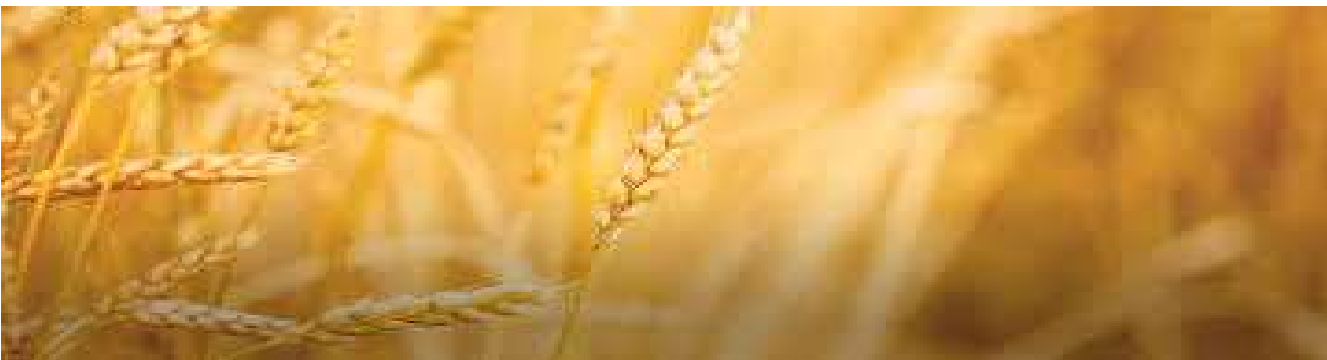


ONTARIO SEED GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT



**Monday, March 23, 2026
Niagara Falls ON**



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President's Report ... Tim Montague

Welcome to the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Ontario Seed Growers'.

There are decades of seed production experience gathered in this room today. I am both humbled by the depth of that knowledge and motivated by the opportunity to continue working in this industry. It is rewarding and at times challenging as we make steady progress in advancing our regulations and moving important industry initiatives forward.

In 2025, there were 647 pedigreed seed growers in Ontario, producing 157,390 acres of seed crops. This represents a reduction of more than 11,000 acres, primarily in soybeans and wheat, largely attributed to last summer's drought. Despite this, we remain optimistic about a return to more traditional acreage levels this spring.

Our summer field day at the Port of Hamilton provided valuable new networking and educational opportunities for members. In November, hosting the CSGA Interprovincial Meeting in Ottawa gave provincial branch board members from across Canada valuable face-to-face time with elected officials, along with the opportunity to observe Parliament in action during Question Period on Parliament Hill.

SeedOntario, our annual seed guide, was printed and 25,000 copies were distributed in January. An electronic version is also available on our website, www.seedontario.ca, as a PDF to share with your customers and farming neighbours.

Details about participating in Agricorp's pedigreed seed crop insurance program can be found in this Annual Report. This program remains an excellent tool for managing risk. I encourage you to contact Agricorp or speak with Geoff Smith, who is here today, if you have questions about how it applies to seed growers of soybeans and both spring and winter wheat.

This meeting marks the conclusion of my two-year term as your President. I have truly valued the opportunity to work alongside a dynamic team of board members. Through this role, I have broadened my perspective and had the privilege of meeting many dedicated growers while attending provincial branch meetings, interprovincial conferences, and CSGA AGMs across the country. Serving on the board is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to this industry, gain insight into seed production across Canada, and build connections from coast to coast. Thank you for the privilege and honour of serving in this role. I look forward to continuing to work with and welcoming the new members who will join our board following today's nomination and election process.

It's often said that we should never underestimate the power of a planted seed - whether it's a literal seed in the ground, a new variety, an innovative digital tool, or even a fresh idea shared with colleagues. Each holds the potential to spark growth, inspire change, and help us learn and adapt in meaningful ways.

As you take part in today's meeting, I encourage you to make the most of every opportunity to connect - engage with our sponsors, explore the trade show exhibitors, and, most importantly, learn from one another.



