



December 2020

President and Manager's Message

One year ago I was elected into the Ontario Seed Growers' Association presidency roll – it is timely to see how much we have accomplished and how much further we have to go.

You will all be aware of the work done to encourage your participation in the August amalgamation vote to join Seeds Canada. We reached out to many of you by phone and email encouraging you to participate in this important vote. The final results from across Canada showed a desire by the membership for CSGA to remain a standalone organization. The national CSGA board has begun a process (called CSGA 2.0) to follow some of the main concepts included in the SeedSynergy White Paper for which there was broad agreement and yet adhere to the wishes of grower members in maintaining our own separate identity. The start of this is through a recent survey you will have received from Stratus Research. Let us know if you did not receive an email with that survey. Please take a moment to share your opinion – your input is valued and appreciated. Meanwhile, the other four seed industry partners (CSI, CSTA, CSAAC and CPTA) have voted to proceed with the establishment of SeedsCanada 4. We will have an update on both of these items at our AGM.

Like so many other events our Grower Field Day had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. The CSGA Annual meeting was held virtually in July as were the fall CSGA Interprovincial meetings.

Your input in your organization is always welcomed and wanted. As new CSGA 2.0 plans evolve the Ontario branch will be reviewing our own purpose, role and how we engage within the seed industry. Board members are here to listen to your thoughts, praises, criticisms and concerns. You can find a listing of your Ontario Seed Grower directors in this newsletter. Reach out to them and let them hear your thoughts.

Our popular wall calendar for 2021 is enclosed. Thanks to SeCan for the financial support in this annual project. Also, look forward to SeedOntario – the Seed guide and grower listing which provides a handy resource of all the variety performance testing results conducted in the province. SeedOntario will be mailed out with the January Grain Farmer magazine.

The OSGA Annual meeting will be held virtually this year on **Tuesday, February 2, 2021 from 9 am to 11:30 am**. Our meeting theme is **A “Pandemic” of a Year**. The meeting agenda is enclosed. We encourage you to participate. Please register at: www.seedontario.ca/annual-general-meeting

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OSGA Annual Meeting
Tuesday, February 2,
2021

9 am – 11:30 am
Virtual via Zoom or Call

Register by January 31, 2021
at:

www.seedontario.ca/annual-general-meeting

2020 OSGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Grower director: Joe Hickson
 Grower director: Andrew Dawson
 Grower director: Shannon Bieman
 Grower director: Peter Szentimrey
 Grower director: Ian Sponagle
 Grower director: Tim Montague
 Grower director: Reuben Stone
 Industry: Sarah Fretz
 Industry: Glen McDonald

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

January 6 & 7, 2021 - Ontario Ag Conference (OAgC is a combined effort of The Southwest Agricultural Conference, Eastern Ontario Crop Conference, Golden Horseshoe and Heartland SCIA's) www.OntarioAgConference.ca register by Jan 4

January 12, 2021 – Grey Bruce Farmers Week Virtual Crops Day details here: <https://greybrucefarmersweek.ca>

Feb 2, 2021 – Ontario Seed Growers' Association AGM 9am-11:30 am www.seedontario.ca

March 22 & 23, 2021 – Grain Farmers of Ontario Annual March Classic www.gfo.ca/MarchClassic

Note: The Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough recently highlighted that the Government has expanded the National Commodity List (NCL) **to include seed corn, oil seed, grains and maple syrup for the 2021 season**. This expansion will allow farmers who cultivate or make these products to seek the help of workers through the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP).
<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/11/blank.html>

2020 PEDIGREED SEED ACREAGE *

Year	Acreage	Growers	Major Crops	Ontario 2020	Ontario 2019	Ontario 2018	Ontario 2017	Ontario 2016	Ontario 2015	Ontario 2014
2020	170,481	694								
2019	171,503	715								
2018	173,826	747	<i>Barley</i>	4,012	3,554	3,918	3,276	3,516	5,171	10,545
2017	178,398	777	<i>Field Beans</i>	3,152	3,107	2,500	2,518	2,492	3,017	3,038
2016	181,200	826	<i>Corn</i>	16,224	17,743	15,247	18,192	18,487	13,692	19,161
2015	193,732	853	<i>Soybeans</i>	120,495	124,433	128,345	129,448	125,533	141,368	129,258
2014	184,924	878	<i>Wheat</i>	21,324	16,935	20,548	21,108	26,939	23,980	24,220
2013	205,373	925	<i>Oats</i>	4,611	4,571	3,107	2,479	3,027	5,734	4,108
* as reported by CSGA November 2020										



Ontario Seed Growers' Association
2020 AGM Agenda
Theme – A “Pandemic” of a Year
February 2, 2021 9 am – 11:30 am

