



# Ontario Seed Growers' Association Newsletter December 2022 *President's Message*

As the world returns to some semblance of normal, I have personally enjoyed the opportunity to meet with industry colleagues and share learning opportunities and fellowship in-person once again.

We held a successful Grower Field Day this past June. Thanks to Quentin Martin, Sarah Fretz and the Cribit Seeds staff for allowing us to tour the seed warehouse, seed plant and plots all while enjoying a great day of learning and discussions. The OSGA board invites you to meet together on January 26 in Guelph for the OSGA AGM – the first in-person AGM since December of 2019. We will discuss the “**Dynamic\$ of \$eed**” and bring you all up to speed on industry issues.

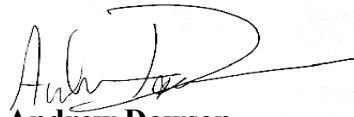
As your Association President, I appreciate the support of the volunteer board of directors and manager Colleen Acres, as we work to represent you and bring your concerns and issues to the national forum. At this time, CFIA's Seed Regulatory Modernization initiative has been our main focus and will be discussed in greater detail at the AGM.

Recently OSGA and other provincial branch presidents signed an agreement with CSGA solidifying the roles and responsibilities and formalizing joint work planning, education, advocacy and communication initiatives. Grass roots participation and policy development remains at the core of CSGA and it's provincial branch structure.

The seed guide “SeedOntario” will be out in mailboxes across Ontario in January and will once again provide a hands-on resource of performance trial data, seed grower/company and seed supply listings. Thank you for advertising and continuing to find value in this seed promotion publication. Reach out to [info@seedontario.ca](mailto:info@seedontario.ca) to request extra copies.

With the cooperation of Agricorp, OSGA initiated a new program for seed growers in the spring of 2022. The pedigreed seed crop insurance program offered coverage for pedigreed spring wheat, soybeans and fall wheat. OSGA board members know that business risk management tools are top of mind for seed growers, as it is for all involved in crop production. We would love to hear feedback on how this crop insurance program has worked and hope that you will consider enrolling your pedigreed acreage for coverage in 2023.

Happy holidays and best wishes for the New Year in 2023. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual meeting on **January 26** at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Guelph ON.

  
**Andrew Dawson**  
President

  
**Colleen Acres**  
Manager

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OSGA Annual Meeting  
**Thurs Jan 26,  
2023**

Hampton Inn & Suites,  
Guelph ON  
Register by  
January 18, 2023



## 2022 OSGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Andrew Dawson  
 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Tim Montague  
 MANAGER: Colleen Acres  
 PAST PRESIDENT: Shannon Bieman  
 National Directors: Shannon Bieman, Carl Bolton

Joe Hickson  
 Ian Sponagle  
 Reuben Stone  
 Sarah Fretz  
 Phil Nadalin  
 Craig Rickard  
 Peter Szentimrey

### Upcoming events / meetings

January 4&5, 2023 – Ontario Ag Conference [www.ontarioagconference.ca](http://www.ontarioagconference.ca)

January 10, 2023 – Crops Day Grey Bruce Farmers Week [www.greybrucefarmersweek.ca](http://www.greybrucefarmersweek.ca)

January 26, 2023 – Ontario Seed Growers' AGM [www.seedontario.ca](http://www.seedontario.ca)

July 9-10 2023 – Canadian Seed Growers' Assoc. Annual Meeting St. John's Newfoundland

### Digital Seed Crop Certificates



An email will be automatically sent to you as notification that a new certificate is available. You will be asked to visit the “Crop Certificate” tab in SeedCert to sign and finalize your certificate. Please check How-To video for instructions on accessing, signing, and sharing your digital crop certificates.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOau2N1vAUM&t=2s>

Your feedback and experiences are welcomed on the new CSGA Digital Seed Crop Certificates.

## 2022 PEDIGREED SEED ACREAGE \*

Year	Acreage	Growers	Major Crops	Ontario 2022	Ontario 2021	Ontario 2020	Ontario 2019	Ontario 2018	Ontario 2017
2022	168,385	661							
2021	163,686	671							
2020	170,481	694							
2019	171,503	715							
2018	173,826	747	Barley	3,278	3,820	4,012	3,554	3,918	3,276
2017	178,398	777	Field Beans	2,485	2,770	3,152	3,107	2,500	2,518
2016	181,200	826	Corn	18,835	16,258	16,224	17,743	15,247	18,192
2015	193,732	853	Oats	3,455	3,484	4,611	4,571	3,107	2,479
2014	184,924	878	Soybeans	121,830	115,227	120,495	124,433	128,345	129,448
2013	205,373	925	Wheat	17,748	21,770	21,324	16,935	20,548	21,108

\* as reported by CSGA  
 November 2022



Ontario Seed Growers' Association  
2022 Annual Meeting  
DRAFT Agenda  
Thursday January 26, 2023  
Hampton Inn & Suites - Guelph ON  
**Theme: "The Dynamic\$ of \$eed"**

