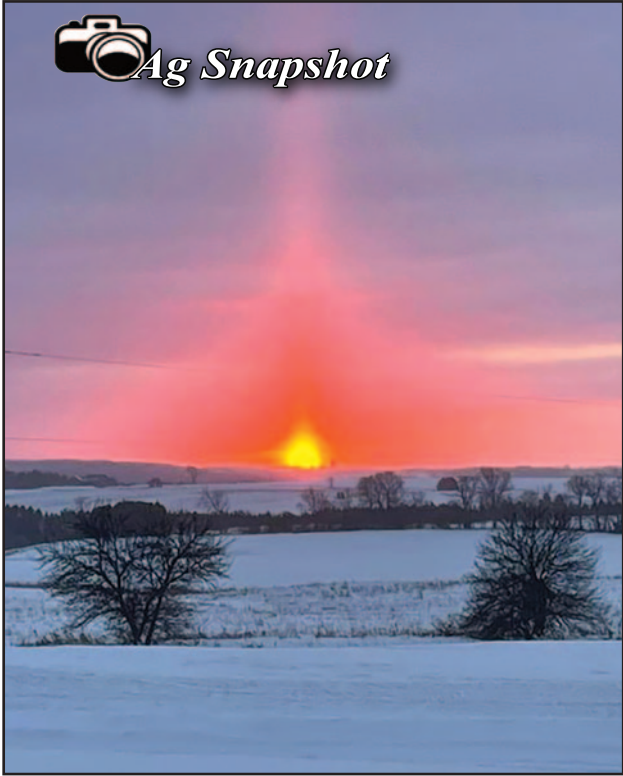
In this issue Cathy Hamill-Hill shares the stories of five young entrepreneurs who with determination and dedication

have begun their careers as farmers. Truly inspiring stories. Election season is once again upon us. Please reach out to the candidates and ask them your questions. Leah Emms has helpful information in her article on page 6.

I have also received some really terrific photos to share in the Ag Snapshot section. Please keep writing in and sharing what is important to you.

As always, take care of yourselves and one another,
Roslyn Watkins

Ag Snapshot



A January sunrise in New Tecumseth
— Photo by Donna Jebb



The two photos above were sent in by Heather Pratt who has been raising registered miniature horses for about 35 years in Muskoka. Heather commented "Lots more snow here 5 years ago. When the snow came off the shelter roof it pancaked and kept the shelter nice and cool for quite a few months, no bugs where there is snow!"
— Photos by Heather Pratt

Photo to the left: Freedom Bale Sign in Barry Upton's field on 89 Highway just east of Simcoe Cty Rd # 10

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Jill Beischer

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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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Election time again: Engage with the Candidates



By Leah Emms
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When the calendar rolls around to March, I start to long for springtime. The combined smell of melting snow and thawing earth lift my spirits. Combine that with daylight savings time and I have a little extra bounce in my step.

This year though, spring involves a provincial election on June 2nd. Farmers and farm organizations are always encouraged to speak with candidates from all the parties to share the concerns and needs of our sector. We

understand and are sympathetic to our membership in acknowledging that this election is coinciding with your extremely busy planting season.

OFA has developed a resource kit for our county federations and members who chose to engage with candidates. We offer a list of potential questions to ask candidates. The topics covered range from investments in long-term rural infrastructure, permanent residency for Temporary Foreign Workers, preserving farmland, containing urban sprawl, and climate change policy from an agriculture perspective.

The election merry-go-round will take a brief pause during the summer but will fire up again during the harvest. The municipal election is scheduled for October 24th. Again, OFA will be offering resources for you. OFA's municipal toolkit is currently being updated. It will be available for our members and county federations or as a leave behind resource for municipal staff and councils.

Currently, we are experiencing record breaking high fuel prices. This might be the time to invest in additional security items such as locks on bulk fuel tanks, motion detection lighting, security cameras or simply disconnecting the power to the pump when not in use. If thieves want it bad enough nothing will stop them but, these measures may slow them down. Report theft to the OPP or your local police department. The OPP have an on-line reporting system for theft under or over \$5000. To report a theft visit OPP.ca select your location from the map and your report will be sent to your local detachment. Or call OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Bill C-234 and Exemption to Carbon Tax for Grain Drying Introduced in Parliament

Grain Farmers of Ontario, the province's largest commodity organization, representing Ontario's 28,000 barley, corn, oat, soybean and wheat farmers, urges all parliamentarians to support Bill C-234 introduced today by Ben Lobb, Member of Parliament for Huron-Bruce, which includes a carbon tax exemption for grain drying.

Bill C-234: An Act to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act was introduced into parliament today and once passed will provide relief to farmers who are feeling the impact of the increased tax on their food production. Grain drying is vital in producing grain that is used in food, feed, and other products. Grain Farmers of Ontario has calculated that the carbon tax, which is increasing every year, will cost an average farm an additional \$46 per acre in direct drying costs by 2030. On an average 800-acre farm, that's an increased cost of operations of \$36,800.

"Farmers continue to bear the brunt of the carbon tax – both paying the tax for on-farm fuel used for drying grains, and paying the increased costs added to necessary inputs and services as vendors try to recoup carbon costs at their end. This is not supportable for our already vulnerable food system," said Brendan Byrne, Chair, Grain Farmers of Ontario. "It's time for all Members of Parliament, regardless of party, to champion food production, keep food

costs affordable, and support rural communities and farms by swiftly passing Bill of C-234 through the House of Commons."

Grain drying is an essential part of the process of harvesting grain. Without it, grain would spoil and could not be used for food, feed, or biofuels. The current carbon tax is a significant increase to the already escalating cost of production faced by grain farmers. The cumulative impact of the carbon tax increases threatens farm sustainability in Ontario.

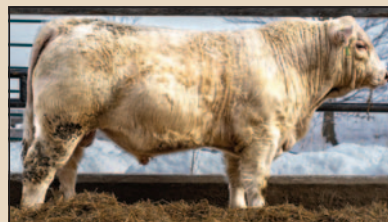
Ontario grain farmers are consistently looking for ways to improve their environmental impacts including, reduced tillage, cover cropping, and adopting new technology.

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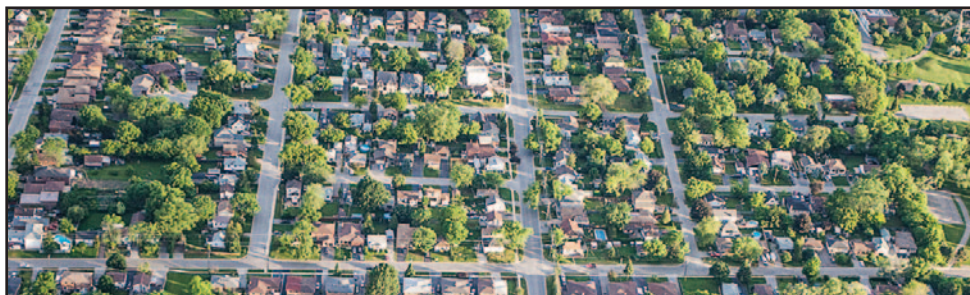


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Housing Task Force Defends Farmland Preservation

By Marie Versteeg, Communications Manager for the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario.



In mid February, government released a report from the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force. The report argues that affordability issues cannot be resolved while the housing shortage remains so dire. As a result, its chief recommendation is to build 1.5 million new homes in the next decade.

The main question is, where will all these new homes go?

Housing Shortage, Not Land Shortage

Visions of urban sprawl swallowing farmland might flood your mind. Fortunately, the report firmly states that there is plenty of land available within urban boundaries. It cautions against further expansion, saying, “Greenbelts and other environmentally sensitive areas must be protected, and farms provide food and food security. Relying too heavily on undeveloped land would whittle away too much of the already small share of land devoted to agriculture.”

Where growth must occur outside existing municipal boundaries, the report urges that infrastructure supporting high density housing be established at the outset.

Overcoming NIMBYism

The report also calls out NIMBYism, the “not in my backyard” mentality that prevents multi-storey buildings and other housing solutions from being built. The taskforce recommends creating a more permissive planning and approval system and stronger provincial standards to increase density. They also argue for policy changes to prevent the tactics used by those powerful enough to oppose change.

These recommendations are likely to cause controversy. However, there is growing recognition that diverse housing solutions are necessary to protect the environment, as well as support housing options for young people, newcomers, refugees and the less fortunate.

Doubtless there are other recommendations in this report that will cause concern, such as proposed limits to public consultation. But alternative solutions to the housing crisis are bleak.

Urban Sprawl

John Ibbitson of the Globe and Mail, for instance, recently suggested that the best solution to the affordable housing crisis is more urban sprawl. He dismisses concerns over loss of farmland by arguing that “increased agricultural productivity compensates for land taken out of use for housing.”

This perspective is short-sighted. According to food security expert Ralph Martin, there’s no guarantee of increased agricultural productivity in the future, as farmers across the world struggle with the effects of our erratic climate. Canadian farmland is vitally important for the future of food security, both nationally and globally. As Martin points out in his rebuttal to Ibbitson, “It is our reasonable service to protect it.”

Increasing urban density could be our best chance at protecting farmland. The Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force can be commended for resisting the quick fix approach of urban sprawl. Let’s hope our urban neighbours and politicians agree.