Ontario Seed Growers' Association
 2025 Annual Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 23, 2026
Room: Salon A 3rd Floor
Marriott on the Falls
6755 Fallsview Boulevard, Niagara Falls ON



- 11:30 am Registration
- 12:00 noon Welcome – Tim Montague, President
Grace
LUNCHEON – Sponsored by: Bayer CropScience Inc
Awards Recognition of Members for Long Standing Service – Phil Nadalin, Vice President
- 1:10 pm Canadian Seed Growers' Association
- Doug Miller and Jackie Pridham
- 2:00 pm **Innovation at Risk? Digital Agriculture, Policy Gaps and Implications for Seed Growers** –
Elise Bigley, Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute
- 2:45 pm President's Report – Tim Montague
- 2:55 pm Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Marie Shank and Sheri Sheppard, Seed Section CFIA
- 3:05 pm NUTRITION BREAK – Sponsored by: SeCan Association
- 3:30 pm Workplace Safety & Prevention Services Programs and New Opportunities – Shawn Chadwick
- 4:00 pm Minutes of the 2024 OSGA Annual Meeting – Colleen Acres, Manager
OSGA Financial Statements 2024/25
2025/2026 Projected Budget
Appointment of Financial Review for 2025/2026
- 4:20 pm Seeds Canada – Dan Wright, Mel Reekie & Jennifer Scott
- 4:40 pm Bylaws Review – Phil Nadalin
Nominations Report – Andrew Dawson
Resolutions / Questions – Sarah Fretz
- 5:00 pm Adjournment

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Trade Show Exhibits






**ONTARIO SEED GROWERS' ASSOCIATION
2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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2025 OSGA COMMITTEES

OSGA INTERNAL COMMITTEES

Education and Publicity Website/ Online Resources, Field Day, Sponsors and Awards	Tim Montague (chair), Sarah Fretz, Phil Nadalin, Craig Rickard, Ian Sponagle, Peter Szentimrey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSGA – Carl Bolton • Chris Gillard, Ridgetown College • Bryan Stirling, University of Guelph • Istvan Rajcan, University of Guelph
Constitution and Bylaws/Resolutions	Phil Nadalin (Chair), Sarah Fretz, Joe Hickson and Peter Szentimrey
Market Liaison/ Crop Insurance	Joe Hickson (Chair), Tim Montague and Peter Szentimrey
Interbranch Communication Committee (CSGA)	Tim Montague, Phil Nadalin, Colleen Acres
Nominating Committee	Andrew Dawson, Tim Montague, Phil Nadalin

OMAFRA RESEARCH COMMITTEES

Ontario Cereal Committee	Sarah Fretz (Chair), Peter Szentimrey
Ontario Pulse Committee	Michelle vander Spek (Chair), Ian Sponagle, Carl Bolton (representing CSGA)
Ontario Soybean and Canola Committee	Craig Rickard (Chair), Phil Nadalin, Peter Szentimrey

OSGA STANDING COMMITTEES

Farm and Food Care Ontario	Joe Hickson
Ontario Weeds Committee	Peter Szentimrey (Chair), Phil Nadalin (Alternate)



ONTARIO SEED GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 17, 2025

DoubleTree by Hilton, London ON

Theme: "Unlocking The Potential for New Opportunities"

Welcome

President Tim Montague called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. Sponsors and trade show booth participants were thanked and introduced. Following the luncheon the Long Service awards recipients were recognized and presented with certificates by CSGA President Glen Logan. Tim welcomed participants joining virtually and introduced and thanked the OSGA board members.

Cassandra Loomans, Vice President Sylvite presented on the topic of Tariffs and Trade Interruptions – Managing Business in a New Era. She explained how the fertilizer industry is coping with geopolitical issues and keeping farming customers interests in the forefront of their pricing and supply decision making.

CSGA Report

Doug Miller addressed the meeting and reviewed initiatives and outcomes from the winter meetings held across Canada over the past few months. CFIA's Seed Regulatory modernization occupied some of the board's focus, however the opportunity to review the maximum impurity standards for the mechanical purity of cereal seed crops producing Foundation, Registered, and Certified status seed has also been underway. Doug also reminded those preparing for spring and planning to export seed to the United States to do so as soon as possible. It is very possible that blanket tariffs on imported goods will apply to seed. Early action could help mitigate potential financial impacts. The 2025 CSGA Annual General Meeting is planned for Victoria, British Columbia from July 3 to July 5, 2025 and will feature many family friendly activities and a fabulous speaker line up.