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| 9:00 am  | Welcome and Instructions – Andrew Dawson, President<br>President's Report  |
| 9:15 am  | Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Wendy Jahn<br>Seed Regulatory Modernization  |
| 9:45 am  | Canadian Seed Growers' Association<br>- Dale Connell, President<br>- Caroline Lafontaine, Chief Operating Officer  |
| 10:45 am | NUTRITION BREAK  |
| 11:00 am | Seeds Canada<br>- Ellen Sparry, President  |
| 11:20 am | ASCIS Update   |
| 11:30 am | Minutes of the 2021 OSGA Annual Meeting – Colleen Acres, Manager<br>OSGA Financial Statements 2020/21<br>2021/2022 Projected Budget<br>Appointment of Financial Review for 2021/2022 |
| 12 noon  | Luncheon<br>Awards Recognition of Members for Long Standing Service – Tim Montague   |
| 1:00 pm  | Weather Dynamic\$ – To be confirmed  |
| 1:50 pm  | Seed Variety Development Report<br>Helen Booker Univ of Guelph<br>Jamie Larsen AAFC Harrow   |
| 2:15 pm  | Nominations Report – Shannon Bieman  |
| 2:30 pm  | Resolutions / Questions – Sarah Fretz  |
| 3:00 pm  | Adjournment  |



Participants in the AGM will need to pre-register by January 18<sup>th</sup>  
[www.seedontario.ca/annual-general-meeting](http://www.seedontario.ca/annual-general-meeting)

All long standing service award recipients will receive a certificate of service.  
 Congratulations and thank you for your many years of service!

## 2022 Long Standing Service Awards Listing

15 Year			
MC KERRALL, ROBERT CHATHAM ON	BROWN, JOHN CECIL FINGAL ON	KEARNS, STEPHEN W. DOVER CENTRE ON	DENYS, MATT KIPPEN ON
WILLMORE, KENT CHATHAM ON	CRINKLAW, PATRICK LONDON ON	LIDDLE, SANDY BLOOMFIELD ON	MORDEN, DUANE MUIRKIRK ON
PERRIMAN, BERT AYR ON	GROSS, BRYAN AUBURN ON	HEDLEY, CAM WALKER CANFIELD ON	GRIEVE, KRIS DORCHESTER ON
JOHNSTONE, BRUCE CHATHAM ON			
20 Year			
APERS, ROBERT WALLACEBURG ON	TAYLOR, JOAN-MARIE BELMONT ON	VOGELS, MARIAN KIPPEN ON	WELLS, KEITH WILLIAMSTOWN ON
LANGE, RICK TRENTON ON	MAC KELLAR, ADAM ALVINSTON ON	MC FARLANE, JIM GUELPH ON	DAWSON, ANDREW LANARK ON
AARTS, LENNIE WAINFLEET ON	PRIEST, WALTER MINESING ON	PAQUETTE, GERALD AMHERSTBURG ON	TAYLOR, MARILYN BELMONT ON
25 Year			
PAYNE, ALLAN THAMESFORD ON	WALSH, EDWARD PETROLIA ON	BAILEY, ROBB ROCKWOOD ON	GIBSON, WILLIAM T. CLINTON ON
VAN BEETS, AISE BAYFIELD ON	SMITH, JAMES W. KENT BRIDGE ON	LUMLEY, MARK SARNIA ON	ARMSTRONG, DAVID WOODSTOCK ON
GIFFIN, LEE BLENHEIM ON	MC FADDEN, BILL BELWOOD ON	WALKER, SUSAN MERLIN ON	
30 Year			
DEPREZ, JERRY RIDGETOWN ON	GURNEY, CHARLES PRINCETON ON	MONTAGUE, THOMAS JARVIS ON	MARR, BOB LONDON ON
JACKSON, ALLAN TUPPERVILLE ON	VERSCHUEREN, ALEX MOUNT ELGIN ON	BLACK, STEPHEN D. BELLEVILLE ON	
35 Year			
VERMEY, JOHN BLENHEIM ON	MC KERCHER, DONALD DUBLIN ON	MARTIN, KEITH WEST MONTROSE ON	BERCIER, MARC (ON) ST. ISIDORE ON
CLARK, JIM BLENHEIM ON	TWYNSTRA, STEVEN W. AILSA CRAIG ON	LUMSDEN, JAMES G. STRATHROY ON	
40 Year			
HEDLEY, NEIL RICHARD CANFIELD ON	HOLDEN, MARK C. PALMERSTON ON	ROSS, DAVID BRUCE AILSA CRAIG ON	PARSONS, ROBERT C. LAMBETH ON
JANSSENS, GEORGE DRESDEN ON	MAC KELLAR, DAVID ALVINSTON ON	TUMAK, MIKE CHATHAM ON	BROWN, PETER JAMES STRATHROY ON
POPPE, KEES DRESDEN ON			
45 Year			
PARK, DOUGLAS ANDREW SARNIA ON	STIRLING, BRYAN THOMAS MORPETH ON		
50 Year			
PALING, WAYNE DRESDEN ON	ELDER, LARRY K. EXETER ON		

## On Farm Climate Action Fund

Farmers in Ontario have another chance to apply for cost-share funding which supports in-field nitrogen management, rotational grazing and cover cropping projects. The first application period was a great success. Investing in soil health improves long-term productivity, profitability and sustainability while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing carbon sequestration.

