

News & Notes

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Message from the President Marty Opsteen

The spring of 2019 has been very stressful. We first started out with winter kill on our wheat and hay stands. Then the cool temperatures and a lot of rain delayed planting. Some fields still are not planted! Hopefully we will have a warm late fall to cash in on the great commodity prices.

On June 7th Northumberland County Council voted down the use of Glyphosate for the control of noxious weeds along County roadsides guardrail areas and Northumberland forest trails.

NFA representatives (Allan and

Mark) did a presentation to council supporting county use of glyphosate as the most practical pest management solution, and that science proves it is safe. In the end emotion won over science. As a result the cost to control noxious weeds will go from \$18,200 to \$72,500 in 2019.

On August 13th NFA will again be hosting farm tours for Mayors, Counsellors, and County Staff. We feel it's important to educate our local politicians on everyday farming practices, so they better understand and support our industry.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Ontario Agri Food Venture Centre in Colborne the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. If you have any concerns please contact any of the NFA Directors or Lisa Meekes to get on the agenda.

If you know of anyone who is eligible for an NFA scholarship please have them fill out and return the form by August 1st.

Wishing everyone a safe and productive summer!

Marty



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It's Time Government Make Agriculture a National Priority!

The Bar-B-Q season is upon us and many MP's and MPP's will be hosting summer get togethers. For those that are planning on meeting with your local candidates over the summer/early fall, please feel free to use these points to assist you in explaining PPIc (Producing Prosperity In Canada) and the critical importance of Canadian Agriculture and our three main benefits - Food Security, Environmental Stewardship and Economic Growth.

It's Time Government Make Agriculture a National Priority!

The significant contributions of Agriculture and Agri-Food to Canada - which include Economic Development, Food Security and Environmental Stewardship, are overlooked by both the general public and government. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) needs your help to change this reality in the upcoming federal election.

Politicians Need Your Voice!

Producing Prosperity in Canada

(PPIc) Is a campaign to educate, inform and enlighten members of government and the general public on the great story of modern Agriculture and Food in Canada.

<http://www.producingprosperity.ca/>

Here is what you can do:

Reach out and meet federal candidates nominated in your riding or talk to your MPP about the PPIc campaign. When meeting, **focus on the benefits** of what the agri-food sector can provide Canada - not its problems! **Economic Growth, - Food Security - Environmental Stewardship.** Emphasize what's in it for government and the country! Ask for nothing more than a simple **Pledge of Support**

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Hi OFA members! Just a reminder to **please exercise safety this planting season** – make sure you are visible on the roads by having working lights, reflectors, and using escort vehicles where needed.

OFA signs! If you see someone out at the end of your driveway this summer, it could be me changing your OFA metal gate sign. If you need yours replaced because it's faded or damaged, please contact me.

OFA Student Bursary OFA is offering three bursaries in the amount of \$2,000 per recipient for students of OFA families across Ontario who are entering or currently pursuing a post-secondary education in an agriculture-related program. Bursary recipients will be selected from applicants who are OFA members, a child of, or employee of an OFA member and are residents of Ontario. Applicants should be able to demonstrate volunteer and industry related accomplishments, an interest in agriculture and rural issues, community involvement and satisfactory academic performance.

The bursary winners will be announced at OFA's 2019 Annual General Meeting in November at the Hamilton Convention Centre in Hamilton, Ontario. **The deadline to submit an application is June 30, 2019.** For application information, visit ofa.on.ca/bursary.

Don't forget your FARM 911 signs! Take advantage of this new program by calling your municipal office and starting the application form.

Hastings County Plowing Match & Trade Show See you at the farm of Brian and April Thompson 1207 Sills Rd. Centre Hastings on August 21st & 22nd. We will be giving away another chainsaw, so be sure to stop by the OFA tent and fill out a ballot

Be Social

Like us on Facebook:
@OFAzone12

Find us on Facebook

YOU ARE WHAT YOU TWEET

Follow on Twitter:
@ResiWalt

www.FARM911.ca

Way to Go Northumberland!

