

OFA Research Day 2022

Agenda – Thursday, March 31, 2022

Registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7CyH5bc0ScqVyvvFP-5plg

9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Presented by Peggy Brekveld, OFA President

9:40 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Mapleton Cost of Community Services Study

Presented by Ben Lefort, OFA Farm Policy Analyst

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Economic Impact of the Agri-Food Value Chain in the Greenbelt & Farm Case Studies

Presented by Tom Bowers, Director of Research & Policy, Greenbelt Foundation

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Renewable Natural Gas Farm Cluster Project

Presented by Jennifer Green, Executive Director, Canadian Biogas Association

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Best Practices for On-Farm Diversified Uses

Presented by Pam Duesling, PhD candidate & Emily Sousa, OFA Farm Policy Analyst

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Ontario Soil Health Initiatives

Presented by Andrew Graham, Executive Director, Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Accelerating Ag Tech Adoption

Presented by Dr. Amy Lemay, Research Fellow, Niagara Community Observatory

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Initiative Updates:

- OFA Slow Moving Vehicle Project, Ian Nokes, OFA Farm Policy Analyst
- Resilient Fields, Charles Lalonde, CJ Agren Consulting
- 4R Nutrient Stewardship, McKenzie Smith, Fertilizer Canada
- Farm Plastics Recycling, Stephanie Vanthof & Ian Nokes, OFA
- Farmer Wellness Initiative, Kristen Wheatcroft, CMHA Ontario

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Feeding Your Future

Presented by Janice Janiec, OFA Farm Policy Analyst & Michelle DeNijs, OFA Communications Coordinator

4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Presented by Peggy Brekveld, OFA President