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Ontario Agriculture Conference

Marketing in this Madness

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Steve Kell has been in the grain business for 30 years. He is a past Business Manager-Branch Grain for Parrish and Heimbecker Ltd.'s Eastern Grain Division. He also operates 1,200 acres in Simcoe County and is a Grain Merchandiser for Kell Elevators. He was a speaker at the Ontario Agriculture Conference for Session 2 "Marketing in this Madness."

2021 was "a tie for the highest corn crop in history," says Kell.

2016 and 2021 in the USA corn crops had about 15.1 billion bushels. The difference now is that China, the biggest market has had a 2000% demand increase from 40 million bushels in 2016 to 1.2 billion bushels in 2021. This market has kept the price of corn strong.

Being a corn producer in Ontario is an advantage, Kell claims explaining, "Ontario has the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway so we can export, it actually is very easy to get (exports) on a boat and on to somewhere else in the world."

"We are blessed to also have so much grain elevator infrastructure here in Ontario. We have 6 export terminals, Goderich, Sarnia, Johnstown and three in Hamilton."

Another market that is currently strong is the ethanol demand for corn. "Ethanol production has recovered (from the pandemic) which has restored corn demand. The last week of October 2021 set an all time record for weekly ethanol output of over 100 million barrels of ethanol in a single week," he said adding, "as ethanol stays strong, that's a good way to move corn."

Soft red winter wheat and corn can be substituted for each other in livestock feed. This means that prices for soft red wheat and corn are never too far apart. Whenever there is extra wheat that is not used in the milling industry, it will go to livestock feed.

Kell reports 2021 had an "above average soft red (winter) wheat productions" in Ontario. In 2020, production was below average. Predictions are now in for the 2022 crop- and it's something that crop farmers who now have wheat left to market, should be aware of, he advised.

"Poor planting conditions this past fall have significantly reduced winter wheat acres insured. From about 1.1 million acres in 2021 to about 600,000 acres for 2022," he explained adding, "there is enough winter wheat sown (planted) to cover domestic and user demand but winter kill and the summer's weather in the growing season of May, June, July are unknowns."

Soybeans in Ontario had a big crop- and prices remain strong. In Ontario, there are about 2.9 million acres of soybeans grown. About 25% of that crop is food grade to be used in products like tofu and soymilk- and most of this grade leaves Canada. "Two out of 3 beans in an average soybean pod gets on a boat," Kell says adding that, "our prices are almost entirely international."

One of the biggest factors for soybeans is the weather in South America. South America produces 54% of the world's soybean crop. Soybean demand worldwide remains very high. Kell said that, 30 years ago, he was waiting for soybeans to reach the incredible price of \$7.00 per bushel- but it never happened. Today, soybeans sell for \$15 and often better per bushel.

While there is no sign of the market lessening for soybeans, Kell advises that farmers do not look too far ahead to lock in the current good prices because today's good prices may not be enough. "I would be really careful to book out for 2023, we have no idea what costs then might be and what inflation rates might be. We know what the land, feed and fertilizers costs are for 2022 but 2023 is unknown."

Besides worldwide demand much due to the high population in China that caused them to consume nearly 50% of the world market. Also, the second year of La Nina has been helpful. "Our (soybeans) market got an enormous lift out of a 2nd consecutive year of La Nina," he said explaining the drought was severe in South America in some places.

There is a watchful eye also on the current Russia/Ukraine situation. "There are two big grain terminals in the Black Seas and we compete with them in the corn and grain exports. Whether military action or trade sanctions will happen are unknowns at this time," he concluded.

Spring Flooding and Fire Safety Tips

By Dennis Gannon

With warmer temperatures coming, Spring is just around the corner. Melting snow and spring rain can develop into ice jams from spring break up. The result is often flooding situations. While most flooding can be mild in nature, there are times when it can be so severe, that homes and buildings can be flooded and uninhabitable and frequently, power outages can occur lasting from a few hours to many days. To be prepared and fire safe, the following suggestions should be considered if a power outage was to occur from flooding.

To reduce the risk of fire consider using flashlights, glow sticks or battery operated lanterns. LED flashlights and glow sticks can often be purchased from dollar stores so having many around in different locations is a great solution.

If you have an electric stove and small appliances, make certain the switches are turned to the OFF position and if possible, unplug the units. Should there be time, move electrical appliances to a higher level. Do not use or attempt to use any electrical appliance that has been water damaged.

Cooking can be a challenge but many people turn to their bbq's to prepare their food. All bbq's, propane, natural gas or charcoal must be used outdoors and not indoors in-

cluding the garage.

Portable heaters powered by propane are not for indoor use as they can produce carbon monoxide, the silent killer. If using a portable heater ensure that it is rated for indoor use only.

Similarly portable generators are to be used outdoors only. Use only certified units and heavy duty extension cords. Do not plug the unit into the home electrical system unless the proper switches are used. Make certain that the exhaust is directed away from the home so that the fumes do not enter through windows or doors.

If the flooding is such that it enters the basement do not enter if the water rose above the level of electrical outlets, baseboard heaters, furnace or is in the area of the main hydro panel. The hydro will need to be disconnected and a licensed electrician will need to check the home electrical system.

Finally make sure you have battery operated smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Unless these units have battery backup, the alarms will not work when the power is out.

Taking the time now to prepare for spring flooding and power outages will save valuable time and property. More information on flooding and power outages is available from your local fire department.



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Maple syrup season officially underway in Simcoe County and all the regions served by Farm View.

Story and photos by John Beischer

The 2022 maple syrup season got off to an official start at Maple Grove Syrup, operated by Brent and Amy Beers of Severn Township, north west of Orillia. Brent is the Vice President of the Simcoe County Maple Syrup Producers Assoc. and operates a maple syrup operation and sleigh ride tour/operation through their sugar bush at 2448 Burnside Line.

A ceremonial tapping of the first maple tree of the season was performed by local politicians.

Under the watchful eye of Brent Beers, Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North, tapped a maple tree on the property. After the ceremonial tapping, Brent Beers conducted a tour of his sugar shack. He explained to an attentive audience his maple syrup operation, explaining how weather trends can significantly affect production capacity. "January has been especially cold, but a few warm nights next month will start the sap flowing, and as a result we will have a great season" he said.

This spring, residents of Orillia and Severn Township will see this roadside stand when they travel north west from Highway 11 north of Orillia. They will arrive to purchase 100% pure maple syrup products from this local business located at 2448 Burnside Line. They will be pleasantly surprised to learn they can also enjoy wagon and sleigh rides through a wonderful 50 acre hardwood bush that is spectacular in the fall.

Pictured to the right: The roadside stand is located at 2448 Burnside Line in the small community of Uththoff in Severn Township.

Email or call in advance to make sure someone is available to make purchases, 705-321-2328 or maplegrovesyrup@gmail.com



Shown above are Charlotte Beers [left] and sister Abigail [right] enjoy hot chocolate and Timbits while their parents, Amy and Brent Beers, instruct the guests on the maple syrup process.



Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North taps the first maple of the season.

Worth a Chuckle... and life lessons

by Aunt Hazel

While adding milk to her cereal Isla Clarke asked her friend Harry "You know how cereal drowns in milk? That makes milk a cereal killer!" Harry responded with "What did the waffle maker say to the baseball player? Batter up!"

A grandma was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!"

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more ram-bunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

A young grandson called the other day to wish his grandfather a Happy Birthday. He asked him how old he was turning, and the grandfather replied, 80. The grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

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Grey Bruce Farmers’ Week Beef Day: Five WAYS to reduce Feed Costs for Cow Calf Operations

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Dr. Katie Wood is an Associate Professor in Ruminant Nutrition and Physiology in the Department of Animal Biosciences at the University of Guelph. Her research program focuses on developing strategies to improve feed efficiency in the cow-calf and feedlot sectors. Dr. Wood spoke on the topic ‘Five ways to reduce feed costs for cow calf operations’ at the recent Grey-Bruce Beef Day.

“Best \$50.00 you will ever spend on the farm is testing your feed,” claims Dr. Katie Wood. She says “test, don’t guess” exactly what is being fed to the cows. Feed quality has huge ranges from when it was harvested to water damages and it’s nearly impossible to know the quality without official testing done.

“It’s best to work with a nutritionist. And talk to them about sampling, some times they will come out to the farm and do the sample for you,” she advised.

The next way to reduce feed costs is to match the cows requirements. In other words, feed the cows what they need, not just what they want. Dr. Woods says that early bloom alfalfa has a 19.9% protein which is “double what a non-lactating cow would need.” Wheat straw is 4% protein and corn silage is 8.7% protein. “Diluting the feed” is recommended meaning feeding less high quality hay and more “crop residue” meaning crops like wheat straw or corn stalks.

Dr. Wood said, “Consider chopping the feeding or feed a TMR (total mixed ratio) using the crop residues to add to the feed. Considering borrowing a chopper and using it to make one month’s worth of feed.”

Body Condition Scoring (BCS) judges the amount of fat the cow has on her back, tail head, hooks, pins, ribs and brisket. An emaciated cow is a 1 and a very thin cow with all her bones visible is a 1.5. At the other end of the scale is the very fat cow that has fat over her tail head buried in fat. The goal is a 3.5 which is “good,” a cow with a smooth appearance with some fat on her body.

Dr. Woods advised that housing cows with the same BSC is a way to save feed costs. Cows that are in the 5 BSC “can live off some of their own energy reserves” needing less feed before 60 to 90 days prior to calving. Thin cows should be housed together to “help them out” with extra feed to reach that 3.5 BSC. The goal BSC is 3.5 because that is the best range to have a healthy calf and mother cow with adequate milk supply.

