

News & Notes

Working for a Vibrant and Innovative Agriculture Industry



Message from the President Allan Carruthers

As I write this newsletter update, we have had a million dollar rain here in Northumberland county. Most of southern Ontario got to share that; some more than others. Being tenants and owners of rural Northumberland we welcome the warm temperatures and sunshine that make our livestock and crops flourish. As our spring and summer progress, NFA's projects, plans and challenges never seem to dwindle. We have been keeping up with the

issues at the municipal, provincial and the federal levels that affect us as producers of food. For example, roads and traffic issues in the municipality, the disappearing agriculture land thru pressure's of development with some big discussions on the provincial government level and at the federal levels the fertilizer tariffs and discussions about the carbon taxes. Our voices are being noticed and some inroads are being made. So if any member of NFA has any concerns that affect your

agricultural business contact one of your directors listed in this newsletter.

We are also looking for some new directors in the Trent hills area and the municipality of Port Hope if you know of someone or feel you would make a difference please contact myself, one of the directors or our member services rep Resi Walt.

Thanks everyone have a safe and productive summer and keep up the good work!!

Allan

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Bill C 234.....Patience to Pass

Bill C234. An Act to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution pricing Act.

Bill C234 has been somewhat stalled at Senate at 2nd reading stage since early May. The critic who was holding things up for Bill C234 (according to Real Agriculture, was Senator Pierre Dalphond from Quebec) has now spoken to the Bill, so the 2nd reading debate has adjourned and Bill C234 is formally referred to Committee. This is a necessary step prior to 3rd reading.

As luck would have it, the Committee it was referred to is the Standing Committee on Ag & Forestry which is

chaired by Senator Rob Black. As I write this message they are slated to meet tomorrow. There had been pressure to refer the bill to Finance & Environment Committee and that would have been a death blow.

So, it's in the hands of a friend to agriculture who has stated for the parliamentary record he sees a flaw in the bill, that it doesn't address commercial drying BUT that we should hastily pass it, in time for this fall, and deal with any gaps later.

The timelines are short for committee & third reading but not impossible it seems.

Bruce Buttar, OFA Director Zone 12

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Resi's Report OFA Member Service Rep

OFA Bursary Program

OFA is offering five postsecondary bursaries in 2023. Along with offering three bursaries in the amount of \$2,000 each to students in an undergraduate program, we are also offering a \$2,000 bursary to a person completing an apprenticeship, as well as a \$2,000 bursary for a person completing a post-graduate, veterinary, or leadership development 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 industry related accomplishments, an interest in agriculture and rural issues, and community involvement. Don't miss out on this opportunity – the deadline to submit an application for the bursary program is August 31, 2023. <https://ofa.on.ca/apply-today-for-ofas-2023-bursary-program/>

Proposed Provincial Policy Statement

Your voice is needed to tell the government that farmland must be protected for farming – to ensure the current and future value of agriculture to the province's economy, to our long term food security, and long term vibrant rural communities. Together, OFA, CFFO and NFU-O are asking you to personally tell provincial political leaders that removing farmland protections in the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement is short-sighted and will undermine your work in contributing to the provincial economy, your rural community, and protecting our local and long term food security. Use our Act Now tool below to communicate your concerns to the Ontario government. <https://actnow.ofa.on.ca/>

Hastings County Plowing Match & Trade Show

We look forward to seeing you at the return of the match on August 23 & 24 at the farm of Todd and Matt Milligan 1351 Deseronto Rd. The gates are open 9-4pm. Come check out the OFA tent – we're holding a draw for members and the grand prize is a lovely piece from Horizon Metal Works. See you there!

Breakfast on the Farm

Farm & Food Care Ontario is seeking volunteers to help at their *Breakfast on the Farm* event in Napanee. This family-friendly event will be a great way to educate the public on the importance of agriculture in Ontario. Outgoing and friendly volunteers are needed to welcome our visitors and set the tone from the moment they arrive. Date set for August 26 at Ripplebrook Dairy Farm, Napanee. Go to this website for more details and to register as a volunteer. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/breakfast-on-the-farm-volunteer-registration-napanee-ontario-tickets-559071918157>

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TWEET

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Join this dynamic team and help us influence the policy makers. Contact one of the directors and ask your questions if you think you want to help us make a difference for our industry.

Northumberland Rural Coalition Presents

"The Importance of Protecting Farmland"

July 29th at the Best Western Inn, Cobourg

Speakers:

Ontario Minister of the Environment - **David Piccini**

Incoming Ontario Farmland Trust Board Chair - **Margaret Walton**

Land Use and Planning Lawyer - **Eric Gillespie**

Northumberland Federation of Agriculture Director - **Paul Burnham**

Northumberland County has a rich history of agriculture and is home to many family farms that have been in operation for generations. In light of recent provincial policy changes, there are growing concerns about the potential loss of farmland due to development and other factors. It is essential to raise awareness about the importance of protecting this valuable resource.

