



Ontario Seed Growers' Association

August 2026

Working On Behalf Of Our Members To Support Seed Industry Interests

President's Address - From The Field

OSGA's annual **Field Day** returns this summer with plans for something a little different on **August 26, 2026**. Plan to attend. Agenda and pre-registration details are included below. Register today!

The OSGA board works on your behalf. Please reach out if you have questions or concerns that we can assist with.

Phil Nadalin
OSGA President



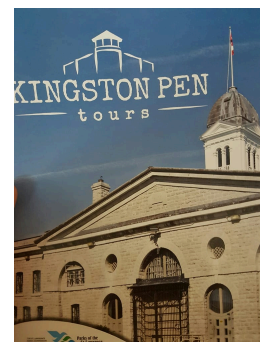
Upcoming Events



OSGA Grower Field Day

August 26, 2026 - Kingston Area

- Tour of the Kingston Penitentiary (\$20 participant fee)
 - Tour of Performance Plants
 - MacKinnon Brothers Brewing & Miller Seed Farm
- Lunch, Tour and short information program
- Busing provided



A fun and informative day that you do not want to miss out on. We hope to see you there! Pre-register for this event by **August 20**

Hotel rooms and parking are available at the **Donald Gordon Hotel and Conference Centre** (\$185 single, \$210 double occupancy incl. hot breakfast) Room Block reservation #**154209** "Ontario Seed Growers Association" Tel 613-533-2221

About our Tour Sites:

Miller Seed Farm grows wheat, barley, oats, corn and IP soybeans on 1300 acres. The MacKinnon family has been farming this land near Bath ON since 1784 and the 9th generation is currently on the farm. In 2014 a craft brewery was added growing many of the ingredients for the beer on the farm. MacKinnon Brothers Brewing currently brews over 500,000 litres of beer per year with distribution across Ontario.

Performance Plants - more frequent heat waves and drought has researchers at this biotech company testing gene technology that could help crops better withstand environmental stress. Focusing on "precision breeding", these researchers are identifying naturally occurring genes that help plants respond to environmental stress and enhancing those traits. We will tour through the R&D lab that conducts gene discovery, trait development and commercialization of technologies for seeds to protect and enhance yields working primarily with soybeans, canola, wheat and corn.

[More details and register here](#)

On **August 13th, 2026** the **Fibre for our Future Field Day** in Cobden, Ontario hosted by **Valley Bio Limited, UniSeeds Inc., and CanFlax**. Bringing together growers, researchers, and green-building pioneers to explore the massive potential of Ontario and Quebec-grown hemp and flax.

Whether you are looking to diversify your crop rotations, source local renewable materials, boost your local economy or study the latest in bio-composite research, this day is designed for you.

Why You Need to Attend:

- 🌱 **For Growers:** Discover agronomic insights for hemp and flax production in Ontario and Quebec. Learn about emerging high-value market opportunities for both oilseed and bast fibre crops.
- 🔬 **For Academics & Researchers:** Network with industry pioneers and discuss the latest crop performance, processing breakthroughs, and supply chain opportunities in Eastern Canada.
- 🏗️ **For Industry & Green Builders:** See how agricultural biomass is being transformed into sustainable building products, textiles, and biocomposites.

Highlight of the Day: An interactive, hands-on **Mini Hempcrete Workshop!**

You'll get to see exactly how simple, durable, and carbon-negative this revolutionary building material is to work with.

The Details:

- **Date:** Thursday, August 13th, 2026
- **Location:** 1316 Ross Road, Cobden, ON
- **Cost:** \$25 per person (Includes lunch and workshop materials)
- **How to Pay:** Please send an Interac e-transfer to accounts@uniseeds.ca
- **RSVP Deadline:** Monday, August 10th, 2026

RSVP by email [HERE](#)

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