CFIA Report

Wendy Jahn, National Manager of Seed Section presented information about the Seed Regulatory Modernization consultations currently underway. Wendy reminded everyone that the goals of this modernization initiative are to add flexibility, outline the appropriate role for government, reduce regulatory burden and complexity, improve consistency, strengthen consumer protection and address climate change and sustainability. Next steps involve release of a policy paper of proposed regulatory changes and a feedback process open in later summer 2025. Based on feedback received and parliamentary timelines the CFIA hopes to start preparing for the regulatory Gazette 1 process in mid 2026.

Panel Discussion

Joanna Follings introduced panelists C&M's Ellen Sparry, Hensall Co-op's Paul Cornwell and Altoya Seeds' Kelly Consitt. In response to questions asked by Joanna, the three panelists outlined the opportunities available for contract seed production with their respective companies.

Grain Farmers of Ontario

GFO president Jeff Harrison joined the meeting and presented greetings and a welcome to participate in the March Classic. Jeff acknowledged many of the areas where seed and grain issues overlap and a willingness and desire for ongoing cooperation and collaboration between GFO and OSGA.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Colleen Acres presented the highlights from the minutes found in the circulated OSGA Annual Report.

- Moved by J. Hickson Second by P. Nadalin to approve the minutes. CARRIED

Financial Statements

The audited financial statements were reviewed and questions answered by Colleen.

- Moved by S. Bieman, Second by P. Szentimrey to approve the financial statements as circulated. CARRIED
- Moved by A. Dawson, Second by C. Rickard to appoint Deborah Strickland to serve as the Financial Reviewer 2024-25 financial records. CARRIED

OSGA Budget

Colleen presented the proposed OSGA budget for 2024-25.

- Moved by J. Hickson, second by I. Sponagle to approve the OSGA budget as proposed. CARRIED

Seeds Canada Report

Jennifer Scott and Mel Reekie provided an update on activities of Seeds Canada Grader training is planned for Saskatoon in June and in Quebec City in February of 2026. Mel shared some of the visuals prepared to assist with intellectual property protection / common seed sales and encouraged their widespread use by all industry partners. These include a toll free seed tip line and a PBR91 “Its your responsibility to know” notice.

Bylaw changes

Phil Nadalin presented proposed changes regarding membership categories at CSGA and the addition of Regular, Affiliate and Associate member designations within OSGA bylaws.

- Moved by I. Sponagle and seconded by J. Hickson to approve the proposed changes to OSGA bylaws. CARRIED

Nominating Committee

Past president Andrew Dawson presented the Nominating Committee report.

Andrew declared three 2-year term grower director positions and two industry rep positions vacant. The nominations committee received the following names for grower directors Tim Montague, Ian Sponagle and for the industry representative positions Phil Nadalin and Michelle vanderSpek. All nominees agreed to let their names stand. Three calls for further nominations were made. With no further names submitted all were acclaimed to their positions with a vacancy noted which the board will attempt to fill over the course of the year.

For National Director – Current representatives include Carl Bolton who was approved at the 2023 AGM for a two year term and Shannon Bieman who finished a second year term and currently serves as CSGA Vice President. Andrew declared the position vacant. Shannon Bieman’s name was presented by the nominating committee for a two year term as National Director and Shannon accepted the nomination. No further nominations were submitted and nominations closed. Shannon was declared the national director to accompany Carl Bolton as Ontario representatives to the CSGA board.

- Moved by P. Szentimrey, second by S. Fretz to close nominations and accept the nominations committee report. CARRIED

Andrew thanked the board members and congratulated them for their work on behalf of Ontario’s seed grower members.

Resolutions

Sarah Fretz reported that no resolutions had been received.

- Moved by A. Dawson and Second by C. Rickard to approve the Resolutions committee report. CARRIED

Chairman T. Montague thanked all the presenters for an informative meeting. The sponsors and exhibitors were acknowledged and also thanked for their support of the meeting. T. Montague declared the meeting adjourned.



Colleen Acres, Manager



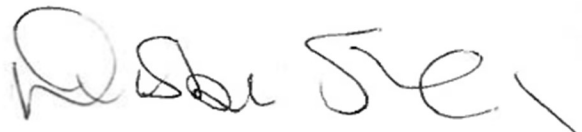
Tim Montague, President

I have examined the Balance Sheet of the Ontario Seed Growers' Association as at September 30, 2025 and the Statement of Operations for the year then ended.

My examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the association at September 30, 2025 and the results of the operations of the year then ended.