She stressed that timing of determining the BSC is critical. “Two weeks after weaning the calves in the fall is the best time. BSC adjustment takes about 3 months. To gain ½ a point on BSC is about 100 pounds for a 1,500 pound cow



and 66 pounds on a 1,000 pound cow.”

“In Ontario extending the grazing season is not done to the fullest extent.” Dr. Wood said explaining that double cropping forages with cover crops, rotational grazing, grazing crop residues and swath and bale grazing are examples of how grazing seasons can be extended.

Swath grazing is having hay left, unbaled in swaths in the field. Bale grazing is leaving bales out in a field.

“Bale grazing has been shown in studies from producers to have a 35% winter feed savings versus conventional dry lot feeding,” she said explaining that bale grazing is about placing bales at a distance apart in a field. A portion of the field is left open for grazing, the other is blocked off with electric fencing. The cows are allowed to eat at the bales which are left on the ground for 3-5 days and then are moved onto the next section of bales. This system, she claims, has benefits.

The cost of moving hay to feeders constantly is saved with Bale grazing along with barn cleaning. Further, she says, “a lot of reports have seen improvements in soil fertility because of the nitrogen retention in the soil. Also, the water holding capacity of that bale grazing area increases.”

Supplementing the feed is another option to cut feed costs. “One pound of corn replaces 2-3 pounds of hay,” she said explaining that 1 pound of hay per 100 pounds of bodyweight of the cow can be done. What this means, Dr. Wood further explained is that, “a 1400 pound cow in mid-gestation can thrive on 28.5 pounds of hay OR 17 pounds of hay and 5 pounds of corn per day. In late gestation, a 1500 pound cow needs 32 pounds of grass type hay OR 20.5 pounds of hay with 5.5 pounds of corn.”

The final way to cut costs in feed costs is the most drastic and is used by those often in drought conditions where hay and forages are not available.

“Rumensin reduces feed intake by 5-10%,” she said stressing that, “Rumensin CANNOT be fed free choice and this needs to be fed ONLY at prescribed amounts which means a nutritionist or a vet should be involved,” she said.

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Grey Bruce Farmers' Week Ecological Day: Sustainable fish farming in Ontario

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

The second generation of Springhills Trout Farm is a strong promoter of fish farming. RJ Taylor was a speaker at the Grey-Bruce Farmers Week on Ecological Day about sustainable fish farming in Ontario.

RJ and his sister left their home fish farm to pursue other interests but after close to a decade, both of them returned with an appreciation and sincere interest in the business of fish farming. Today, RJ is an environmental advocate and public promoter of Ontario fish farming.

Jim Taylor, the siblings' Dad was a "pioneer" in the fish farming industry. He gained knowledge of the industry through work and then he was invited to build his own fish farm in Grey-Bruce. He has 50 years experience farming fish. Today, Jim is in a supervisor role at Springhills Farm.

There are 14 full time and 9 part time employees working at Springhills Farm. The one farm has expanded to four farms and one small scale processing plant. There are three types of fish grown on the farm today, rainbow trout, Arctic char and coho salmon.

Fish farming is much like any other kind of farming, RJ explains. "We (fish farmers) worry about the weather, climate change, work around the clock, vacations are occasional and we have to deal with the public criticizing."

The public sometimes do not understand that farm grown fish have a good life. Fish are born on the farm in the hatchery to brood stock fish. The brood stock for rainbow trout "date back to the first rainbow trout grown on fish farms in Ontario. We have raised 25 generations of those trout lines here," RJ explains adding that with extreme heat in summers and extreme colds in winters in Ontario that fish brood stock selection is very important. The hatched fish are called "fingerlings." These fingerlings are carefully tended to until they reach 6 to 9 months old.

"The fingerlings are sent to net pens up north to Georgian Bay, around Manitoulin Island and Parry Sound. This is like

"putting the fish out to pasture" as these net pens have lots of space and lots of water. The fish can grow to market size in these net pens for a fraction of what it costs on the farm," RJ explained.

He adds that there about 150 trucks sent both spring and fall loaded with fingerlings to the net pens.

Springhills Trout Farm is land based. It uses water from the local creek which will, eventually, be cleaned and returned to the creek. The fish live in the water. The water flows through land that has no other value for food production.

"We are proud that we grow fish on a property that could not be used for food production. This land could not be used for residential building either," RJ says.

"Our most expensive input is fish food. For ever 1 kilogram of feed, we can get nearly 1 kilogram of fish meat back so its a 1 to 1 ratio," he explains adding that quality fish food is expensive and ranges between \$3,200 to \$6,500 per ton.

"Top level predators" are how RJ describes the fish on his farm in the wild food chain. "In the wild not much eats a trout, (Arctic) char or salmon but a bigger trout, char or salmon. The diet therefore is nearly all protein."

All aspects of fish farming, including the diet is sustainable. The fish meal is made up of mostly trimmings of wild fish meaning it's a by-product of processing. Currently, there are trials happening on the farm about feeding crickets for fish food.

With so much public criticism, Ontario fish farms are heavily regulated by the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs. Further, most Ontario fish farms are "expected by the public" to have Eco-certifications proving



sustainability and goodness to the environment.

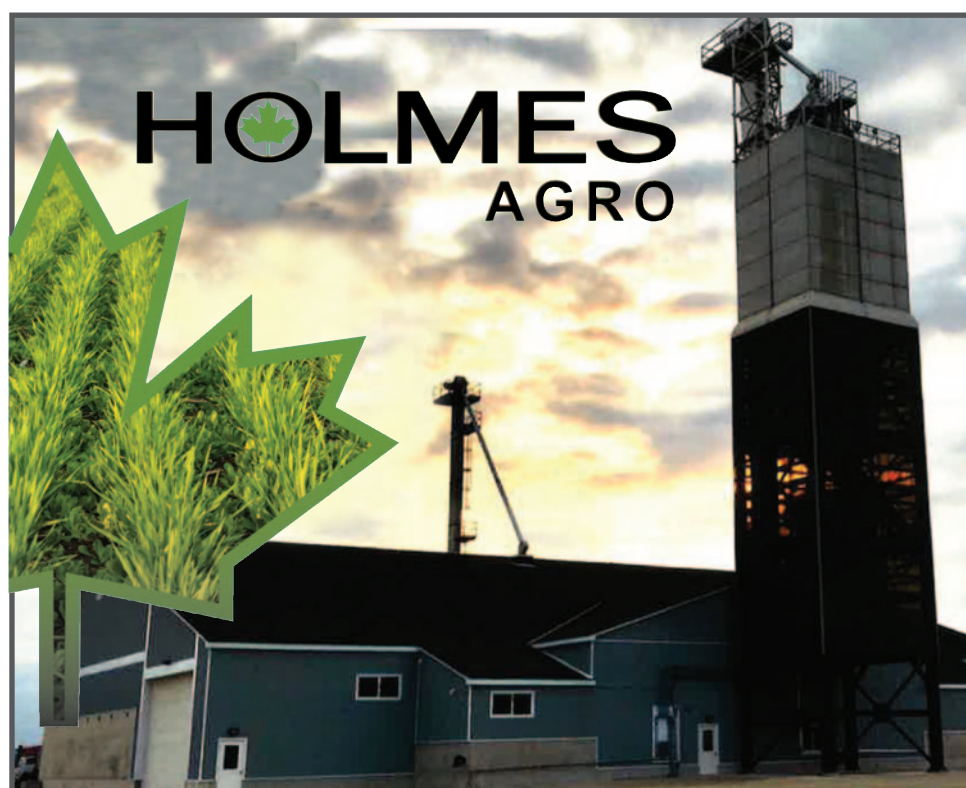
Springhills Trout Farm has certification through the "Best Aquaculture Practices (PQP)" program. RJ explains, "PQP pours through our records, the auditor usually spends a week with us. The auditor talks to each of our staff members, takes samples of the water and fish and checks each aspect of our operation to check the boxes to get our certification. COVID-19 has changed some of the ways it's being done but it's still being done." RJ added that this is normal practice for Ontario fish farmers to prove what they are doing to the public based on professional certification.

COVID-19 is responsible for the popular new delivery business that sees over 200 households now receiving a box of Springhills Fish delivered to their door each week.

Seafood markets got all tangled up as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We found ourselves (at Springhills Farm) with a lot of fish. We started cutting up trout and put it in boxes and then posted on Facebook "We got fish and we can deliver!" RJ says explaining that the first markets were found close by in Hanover, Durham and Walkerton. "Then people from Port Elgin, Owen Sound then Mount Forest into Guelph then over to Barrie and London- and now we are delivering to the GTA. Now, it's 1.5 years later, we are working with other fish farmers to meet the 1,700 boxes a month demand." He stresses that only fish from farms with certifications are included.

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Ontario Agriculture Conference

Starting with Ag

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Not everyone is in line to own a family farm. Five young farmers shared their stories on how they made their own way into agriculture in Session 45 of the Ontario Agricultural Conference.

Four of these young farmers balance full-time off-farm jobs along with managing their new farms.

Tom Aikins "Farm On"

Tom Aikins is only 22 years old and he owns some farm equipment older than he is. The ambitious young farmer grew up in Stayner believing he wanted to go into farming and found a job at a local dairy farm. He then signed up for a Co-op placement at a local farm- and that's where he gained experience and became certain he wanted to be a farmer.