- 9 am Welcome and instructions – Shannon Bieman OSGA President
President's Report
- 9:10 Canadian Seed Growers' Association
- President Joe Rennick, Executive Director Glyn Chancey
- National Directors Dale Connell and David MacKellar
- 10 am Review of Minutes from the 2019 AGM – Colleen Acres OSGA Manager
OSGA Financial statements
- 10:15 Break
- 10:20 Seeds Canada – Ellen Sparry & Quentin Martin
- 10:50 Appointment of Financial Review for 2020/21
Proposed Budget 2020/2021 – Colleen Acres OSGA Manager
- 11:00 Nominations Report – Peter Szentimrey, OSGA Past President
- 11:10 Recognition of Members for Long Service – Andrew Dawson, OSGA Vice President
- 11:15 Resolutions / Questions – Andrew Dawson, OSGA Vice President
- 11:30 Adjournment



Participants in the AGM will need to pre-register here: www.seedontario.ca/annual-general-meeting

Meeting materials and instructions will be forwarded to all those who pre-register.

2020 Long Standing Service Awards Listing

15 Year			
LEON LECLAIR, Grande Pointe	DAVE SCOTT, London	ROBERT E. SWAIN, Blackstock	RICK VAN LAECKE, Courtland
MARK MURRAY, Seaforth	FREDERICK SCHILBE, Bayfield	DENNIS JACKSON, Dresden	JOHN MACKAY, Comber
CHARLES DESMARAIS, Stoney Point	BRAD SWANCE, Tillsonburg	PETER HAGERMAN, Picton	MARK TIBBEN, Brinston
PAUL BIRNIE, Innisfil	WILLIAM S.D. FINES, Midhurst	JOHN DEPREZ, Ridgetown	RICK CARYN, Thamesville
SCOTT R. YOUNG, Charing Cross	JAMES RUSSELL MC LAUGHLIN, Harriston	STANLEY LAWTON, Kent Bridge	KENNON LAWTON, Kent Bridge
20 Year			
GARRY ROE, Dover Centre	LARRY KELL, Gilford	JIM WILES, Kirkton	ALLEN R. WALKER, Wingham
DAVID J. DEKAY, Komoka	DAVID DINIZ, Windham	LARRY DECAROLIS, Waterford	JEFF FERGUSON, St. Thomas
JOHN FERGUSON, St. Thomas	RAY FILSON, Denfield	PAUL VOGELS, Kippen	JAY BRODIE, Chatham
IAN SPONAGLE, Hawkestone	DAVID FILSON, Denfield	GARY URQUHART, St. Mary's	TOM MAC GREGOR, Crysler
GEORGE SALTER, Harrow	JOACHIM NIEWELS, Thornton	MATTHEW JACOBS, Ayton	RAYMOND WELTZ, Ayton
DAVID HOUSE, Fingal	PAUL S. ORTON, Ruthven	ANDREW MAC PHERSON, Ayton	ANNA JUBENVILLE, Paincourt
25 Year			
TONY LANG, Chepstow	SHARON HART, Woodstock	TIMOTHY WILLIAMS, Petrolia	CATHERINE COCHRAN, Almonte
WILLIAM MC GUIRE, Oil Springs	RONALD VAN DE VELDE, Chatham	DONALD E. COCHRAN, Almonte	DOUG JOHNSTON, Listowel
MURRAY HODGINS, Kincardine	GREG ILER, Harrow	HILMAR KAUMANN, Lucan	KEN ROODZANT, Rodney
WARREN SHELTON, Ingersoll			
30 Year			
WILLIAM T. MURRAY, Seaforth	RICHARD G. WRIGHT, Fergus	ROBERT JR. SMYTH, Chatham	ELAINE BOWMAN, Thornloe
MAURICE SKINNER, Strathroy	PETER DEKONING, Chatham		
35 Year			
MARK KERNIGHAN, Goderich	JAMIE ROBS, Kent Bridge	JAY ROBSON, Arva	JOEL ROBSON, Arva
GUY GARDHOUSE, East Garafraxa	DOUGLAS HART, Woodstock	LLOYD DUNLOP, Dresden	GERARD DELRUE, Paincourt
40 Year			
QUENTIN MARTIN, West Montrose	DAVID MC CLURE, Caledon	DAVID HENDRICK, Inkerman	WAYNE PATTERSON, Kerwood
WILLIAM WOOD, Ilderton	JOHN JANOVICEK, Dresden	BARRY TAYLOR, Clinton	
45 Year			
WAYNE HAMILTON, Varna	JEFFREY ALLAN, Brucefield		
50 Year			
DONALD RICKARD, Bowmanville			

All long standing service award recipients will receive their certificate of service from the CSGA office directly and will be recognized during the virtual AGM.
Thank you for your many years of service!