Guelph, Ontario
February , 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Strickland", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deborah Strickland, CPA, CMA

**ONTARIO SEED GROWERS' ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
As at September 30, 2025**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
<u>Current</u>		
Cash and short term deposits	1,950	6,402
GIC Investments	227,738	217,192
Interest Receivable	5,234	8,867
HST Receivable	1,599	3,916
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Prepaid Expenses	1,388	3,969
Total Assets	237,909	240,346

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	-100	631
	-100	631

Equity

Association Equity (Exhibit A)	238,009	239,714
	237,909	240,345

Approved on Behalf of the Board:



President



Secretary-Manager

ONTARIO SEED GROWERS' ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
CSGA Branch Fee	79,323	67,542
Interest Earned (Schedule 1)	10,484	11,893
Other Revenue (Schedule 1)	13,679	10,582
	<u>103,485</u>	<u>90,017</u>
EXPENSES		
Ad Hoc Meeting Expenses - Expenses	431	48
- Per Diem	250	0
Affiliation Fees	1,950	1,950
Annual Meeting	9,323	4,419
Bank Charges/Late Fee/Penalties	292	227
Committee Meetings	0	0
CSGA Meeting	5,259	0
Director's/Provincial Meetings - Per Diem	6,378	5,005
Director's/Provincial Meetings - Expenses	8,151	8,488
Growers Programs - Expenses	6,899	7,645
- Per Diem	0	0
Insurance	5,618	5,400
Inter-Provincial Meeting Expenses	16,515	2,580
Out of Province Meeting	750	4,754
Host - Inter-Provincial Meeting Expenses	0	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	202	0
Office Expenses (Schedule 1)	4,054	2,816
Ottawa Valley - Expenses	0	650
Ottawa Valley - Per Diem	0	0
Promotion	3,500	4,310
Secretary/Manager Fees/Expenses (Schedule 1)	34,602	28,853
IT Website Development	367	488
Sponsorships	650	0
	<u>105,192</u>	<u>77,633</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	-1,706	12,384
Add Equity, Beginning of Year	239,714	227,330
Equity End of Year	<u>238,009</u>	<u>239,714</u>

**ONTARIO SEED GROWERS' ASSOCIATION
BREAKDOWN OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
REPORTED BY CLASSIFICATION ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
<u>Interest Earned</u>		
Current Account	0	0
Investment Certificate	10,484	11,893
Miscellaneous	0	0
	10,484	11,893
 <u>Other Revenue</u>		
Annual Meeting - sponsors	4,700	4,700
Inter Provincial Meeting Sponsorship	0	0
OSGA Field Day Sponsorship	5,000	2,200
Miscellaneous	479	182
Calendars	3,500	3,500
	13,679	10,582
 EXPENSES		
	2025	2024
Secretary/Manager Fees and Expenses		
Fees	30,988	27,106
Expenses	3,614	1,747
	34,602	28,853
Office Expenses		
Office Supplies	554	133
Telephone/Internet	0	0
Printing	1,384	597
Postage	1,666	1,648
Auditing	450	438
	4,054	2,816

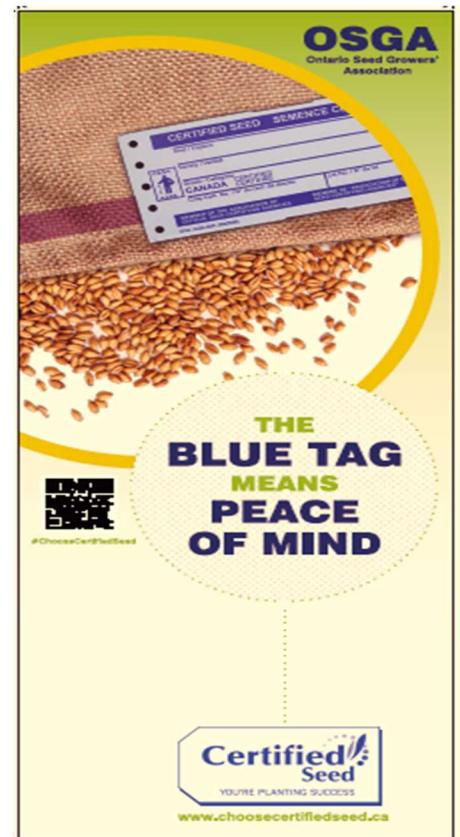
Education and Publicity Committee Report Tim Montague

OSGA's summer Grower Field day was held at the Port of Hamilton in August and featured a tour of the Bunge oil and feed plants, a brewery tour, a visit with Richardson's grain terminal and wrapped up at an exciting Hamilton Tiger Cats game that went into overtime. Two busloads of participants enjoyed a long but highly educational day. Stay tuned for plans for the 2026 summer event.