"A neighbour was 84 years old and he said I could rent his farm. The farm had no fences and the barn needed fixing up- but there I was in spring 2018 owning 20 cows on this rented farm," Tom said. The first job was to get electric fencing in place to pasture the cattle- and get the barn ready. That summer he purchased a tractor, "cheap haybine" and a round baler.

"I didn't want a lot of debt so I purchased older equipment. The fields were not in great shape so I had to clean a lot of them up by cutting trees which uncovered hawthorns. I got a lot of flat tires," he explained.

He offers the advice of "always do your best and your farm has to work for you." Tom admits "I'm not a real people person so I sell my stuff by putting it on a truck because that works for me."

"Always do your best" is how to build a community reputation. Young Tom was recently approached by another neighbour offering a farm to rent. Do not pass on an opportunity is one of his beliefs, "If opportunity comes, say yes and decide after how you are going to do it." This new opportunity means this farmer now has another set of 20 producing cows on the second farm.

It was discovered by another farmer that Tom raises all his own heifer replacements so now he has another farm business of raising replacement heifer calves on a custom basis. Tom also sells hay. From being known to the community, he is building a snow removal business on the side too.

No farmer gets started alone, Tom says he's no exception. He had support from his family and his Grandpa's advice carries him over the times when he's so tired from doing so much work. "Grandpa says, write down every single thing you own and add it up- then look it over and realize what you really have. You don't realize what you got when you see it every day."

Tom has found a way to help another person come into farming. He shares his second farm with a brand new farmer with a few cows that run with Tom's second herd. "We need to help the next person when we are able so we can all Farm On."

Jason McKague "4-H gave me contacts that helped me to be where I am today"

Jason McKague is only 23 years old. He works full-time at a farm and he rents land and barns at two properties, one in Meaford and one in Thornbury.

He has a herd of 25 Red Angus/Red Simmental cows and currently, a Charloais bull. The cows stay in Meaford while after weaning, the calves go to the Thornbury farm.

He has 110 acres of hay and 70 acres of other crops. He uses a collection of equipment, some borrowed and some "invented" from old stuff he fixed up in his shop.

"It pays to be handy in the shop, I sort of built my own hay rake and hay wagons," he said.

Jason's entry into farming started from 4-H, especially the Calf Clubs. 4-H gave him contacts that would open doors to his farming career. He also got a job at a local farm and

this farm offered him "cow shares" which eventually led him to starting his own herd.

Jason's first cows were joined by a set of cows that were being sold out as a dispersal for a former 4-H Leader. This set of cows also came with the offer of renting that property which included a barn.

He says that "farming all by yourself" is not possible for the new young farmer. Borrowing a next-to-new tractor for the hay season from a farming friend that has a winter contracting business is an example of this sharing.

"Finding a person that is able to help- and asking for that help," is the advice Jason gives to others. He says that his dream is to own a farm one day but meanwhile, he is grateful to be renting the two properties he does and to raise cattle like he always wanted.

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South Simcoe 4-H 2022 News

Story and photo by Madeleine Cullen

South Simcoe 4-H Association held their Rally Night virtually on Friday, February 11th. There are 27 4-H clubs including five new clubs (Field Crops, Automotive and Mechanics, Financial Fitness, Book Club, and Wheels in Motion - Bicycle) on offer this year. Cloverbuds, for youth 6-8, will be offered as well in the 2022 season. Leaders provided a brief overview of the clubs to prospective members (ages 9 - 21) and answered questions. Registration is open online at <https://4-hontario.ca/association/simcoe-south-4-h-association/>. You can also find additional information about the clubs on the website. South Simcoe 4-H Instagram and facebook links are on the South Simcoe 4-H website page. Be sure to check out what 4-H leaders and youth are up to in your communities!



In the above photo are Troy, Connor and Ryan McDermid from left to right. The boys are looking forward to participating in South Simcoe 4-H and cloverbuds programs for 2022.

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Governments Increasing Veterinarian Capacity for Ontario Farms

\$4 Million Investment to Help Farmers Access Veterinary Care

By Doug Downey, MPP

The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$4 million dollars through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership) to help give farmers improved access to veterinary services when and where they need it.

The Livestock Veterinary Innovation Initiative is a new, cost-share program that will increase the access options for veterinary care, especially in rural and northern Ontario, to better support animal health, the livestock agri-food sector and the strength of the province's food supply.

In consultation with farmers and stakeholders in the veterinary sector, this investment focuses on improving virtual care options, expanding telemedicine access and addressing issues with mobile clinics to address current challenges, such as long distances between farmers and animal health care providers and the shortage of food-animal veterinarians working in underserved areas.

Examples of projects eligible for support under this initiative include:

- Equipment to help veterinary practices deliver enhanced virtual care, diagnostic work and tele-medical support for farms.

- Portable, specialized, livestock handling equipment to help veterinary practices or farms manage animals while receiving care; and

- Training for veterinary professionals to help them use new equipment, techniques or deliver more efficient and accessible support to livestock farmers.

"Canadian farmers take great care of their animals. It is essential that they have easy access to veterinary services, no matter where their farm is located," said the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. "Our investments will accelerate the implementation of innovative animal health solutions, such as telemedicine, to increase access to veterinary care throughout Ontario."

"We know farmers need reliable and timely access to veterinary services to keep their animals healthy and to grow their businesses," said Lisa Thompson, provincial Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "This investment will help farmers protect the welfare of livestock animals and add to our government's efforts to strengthen access to the high-quality foods our farmers produce."

Eligible applicants can receive up to 35 per cent cost share for eligible expenses province-wide and up to 50 per cent cost-share in areas that have been identified as underserved in terms of available veterinary capacity. Maximum funding amounts differ by project category.

Veterinary businesses can apply for support through this initiative starting February 15, 2022 to March 31, 2022.

Since June 2018, both the federal and provincial governments have committed over \$100 million in support to more than 5,000 projects through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. This funding will help eligible Ontario farmers, processors, businesses and sector organizations the ability to innovate and grow.

The 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. This includes a \$2 billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

Applications for the Livestock Veterinary Innovation Initiative will be accepted starting on February 15, 2022 until March 31, 2022.

Approved projects must be completed by Sept. 30, 2022.

In 2020, the Ontario agri-food sector supported more than 720,000 jobs in Ontario and contributed \$46.3 billion to the provincial economy.

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Farmers and Workers Need Fair Treatment in Public Health Decisions

By Ed Scharringa, President of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario.

The recent decision by a local medical officer of health to stop farmers from bringing in their temporary foreign workers – and its reversal – highlighted cracks that remain in how the pandemic is being handled going into its third year.

Public Health Order Rescinded

Dr. Nesathurai, who's with the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, issued a directive on January 12 telling anyone who employs temporary foreign workers to cancel, suspend or postpone their arrivals between January 13 and February 1. That area of the province, as we all know, is one of the most productive agricultural areas in Ontario, and farmers employ thousands of foreign workers to help plant, tend and harvest their crops.

While there was an outbreak, and many workers were self-isolating at the time, there should have been strategies in place short of shutting everything down. Not only would it have affected the farmers, but also the workers who depend on their farm jobs for their living. It would also have ultimately affected the food supply. Fortunately, the directive was rescinded two days after it was sent out.

After the fact, Dr. Nesathurai was reprimanded by the province for being discriminatory against the foreign workers. Ontario's chief medical officer of health also weighed in, questioning the legality of the original directive.

Farmers Face Increased Labour Challenges

We recognize the intense pressure everyone is experiencing, and we continue to live in difficult times. But farmers who have been working through the entire pandemic to put food on our tables do not need the added anguish of having their labour force suspended on a moment's notice.

The labour shortage that farmers were experiencing before COVID was amplified by the pandemic. The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council estimated that one in five temporary foreign worker jobs went unfilled because of the pandemic in the group of farmers they surveyed.

Supports to Protect Farm Workers

The Ontario government has been helping out. Most recently, it announced that it would supply up to 5,500 HEPA filters to protect farm workers in their indoor quarters. It also provided personal protective equipment and rapid tests. Until February 15th, there was a \$36 million program designed to help prevent workplace outbreaks from happening and manage them if they do.

For anyone who needs them, the federal government has a comprehensive set of pandemic guidelines on its website for farmers who employ temporary foreign workers.

In the end, we will get through this crisis. But we need more consistent policies, strategies and actions, especially by local public health units. We need to ensure farmers across the province don't ever again have to go through the many issues they've had to face during COVID-19.

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Ontario Agriculture Conference

Starting with Ag

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By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Eamon and Janelle Johnston "Don't Let Anybody say you Can't do It"

Eamon and Janelle Johnston are a married couple with three children and live near Rodney, Ontario. Janelle is a full-time nurse practitioner who works in her community and Eamon works full-time in the construction industry. The two are also chicken farmers. They were accepted into the "New Entrant Chicken Farmer Program" available from the Chicken Farmers of Ontario (CFO). This program helps qualifying farmers enter into the quota chicken business by offering quota purchase options spread out over a long period of time.

Eamon grew up on a family farm and it was his intention to be part of that operation- until a succession plan proved that the farm could not support another family, much in part due to its size and the fact there were three siblings in the family. Eamon's family encouraged him to step off of the farm and see what was out there. At that time, Eamon went into the construction industry.

Janelle grew up on a farm and there was success found with raising broilers with the CFO.

The couple purchased property and with Janelle's family business in mind, did some investigation. "We saw advantages of diverse operations like Janelle's family runs. We then found the (CFO) Entrant Program that gave us the opportunity to join the poultry industry without the risks of major capital investments," Eamon explains.

