



# Ontario Seed Growers' Association Newsletter December 2024 *President's Message*

Merry Christmas and Holiday greetings to you and your family. May you enjoy the season and all the best in 2025.

The 2024 cropping season started slow and late for many across Ontario but reports, for the most part, indicate a positive outcome. The earliest harvest period in recent memory for many combined with decent yields and quality has lessened the stress despite lower prices and rising costs.

In August the OSGA held a successful Grower Field Day. It was great to see so many new faces as we cheered on the Blue Jays at the Rogers Centre and enjoyed a tour of the Ontario Food Terminal. Thanks to sponsors for supporting us in delivering programming for Ontario seed grower members and their families.

The CSGA celebrated 120 years in 2024 with a theme of Strong Foundation - Bright Future. Celebrating this milestone reaffirms the vital role CSGA and its sector partners have played in shaping Canadian agriculture and establishing Canada as a global leader in seed quality, integrity, and innovation. With a vision of developing a national organization for improving seed stocks to ensure more reliable crop production, CSGA's forefathers led the way for CSGA members to be an important link in today's recognition for Canada's Blue Certified Seed Tag as a symbol of trust and excellence. With a forward-looking vision of building a modern, inclusive and efficient next generation seed certification system, industry leaders have set the stage for a bright future for the sector indeed!

A dynamic team of individuals serve as directors of OSGA and represent your interests and make decisions on your behalf. I would like to thank the OSGA Board members for their valuable insight and contributions. We welcome new participants and encourage industry involvement and engagement. The OSGA AGM is the place to start.

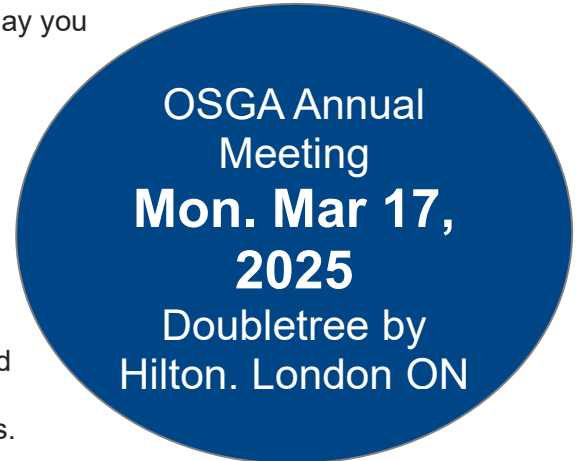
You are invited to join us on **March 17th** in London ON for the OSGA annual general meeting. We hope you will take the opportunity to attend as we discuss important initiatives underway within the seed sector and honour the work of the OSGA's Long Service Award recipients (whose names are listed in this newsletter). The GFO March Classic opening reception will follow the OSGA AGM on Monday evening allowing you to attend both events and minimize your travel and time away from your business. The Agenda and Registration details for OSGA will be available soon at [www.seedontario.ca](http://www.seedontario.ca) and if you plan to join GFO events, go to their site to register separately.

Happy holidays and Happy New Year.

  
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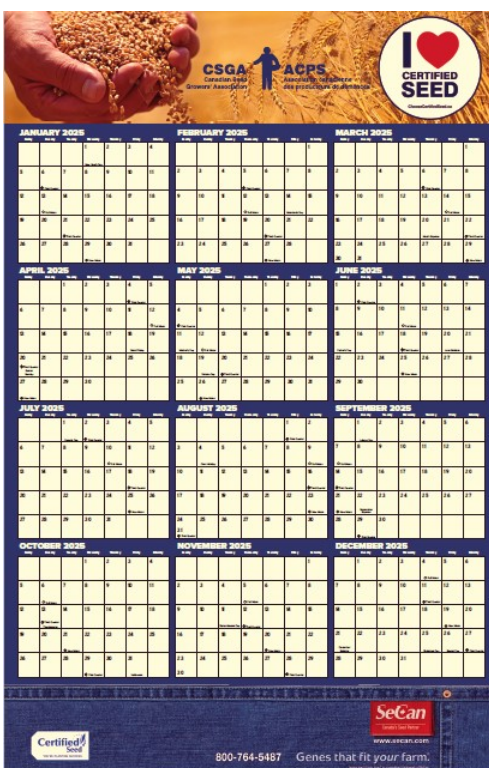
## Upcoming events / meetings

