

Tracey Arts

OFA Regional Director – Zone 4, Oxford & Elgin County



I would like to take a moment and give everyone a little bit of background of myself. My name is Tracey Arts. I grew up in Niagara Peninsula on a dairy farm in Stevensville. Our family milked 22 cows in a tie stall.

I went to school as a veterinary technician, where I met my husband. After graduation I worked in the test barn at the race track in Fort Erie for the summer. That fall I got a vet tech job at Tavistock Vets in the large animal division covering a maternity leave, where I entered Dairy Comp information, dehorned, did vaccination protocols on farm and other large animal duties. After my maternity leave coverage was done, I continued on with Tavistock Vets working between the small animal and large animal divisions. I started up the milk culturing lab and worked on various research projects. I often helped out on my husbands family farm on week ends and milked after my shifts at the vet clinic so he could continue doing field work.

In 2010, my husband, Ruud and I bought the family farm together. There has been a lot of changes in the last 10 years. Our twins boys, Willem and Lucas were born in October 2011. In 2013, our dairy facilities burned, and in 2014 we rebuilt. We bought a second dairy location in 2016.

I am currently entering my 4th year on the Oxford County Federation of Agriculture board of directors(OCFA). This is my second year as Vice president. As part of OCFA I have taken part in many events.

- Farm Safety Breakfast – where I spoke about the Emily Project
- County councillors Bus Tour – took them to dairy farm, commodity supplier, & feed supplier
- All Candidates Meeting (Policy & Pie)– for both Federal & Provincial elections
- Farm Safety Day – spoke on animal safety
- meet with County councillors about tax ratio
- mental health training

I have also been on the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) for the last 3 years. This previous PAC meeting I brought a resolution forward.

Agriculture has always been a part of my life. I believe it is worth standing up for. I am an active director, and I'm an approachable person. As you can see from my brief history above, I take part. I am excited to contribute my experience and knowledge and look forward to working with the members of Oxford and Elgin Counties in Zone 4. I would really appreciate your vote.

Thanks

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