"We needed 14,000 units of quota, the Entrant Program meant that we buy 4,000 units and can buy the other 10,000 units over the next 15 years. Our off-farm (full-time) jobs pay the bills, the farm builds equity," Janelle says.

The couple applied for the CFO's New Entrant program which is popular. It took months of work to get the application ready that included a business plan. There was a financial commitment also needed. After all this work and money, they got turned down. Not about to give up, the couple did more work creating a new plan, gave over the financial commitment to apply and tried again in October 2018. The news came in March 2019 they were accepted.

"Our parents helped us- and they sure helped me by getting me off the farm to acquire more skills. My off-farm job gave me experience in building projects like our barn. It's important to have a big network of people as wide as you can," Eamon said.

Balancing a family life of three children and two off-farm jobs and a broiler chicken business is not easy, Janelle admits. "Eamon is in the barn by 5 a.m. every morning for chores. He leaves for his work by 7 a.m. It's very, very tight farming when it comes to time-wise and

financially, I'm not going to lie," she said.

The driving force behind all this work is to give opportunities for their children. Eamon explains, "We want to give our kids the ability to be in agriculture if they want to just like we got this opportunity."

He says his advice to people that are considering farming is, "If you have a dream, don't let anyone say you cannot do it. Build a network of people willing to give advice- and then pass that advice on. Keep your expectations realistic- it will take time."

Emily Charbonneau "Opportunities exist for those who are willing to work with opportunities"

Emily Charbonneau is a 31 year old agricultural contractor. She is a specialized mechanical corn detasseler from Chatham.

Corn detasseling is removing the immature pollen-producing bodies from the tops of corn and placing them on the ground. This is done as a pollination control to cross-breed two varieties of corn. This practice is essential for producing seed corn of a specific type.

Emily, for eight years, worked in July and August for a seed company using their equipment to mechanically detassel corn. She attended university so this summer job that had very long hours fit into her life. She finished university to work with her Dad along with her summer job on their family's crop farm.

Then, the seed company announced it was retiring the old equipment and was putting out a bid for a contractor with equipment for the job. "I thought my world ended," Emily remembers. She gave it a lot of thought and decided to bid on the new contract as her own contractor.

Building that contract with no equipment meant that Emily had to do some serious research especially as the contract was only for one year.

"I found a supplier to lease the detasseler and pre-arranged late payments on major expenses like fuel. I set a going pay rate and I put my values into that first contract," Emily says. She was rewarded the contract.

That first year's season was short but extremely busy and hard.

"I was in the fields for 18 hours plus a day, some days I did 23 hours- my Dad stepped up to help me more than once," she remembers adding that at the end of the first year, the contract was considered successful so it was extended and put in place.

Today, she has an incorporated business and is paying for a second machine where she hires another operator adding "My beautiful partner Matthew steps in for me now when I need extra help. It's important to have people beside you that you can count on."

The ambitious young farmer has plans to buy out her family's farm one day but for now, she is happy to farm full-time with her Dad on the off-season times from her contract job in the corn fields.

Her advice to other young farmers, "Opportunities big and small come along, opportunities exist for those who work with them," she said adding that her advice to starting farmers is: "to be prepared to sacrifice, earn a reputation and work with local suppliers. Nobody makes it on their own, the suppliers that stood by me, the seed company that worked with me- and my Dad were all there when I reached out for help."

Loaves and Fishes Growing Project Summary 2021

Working together to end Global Hunger

The Loaves and Fishes Growing Project has just completed its 24th year raising funds for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) to end world hunger. The Canadian Foodgrains Bank was one of the top 10 impact charities in Canada as rated by the website Charity Intelligence (www.charityintelligence.ca). In 2021, CFGB responded to the conflict in Syria, conflict and flooding in South Sudan, and Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon, along with continuing programs that work to address long-term hunger by promoting sustainable agriculture practices, helping people return home after displacement, and working with families to improve their nutrition, particularly for pregnant/nursing mothers and children.

In South Simcoe County, crops were raised in different fields growing a total of 106 acres of wheat, soybeans and corn for the growing project. Farmers and agri-businesses donated their labour, equipment, crop inputs, and time to grow and harvest the crops. Churches and individuals donated cash. Over \$46,000 was generously donated from individuals and churches from cities like Toronto, Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Bradford, Tot-

tenham, Alliston and Cookstown, Innisfil, Barrie and others. This past year, we had above average crop yields and with strong commodity prices, \$102,000 was donated to the CFGB! After more than doubling the donations through the growing project, the Canadian government matches by 4:1. Just like the 5 loaves and 2 fishes fed crowds, our efforts are multiplied as well to feed our neighbours in need all around the world.

Special thanks to Jean Keffer and Warren Jackson for their work with handling donations and keeping everything on track. After 24 years, Loaves and Fishes has amounted to a total of \$3,057,647 in donations to the CFGB. Our work has been truly blessed.

Thank you to everyone who contributed. Plans are underway for our 25th year in 2022. Our project is always looking for more individuals to contribute to this worthy cause, in any way possible. Thinking Globally and acting locally.

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Guelph Organic Conference Seeds, the Foundation of the Agricultural System

By Cathy Hamill-Hill

Every garden starts with seeds.

Seeds, the Foundation of the Agricultural System was a session on Day 6 of the recent Guelph Organic Conference held online.

Duane Falk of the University of Guelph was a presenter at the conference. He has a Ph.D in Cytogenetics and Crop Breeding. One of his previous students was also a speaker, Rebecca Ivanoff, program manager for Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario (EFAO).

Ivanoff says that the goal is "building a movement for resilient seed systems." She said her work is about "keeping seeds in farmer's hands and maintaining a high diversity of seeds is critical for building resilient food systems in the face of climate change."

The easiest way to lose quality food sources is to not save seeds for the next planting. This fact has prompted the introduction of "Seedy Saturdays" which, she says, is a small scale high impact way to get seeds out to people that are willing to plant those seeds.

In today's climate of vast changes, as in this February week where today its -14C and in four days it is expected to be +7C, seeds need to be planted to see how they manage since temperature ranges happen also through the growing season. "Variety Trials" have been held in Ontario on over 20 farms. Each farmer carefully collects statistics on their crops and submits these. In 2021, trials were held for Radicchio, Rutabaga and African Eggplant. In 2022, there will be trials of Iceberg Lettuce, Lentils and Hulless Squash.

Ivanoff gave a real life example of a tomato. This tomato was none of the "usual" types but she liked it more than most and decided she wanted to see if it could grow again in her own garden. She said that saving seeds from a tomato means cutting the tomato in half and scooping the seeds. The seeds are then put in a container and set on the counter for about three days. "When it gets goopy and smelly, it is fermenting. Then it's time to add a little water. The seeds will go to the bottom of the container and the top part can be taken off. Wash the seeds. Put the clean seeds on a pie tin- and let them dry out." Ivanoff said seeds can then be stored in a dry area for the next 5 years or so for planting.

"Every backyard or big market gardener starts with seeds," she said adding that saving seeds is important.

Falk retired from teaching and purchased a farm. At his farm, he specializes in growing potatoes. He explained the best way to save seed potatoes based on his own farm experience.

The first step in having good seed potatoes is having a good potato crop to save seed potatoes from. Falk advised that harvesting for seed potatoes must "not be on a hot afternoon" and the farmer should be sure of having the time to move the potatoes into dark storage quickly.

"Frost a week before harvesting potatoes is ideal," he said.

After the potatoes are dug out, they should be "put in breathable bags, like onion bags," he said adding burlap bags work too. He said the potatoes should be put in a dry place and the temperature should be reduced down to 12-16° C then further down to 2-6° C.

Potatoes should be sorted after they are in cold storage.

"By hand, we brush off the soil gently. We never wash them. We remove damaged and bruised potatoes. Seed pota-

atoes are golf ball size about 43mm or the size of a large egg about 68 mm."

The potatoes that are selected for seed potatoes should be stored in paper bags with no windows in the bag. The bags should not be stacked as this would prevent air circulation. Air circulation is essential because the potatoes don't want to get wet or they will rot. Further, the humidity should be around 60-70%. Potatoes must be stored in the dark.

The seed potatoes "need to hibernate" in cold storage to get ready for the new season of growing.

The seed is ready to come out of "hibernation" when it "starts to sprout," Falk says explaining, "the long white sprouts should be broke off so the green sprouts will grow." The goal here is to have "green sprouting" on the potato that shows signs of roots and leaves starting to grow.

Sometimes the seed potatoes won't "green sprout" or sprout in any way. This means the potato needs to move to some low light to get them thinking about spring time. "Potatoes can be put in milk crates or egg cartons to encourage green sprouting," he said. Also they could be moved to a warmer area.

To plant seed potatoes, cut the potatoes into sections with 2-3 eyes per section and do this either directly at planting or 1-2 weeks prior to planting date. "Potato temperature should be similar to soil temperature," he advised.

Aaron Varadi is a Commercial Grower Sales Representative for High Mowing Organic Seeds. He is from British Columbia.

"Seeds are our foundation of our farm every year," he says. He gave a report on how to grow carrots.

"Initial weed control is critical to successful carrot growing," he advised saying several times, that it takes 14 days for the carrots to emerge out of the ground. Carrots cannot grow well in a weed infested area and "flame weeding 2-4 days before emergence" or "silage tarping" can help. Flame weeding is a hand-held or tractor mounted device that, with intense heat from a flame, will

kill vegetation. Silage tarping means putting a covering on the ground.