January 7 & 8, 2025 – South West Ag Conference [www.ontarioagconference.ca](http://www.ontarioagconference.ca)  
 January 21, 2025 – Eastern Ontario Ag Conference [www.ontarioagconference.ca](http://www.ontarioagconference.ca)  
 January 17, 2025 – MidWest Ag Conference [www.ontarioagconference.ca](http://www.ontarioagconference.ca)  
 January 13, 2025 – Grey Bruce Farmers Week Crops Day [www.greybrucefarmersweek.ca](http://www.greybrucefarmersweek.ca)  
 March 17, 2025 – Ontario Seed Growers’ AGM [www.seedontario.ca](http://www.seedontario.ca)  
 March 18, 2025 – GFO March Classic [www.gfo.ca/about/2024-march-classic/](http://www.gfo.ca/about/2024-march-classic/)  
 July 3-5, 2025 – Canadian Seed Growers’ Assoc. Annual Meeting Victoria, BC [www.seedgrowers.ca](http://www.seedgrowers.ca)

## 2024 PEDIGREED SEED ACREAGE \*

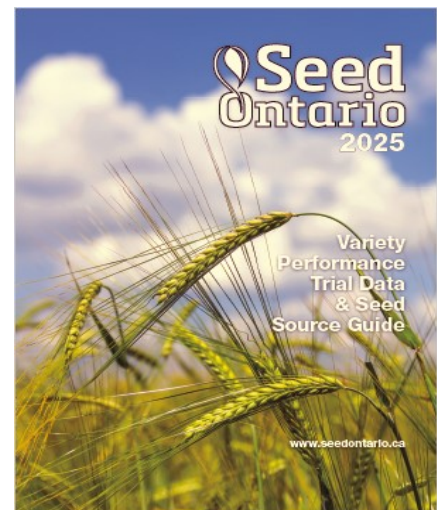
Year	Acreage	Growers	Major Crops	Ontario 2024	Ontario 2023	Ontario 2022	Ontario 2021	Ontario 2020	Ontario 2019
2024	168,772	660	Barley	2,034	2,383	3,278	3,820	4,012	3,554
2023	168,714	656	Field Beans	1,540	2,024	2,485	2,770	3,152	3,107
2022	168,385	661	Corn	12,063	13,296	18,835	16,258	16,224	17,743
2021	163,686	671	Oats	2,887	2,956	3,455	3,484	4,611	4,571
2020	170,481	694	Soybeans	129,575	127,783	121,830	115,227	120,495	124,433
2019	171,596	715	Wheat	19,840	20,245	17,748	21,770	21,324	16,935
2018	174,728	747							

\* as reported by CSGA  
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Thank you to SeCan Association for their sponsorship support of the printing for our OSGA year-at-a-glance calendar. Additional copies are available by request to: [info@seedontario.ca](mailto:info@seedontario.ca)

SeedOntario 2025 seed guide will be out in January. Keep an eye out for this handy resource guide containing all the Variety Performance Trial Data and Seed Grower/ Retailer source listing. Thanks to all the advertisers who assist with offsetting the printing and distribution costs.



All long standing service award recipients will receive a certificate of service presented at the OSGA AGM in London on March 17, 2025.

Congratulations and thank you for your many years of service!