SeCan sponsors the OSGA's popular year-at-a-glance wall calendar and also distributes it to their western Canadian members. All OSGA members received a calendar in the December mailout along with their newsletter.

A digital version of SeedOntario can be found at www.seedontario.ca. 25 000 copies were distributed across Ontario to rural farm mailboxes and extra copies were shared with dealers and at spring Farm shows. The guide contains variety performance trial information, grower directory listing and other timely and informative editorial articles.

OSGA's Rollup banners featuring the #ChooseCertifiedSeed social media images are available to use at industry events and shows. Reach out to arrange delivery for showcasing at your upcoming customer appreciation days, meetings or field tours.



Farm & Food Care Ontario Report Joe Hickson

Digital storytelling & reach

The Faces Behind Food project was featured in both the GO Transit system and TTC stations across the Greater Toronto Area, with posters prominently featuring Canadian farmers and food producers. The campaign connected with an estimated 14.8 million people, amplifying the real people and stories behind the food they eat.

Through @FacesBehindFood on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok, FFCO shared the stories of 94 individuals from across Canada. We also answered 30 Ask-a-Farmer questions and ran eight week-long features in which farmers took a deeper dive into telling their stories and answering Canadians' questions, to an audience of 11,206 followers.

Farm & Food Care groups in Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Prince Edward Island continue adding to the expansive public photo library at FarmPhotos.ca. The library is free for non-commercial use, with thousands of images available for download.

On FarmFood360.ca, three new FarmFood360 Virtual Reality tours filmed in 2025 were added to the library. Videos of an Ontario grain corn farm, Ontario apple orchard and Ontario field tomatoes join 26 other engaging farm and food processing tours, offering a window into the world of agriculture. Each year, FarmFood360.ca attracts over a million viewers.

Public engagement & events

FFCO opened farms to the public through three successful Breakfast on the Farm events that encouraged exploration, learning, and meaningful conversations about food and farming. The season began on June 14 at Hoenhorst Farms, a dairy farm in Innerkip, and continued with events in Norfolk County and Kitchener-Waterloo, collectively engaging more than 6,700 visitors through both on-farm and urban experiences. This included FARMtoberfest, held in partnership with Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest, which brought interactive farm displays, farmer conversations, and food education into a high-traffic urban festival setting.

FFCO participated in several key events in 2025, spending 15 days at the CNE, and an additional 10 days at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair showcasing FarmFood360 videos. This interactive exhibit enabled thousands of

attendees to experience real Ontario farms through virtual reality.

Farm tours & education

In 2025, FFCO delivered a strong year of farm tours, offering hands-on experiences that highlighted Ontario's farms, food processors, and the families behind them. Now in its 21st year, the program has showcased more than 270 farms and food processing facilities. Eight tours were hosted in 2025, including food industry professional tours in Ottawa and the Greater Toronto Area, and four culinary student tours reaching 256 students from George Brown, Georgian, Lambton, and Algonquin College programs.

FFCO hosted 12 Virtual Food and Farming Field Trips (nine in partnership with AgScape). These virtual tours reached more than 35,600 people and continue to be an accessible way for audiences to experience and ask questions about farming and food in Canada.

Training & member support

Alongside our collaborative work to grow confidence in Ontario's farming and food systems, FFCO also delivered practical support and addressed priority issues for our members.

Highlights of this work included:

- 40 presentations and training sessions facilitated for industry leaders and first responders.
- 15,113 resources distributed to 117 fairs and organizations supporting public trust in agriculture.
- 29,332 copies of The Real Dirt on Farming circulated.
- 2,100 digital resource downloads for Local Food Week and Ontario Agriculture Week.
- A full-day professional development session, that brought together communications specialists from different agricultural organizations, to build skills, share insights, and foster collaboration.