"Plant a seed as deep as it is wide," he advised saying this is standard advice.

Today's organic seed has a problem call the Lygus bug. This bug lands on the seed and sucks out the juices causing for significant seed damage. Some organic carrot producers are either oversowing expecting the Lygus bug to take out some of the crop and be prepared to thin out the crop if the bug did a no show.

The carrots want to emerge into "consistently moist until a week or so after emergence," he advised.

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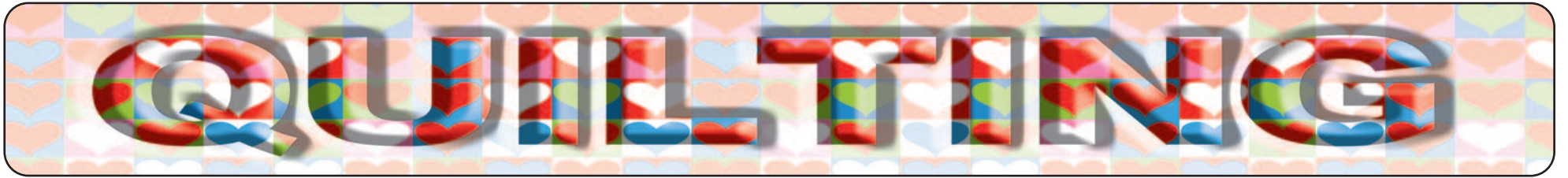
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Women's Organization Celebrates 125 Years of Supporting and Inspiring Women

A press release from the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

One of the longest standing sisterhoods in the world, founded in Ontario and now worldwide, is celebrating a major milestone. From the first meeting in Stoney Creek, Ontario on February 19, 1897 to today's global network of branches, Women's Institute (WI) has continued to provide a social connection, education source, and community service opportunity for women. Since founding, the mission and vision of the organization rapidly spread, as women everywhere embraced the movement for a better future for their family, their communities, and themselves. Now, in the era of social media and particularly during the pandemic, women are feeling isolated in a different way. WI answers this need.

Over the years, the WI has been at the forefront of multiple causes. The original goal of WI was to teach women how to keep their families healthy and well fed. Naturally, these educational gatherings also offered a much-needed social connection. By hosting community dances and card parties, they began to raise money and support community work, then later the war effort. Most recently, WI has embarked on education campaigns around such topics as gender, Indigeneity, and Black history, and have undertaken campaigns to eradicate Lyme Disease and advocate for victims of human trafficking. WIs are members of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), which holds consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Local branches meet monthly, often with a guest speaker

or group activity. Meetings include social time and a short business session to plan ongoing community involvement, support, and advocacy. Women are looking for a break! The regular meeting is time they can take for themselves to connect with friends and get to know new people. Women of every age and stage gather to support each other and their communities.

New branches are being formed by women who are interested in supporting and inspiring other women in their communities. Online options also are happening. If you'd like to start or find a branch near you, please go to fwio.on.ca.

Horning's Mills WI branch almost ready for judging

Debbie Fawcett has been a member of the Horning's Mills WI branch for almost 50 years and reports that the Horning's Mills WI branch has been busy preparing for the quilt block competition. Judging of the finished blocks and projects is scheduled to take place on the 19th of February. The entered blocks shall be made into quilts by various branches and shall be on display at the International Plowing Match in the fall along with some individual projects by WI members.



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Story and photo provided by Sharlene Dinsmore

Greg Bray writes "Being part of the Innisfil farming community in Simcoe County is an extremely rewarding experience for our family, and farming itself is a very important part of our family history. I grew up as a young boy helping my grandfather work his cattle when I visited the farm on the northern Bruce Peninsula, and then returned home to work the family farm in Mono Township with my parents. When my wife Nadina and I were married, it wasn't long before we were planning our own "farm dream" together. We now have a beautiful parcel of just over 50 acres of land in Innisfil, and three growing daughters (Alyssa, Maya, and Jessa) who play a very important part in daily life on the farm. They are all members of the South Simcoe 4H Club and Nadina and I are both leaders with the association as well. Recently my father-in-law, William Snow, moved here from New Brunswick bringing with him knowledge and skills that have been indispensable around the farm. The power of three generations working together is evident on a daily basis.

At Maple Heights we have a family-centered farm where we have chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese living a natural life of foraging and frolicking in the fresh air. We also keep several sheep, a donkey, and a miniature horse. We are committed to natural living and enjoying everything nature has to offer. We have an abundant and diverse piece of land with many species of plants, trees and wildlife. We take on our role of environmental stewards of this property with great pride. This is a beautiful place to raise bees, which provide us with wildflower honey, and to harvest sap from our lush sugar bush. We currently tap over ten acres of maple sugar bush where we use a pipeline sap collection system. With every year that passes we have been able to expand and add to our sap harvesting and production capabilities. We love to have visitors to our sugar shack in the early spring to see how we produce delicious pure Canadian maple syrup in

our wood-fired evaporator. We are committed to producing high-quality local products—such as our pure maple syrup—that will help grow our community and county in a positive and healthy way. We are also committed to creating a place where people from the community and beyond can come and experience first hand how maple syrup is made. Maple Heights Farms is open during syrup season when the sap is flowing. We will be open during March Break for visitors to

come out and see how the sap is collected and how the syrup is produced. Please visit our website (www.maple-heightsfarms.ca) or our Facebook page (Maple Heights: The Brays) for additional hours we will be boiling and having visitors for the spring 2022 season. In addition to having our maple syrup for sale during syrup season, it is also available at our farm-gate stand year 'round. We would love to see you down on the farm!"



Shown above from left to right are William, Greg, Jessa, Alyssa, Maya & Nadina. The canine crew are Ava, Gus & Lily.

The Innisfil Historical Society is a non-profit, volunteer community group concerned with the preservation of the Town of Innisfil's history. The group's objectives include:

- Creating a better understanding of our past and its value to life today and in the future.
- Preserving information about the Town's history and increasing access to this history.
- Assisting anyone seeking information about Innisfil and its people.

New members are very welcome - Contact through our Facebook Page - Innisfil Historical Society.

Editor's note: The articles from The Innisfil Historical Society are excerpt's from the Innisfil Historical Review 2020: Bicentennial Edition. They are meant as 'human interest' pieces about the history of farms, farm businesses and their families in our distribution area.

The meaning behind popular St. Patrick's Day symbols

Saint Patrick is commemorated each March 17 as a man who championed Christianity over paganism in Ireland. St. Patrick was so influential in Ireland that he was proclaimed a saint by popular appeal (as there was no official process for canonization in place until the 12th century). He would later become the patron saint of Ireland.

St. Patrick lived a storied and influential life. He is perhaps most notable for using many different items as symbols for explaining the mysteries of the Christian faith. In fact, St. Patrick's Day is a holiday that is quite rich in traditional symbolism. Even though many of these symbols are familiar and even celebrated, people may not know the full meaning behind their usage.

Shamrock

The shamrock is one of the most recognizable symbols utilized by St. Patrick. This three-leaf clover is native to Ireland and a plant with which the Irish long have been familiar. St. Patrick demonstrated the meaning of the Holy Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit — by showing the public that the shamrock is one leaf with three parts, just as Christians believe God is one entity with three persons.

Snakes

There is a legend that St. Patrick was responsible for banishing snakes from Ireland. However, there are no snakes in Ireland, nor have there ever been, as Ireland is an island surrounded by cold waters that prohibit snake migration, according to National Geographic. Driving snakes from Ireland was likely metaphorical in that the serpent was seen as an evil entity in Christian scripture. St. Patrick drove pagan beliefs out of Ireland and ushered in new ways of thinking.

Celtic cross

Many historians surmise that St. Patrick was so successful in converting the Irish to Christianity because he did not attempt to have them abolish all of their old beliefs. Rather, he modified traditions and symbols to fit his teachings. One example of this is the Celtic cross, which blends the formerly pagan traditions of honoring nature and sun worship with Christianity. The Celtic cross marries the traditional image of the Christian cross on which Christ was placed, with a sun at the core. It exemplifies a Lord who has dominion over all creation, but serves as a reminder that it is acceptable to enjoy all that God has created.

Green

The wearing of green, as well as inclusion of a band of green in the Irish flag, is reminiscent of the verdant nature of Ireland itself. Blue was initially the color associated with St. Patrick and later his namesake holiday. In the 19th century, this was slowly changed to green, a transition that was likely inspired by nature and shamrocks. Green is now the color most associated with Ireland, and there is the tradition of pinching people who forget to wear green on St. Patrick's Day.



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Grandma’s Breakfast Casserole

Recipe and photos by Roslyn Watkins

I am sure many of you have made a very similar dish over the years. My mom loved trying new recipes and this quickly became a staple at many family brunches that my parents would host. My Mom would make two, one vegetarian and one with cooked bacon or sausage. This recipe is for the variation we cook the most often in our home and is referred to as “Grandma’s breakfast casserole.”

You can add anything your tastebuds desire to this casserole. Sauteed onions and mushrooms, green peppers, asparagus, sliced tomatoes on the top. The options are endless.

Quick to put together on a Sunday and then you have a hearty breakfast to heat up for those early weekday mornings.

