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A message from OVSGA president Bruce Hudson

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This year marks the 86th anniversary of the Ottawa Valley Farm Show (OVFS), sponsored by the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association (OVSGA), a major non-profit agricultural trade show created by farmers for farmers.

The association has been one of the mainstays of Eastern Ontario agriculture, recognizing the annual efforts of seed growers across the region. We offer them an opportunity at the farm show to highlight those efforts, while shopping for the latest in machinery and other products to help them get through the new season in fine style.

For the second year, home for the farm show is what was first known as the CE Centre (opposite the Ottawa International Airport), a 150,000 square-foot facility featuring the latest in mechanical and technological services. The building has been renamed the Ernst & Young Centre.

Exhibitors I spoke with last year are almost all positive about the new show space, and we're hoping their experience will be even more enjoyable this time.

There were some relocation hitches last year when the show was condensed from three buildings and 30 outside spots at Lansdowne Park to under one roof at the new centre. We think we have most of them worked out, and are looking forward to a smoother show in 2013. Of course, as we did at Lansdowne, we try hard to make it better year after year.

The association is proud to host more than 350 top quality exhibitors of tools, machinery, livestock accessories, financial and other services and, of course, top quality seeds... everything that will be needed for the upcoming growing season.

This year, the annual seed judging in advance of the show will take place at the Greely Community Centre on Sat., March 9 beginning around 9 am. The winners will go on to be recognized at the OVFS' Court of Honour.

We will have an official opening, 12 pm, on the first day of the show (Tues., March 12). As a long-time 4-H volunteer, I'm proud to say that the 100-year history of 4-H Canada will be highlighted at the show, starting with comments at the opening event to be held at the OVSGA booth.

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> *— Bruce Hudson, OVSGA president*



A feature on day two (Wed., March 13) at 12 pm is the Seed Growers Awards Ceremony, which recognizes Eastern Ontario's top seed producers. Day three (Thurs., March 14) at 12 pm, we feature our annual Pedigreed Seed Sale with proceeds directed to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome in advance all of our visitors to the 2013 show from across Ontario, from Western Quebec, and from Northern New York State. Not only is the farm show a place to shop, it's a place to visit and catch up on the winter's news. We invite you to do plenty of both.

As somebody who has spent a lifetime in the agricultural business with members of my family, active in many farm organizations, including 4-H and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, it is a pleasure to serve for a second year as president of the OVSGA. It is a matter of pride for me that my father, Graham, also held this position and still helps out at the show.

I am always impressed at how the Ontario agricultural industry and the community it supports continues to demonstrate an amazing resiliency, and an ability to rebound. The farm show is one place where, annually, we witness and encourage that ability.

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A message from OVFS general manager Tom Van Dusen

OTTAWA

Ontario's longest running agricultural trade show marks its 86th year of operation from Tues., March 12 to Thurs., March 14. It is one of the longest, continuous records in Canada of farmers organizing for farmers, other rural residents and businesspeople, an annual display of goods and services useful – often indispensable – to them in the coming year.

Some 350 highly reputable exhibitors will be on hand for the three-day Ottawa Valley Farm Show at Ottawa's Ernst & Young Centre beside the airport (renamed from last year's CE Centre). Directors of the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association (OVSGA), sponsors of the farm show, president Bruce Hudson, secretary-treasurer Mary Joynt, and myself, look forward to seeing you at the show.

Among features of the 2013 show will be a cattle breed information display and the OVSGA's Court of Honour. The official opening, Seed Growers Awards, Pedigreed Seed Sale, 4-H regional display and 4-H Canada 100th anniversary celebration, quilt show, antiques presented by the Vintage Iron and Traditions club, live broadcasting from the site by Valley Heritage Radio, and more will be part of the show.

As usual, show dates coincide with March Break in Ontario schools, and children – the farmers of the future – are welcome at the show, with no charge for those 12 years old and under accompanied by an adult. General admission is $10.

Other event notes

• **Moving in, and out –** For exhibitors, move-in days this year are Sun., March 10 and Mon., March 11. Please co-operate by paying close attention to your move-in times as we try to limit back up and confusion. Move-out begins at 4 pm March 14. We ask all exhibitors to remain at their booths until closing time. Exhibitors are urged to book their electrical and curtaining requirements in advance with Freeman, as rates increase substantially after the show opens. Curtains and signage should not block visibility for adjacent booths, and exhibitors must keep their displays clear of traffic isles so as not to create congestion and a possible breach of fire regulations. Only displays that can be carried can enter through the front of the building, while larger displays must enter through rear loading doors.

• **Parking –** Ernst & Young Centre management charges for parking on the grounds. The farm show's organizing team has no control over this fee. Exhibitors, you will find in your package an application form for a parking pass allowing unlimited entries and exits during the show. Exhibitors moving in March 10 will park to unload at the rear of the building and on March 11, the OVSGA is covering the cost of parking for all exhibitors.