Have you noticed the yellow and black 911 signs dotting the county? Those are Farm911 signs going up all over the county. Here is a list of how many have been installed so far. Keep it going farmer property owners!

<http://www.farm911.ca/order-your-sign/northumberland/>

Alnwick Haldimand	11
Brighton	29
Cobourg	n/a
Cramahe	21
Hamilton	3
Port Hope	10
Trent Hills	21

Northumberland Holstein Club Family Night

Thursday, July 11, 2019 Beef/Pork BBQ 5:30 - 8:00pm

Mark & Cindy Bickle and family of Stonybrook Farms are hosting Family Night 2019. Located at 316 Hoskin Rd, Cobourg

Advanced tickets purchased before July 11 are \$15 (\$6 for kids 10 and under) Tickets on July 11th or at the door are \$5.00 extra.

Contact Holstein Club directors or the Bickles to get your tickets and enjoy an evening of entertainment, judging, door prizes, bouncy castle for the kids and the presentation of leather halters to the first year 4-H members.

Mental Health First Aid Course Coming Spring 2020

After the success of running a Mental health first aid course last March, NFA has committed to planning a second one in the spring of 2020. We feel the need is high to have people in our county equipped with the tools to help those that struggle. The weather this spring has increased the stress level of our local farmers and even more than ever we need to be aware of the signs. Consider taking this course with us. Talk to one of the participants from the March session for their thoughts. Details will follow and here is a link to the course description. <https://www.mhfa.ca/en/course-type/basic>



The Ontario Agri-Food Venture Centre in Colborne has been quite busy this spring. We are working with local farmers and business owners to support the processing and storage of local food. A number of farmers are coming in to vacuum-seal and freeze their fruit and vegetables so they can be transformed later in the year into value-added products.

Some farmers in the area are taking advantage of our freezer and bringing in pallets of cut meat and poultry for storage. While we don't process meat at the facility, we are able to store meat that arrives frozen and sealed and stays that way while it's at the Centre. *If you're running out of freezer space after your latest trip to the abattoir, give us a call!*

We offer discounted rates for Northumberland business-owners and residents. Some new staff will be joining our team in the coming weeks, and we hope to see more NFA members join us as clients! The OAFVC is located in Colborne just east of the Big Apple at 216 Purdy Rd., just look for the building with the solar system on the roof. Give us a call at 905-355-3680 if you have questions about our rates and services – or visit us online at time at www.oafvc.ca



Northumberland Cattlemen's 25th Annual Beef Day Thur. July 4th



Trade show at 4:00pm
 Pasture Walk at 5:00pm
 Beef BBQ at 6:00pm

Hosted by
Bonnie Wilson & Doug Gray
 at Piper Creek Farms
 195 Jakobi Rd., Castleton

Adults \$18.00 Kids 12-6 \$10.00
 Under 6 are free.

We hope to see you all there.
 Tickets available from any director.

Thank you for helping farmers bring in 177,000 kilograms of bags and 846,000 empty containers last year. Check out the web site for all that can be recycled in Northumberland and help extend the life of our landfill sites. The following businesses are part of the program in this county:

**Campbellford Farm Supply
 Northumberland Grain
 TCO Agromart**

**Let's make it 100%
 Recycle every bag, jug
 and tote**

Every jug counts!



Return to your ag retailer
Cleanfarms.ca

HOW MUCH GLYPHOSATE IS SPRAYED ON OUR CROPS?

Let's break it down:

1 acre = 43 560 sq feet

Glyphosate is a systemic herbicide that needs little coverage for great control.

Typical Spray Rate
 *360 mL/acre

$$\frac{360 \text{ mL}}{\text{acre}} = \frac{360 \text{ mL}}{43\,560 \text{ ft}^2}$$

The volume of ~1 can of soda of glyphosate is sprayed per acre of crop.

0.00826 mL of glyphosate or... per square foot of crop.

0.5 L/acre rate x 0.72 L of Trazion (glyphosate) | Source: @Wheatlandorjy

Here are some tools to educate yourself and others about the recent Glyphosate concerns in our area.