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The First Official Food Day in Canada will be Celebrated this year on August 5

Twenty years after it was established, Food Day Canada officially becomes enshrined in legislation with Bill S-227, an act to establish Food Day in Canada, passing in the House of Commons.

The idea of a Food Day Canada was championed in 2003 by the late food journalist and food advocate [Anita Stewart](#) when she organized the first Food Day in response to the BSE crisis.

Senator Rob Black introduced and gathered support for the Food Day in Canada bill in the Senate, and then sought out John Nater, member of Parliament for Perth-Wellington, to sponsor the bill in the House of Commons. In passing the legislation, member of both the Senate and the House of Commons paid tribute to Stewart and also highlighted the role played by many stakeholders – from the farm gate to the food plate – in bringing food to Canadians.



Annual Beef Day

Thursday July 6th, 2023

Trade Show @ 4:00pm

Beef BBQ @ 6:00pm

Adults \$20

Kids 6-12 \$10

Under 6 free

Hosted by:

McCracken Charolais,

Greg McCracken & Donna Bevan,
30 Highland Rd., Roseneath

Northumberland Holstein Club Family Night/Twilight Meeting

Skyline Holsteins

The Carberry Family

1010, 9th Line West, Campbellford, ON

Friday July 14, 2023 @ 5:30 - 8 pm

Advanced tickets can be purchased from
directors of the
Northumberland Holstein Club

\$20 - Adults

\$15 - Kids 10 and under

At door sales will be \$5.00
more



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Members, print your new
digital 15% off discount card
once you have logged in.

ofa.on.ca/benefit

Mental Health Moment

The growing season has begun and along with it, many things out of our control. Weather can cause a lot of stress to farmers.

Crops showing drought stress, too much rain causing yellowing, too windy to spray.

Working late to beat the rain then it doesn't rain and you keep working, exhausted. And always wondering each day how this will affect the end yield.

While the Farmer Wellness Program (705) 999-7916 can't do anything to control the weather, it is available to members at no cost to help deal with the stress of growing food.

Check yourself, and make sure you have good coping mechanisms to help with growing season stress. Reach out for a little support so your body can handle the added stress of the season.

Other options for you are:

Northumberland Hills Hospital clinic which is covered by OHIP (905) 377-9891

Talk it Out can connect you via zoom to online support. www.domore.ag/talk-it-out

Asking for help is a strength.

Take care of yourself so you can continue doing what you do.

Support each other and keep talking.

Students look.....Bursaries!!!!

The Port Hope Agriculture Society is pleased to offer financial support to an eligible student to assist in the achievement of their academic success. This support is in the form of a \$500 bursary for a student who is enrolling (or is already enrolled) in an agriculture related field, and can be obtained by those in degree, diploma, or certificate programs at a recognized post-secondary institution in Canada. Full details can be found on their web site www.porthopefair.com/bursary or contact secretary@porthopefair.com

Deadline is July 31st



**Ontario
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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 industry related accomplishments, an interest in agriculture and rural issues, and community involvement.

The winners will be announced at OFA's 2023 Annual General Meeting in November.

Don't miss out on this opportunity – the deadline to submit an application for the bursary program is August 31, 2023.



NORTHUMBERLAND FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

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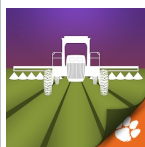
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<https://ofa.on.ca/federations/northumberland/>

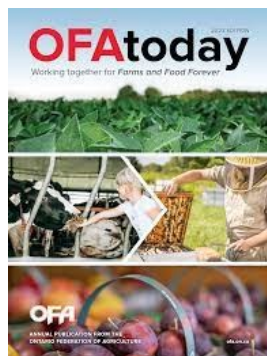
Gadgets

Digital resource that you
may find useful.



Mix My Sprayer

An app to aid in quick,
accurate calculations of
product mixes for spraying
applications. Custom lists
can be created. Check it out!



OFA Digital Edition

Have you paged through this edition OFA Today? It contains examples of what the provincial and local federation work on. The variety of topics are immense in this industry and addressing the issues to gain support is not an easy job. Take a moment and see what is being done on your behalf.

ofa.on.ca/newsroom/ofa-today-2023-edition/#magazine/

Also did you know members of parliament receive a special newsletter from OFA and you can see them here. <https://ofa.on.ca/community/mpp-newsletter-series/>

Have a happy growing season everyone.

Lisa

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Northumberland Federation Scholarship



NFA is currently accepting application for the 2023 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 their 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, 2023**. 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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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: _____