



Ontario Seed Growers' Association Newsletter

November 2019

President's Message

It is another year of challenging harvest weather for Ontario farmers. As you work to gather your crops this fall be mindful of the many blessings that we have. Also, please consider the many challenges that lay ahead – not just with the weather – but with agriculture and within our changing seed industry environment.

We have a changing dynamic ahead of us with a proposed merger of the various Canadian seed industry organizations. Seed Synergy discussions are ongoing. Take the time to ask important questions and attend meetings so that you are informed about how this affects you as a seed grower. The Ontario Seed Growers' board represents you and we want to hear from you. The list of directors is included in this newsletter and they are always interested in hearing your thoughts.

On **December 10, 2019** in Kingston the OSGA Annual Meeting will be held. This year's theme **"Navigating the Waters of Change"** is timely as we delve deeper into what that change looks like and how governance structures can support the myriad of industry players engaged in our Canadian Seed System. The OSGA Bylaws committee and board have some proposed bylaw changes to review (attached). We also have invited OMAFRA's Soil Specialist Sebastien Belliard and Senator Rob Black will be attending and speaking to us. Additionally, numerous industry people will be honoured for their long service in the Ontario seed industry. Please plan to join us at this important meeting.

Early in January of 2019 you will have received the inaugural edition of Seed Ontario – a listing of growers / retailers by variety as well as all of the variety performance trial data available from across the province. We hope you and your seed customers found it helpful. The 2020 edition will be out in early January again. Please consider taking out an advertisement in the publication. It is an excellent resource tool to help you promote your business and the varieties that you grow and/or sell. We are working with Glacier Media (Farmtario newspaper) to compile this useful reference tool and every ad helps contribute to the cost of making this publication available. If you are interested in advertising please contact Glacier representative **Diane Houlachan Phone:905.517.0499 Email:dhoulachan@farmmedia.com**

Thanks for supporting me as your OSGA president over the last two years. It has been a rewarding and challenging opportunity.

Peter Szentimrey
President

Colleen Acres
Manager

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OSGA Annual
Meeting
Tuesday,
December 10, 2019
Ambassador Hotel
Kingston ON
Register by December 5,
2019 at:
www.seedontario.ca/annual-general-meeting

2019 OSGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Peter Szentimrey
 1st VICE PRESIDENT: Shannon Bieman
 2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Andrew Dawson
 MANAGER: Colleen Acres
 PAST PRESIDENT: Dan Curtis
 OMAFRA: Deanna Németh
 National Directors: Dale Connell, David MacKellar

Eastern ON : Joe Hickson
 Eastern ON: Andrew Dawson
 Northern ON: Vacant
 Central ON: Jason Veenstra
 Central ON: Peter Szentimrey
 Central ON: Shannon Bieman
 South West ON: Dan Curtis
 At Large: Tim Montague
 At Large: Ian Sponagle
 At Large: Reuben Stone
 At Large: Sarah Fretz
 At Large: Glen McDonald

Upcoming events / meetings

December 5, 2019 - Forage Focus Stratford www.ontarioforagecouncil.com/programs/forage-focus

December 10, 2019 – OSGA AGM Kingston www.ontarioseed.ca/

January 7 & 8, 2020 - Southwest Ag Conference www.southwestagconference.ca/

February 25th and 26th, 2020 - Canadian Forage Seed Conference - a rich representation of speakers and topics combined with an invaluable opportunity for networking and information. www.peaceforageseed.ca/fsconference/