## 2024 Long Standing Service Awards Listing

15 Year			
CHAMBERS, DAVE CHESTERVILLE ON	DENYS, STEPHEN CHATHAM ON	HENDRICK, CAROLYN ANN INKERMAN ON	IRWIN, LEIGH BRIGDEN ON
MAC KELLAR, JACOB ALVINSTON ON	PAQUETTE, RICHARD AMHERSTBURG ON	PASQUIER, CHRISTOPHE RUSSELL ON	PRIEST, MATTHEW CLAIR
SCHROTER, JENNIFER STAFFA ON	STONE, REUBEN COBDEN ON	TIMMINGS, SCOTT D. ROCKWOOD ON	VAN DOORNIK, BETH SEAFORTH ON
VAN DOORNIK, HAROLD SEAFORTH ON			
20 Year			
ALDERDICE, GEOFF KIPPEN ON	CHAPPLE, ROBERT CHATHAM ON	COOK, DONALD R. LONDON ON	DELRUE, BRIAN CHATHAM ON
HAGERMAN, PETER PICTON ON	LECLERC, REJEAN CASSELMAN ON	RIMMELZWAAN, JIM LONDON ON	SCHILL, LARRY PAUL ALMA ON
SCOTT, DAVE PARIS ON	VANDEBOGAARD, TONY VERNER ON	VERMEY, MARTY BLENHEIM ON	WILLEMSE, RICK PARKHILL ON
25 Year			
ALLISON, WILLIAM GEORGETOWN ON	BALCOM, SHARON OTTERVILLE ON	MC DOUGALL, BRIAN ROCKWOOD ON	MELADY, PAT EGMONDVILLE ON
PYNENBURG, BERNIE PRINCETON ON	SALMON, SCOTT AYLMER ON	VANDERWAL, TERRY DENFIELD ON	WELLS, DON PARIS ON
WELTZ, RAYMOND AYTON ON			
30 Year			
BAILEY, DONALD ROCKWOOD ON	BLOETJES, ED DORCHESTER ON	COURTNEY, MICHAEL RIPLEY ON	CURTIS, DANIEL F. ST. THOMAS ON
LUGTIGHEID, DAVE CHATHAM ON	MUNN, MARLENE HENSALL ON	RENNING, ALLAN EXETER ON	SNOBELEN, SAM LUCKNOW ON
STOECKER, ACHIM GODERICH ON	STOREY, GLENN ROCKWOOD ON	STUDNICKA, DAVID PORT LAMBTON ON	VAN ROBOYS, DONALD CHATHAM ON
35 Year			
COOPER, SCOTT KIPPEN ON	DELIN, MIKE DRESDEN ON	DENYS, RICK KIPPEN ON	MILLER, BRIAN R. STAFFA ON
RUNNALLS, KEVIN NEW LISKEARD ON			
40 Year			
ANDERSON, JOHN PICTON ON	PARSONS, JOHN LONDON ON	SCOTT, PAUL CHATHAM ON	TAYLOR, MARK BELMONT ON
45 Year			
COLLINS, GRANT W. KINCARDINE ON	MAC KINNON, MICHAEL BATH ON	PARKINSON, PAUL ERNEST ROCKWOOD ON	TIMMINGS, JAMES E. ROCKWOOD ON
VON MARTELS, REINOUT RIDGETOWN ON			
50 Year			
HOOKER, CLAIRE DONALD BELMONT ON	JENNER, JAMES WESLEY MERLIN ON	MC LAUGHLIN, JAMES HARRISTON ON	
55 Year			
BOLTON, CARL W. DUBLIN ON	HANNAM, PETER GUELPH ON		

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## Seed Regulatory Modernization Update

There were 412 respondents to the spring 2024 CFIA survey from across the agricultural value chain whose feedback was summarized in a "**What We Heard**" report found here: <https://inspection.canada.ca/en/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/completed/seed-regulatory-modernization-winter-2024/what-we-heard-report-winter-2024>

While the survey results and CSGA's vision for a next-generation seed system are strongly aligned, work to build common ground and find consensus around key issues like the **creation of an Advisory Committee** must continue. A well-defined Advisory Committee focused on offering guidance and strengthening current processes should be widely supported. This approach aligns with CSGA's original proposal, ensuring of a committee that remains advisory in nature and not a standard-setting body. CSGA believes this structure will enhance collaboration and contribute meaningfully to the success of Seed Regulatory Modernization.

SRM is an important review process for shaping the next-generation seed system. Achieving shared goals requires collaboration and open dialogue. Continue to remain informed and engaged, ask questions and reach out for clarification. CSGA's SRM webpage provides a wealth of material and a link to sign up for updates as they become available. Sign up today! <https://seedgrowers.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9e1fddf8f70e32654636fb76f&id=ebacb5f456&e=7cb9f12315>

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## CSGA's Special General Meeting – new membership classes

During the CSGA's recent Special General Meeting in Calgary members voted unanimously in favour of adopting new By-laws to reintroduce Affiliate and Associate memberships and update CSGA's governance.

Starting in February 2025, **Affiliate memberships** will be open to:

- Seed growers not actively producing seed crops in the current fiscal year
- Plant breeders not applying for the certification of Breeder seed in the current fiscal year
- Authorized Seed Crop Inspection Services (ASCIS), Licensed Seed Crop Inspectors (LSCI), seed analysts, seed graders, seed laboratories, seed establishments, and operators of Registered Seed Establishments authorized, licensed, accredited, or registered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
- Seed companies that do not meet Regular membership requirements
- Active plant breeding institutions

**Associate memberships** will be open to any sector organization or association that is involved in or has an interest in pedigreed seed production to become a member, including:

- Seed sector associations
- National and provincial agriculture and agrifood associations
- Organizations that support the seed sector
- Government and intergovernmental organizations
- International seed sector associations

If you or someone you know wishes to become a CSGA Associate or Affiliate member, please complete the [Membership Interest Form](#) on the CSGA website to receive an application package in February. We encourage you to share this opportunity with other organizations that might be interested in joining CSGA to advance Canada's seed sector.

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