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On social media? Use #farmlifePEC in your posts  
 Search for @OFAzone12 & @PrinceEdwardFederationofAgriculture

## Annual General Meeting

**Thursday, March 11 @ 7:30 PM through Telus virtual platform**  
**Register with Resi Walt to receive login details: [resi.walt@ofa.on.ca](mailto:resi.walt@ofa.on.ca) (613) 847-3037**  
**Featuring a Q&A with Minister Todd Smith, MPP Bay of Quinte**



PEFA believes in prioritizing the mental health of farmers in our county. We've partnered with Cultivate Counseling Services, an established resource that specializes in providing service to the rural and agricultural community. OFA members and their families can now access counselling with a professional who has first-hand experience with the unique stressors inherent to the agricultural industry. The service will:

- Be provided by a skilled and experienced counsellor in mental health treatment
- Be strictly confidential
- Accommodate farmers' unique schedule and workload, by offering services during the day, evening & weekend
- Offer sessions in person or telephone & video chat
- Provide up to 4 sessions at no cost to OFA members and their family in PEC

**PEFA wishes to thank**

**Bay of Quinte Mutual Insurance Co.**

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**BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT**

**(613) 985-7233**

**[farmerwellnessprogram.ca](http://farmerwellnessprogram.ca)**



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## STUDENT BURSARY

We are continuing to invest in our youth, and this past fall, we awarded Christopher Bell with our **\$500 bursary** for postsecondary students.

Chris is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation farmer alongside his parents on their cattle farm near Con-secon. He is a very active member of the 4-H program, completing clubs such as beef, horse, drama, scrap-booking, sheep, curling, woodworking, steer, and giant vegetables. He is on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Junior Hereford Association, an organization that helps promote Hereford agriculture to youth like himself. Chris is a student at Loyalist College and is thoroughly enjoying the interactive media & animation program



**Know of any future applicants?**

Email [princeedwardfarmers@gmail.com](mailto:princeedwardfarmers@gmail.com) for more info about applying for the bursary.



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**Applications must include:**

- \$55.00 non-refundable fee for administrative and material costs
- A sketch or site plan of the property, identifying the existing access point location(s) with distance to and in context with property lines.

Bring paperwork to Edward Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Development Services Dept. 280 Main St. Picton

**To download & print the form, go to**

**[www.FARM911.ca](http://www.FARM911.ca)**

Undoubtedly its been a tough year for everyone, but we can certainly look forward to the upcoming growing season and the start of an end to the pandemic.

Thank you to new OFA member Beth Vader-Kuijpers for sending us this wonderful photo of her young family. It reminds us of why we farm!



## ISSUE to WATCH: MZO's

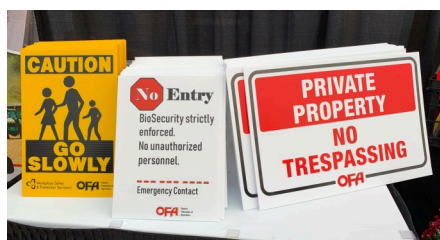
OFA has expressed deep concerns to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the recent proliferation of Minister's Zoning Orders for municipalities with robust planning systems, Official Plans and Zoning By-Laws. It deprives impacted citizens of the ability to be consulted on the proposed amendments to these Ministry approved Plans and By-Laws. Certain Minister's Zoning Orders seem to ignore the application of key criteria and considerations such as Minimum Distance Separation and whether the proposed development can be accommodated through intensification, redevelopment and the completion of Agricultural Impact Assessments in designated growth areas. OFA is clearly opposed to the planning process being bypassed with these orders from Minister Clark.

For more info on MZO's & other industry issues, visit:

**[www.OFA.on.ca](http://www.OFA.on.ca)**

## PEFA DONATIONS in 2020

- \$500** Food for Learning ([hpelearningfoundation.com](http://hpelearningfoundation.com))
- \$200** AgScope ([agscape.ca](http://agscape.ca))
- \$500** Wellington & Picton Foodbanks (*divided equally*)



### Farm Signage

These 3 signs are available for OFA members. To order, contact Resi Walt

(613) 847-3037

## SECURITY FROM TRESPASS

The **Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020** protects Ontario farm animals, farms, farmers and their families, agri-food employees, and the safety of the entire food supply by addressing the ongoing threat of unwanted trespassing and from unauthorized interactions with farm animals. The Act strikes an important balance, respecting the right to peaceful public protest, while giving the justice system the tools it needs to help protect farmers, agri-food workers and businesses, and the food supply from trespassing and harassment. Read about animal protection zones and where signage is needed at [www.OFA.on.ca](http://www.OFA.on.ca) or [aboutbill156.com](http://aboutbill156.com)

## [www.RealDirtOnFarming.ca](http://www.RealDirtOnFarming.ca)



The 5th edition of **The Real Dirt on Farming** is now available!

This magazine is designed to help Canadians connect with their food and the farmers that produce it. Using both stories and credible science, the 60-page publication addresses common questions and misconceptions about food and farming in Canada.

### Tune in to **The Grapevine** on County FM



3rd Thursday of the month at 12 noon & 6 pm  
Host Jane Thompson interviews fellow farmers

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