



Spring 2022

L&A Ag Outlook

Lennox & Addington Federation of Agriculture

An engaged agricultural community thriving within Lennox & Addington

SUPPORTING UKRAINE

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NEW ABATTOIR MOVES TO NEXT PHASE

The proposed new abattoir is to be federally inspected and located in Napanee. They, Thorpe Meats Ltd., are looking to raise the equity portion required through their own contribution and with the help of investors. Approximately twenty-five percent of the total cost to open the operating facility will be sourced through equity investment with the remaining seventy-five percent sourced through debt financing from Canadian financial institutions. The banks are looking to see ~\$2,000,000 in equity investments in order to proceed with their commitment letters to finance their portion.

Thorpe Meats Ltd. is currently looking for local investors who have expressed interest in the successful launch of this abattoir. If you are interested in investing, and would like to have a look at their business plan and term sheet please contact Thorpe Meats Ltd. at ThorpeMeats@gmail.com

Lennox & Addington Federation of Agriculture is seeking a new Secretary-Treasurer

- Must be able to work 10-20 hours per month (most work is from home, expect monthly meeting)
- Must be able to attend monthly board meetings and Annual General Meeting
- Must have own computer and reliable internet

For more information or to forward your resume, please contact landafedag@outlook.com Or call Tiffany Babcock-Robinson (613) 561-0589 Job posting closes May 24, 2022

Resi's Report



Member Services Representative

Northumberland, Hastings, Prince Edward and Lennox & Addington

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www.FARM911.ca

Access the 2022 energy and fertilizer outlook report

Twice per year, Farms.com Risk Management Inc. offers OFA members exclusive access to energy and fertilizer outlook reports for 60 days. This report provides OFA members with insights on 2022 market prices, as well as market outlook information they can use in their farm businesses to aid in making farm input management decisions.

The first energy and fertilizer outlook report for 2022 is now available exclusively for OFA members. OFA members looking to access the report must be logged in to the members-only section. For more information about the energy and fertilizer outlook, visit www.riskmanagement.farms.com or contact Moe Agostino at 1-877-438-5729 ext. 5040.

Upcoming elections

2022 is a big year with both the cycle for a provincial election and municipal election coinciding. OFA is hard at work creating opportunities to engage candidates on the issues that matter to Ontario farmers. Our major areas of focus include: supply chain resiliency, labour shortage, farmland preservation and responsible land use planning, critical infrastructure investments.

We encourage farmers to take a moment, learn who the candidates are in their riding and then reach out to them about issues affecting your farm. We need the rural voice to be heard loud and clear. If you need assistance with

resources, please don't hesitate to contact your MSR Resi Walt resi.walt@ofa.on.ca

Ontario farmers stand united with Ukraine

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Feeding Your Future

OFA's Feeding Your Future program is designed to help farm employers find skilled workers. Services offered include:

- Job matching: AgCareers employees will help post job ads for free on AgCareers.com
- Virtual career fairs: job seekers can visit employer booths and chat about opportunities
- Focus on Food: training videos for farm markets, beef, pork, berry, apple and grain operators
- Ontario Agriculture Worker Safety and Awareness Certificate

Check out the website to explore the resources available to you as an employer www.feedingyourfuture.ca

FAIRS RETURN FOR 2022

After a 2-year hiatus all three Lennox & Addington Fairs will be back for 2022

Napanee Fair July 29 to Aug 1

Odessa Fair August 26 to 28

Centreville Fair Sept 2 to 3

Lafa Scholarships

The Lennox & Addington Federation of Agriculture is currently accepting applications for the 2022 Scholarship Program. There are two scholarships available:

Agriculture Scholarship of \$500

You are eligible if you are:

- a resident of Lennox and Addington County
- entering your first or second year in post-secondary education in agriculture
- a child or grandchild of an LAFA member
- have never received a scholarship from the LAFA before

Non-Ag scholarship \$250

You are eligible if you are:

- a resident of Lennox and Addington County
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Deadline for receipt of applications is **August 19, 2022**. To request an application form please email Tiffany at

LandAFedAG@outlook.com or call 613-561-0589.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Does your group have any plans for special projects? Do you need help funding those special projects? The LAFA may be able to help sponsor your project. The LAFA offers funding to local organizations if they fit with the goals of our organization.

Goals of the Lennox and Addington Federation of Agriculture:

- To better communicate with all tiers of the government on important rural issues affecting agriculture
- To increase engagement of our membership
- To better promote agriculture to the public

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FARMER
wellness program

Professional counselling service for OFA members and their families in
— Northumberland, Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox and Addington

To book your appointment:
farmerwellnessprogram.ca

Representing and improving awareness of local agriculture