> ***Please join us March 14 at 12 pm for the annual Pedigreed Seed Sale, with proceeds going to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.***
>
> *— Tom Van Dusen, OVFS general manager*



• **Official opening –** Everyone is invited to our official opening at 12 pm on March 12. Exhibitors are invited to a reception at 5:15 pm that same day where farm show management will acknowledge some of the companies and individuals with the longest records of participation.

• **Awards ceremony –** The annual Seed Awards Ceremony will take place Wed., March 13 at 12 pm. The occasion is used to recognize Eastern Ontario growers judged earlier to have the best entries in several crop categories. The OVSGA hosts 16 different trophies in various seed categories. Final judging will take place Sat., March 9 at the Greely Community Centre.

• **Pedigreed Seed Sale** – Please join us March 14 at 12 pm for the annual Pedigreed Seed Sale, with proceeds going to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. In 20 years, $95,000 has been raised with a goal of hitting $100,000 this year. Details are elsewhere on our website (www.ottawafarmshow.com) where you can keep track of regular updates as we get closer to the show.

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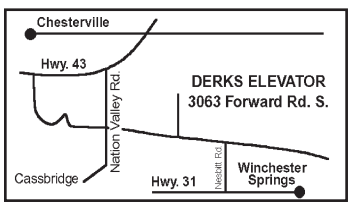

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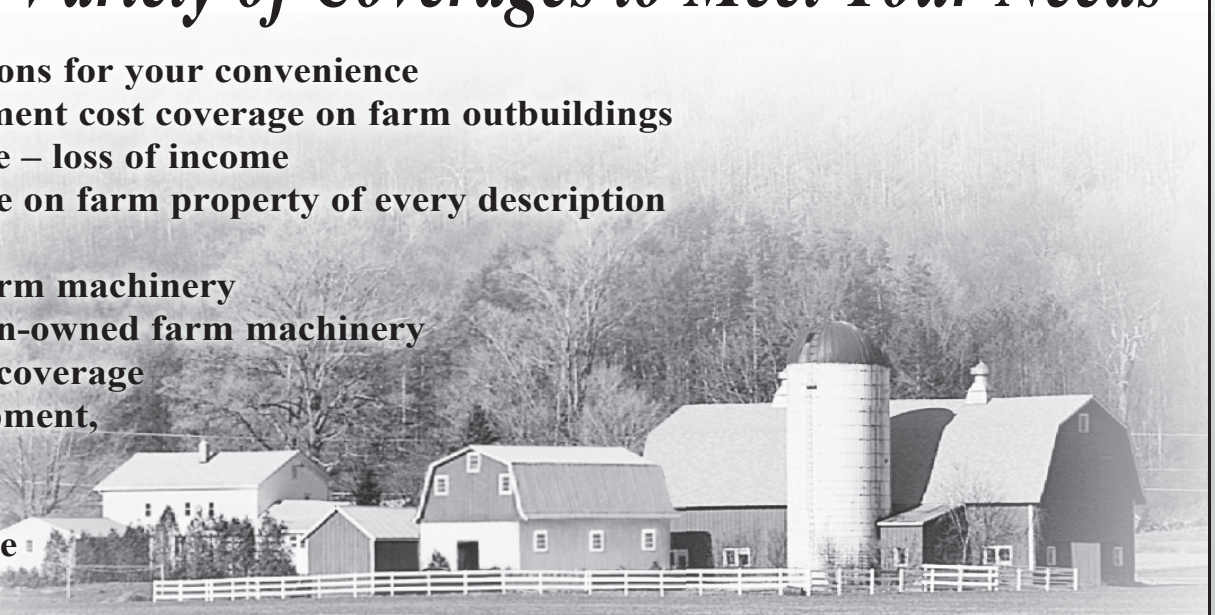
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Seed growers set aside $20,000 for ag research

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The Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association (OVSGA) decided at a recent meeting to invest $20,000 in three ongoing Eastern Ontario agricultural research projects.

"These projects are the kind of thing we're pleased to be able to support thanks to revenues from the annual Ottawa Valley Farm Show," Bruce Hudson, seed growers president, said. "Research is one of our funding priorities along with regional 4-H clubs, agricultural societies, and the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario through our annual Pedigreed Seed Sale coming up at the show Thurs., March 14."

Sponsored for the past 86 years by the OVSGA, the farm show is set for the Ernst & Young Centre adjacent to the Ottawa International Airport, Tues., March 12 to March 14. The sold-out show will feature more than 350 exhibitors of farm machinery, seed and services, quilt and antique exhibits, regional 4-H club displays, and special recognition of the 100th anniversary of 4-H Canada.

Rob Black, president of 4-H Canada, will be the guest at the official opening March 12 at 12 pm and the annual Seed Growers Awards presentation will take place Wed., March 13 at 12 pm. The 20th annual seed sale for CHEO will be held March 14, once again at 12 pm. All events are at the OVSGA booth.