Ingredients

- 9 frozen hashbrown patties (Or 5 cups of cooked cubed potatoes)
2 cups fresh or frozen broccoli cooked and drained, chopped into bite size pieces
1 red pepper roughly chopped
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
14 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/2 tsp salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

- Preheat the oven to 375°F, spray with Pam or grease a 9x13 glass baking dish.
 - Lay the frozen hashbrown patties in a single layer in the glass dish. Six going in one direction and then a row of three in the opposite direction to make them all fit. (or spread cooked cubed potatoes across the bottom of the dish.)
 - Evenly spread the broccoli and red pepper over the hashbrowns.
 - Sprinkle the grated cheese evenly over the vegetables.
 - Set aside.
 - In a medium to large bowl whisk the eggs, milk, salt and pepper until light and somewhat frothy.
 - Pour the egg and milk mixture evenly over the cheese and vegetables.
 - Bake in the oven for 35 minutes then remove and cover with foil to prevent burning the cheese. Return to oven and bake for an additional 10 mins.
 - Test for doneness by inserting a butter knife into the casserole and ensuring no liquid remains.
 - Let sit for 5 minutes before cutting into squares. Serve with Easy Fruit Salad.



Easy Fruit Salad

In a medium bowl whisk 1/4 cup honey, 1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice and the zest of 1 lemon. Add your favourite fruit and toss to combine. Fruit suggestions are strawberries, hulled and quartered, blueberries, raspberries, kiwis, peeled and sliced, oranges, peeled and wedges cut in half, apples, peeled and chopped, mango, peeled and chopped, grapes or sliced bananas.

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After The Chores: Annual Anxiety

By Cathy Hamill-Hill



I am suffering from my annual anxiety.

My annual anxiety comes from Baby Season.

We are hobby farmers here meaning that we depend on income from livestock for not a dollar to keep up the mortgage and all the other expenses that comes with property ownership. The goal of our farming is to make money- but it does not "have to." So it's not money that propels me into anxiety every baby season.

When I showed dairy goats, my anxiety was somewhat justified since a show animal is valuable, known by a lot of people and one gets extremely attached to show animals. The bond an owner feels to a show animal after a win is strong and losing a show animal or its offspring, is a deep sorrow full of remembering past joyful times now gone. I no longer have show quality livestock in the barn so missing potential show animals cannot be part of this.

I decided to not name the animals, I know them as "black doe" and "black doe's kid" and "sneaky lamb." The idea was that if an animal had no name I would be able to distance myself and reduce this anxiety. The plan was a full failure. Now, I worry about "the friendly young sheep in the back pen with the green gate." I now still have the anxiety only with way more details involved.

The first problem of the year was a small, early prolapse that was fixed with a spoon. This means that a sheep had her reproductive parts out of place and everything was put back in place and secured with a plastic invention called a spoon. This problem, this time, fixed itself as the unborn lamb must have shifted so all the parts lined up like a

finished puzzle. Instead of being grateful, I worried excessively if the lamb could be born through that puzzle. Sweetie found the new lamb in his early morning barn check and I rushed out fully expecting to see the sheep flat out dead. The lamb was not only normal, it was fully washed off and up getting a first meal from a very happy Mama sheep. I worried excessively for days thinking the Mama sheep would have re-occurrence despite the fact this never happens days after birth. She is still doing wonderful and so is her lamb and neither were ever worried one bit.

I watch the weather these days like a hawk, I swoop over the Weather Network channel way too many times a day. When the winds pick up and the temperature drops, that is prime time for the Babies to start arriving. The two days of mild weather meant, as expected, nothing happened. At -26 with a strong west wind, Sweetie opened the sheep yard gate and wearing my glasses, I looked in only on sheep behinds. I found one with clear evidence of a new baby. Like a sergeant gone mad, I shrieked that "there is a BABY lamb outside!" Sweetie rushed outside and prowled around, finally finding a wet baby lamb crammed in behind the feeder and the fence right in the biting west wind.

The ewe was a dedicated mother and once she got her grain with the others, she started to Baaaa for her baby. Sweetie was baby pen building when I got the dedicated mother to help me to get the lamb dried off. The lamb had ice on its ears but a warm sheep tongue got that taken care of- and I worked with straw for the rest of the lamb. It's now 8:45 pm. It was clear this lamb was not going to be standing up any time soon and the temperature was just going to drop more.

I went to unthaw myself in the house- and to come up with a plan. I decided to give the lamb some time- and that should get him hungry. My anxiety took over and I decided to pre-

pare a bottle of warm colostrum from the package dried cow colostrum made especially for lambs that we bought at Sunderland Co-op. The stuff is quite amazing as its just as thick, sticky and yucky looking as the real stuff that represents Life as this is essential for any newborn lamb to have.

At the barn, the lamb is still lying flat out. The mother is sleeping beside the new lamb. The cold is worse and it is obvious that if the lamb doesn't get milk now, its life will be over. At 10:20 pm on a -30 night all one can do is pray. So I prayed this flat out lamb would drink down this warm milk. The lamb did take that milk down but still could not stand. I was so worried thinking it had some terrible unknown paralysis. To bring in the lamb to the house risks the sheep forgetting about the lamb plus the house is 70F so the switch back to the barn is risking pneumonia. Risking the orphaning of a lamb plus the possibility of pneumonia vs. faith in a loving sheep mother and this colostrum was what it all boiled down to. I was back to praying again for an answer. Faith won.

I told Sweetie back at the house that I made a decision- and if I was wrong, I had just killed a healthy lamb. I also wasn't sure that something extra bad was now in the barn preventing the lamb from standing up. Sweetie has learned to just listen and let me worry talk myself out. Anxiety was fully back in control again.

The only advantage of cold weather is the fact that after having hauling frozen water bottles and worrying about baby lambs, sleep has to happen. I woke the next morning to Isaac barking for his breakfast at top volume and Sweetie telling me the BEST news ever: early this morning, the baby lamb was up and getting his own breakfast from his Mama.

I'm very grateful for my new lambs but I am worried about the next bunch because there "might".....



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Slow and steady: Oxen were Ontario settlers' first mode of off-road travel

When one thinks of Ontario's settlement era, images of horses plowing rocky fields or pulling sleighs piled high with logs immediately come to mind. Yet, the draft animals used by the region's pioneers were more likely to be oxen than horses.

Oxen are unheralded contributors to Ontario's development, and yet they were favoured by early settlers because oxen had several advantages over horses.

Oxen could survive on a diet of wild grasses, foliage, and beaver hay, a course grass that grows wild in marshlands. Horses, on the other hand, are far more discriminating, requiring domestic grasses and grain in the form of oats or barley. In a settler's first desperate years of homesteading, he needed to devote his every effort to clearing and cultivating enough acreage to provide for his family; setting aside land to provide feed for horses was a luxury few could afford.

Oxen were also more powerful than horses. Under a heavy load, an ox will tug and twist, using the leverage of the tongue to good advantage, notably when plowing in difficult fields. Horses, on the other hand, are more inclined to throw their whole weight into the collar in a lunging fashion. In addition, an ox's two-toes are better adapted to slippery conditions, such as boggy ground and snow, than single-toed animals like horses. As a result, oxen are less likely to fatigue over long journeys or due to heavy workload.

Oxen aren't as skittish as horses and therefore less likely to run off if frightened. And should an oxen run off, their plodding gait meant a settler could easily retrieve it.

Another consideration for early settler was the speed in which oxen could be harnessed. All that's required is for the hoop under the wooden yoke to be slid up, the yoke attached to the wagon tongue, and the lead string put through the nose ring affixed to the ox's nostril. That's it; no more than a minute or so. Hooking up horses, on the other hand, with its elaborate system of straps and buckles to fit and adjust took much more time.



What's more, an ox yoke was easy to make; any handy farmer could make one from wood, saving him from spending scarce money. A yoke would be stronger if taken from the outside of a large log, rather than from the centre as the centre grain is more liable to split. Settlers preferred to use green wood because it was easier to work, but it would then need to be well dried to keep it from cracking and splitting. Typically, a farmer would place the green yoke

in a haystack over the winter so the wood would dry slowly.

Before they could work on the farm, however, the oxen's small cloven hooves had to be fitted with shoes. Unlike a horseshoe, oxen shoes were made in two pieces. Blacksmiths likely inwardly groaned before the task; shoeing a horse was infinitely easier than shoeing an ox. Being tremendously heavy animals, weighing between two and three thousand pounds, oxen could not stand on three feet. The blacksmith was forced to place a sling under the animal's belly and, with a series of pulleys and a windlass, hoist it off the ground while fitting the shoes.

As late as the 1840s, there were more oxen in Ontario than horses.

Horses eventually eclipsed oxen and became commonplace on Ontario farms. But even then, oxen remained in use on some farms into the early 20th century. Logging companies continued to employ oxen for a time as well. For horses to pull sleighs piled high with logs, the roads they followed through the woods needed to have a frozen base. Getting the ground to freeze required breaking the ground of insulating snow, a task oxen excelled at.

By the late 19th century, the oxen had had its day. But old-timers continued to look fondly back at the beasts, whose strength and endurance had helped them establish their farmsteads.