The annual meeting of Farm & Food Care will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at the GrandWay Events Centre in Elora. This year's theme, **Farming in Focus: Real Stories, Real Impact**, highlights the power of authentic agricultural storytelling to build public trust and strengthen the connection between farms and consumers. Visit

www.FarmFoodCareON.org

Ontario Cereal Crops Committee Report Sarah Fretz

The Ontario Cereal Crops Committee (OCCC) continues to be recognized by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency as an official recommending committee for wheat (winter, spring and durum), barley and oats.

The committee also produces variety performance test results, from trials at sites across Ontario, on winter and spring wheat, winter and spring barley and oats. Yield data is available from intensive trials that receive a foliar fungicide vs. no foliar fungicide. Please visit www.GoCrops.ca for performance test results, location maps, and a description of OCCC's role. Spring wheat trials are conducted annually at 8 locations across Ontario, barley and oat trials are at 7 locations. Winter barley trials are conducted annually at 4 locations and Winter wheat trials are conducted annually at 12 locations. Each trial consists of three replications for spring cereals and four replications for winter cereals. Thank you to OCCC for making these results available and sharing them for publication in OSGA's Seed Ontario publication at www.seedontario.ca.

Ontario Pulse Crop Committee Report ... Michelle vander Spek

The Ontario Pulse Crop Committee (OPCC) is the recommending committee for dry beans in Ontario. The committee co-ordinates the Variety Registration and Performance trials for dry beans. Experimental and non-registered varieties may also be included in the trials, but data is not presented. The purpose of these trials is to obtain agronomic, pest, disease, and quality information for use in supporting the registration of new dry bean varieties and in preparing an annual performance report of varieties in Ontario. In 2025, trials were conducted at 6 sites across the province: Blyth, Elora, Exeter, St. Thomas, Winchester and Woodstock. Dry beans consist of White (Navy), Dark Red Kidney, Light Red Kidney, White Kidney, Cranberry, Black, Small Red and Pinto beans.

The performance trial report is available on the GoCrops.ca website and is printed in SeedOntario. Variety descriptions for most registered varieties of dry beans can be found on the site.

The meetings of the Ontario Pulse Committee and its subcommittees are open to all sectors of the industry. Only officially recognized members may make or vote on motions. The OPCC convenes twice each year. In early February the committee meets to discuss trial results and make decisions regarding support for registration of candidate cultivars. Testing procedures are reviewed, and reports are received from all sectors of the industry. A research day is typically held in conjunction with the annual meeting. At the second meeting, normally held in conjunction with the Ontario Dry Bean Variety Trial Tour in August, matters of current interest are reviewed including research findings and priorities.

Ontario Soybean and Canola Committee Report ... Craig Rickard

The mission of the OSAC committee is to promote research, development and extension knowledge sharing throughout the soybean and canola sector of the agriculture and food system in Ontario; to conduct or coordinate soybean and canola trials which can be used to provide performance information to growers and/or variety registration recommendations to CFIA; and to provide advice from the soybean and canola sector to provincial and federal institutions involved in agriculture and food research in these sectors.

In 2025 the Ontario Soybean Trials were located at 19 sites across the province. The Ontario soybean trials are conducted annually by a combination of private and public tests located at research institution sites in Ontario. Through these tests they are able to share with growers variety performance, disease resistance, maturity ratings and protein and oil data as well as provide variety registration recommendations to CFIA. Members of the OSACC are made up of both public and private groups, including the OSGA.

There is no public performance testing of either spring or winter canola varieties in Ontario. Seed dealers typically only make a few of their spring canola varieties available for sale in Ontario. For winter canola, only one variety is available and seed availability remains limited.

Ottawa Valley Farm Show Report

The 2025 edition of the Ottawa Valley Farm Show was held March 11-13. The OVSGA recognizes and rewards the achievements of winning exhibitors of the Championship Seed, Feed and Forage Show along with 4-H exhibits at the annual Seed Show Awards Ceremony. Entries are prominently featured in the Court of Honour and OSGA displays its #ChooseCertifiedSeed Banners and promotional materials in this area of the show.



The Prestigious Pedigreed Seed Sale features pedigreed seed lots donated by area seed growers and companies along with many other donated items. Thanks to the generosity of partners, exhibitors, and visitors, the sale has raised more than \$350,000 for the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

The 2026 show was held March 10-12 and the 2027 show will be the 100th Anniversary. For more information, visit www.ottawafarmshow.com

Ontario Weeds Committee Peter Szentimrey, Phil Nadalin

The Ontario Weed Committee is made up of individuals who are involved in weed management at some level, be it as a primary producer, researcher, agronomist, commodity organization or registrant.