2019 PEDIGREED SEED ACREAGE *

Year	Acreage	Growers	Major Crops	Ontario 2019	Ontario 2018	Ontario 2017	Ontario 2016	Ontario 2015	Ontario 2014
2019	171,503	715							
2018	173,826	747	<i>Barley</i>	3,554	3,918	3,276	3,516	5,171	10,545
2017	178,398	777	<i>Field Beans</i>	3,107	2,500	2,518	2,492	3,017	3,038
2016	181,200	826	<i>Corn</i>	17,743	15,247	18,192	18,487	13,692	19,161
2015	193,732	853	<i>Soybeans</i>	124,433	128,345	129,448	125,533	141,368	129,258
2014	184,924	878	<i>Wheat</i>	16,935	20,548	21,108	26,939	23,980	24,220
2013	205,373	925	<i>Oats</i>	4,571	3,107	2,479	3,027	5,734	4,108
* as reported by CSGA November 2019									



Ontario Seed Growers' Association
2019 Annual Meeting
Tuesday December 10, 2019
Ambassador Hotel and Convention Centre
1550 Princess St., Kingston ON
Theme: "Navigating the Waters of Change"

- 8:30 am Coffee and Registration – *Sponsored by SeCan Association*
Trade Show Booths Open
- 9:00 am Welcome – Peter Szentimrey, President
- 9:10 am Sebastien Belliard - Soil Management Specialist, OMAFRA
Repair and Resilience - How to prepare for the next 2019
- 9:50 am Review Minutes of the 2018 OSGA Annual Meeting
Proposed Bylaw Changes
- 10:15 am Nutrition Break
- 10:30 am Seed Synergy Progress Update – Strategy Corp.
- 12:00 pm OSGA Awards Luncheon – *Sponsored by Bayer*
- 1:00 pm Senator Rob Black
Navigating Change – Experiences in Agricultural Organizations and the Political Process
- 1:40 pm OSGA Financial Statements 2018/19
2019/2020 Projected Budget
Appointment of Financial Review for 2019/2020
Nominations Report
- 2:00 pm Canadian Seed Growers' Association
- President Jonathan Nyborg, Executive Director Glyn Chancey
- National Directors Dale Connell and David MacKellar
- 2:50 pm Resolutions
- 3:00 pm Annual Meeting Adjourn
- 3:15 pm OSGA Directors' Meeting



2019 Long Standing Service Awards Listing

15 Year			
HAYTER, ROBERT R. VARNA ON	CASIER, LEONARD KENT BRIDGE ON	VANDENBOGAARD, TONY VERNER ON	WEBER, MATTHEW NEWBURY ON
MOORE, ROGER GODERICH ON	HAERLE, THOMAS ST-ISIDORE ON	ANDERSON, BRETT WALLACEBURG ON	BEISHUIZEN, DEREK RIPLEY ON
DELRUE, BRIAN CHATHAM ON	COURTNEY, DENNIS RIPLEY ON	ALDERDICE, GEOFF KIPPEN ON	STEWART, CHRIS BLENHEIM ON
LECLERC, REJEAN CASSELMAN ON	CHAPPLE, ROBERT CHATHAM ON	SCOTT, DAVE PARIS ON	RIMMELZWAAN, JIM LONDON ON
COMLEY, MARK ANCASTER ON	COOK, DONALD R. LONDON ON	VERMEY, MARTY BLENHEIM ON	FURLAN, FRANK CHATHAM ON
JOHNS, BOB STAFFA ON			
20 Year			
HENSHAW, TOM THAMESFORD ON	FURLAN, PERRY CHATHAM ON	MELADY, PAT DUBLIN ON	HELM, ROBERT J. WALKERTON ON
BALCOM, SHARON OTTERVILLE ON	VAN BUGGENHOUT, MICHAEL PRINCETON ON	VANDERWAL, TERRY DENFIELD ON	MC DOUGALL, BRIAN ROCKWOOD ON
ALLISON, WILLIAM GEORGETOWN ON	SALMON, SCOTT AYLMER ON	PYNENBURG, BERNIE PRINCETON ON	WELLS, DON PARIS ON
GIFFIN, LYLE BLENHEIM ON			
25 Year			
COURTNEY, CARMON RIPLEY ON	STOECKER, ACHIM GODERICH ON	RENNING, ALLAN EXETER ON	LUGTIGHEID, DAVE CHATHAM ON
STOREY, GLENN ROCKWOOD ON	VAN ROBOYS, DONALD CHATHAM ON	STUDNICKA, DAVID WALLACEBURG ON	RICHARDSON, DONALD ST. MARY'S ON
CURTIS, DANIEL F. ST. THOMAS ON	MUNN, MARLENE HENSALL ON	BLOETJES, ED. DORCHESTER ON	BLOETJES, STEVE DORCHESTER ON
BAILEY, DONALD ROCKWOOD ON			
30 Year			
VAN DAMME, HECTOR PORT LAMBTON ON	KLAVER, NICK KIPPEN ON	CARON, NORMAN CHATHAM ON	STEVENSON, KENNETH JOHN ILDERTON ON
RUNNALLS, KEVIN NEW LISKEARD ON	COOPER, SCOTT KIPPEN ON	GREDIG, PETER ST. THOMAS	DENYS, RICK KIPPEN ON
FENTIE, BRUCE D. SPRINGFIELD ON			
35 Year			
TAYLOR, MARK BELMONT ON	SCOTT, PAUL CHATHAM ON	ANDERSON, JOHN PICTON ON	FELL, ROGER STAFFA ON
CLARK, DOUGLAS LONDON ON	LIBBRECHT, GERALD CHATHAM ON	PARSONS, JOHN LAMBETH ON	
40 Year			
COLLINS, GRANT W. KINCARDINE ON	TIMMINGS, JAMES E. ROCKWOOD ON	VON MARTELS, REINOUT RIDGETOWN ON	MAC KINNON, MICHAEL BATH ON