The Real Dirt on Farming

http://www.realdirtblog.ca/tag/roundup/?subscribe=success#blog_subscription-4

National pesticide information centre Oregon State University

<http://npic.orst.edu/factsheets/glyphogen.pdf>

Health Canada

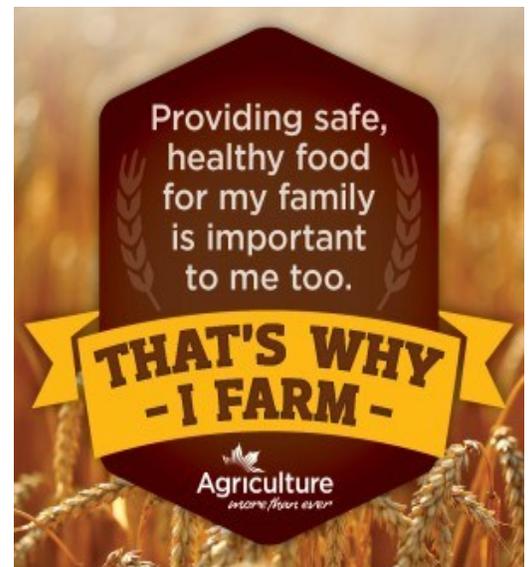
<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2019/01/statement-from-health-canada-on-glyphosate.html>

Article in the Western Producer

<https://www.producer.com/2019/05/u-s-releases-clear-stance-on-glyphosate/>

Professional Agrologist based in Ottawa

<https://www.realagriculture.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Ontario-OMAFR-Long-Term-Glyphosate-Report-Duflaut-and-Saik-2018.pdf>





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may find useful.

For those of you on
Facebook check out our
page and like us. I try to
put useful info on there to
be used in-between
newsletters. Let's be
friends.

[https://www.facebook.com/
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Share Your Ideas & Learn About Others

Be active and contact your local elected officials so they know your thoughts on current issues. They can't read your mind and need your words to help them make policy decisions coming their way. It doesn't take much time to send an email to your local councilors, MPP & MP. Do your part and let them know they represent you.

Download the new public opinion research report on food & farming completed by the Canadian Centre for Food Integrity. It's good for the Agri-food Industry to know what the public thinks about their food and where it comes from. An interesting read in eight pages. <https://www.foodintegrity.ca/research/download-new-public-opinion-research-online-on-food-farming/>

Lisa

Northumberland Federation Scholarship



NFA is currently accepting application for the 2019 Scholarship Application Program. Qualifications are as follows:

- The applicant must be a member or related to a member of the OFA within the boundaries of Northumberland County. An affiliation with a Northumberland OFA member **may** be considered based on a written description (by the member) of the applicant's involvement on the member's farm. Example: A neighbouring student that has helped on the farm and has demonstrated a passion and future interest in agriculture.
- The applicant must submit a detailed essay listing the relationship to the OFA member, his/her activities on the farm, associated memberships (4H, etc.), volunteer work, detail their course studies, and there future goals.
- The applicant must be entering the second year or greater of an accredited post-secondary diploma or degree program.
- A late application will disqualify the applicant for consideration. The applicant may reapply for consideration in the next subsequent year.
- Unsuccessful applicants may reapply
- A maximum of three scholarships will be awarded.
- A recipient may only be awarded once
- A maximum of \$3000.00 will be awarded in any one year.
- \$1000.00 will be awarded to each successful applicant.

Deadline for receipt of applications is **August 1, 2019**. The Scholarship committee will need time to read and consider all the forms and essays and make their final decision well in advance of the AGM and banquet. Please do not forget to include all the requested information and use a separate sheet to tell us about your farming connections and your community interests. Fill out an application form and include a separate sheet for additional info.

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nfa.lisam@gmail.com

Name: _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Township/Municipality: _____

Name of OFA membership or Affiliate: _____

OFA Farm Registration # _____

Home Address: _____

Student Address: _____

Student ID#: _____ College or University Attended: _____

Address of School: _____

(Agricultural) Course Enrolled In: _____

(Agricultural Diploma or Degree being sought: _____

Average Mark Attained: _____ Year(s) of Study Completed: _____