The Elora Weed Tour held in July 2025 featured an action packed morning of weed control demonstrations and trials that included:

1. John Deere “See and Spray” self-propelled spraying system.
2. Herbicide injury scenarios
3. Weed management systems in corn and soybean
4. Crop Sensitivity to herbicides
5. “Problem Weed” trials
6. The latest in graduate student research projects

Herbicide-resistant weeds continue to increase across Ontario—both in the number of resistant species and in the number of herbicide groups they can survive. This isn’t surprising. Relying on the same herbicide modes of action year after year increases the chance that resistance will develop. New resistant weeds arriving from other regions, such as Palmer amaranth, add to the challenge.

Multiple-herbicide resistance is becoming more common, which limits the number of effective products available to farmers. Waterhemp is the best example: in Ontario, populations have developed resistance to five herbicide groups (2, 5, 9, 14 and 27) and are now confirmed in 19 counties from southern to northern regions. Multiple resistance is also widespread in other important species for Ontario farmers, including common ragweed, green and redroot pigweed that have resistance to group 2, 5 and 14 herbicides.

Italian ryegrass—which is sometimes grown as a forage and cover crop — is being found in more counties and testing positive for glyphosate-resistance (Group 9), making it much harder to control.

Palmer amaranth isn’t widespread in Ontario yet, but it is a major problem in U.S. field and vegetable crops, where it causes severe yield losses. Recent testing in 2025 confirmed Palmer amaranth in Lambton and Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry counties. This species is extremely competitive and has globally developed resistance to nine herbicide groups, with some populations resistant to as many as six modes of action at once.

A herbicide resistant weed database can now be accessed through the Crop Protection Hub - <https://cropprotectionhub.omafra.gov.on.ca/weed-control/herbicide-resistant-weeds-database-and-maps>

Agricorp Pedigreed Seed Crop Insurance Geoff Smith, Senior Industry Specialist

Production claims for spring and winter pedigreed seed wheat coverages were limited for 2025 with a combined liability in pedigreed seed spring and pedigreed seed winter wheat of \$1.3M.

There was limited replanting claims in pedigreed seed soybeans but production claims were slightly higher than average in the dry areas of province from Kawartha Lakes to Lanark Counties. Estimated production claims were \$525K in pedigreed seed soybeans with \$10.6M of liability.

Typically claim rates (claims \$/liability \$) between 3% to 4% are seen as average and 2025 was estimated to be slightly above average at 5% for pedigreed seed soybeans.

Premium rates for pedigreed seed coverages will be lower for 2026 due to the low claims in recent years and the production insurance premium fund which retains unpaid premiums. Coverages receive a premium discount based on premium fund level.



History of Pedigreed Seed Coverage at Provincial Level □

Commodity Acres	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Pedigreed Seed Soybeans Acres	9,572	13,127	15,202	14,646	
Pedigreed Seed Winter Wheat Acres	No coverage offered	*	1,577	1,805	2,409
Pedigreed Seed Spring Wheat Acres	*	1,130	*	*	

* Due to privacy legislation information for commodities with less than ten customers cannot be reported. □

Commodity Number of Customers	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Pedigreed Seed Soybeans Acres	46	58	70	66	
Pedigreed Seed Winter Wheat Acres	No coverage offered	*	15	16	16
Pedigreed Seed Spring Wheat Acres	*	10	*	*	

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Commodity (2025)	Customer Numbers	Insured Acres	Actual Yield (Bu/ac)	Average Farm Yield (Bu/ac)	Pedigreed Seed % of AFY	January 9 Conventional Actual Yield (Bu/ac)	January 9 Conventional Average Farm Yield (Bu/ac)	January 9 Conventional % of AFY
Pedigreed Seed Soybeans	66	14,646	49.28	51.14	96%	46	50	94%
Pedigreed Seed Winter Wheat	16	1,805	97.30	86.07	113%	SRWW- 101 HRWW- 90	SRWW- 92 HRWW- 88	SRWW- 110% HRWW- 102 %
Pedigreed Seed Spring Wheat	Due to privacy legislation information for commodities with less than ten customers cannot be reported.							

