



# Ontario Seed Growers' Association Newsletter

December 2021

## *President's Message*

As your association president I enjoy this time of year to reflect on all that has gone according to plan and learn from what hasn't. Industry engagement and active listening are an important part of this learning process. The Ontario Seed Growers' board represents you and we want to hear your feedback. Take time to be engaged and participate in industry meetings like the upcoming OSGA Annual meeting.

The OSGA Annual Meeting will be held virtually again this year. We have moved the date from our traditional December timeframe to early February. This allows us to finish harvest and yet still be able to consult with our members and provide them updates on many of the issues happening in the seed industry. CSGA will be reporting on items like digital crop certificates, e-learning opportunities to train the next generation of seed growers as well as regulatory changes happening with CFIA's Seed Regulatory Modernization. Always proud of our roots, we will also take time to honour and thank those growers for their long service in the Ontario seed industry. A list of these members and their years of service is included in this newsletter. Please plan to join us virtually at the OSGA AGM on February 1, 2022.

**OSGA Annual  
Meeting**  
**Tues. Feb 1, 2022**  
Virtual via Zoom  
Register by  
January 28, 2022 at:  
[www.seedontario.ca/annual-general-meeting](http://www.seedontario.ca/annual-general-meeting)

SeedOntario is a catalogued listing of growers / retailers by variety as well as all of the variety performance trial data available from across the province. This publication continues to be a project that OSGA works on as a service to our members but also it serves as a valuable information package for all involved in crop production in the province. We hope you and your seed customers continue to find it helpful. The 2022 edition will be out in early January mailed with the Grain Farmer Magazine.

Thanks to SeCan Association for once again assisting us with the wall calendar included in this mailing. A long standing tradition and one of the few year at a glance calendars available, we hope you continue to make use of this promotional piece.

Thanks for supporting me as your OSGA president over the last two years. I have had tremendous support from a great board and membership and found it to be a rewarding and challenging opportunity.

Happy holidays and best wishes for the New Year in 2022.

**Shannon Bieman**  
President

**Colleen Acres**  
Manager

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## 2021 OSGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Shannon Bieman  
 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Andrew Dawson  
 MANAGER: Colleen Acres  
 PAST PRESIDENT: Peter Szentimrey  
 National Directors: Dale Connell, Shannon Bieman  
 Carl Bolton

Joe Hickson  
 Tim Montague  
 Ian Sponagle  
 Reuben Stone  
 Sarah Fretz  
 Phil Nadalin

### Upcoming events / meetings

January 5 & 6, 2022 - Ontario Ag Conference [www.ontarioagconference.ca](http://www.ontarioagconference.ca)

January 11, 2022 – Grey Bruce Farmers Week [www.greybrucefarmersweek.ca](http://www.greybrucefarmersweek.ca)

February 1, 2022 – Ontario Seed Growers' AGM [www.seedontario.ca](http://www.seedontario.ca)

SeedTalk Series topics – virtual learning sessions on timely subjects of interest to all seed industry members hosted by the Prairie seed grower associations (Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba Seed Growers' Associations) More details on the SSGA website [www.saskseed.ca](http://www.saskseed.ca)

10:30 AM Wed Jan 26 2022 Seed Regulatory Modernization Update

10:30 AM Thu Feb 10 2022 Marketing You and Your Seed

- SSGA Sponsor: SeCan

10:30 AM Thu Feb 24 2022 Seed Growing 103 (Data and recordkeeping tools)

- SSGA Sponsor: Bayer SeedGrowth

10:30 AM Thu Mar 10 2022 The Carbon Economy: What's in it for Seed Growers?

- SSGA Sponsor: Lewis M. Carter (Canada) Manufacturing

10:30 AM Thu Mar 24 2022 Seed Quality across the Prairies

- SSGA Sponsor: Discovery Seed Labs

## 2021 PEDIGREED SEED ACREAGE \*

Year	Acreage	Growers	Major Crops	Ontario 2021	Ontario 2020	Ontario 2019	Ontario 2018	Ontario 2017	Ontario 2016
2021	163,686	671							
2020	170,481	694							
2019	171,503	715							
2018	173,826	747	Barley	3,820	4,012	3,554	3,918	3,276	3,516
2017	178,398	777	Field Beans	2,770	3,152	3,107	2,500	2,518	2,492
2016	181,200	826	Corn	16,258	16,224	17,743	15,247	18,192	18,487
2015	193,732	853	Soybeans	115,227	120,495	124,433	128,345	129,448	125,533
2014	184,924	878	Wheat	21,770	21,324	16,935	20,548	21,108	26,939
2013	205,373	925	Oats	3,484	4,611	4,571	3,107	2,479	3,027
* as reported by CSGA November 2021									



Ontario Seed Growers' Association  
2021 Annual Meeting  
DRAFT Agenda  
Tuesday February 1, 2022  
Virtual via ZOOM  
**Theme: "Building Blocks for the Future"**