The On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) is delivered by the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association. **Get your application in between January 4 to 18, 2023!**

Cost-share funding is available at 65% of approved project costs. There is no limit to the number of applications a farm business can submit, but the maximum amount of funding a farm business can access is \$75,000 across all approved projects. In addition, each project category has a maximum cost-share amount per project:

### **Nitrogen management**

65% of eligible project costs, up to a maximum cost-share payment of \$30,000

### **Cover cropping**

65% of eligible project costs, up to a maximum cost-share payment of \$20,000

### **Rotational grazing systems**

65% of eligible project costs, up to a maximum cost-share payment of \$20,000

### **Farmers interested in applying for cost-share should:**

- **Read the Program Guide** for eligible projects and to understand what supporting documents may be needed, such as site sketches
- **Reach out to OSCIA with questions at [OFCAF@ontariosoilcrop.org](mailto:OFCAF@ontariosoilcrop.org)**
- **Enrol their farm business at <https://osciaportal.org/>**

**Apply during the intake January 4 to 18, 2023**



Information on the funding program can be found at [www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs/](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs/)

If you have questions, please contact us at [OFCAF@ontariosoilcrop.org](mailto:OFCAF@ontariosoilcrop.org)

*Funding for this project has been provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the Agricultural Climate Solutions – On-Farm Climate Action Fund*

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## New Ontario Agri-Food Funding Opportunity Supply Chain Stability and Adaptability Program

As part of the government's Grow Ontario Strategy, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has launched the **Food Security and Supply Chain Fund**.

- **Agri-Food Supply Chain Infrastructure Investment Stream**

This stream is aimed at helping acquire the equipment and assets necessary to grow capacity in a manner that meets the increased demand for Ontario grown and produced food products. The funding is meant to support near term investments in infrastructure that builds production capacity and helps address market and supply chain challenges.

- **Funding**

Apply for up to 25% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$150,000 per project.

- **Agri-Food Supply Chain Resiliency Analysis Stream**

This stream is aimed at identifying and addressing market and supply chain challenges driven or worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is meant to help you complete a resiliency analysis for identifying supply-chain gaps/areas of weakness and developing an action plan for priority areas.

- **Funding**

Apply for up to 50% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$50,000 per project.

<https://adaptcouncil.org/program/scsa-program> Apply starting **Dec 1, 2022**

For more information about the program, please contact AAC by email at [info@adaptcouncil.org](mailto:info@adaptcouncil.org) or call 1-800-769-3272

Biosecurity workshops and webinars are a good place to start addressing your on-farm biosecurity program. These crop opportunities are offered as a one-day, in-person workshop or as two 2-hour webinars. You can choose the learning opportunity that best suits your needs. During the workshop or webinar, a Certified Crop Advisor will show you how to enhance biosecurity protocols in your fields.

As you work through areas of improvement on your farm, **staff may be able to identify cost sharing opportunities** to support biosecurity improvements.

**Farmers interested in the Biosecurity workshop:**

**Register for the workshop** at <https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/biosecurity-webinars/>

**Reach out to OSCIA with questions** at [cap@ontariosoilcrop.org](mailto:cap@ontariosoilcrop.org)



*The Biosecurity workshop is delivered by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association through funding provided by the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership), a five-year, federal-provincial-territorial initiative to encourage innovation, competitiveness, and sustainability in Canada's agriculture industry.*



## CSGA Launches Canada's First Online Seed Learning Platform

October 31, 2022

We are very pleased to announce the launch of *CSGA Learn*, Canada's first online seed learning platform offering education resources for the seed sector.

As the first link in our agri-food chain, the vital role of Canadian seed growers and seed businesses cannot be underestimated. Seed growers are highly skilled people running complex operations that produce the highest quality seed in the world. To ensure success, growers and their teams must be up to date on seed production standards, regulations and procedures, and best management practices for Canada's seed sector. Developed in partnership with the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council, *CSGA Learn* closes that Canadian seed production learning gap.

*CSGA Learn's* digital approach provides equal access to seed-specific training across the country. This ensures the seed sector is equipped with people with the right skill sets and required knowledge for a next-generation seed system.



**CSGA Learn can help you stand out in the modern marketplace and take your seed skills and businesses to the next level.**

Knowledgeable team members are essential to the success of any seed sector business. Whether it's training new employees or updating the skills of current team members, *CSGA Learn* provides online learning options to take workplace training to the next level. Managers can enroll team members and manage their team's online training in one easy-to-access site and help them understand their vital role in the Canadian seed sector.

**You Play a Vital Role in the Canadian Seed Sector!**

Through *CSGA Learn*, you can benefit from enhanced personal confidence, additional seed business prospects, showcasing your commitment to Canada's seed quality, and ensuring your employees are current on best production practices. We invite you to learn more and enroll today! <https://csgalearn.ca/>