2025 Long Standing Service Awards Listing

15 Year			
BAKKER, MARINUS AUBURN ON	BELL, DAVID COOKSTOWN ON	COLEMAN, BRANDON KIPPEN ON	DEMERS, RAYMOND DOVER CENTRE ON
DONKERS, BILL BRANCHTON ON	FORD, JAMES A. DUTTON ON	GILLAN, CHRIS AMHERSTBURG ON	HILGENDAG, LUKAS BRANTFORD ON
LAWTON, ALEX KENT BRIDGE ON	LEMOINE, MARC CASSELMAN ON	MC RAE, JONATHAN ALVINSTON ON	
20 Year			
BIRNIE, PAUL INNISFIL ON	CARYN, RICK THAMESVILLE ON	DEPREZ, JOHN RIDGETOWN ON	FINES, WILLIAM S.D. MIDHURST ON
HAERLE, THOMAS ST. ISIDORE ON	JACKSON, DENNIS DRESDEN ON	LAWTON, KENNON KENT BRIDGE ON	LAWTON, STANLEY KENT BRIDGE ON
LECLAIR, LEON GRAND POINTE ON	MURRAY, MARK SEAFORTH ON	SWANCE, BRAD TILLSONBURG ON	THRING, CHRIS EAST GARAFRAXA ON
VAN LAECKE, RICK COURTLAND ON	WEERNINK, CHRIS KIRKTON ON		
25 Year			
BURROWS, CLINTON EARL HANNOON ON	CONNELL, DALE PALMERSTON ON	DEKAY, DAVID J. KOMOKA ON	FILSON, RAY DENFIELD ON
FILSON, DAVID DENFIELD ON	GAL, JOHN ALEXANDER INNERKIP ON	JACOBS, MATTHEW AYTON ON	JUBENVILLE, ANNA PAINCOURT ON
MAC GREGOR, TOM CRYSLER ON	MACTAVISH, PAUL ALVINSTON ON	NIEWELS, JOACHIM THORNTON ON	ORTON, PAUL S. RUTHVEN ON
PASSMORE, LEON AYLMER ON	ROE, GARRY DOVER CENTRE ON	SALTER, GEORGE HARROW ON	URQUHART, GARY ST. MARY'S ON
VOGELS, PAUL KIPPEN ON	WALKER, ALLEN R. WINGHAM ON		
30 Year			
COCHRAN, DONALD E. ALMONTE ON	COCHRAN, CATHERINE ALMONTE ON	HODGINS, MURRAY KINCARDINE ON	ILER, GREG HARROW ON
JOHNSTON, DOUG LISTOWEL ON	KAUMANN, HILMAR LUCAN ON	LANG, TONY CHEPSTOW ON	MANN, RONALD CHATHAM ON
MC GUIRE, WILLIAM OILSPRINGS ON	ROODZANT, KEN RODNEY ON	VAN DE VELDE, RONALD CHATHAM ON	
35 Year			
BOWMAN, ELAINE THORNLOE ON	DEKONING, PETER CHATHAM ON	FENTIE, BRUCE D. SPRINGFIELD ON	MUNN, BILL HENSALL ON
MURRAY, WILLIAM T. SEAFORTH ON	NOORLOOS, JOHN WYOMING ON	SKINNER, MAURICE STRATHROY ON	SMYTH, ROBERT JR. CHATHAM ON
40 Year			
CLARK, DOUGLAS LONDON ON	DUNLOP, LLOYD DRESDEN ON	FELL, ROGER STAFFA ON	GARDHOUSE, GUY R. EAST GARAFRAXA
HART, DOUGLAS K. WOODSTOCK ON	KERNIGHAN, MARK GODERICH ON	ROBSON, JAMIE ARVA ON	ROBSON, JOEL ARVA ON
ROBSON, JAY ARVA ON	WILLIAMS, JOHN CAMERON ATWOOD ON	WRIGHT, RICHARD G. FERGUS ON	
45 Year			
HENDRICK, DAVID JOHN INKERMAN ON	JANOVICEK, JOHN DRESDEN ON	MARTIN, QUENTIN WEST MONTROSE ON	PATTERSON, WAYNE K. KERWOOD ON
50 Year		55 Year	
ALLAN, JEFFREY BRUCEFIELD ON	DUNLOP, GARY G. DRESDEN ON	RICKARD, DONALD HENDRY BOWMANVILLE ON	