- 9:00 am Welcome and Instructions – Shannon Bieman, President  
President's Report
- 9:15 am Canadian Seed Growers' Association  
- Joe Rennick, President  
- Doug Miller, Executive Director
- 9:45 am Seeds Canada
- 10:00 am Seed Regulatory Modernization & Seed Grower E-Learning
- 11:00 am Minutes of the 2020 OSGA Annual Meeting – Colleen Acres, Manager  
OSGA Financial Statements 2020/21  
2021/2022 Projected Budget  
Appointment of Financial Review for 2021/2022
- 11:20 am Recognition of Members for Long Standing Service – Andrew Dawson
- 11:30 am Resolutions / Questions – Andrew Dawson
- 11:45 am Nominations Report – Peter Szentimrey
- BREAK
- 1:00 pm Research Updates and Announcements
- 1:30 pm Adjournment

Participants in the AGM will need to pre-register by January 28<sup>th</sup> here:  
[www.seedontario.ca/annual-general-meeting](http://www.seedontario.ca/annual-general-meeting)



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

All long standing service award recipients (following page) will receive a certificate of service from the CSGA office and will be recognized during the virtual OSGA AGM. Congratulations and thank you for your many years of service!

## 2021 Long Standing Service Awards Listing

15 Year			
HARWOOD, MIKE CHATHAM ON	DECORTE, KEN SEAFORTH ON	ANGER, BRAD HARROW ON	LUYKS, WILLIE PORT STANLEY ON
SWANCE, CONNIE TILLSONBURG ON	BUCHANAN, DAVE COMBER ON	TIFFIN, PAUL TUPPERVILLE ON	VANDEN BOOGAARD, PIET GORRIE ON
BEUERMANN, GREGORY M. DUBLIN ON	DENYS, MICHAEL WALLACEBURG ON	BRUGMANS, GARRY CHESTERVILLE ON	MC NEIL, LARRY SPRINGFIELD ON
KEIL, HARRY CHATHAM ON	DYKSTRA, ANDREW CLINTON ON		
20 Year			
TIESSEN, PAUL LEAMINGTON ON	GRIEVE, RICK DORCHESTER ON	BUTLER, BILL CROTON ON	PAQUETTE, ROBERT AMHERSTBURG ON
ARCHIBALD, JOHN ALMA ON	MC CAMUS, ROBERT CAVAN ON	MEIER, FRED JR. BRUSSELS ON	WALKER, PAUL WHEATLEY ON
ARCHIBALD, TOM ALMA ON	BRODIE, GORDON CHATHAM ON	SEEGELKEN, WERNER DENFIELD ON	DYKSTRA, RANDY BELMONT ON
25 Year			
MC FADDEN, BRENT A. DRESDEN ON	VANLEEUWEN, GARY AYLMER ON	LUSK, WAYNE DOVER CENTRE ON	GREYDANUS, IAN D. GRAFTON ON
THOMSON, BRUCE HENSALL ON	DIELEMAN, KRIN WALLACETOWN ON	MOISON, HERMAS BELLE RIVER ON	BICREL, GEORGE STONE POINT ON
WALKER, MURRAY P. MERLIN ON	BOOGAART, JOHN A. BLENHEIM ON	PORTER, ROB PORT STANLEY ON	FAUBERT, NORBERT PAINCOURT ON
PATTERSON, JEFF KERWOOD ON	VAN DAMME, RONALD PORT LAMBTON ON		
30 Year			
CHITTLE, EDWARD MAIDSTONE ON	ROCK, JAMES G. DENFIELD ON	BOSMA, BRIAN AYLMER ON	BOSMA, RAY AYLMER ON
SPARLING, BRYON BRUCE PLYMPTON WYOMING ON	GLEESON, STEPHEN TILBURY ON	WADDICK, EDWARD CHATHAM ON	NEELY, WALTER THAMESVILLE ON
KERNICK, TED KIRKTON ON	VAN DE VELDE, MICHAEL BLENHEIM ON	VAN TOL, ROBERT FERGUS ON	VAN TOL, TONY FERGUS ON
35 Year			
ROSS, BRIAN COOKSTOWN ON	HANNAM, GREGORY GUELPH ON	HICKSON, JOSEPH LINDSAY ON	DEVOLDER, ROBERT G. DOVER CENTRE ON
LACEY, JOSEPH THEDFORD ON	WILLIAMS, JOHN CAMERON ATWOOD ON	TAYLOR, CARL D. BELMONT ON	
40 Year			
TIFFIN, ALLAN TUPPERVILLE ON	HEDLEY, ALLAN WARD CANFIELD ON	RATZ, LARRY CREDITON ON	LEGAULT, RAYMOND ST. ALBERT ON
GILLIER, STANLEY E. CHATHAM ON	BOWMAN, MATTHEW THORNLOE ON	BUFFINGA, RALPH CLINTON ON	ELDER, PAUL LYNDON HENSALL ON
SCHNEIDER, ANNE PALMERSTON ON	SCHNEIDER, EARL PALMERSTON ON		
45 Year			
DUNLOP, GARY G. DRESDEN ON	SNOBELEN, MIKE GODERICH ON	CURTIS, ROBERT S. ST. THOMAS ON	
55 Year			
BECKER, EARL DASHWOOD ON			