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by Andrew Hind

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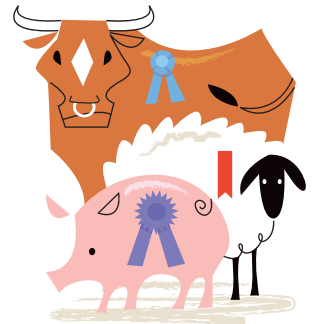
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AUCTION SALE

Auction Sale

for

Garnet Braiden

Saturday April 16th, at 10:00 am





395445 County Rd 12, Amaranth, ON from the town of Orangeville, come west on Hwy 109 to Cty Rd 12, turn north & come 17km to sale on east side of road. OR on Hwy 89 west of Shelburne come south on Cty Rd 12 (5th Line) 3km to sale on east side of road.
****PARKING ON SITE****

Tractors/Combine/Skid Steer: JD 7410 4WD tractor, cab, dual hydr, front fenders, rear wheel wts, (6)front wts, 16.9-26 F 460/85R38 R, 3872hrs; JD 6110 4WD tractor, 640 loader, cab, dual hydr, 13.6x28 F, 16.9x38 R, 8250hrs; JD 2955 2WD tractor, cab, dual hydr, 18.4x38 R, 8285hrs; JD 9500 combine, straw chopper, bin ext, 30.5xLx32 F, 5200hrs; Gehl 4635 skidsteer, material bucket, bale spear, manure bucket, 1974hrs; AC WF tractor, 1946, not running, not seized, has PTO. **Mach/Equip:** JD 922 flex head, 22', new guards & sects; Kuhn pull type rotary rake; NH 195 manure spreader, top beater, end gate, tandem, 540 PTO, hydr drive; JD 630 MoCo discbine, 9'10" cut, impeller, hydr swing; Case IH 5300 Soybean Special, 21run 7", fertilizer, grass seed, press wheels, packer hitch, track elim, double disc; Bach Run header wagon 22'; JD 467 MegaW-ide round baler, net wrap & twine, 4x6; Ford 12' disc; Kverneland 5 furr x 16" semi-mount plow; 12' packer, hydr lift; Wilrich 20' tandem cultiv, wheels on wings, harrows; 25' mesh floor all steel hay wagon, truck tires; 25' round bale wagon, 12-ply tires; (2)gravity boxes, 1-Bruns 400 bu & 12 t undercarriage, truck tires 1-Market Box 350 bu, 10 t Horst undercarriage; Farm King 8"x51'auger; 15' chain harrows & drawbar-heavy; (2)augers 4"x14'; 4" sweep auger for 19' grain bin; hay dryer, 7.5hp motor; and much more! **Farm Rel:** Portable round tub; cattle chute & auto headgate; 12' headgate; Champion roller mill, double roller, 10x10 & discharge auger; (7)H feed bunks, 6ft; feeder wagon; (3)2-galv(100& 200gal), 1-blk rubber(150gal). **Straw:**(35)bales, 4x5, wheat & barley straw, stored inside.

Lunch Booth **Washroom Available**

Preview: Friday April 15th, 1-6pm

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AUCTION SALE

Auction Sale for Jim Conley Saturday April 30th, at 10:00am

**21145 Winston Churchill Blvd., Caledon, ON**

from the town of Erin come north on Wellington 124 and follow the curve heading east to Winston Churchill Blvd (or west from the Village of Caledon on 124). Turn and come north 8.5km to sale on east side of road. OR from the west end of Orangeville take the Riddell Rd. 109 by-pass to the townline. Then come west 4.5km and follow around the curve to head south onto Winston Churchill (no light or sign). Continue for 1.2km to sale on east side of road. ****PARKING ON SITE****

Tractors/Skid Steer: Kubota M4-071 Deluxe 4x4, 23hrs, hyd shuttle, 6 ft wts, 360/70R20 F, 420/85R30 R, 2 hydr; NH TS110 2WD, 1738hrs, cab, shuttle shift, 16 spd, 10.00-16 F, 18.4x34 R, 4 hydr; Kubota M7040SU 4x4, M26 loader, 1052 hrs, hydr shuttle, 12.5/80-18 F, 16.9-28TG-01 R; 2 hydr, hydr bucket release, 6' material bucket; NH T4 105, 4WD, loader, cab & A/C, power shuttle, rear wheel wts, 14.9xR24 F, 18.4xR34 R, loaded tires, 2nd remote, 1476hrs; JD 318D skidsteer, material bucket, 1612hrs; 753 Bobcat skidsteer, material bucket, manure bucket, aprox 1400hrs, enclosed cab, heat & A/C; 633 Intl loader tractor, runs good; Wheelhorse 10hp lawn tractor-no mower. good rubber; Case 530 tractor, runs good; Wheelhorse 10hp lawn tractor-no mower.

Sidebyside/Trailer & Horse trailer: Kubota RTV-XG 850 SideKick, hyd dump, 100hrs, gas, 4WD, elec fuel injection, elec power steering; 5'x10' utility trailer, steel frame, wood deck, single axle, ownership; Rice 2 horse trailer, front unload, tandem axle, ownership. **Mach & Equip:** Kuhn GF 222T pull-type hay tedder; NH 1409 9' discbine, hydr swing; Kubota RA1042T tandem, pull type, rotary rake; NH 680NH tandem manure spreader, double beater, plastic floor; NH 644 round baler, 4x5's, twine only; Case IH 5100 seed drill, 16 run, markers, grain/fert/grass seed, single disc, trip lift, rib tires; NH 273 Hayline sq baler with chute; Wallenstein WX320 log splitter, hyd, 3pth; 26'skeleton bale elev & elec motor, on wheels; 12' Int 45 cultiv with harrows; 10' JD disc; 4 furrow Kverneland semi-mount plow BA5NR; 14' Kongsilde 3pth cultiv; 12' 3pth cultiv; 7 shank Graham plow; 16' wood flat rack hay wagon; NH 450 7' 3pth sickle mower; King Kutter 5" post hole auger; Agro Trend 3090S snowblower, single, hyd chute; Hawkesville 120gal, 30' boom, 3pth, sprayer; Vicon 3pth fert spreader; Marwood buzz saw, 3pth, PTO; buckets (Fluney 6' stone fork, Horst 5' manure, Add-A-Grapple hyd grapple-fits on pallet forks, HLA pallet forks, HLA dual bale spears); 3 furr Case plow; 2 furr horse drawn Cockshutt plow(A); 6' scraper blade; 7ft scraper blade; 2 person horse cutter(A); 3' buzz saw blade; Art's Way 3096S snowblower, 96"cut, hyd chute; lots to see here! **Farm Related/Shop/Misc/Antiques:** (A) Two-W cattle squeeze & auto head gate; bale basket; 4" augers (20', 16', 12'); 6"x12' auger; Shaver 3pth post driver; asst fencing equip; asst water troughs; Gehl 16" grind all PTO hammermill; Vac-A-Way seed cleaner; Harvest Handler 5"x20' conveyor; roll page wire; Walco 3pth box wt; Better Built 100gal slip tank & Fill-Rite 12V pump; qty snow fence posts, qty wood posts; wagon snagger; asst hand tools/hardware; torches; drill press; gas press washer; Hobart Handler 140-wire feed welder; chainsaws(Echo CS620PW, Echo CS501P, Stihl 041AV, Homelite XL); Coleman Powermate 10hp, Maxa 5000, ER plus portable generator; Canox Redcat 11NT CC/CV, AC/DC 8000W generator-welder, 128hrs; BE Agri-Ease estate sprayer; lg live trap; sm gas stove; wood stove; Sugar kettle; 3 wood chicken crates; horse cutter(A); hogs head whiskey barrel-very lg(A); cross-cut saw(A); buck saws(A); wood pulleys(A); 5 dr dresser; 3 dr dresser; Ultra-matic bed; 4 dr dresser; 3 drawer dresser & mirror; double bed(A); (2)wash stands(A); dresser & mirror(A); wicker cradle(A); (2)trunks(A); rocking chairs(A); spindle bed(A); single bed; cedar chest(A); trunk(A); (2)chest freezers-11cu ft; (40 approx)ERTL tractors -JD, Int, MH, Ford, with boxes; (40)approx signs - mixed tractor brands; and much much more!

Lunch Booth**Washroom Available****Preview: Friday April 29th, 1-6pm****Equipment well maintained, stored inside. You don't want to miss this sale.****Order of Sale:** Wagonload, Household, Shop/Farm Rel, Machinery & Tractors**Start: 10am, Tractors at 1pm**

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**March 8, 2022, 7:30 pm
EST - Planned Grazing -
Making the Cows work for
you - Pam Iwanchysko**

Planned grazing refers to the process of moving livestock from paddock to paddock in a pasture, at the correct time and for the correct duration. Managers using this type of system, subdivide their pastures into paddocks which enables them with the power of controlling the livestock movement. A project was developed and monitored at the Manitoba Beef and Forage Initiatives Research Farm near Brandon, Manitoba that provided a means of showcasing proper grazing management in order to promote the reduction and elimination of the practice of continuous grazing. It demonstrated the positive impact of monitoring and managing the movement of animals, with the proper timing and duration, allowing for proper amounts of rest and recovery time for the plants and how that can rehabilitate the landscape. Pam will provide an overview of the results of the three-year project.

**March 9, 2022, 7:30 pm
EST - 2022 Mapleseed Pasture
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**March 10, 2022, 7:30 pm
EST - Grazing Ruminants-
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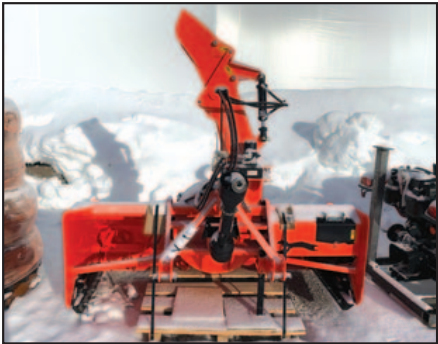
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