Long Standing Service Awards Listing Cont'd

40 Year			
PARKINSON, PAUL ERNEST ROCKWOON ON	PELTIER, RONALD PAINCOURT ON		
45 Year			
HOOKE, CLAIRE DONALD BELMONT ON	FERGUSON, COLIN ST. THOMAS ON		
50 Year			
HANNAM, PETER GUELPH ON	BOLTON, CARL W. DUBLIN ON	PROCTER, GEORGE A. BRUSSELS ON	

All long standing service award recipients are invited to attend the Awards Luncheon on **December 10, 2019** at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston ON where they will receive their certificate. Thank you for your many years of service!



Seed Champion Award

A Seed Champion is someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the Ontario Seed Industry in areas of research, marketing, variety development, or innovation. Congratulations to the 2019 recipient to be presented at the AGM

Quentin Martin



New Online tools to Check out

Ontario.ca/agrisuite

The first tool recently released is called the Crop Nutrient Calculator and calculates crop nutrient needs. When soil test, location, planned crop and yield goal are provided, the crop nutrient needs and nutrient removal information is displayed. The information provided is based on Ontario data and includes the nitrogen calculator for corn crops. The information can be saved and/or printed by the user.

The next tool, the Organic Amendment Calculator (planned for release in early winter) will help determine fertilizer and manure inputs.

The Fertilizer Calculator (also planned for early winter release), will help determine the nutrients needed for a crop (before or after manure nutrients are tallied) and provide common fertilizer blends that could match those needs.

Coming soon are other calculators that will help with nutrient management decision making.

They include:

- Organic Amendment Calculator and Fertilizer Calculator
- Assessing risk of phosphorus and nitrogen loss (PLATO calculator)
- Determining manure storage sizing and manure volumes produced (MSTOR calculator)
- Calculating minimum distance separation (MDS calculator)
- Estimating greenhouse gas emissions (Greenhouse Gas Calculator)

Soil Residue Calculator App https://aszczeci.github.io/crop_residue/ or <https://bit.ly/2K0gnlR>

The Residue Calculator is intended as a tool to help users identify the change in residue cover based on specific tillage actions or overwintering and to identify what 30% residue cover looks like. It can also be used to determine cover crop density. It can be downloaded and bookmarked and can be used with or without Wi-Fi connection on smartphone or computer.