"We've always had tremendous generosity shown by our exhibitors and visitors at the sale," Hudson said. "Since the event began, we've raised $95,000 for CHEO. We hope to surpass $100,000 this year."

The research projects are sponsored by Art McElroy and Phytogene Resources, and by Scott Banks and Gilles Quesnel with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

McElroy is looking into identification of oat crown rust resistant genes, while the OMAFRA staffers are investigating several field crop issues, everything from fungicides on soybeans and manganese on spring wheat, to curtailing pests, such as aphids and the western bean cutworm.

Another OVSGA funding priority is the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame that directors voted to give $1,000 to this year. The OVSGA has partnered with the hall of fame organization and with the Kemptville Campus of the University of Guelph to establish a mini Eastern Ontario hall that was recently renovated.

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OVSGA endorse positive programs for 2013 edition of farm show

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Two stimulating agricultural projects will receive special attention at the 2013 Ottawa Valley Farm Show set for Tues., March 12 to Thurs., March 14 at the Ernst & Young Centre (formerly the CE Centre) near the Ottawa International Airport.

At its recent regular meeting, the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association (OVSGA), which has sponsored the farm show for the past 86 years, decided to help celebrate this year's 100th anniversary of 4-H Canada and to promote "Agriculture More Than Ever" (AMTE), a program devised by Farm Credit Canada (FCC).

Both initiatives will receive free display space at the show. Organization president Bruce Hudson said both were worthy of support because of the positive perspective they place on Ontario and Canadian agriculture.

Active in 4-H leadership, Hudson noted the OVSGA already spends thousands of dollars every year funding regional programming, including providing booth space and related services at the annual farm show.

After listing several 100th anniversary activities that will take place this year, Tammy Oswick-Kearney, 4-H Canada special projects officer, told the meeting it could turn out that the launch of the Ontario part of the celebration will occur at the farm show. To date, she said, no other events are preceding it.

FCC is a key OVFS partner. In establishing AMTE, it's striving to underline what it sees as a bright future for Canadian agriculture through success stories about industry members. AMTE will have information pamphlets, T-shirts, caps, and other merchandise available at the 2013 show.

Directors made several other decisions concerning the 86th farm show, including confirmation of a quilt display along with annual regional 4-H exhibits and an antique section provided by Vintage Iron and Traditions of Eastern Ontario.

Regional seed judging preceding the show will take place at the Greely Community Centre from 8:30 am to 3 pm on Sat., March 9. Winners will be on display at the show and will receive awards Wed., March 13. As for commercial booths, the show will be full with 350 exhibitors, and at least 20 applications remaining on the waiting list.

In other business, the OVSGA granted $750 to help pay for a ceremony recognizing St. Pascal's Gerard Savage – a past OVSGA president – with the Franco-Ontarian Agricultural Award of Merit. The association also allocated $300 to Jakob Vogel of Stormont County who's spearheading the agricultural judging team at Dalhousie Agricultural College in Halifax.

For more information about this year's farm show, contact Tom Van Dusen, OVFS general manager, at 613-445-3407 or email tomvandusen@sympatico.ca.

2013 OTTAWA VALLEY FARM SHOW

DATES & HOURS

Tuesday, March 12:
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13:
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Thursday, March 14:
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Kemptville College Royal set for March 4-9

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The dates for this year's Kemptville College Royal have been set.

From Mon., March 4 to Sat., March 9, the 2013 edition of the annual celebration will be taking place, with events scheduled for various locations throughout the college campus, including the W.B. George Centre and the A.M. Barr Arena.

The celebration of all things agricultural is a student run organization, which involves more than 75 volunteers from within the college, and the surrounding community.

The two-day event will include the yearly pancake breakfast on March 9 from 7 am to 1 pm in the Agroforestry Centre. As in past years, the breakfast serves as a major fundraiser for the Kemptville College Foundation.

Also to be featured is the King and Queen competition, milking competition, English Horse Show, judging competition, calf sale open house, hockey tournament, Western Horse Show, power and equipment games, fitting competition, farmers' Olympics, student and 4-H livestock shows, Western Horse Show, polo demonstration, awards banquet and dance, food and nutrition displays, kid's activities and petting zoo, plant sale and greenhouse tour, and much more.

Royal committee

This year's Kemptville College Royal committee includes: Scott Brown (president), Sarah Huffman (secretary), Paul Sharpe (staff advisor), Holly Prinzen (marketing and advertising), Rebecca Newman (sponsorship), Ashley Mussell (entertainment), Courtney Henderson (livestock events), Leigha Romahn (horse events), and Ron Werry (Kemptville Classic calf sale).

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Seed show judging to be held this year in Greely

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For the second year in a row, annual seed judging for the Ottawa Valley Farm Show (OVFS) – scheduled for Tues., March 12 to Thurs., March 14 at Ottawa's Ernst & Young Centre – will be held off the show site to facilitate the move-in process, and make participation less complicated for judges and those delivering entries.

Judging will be held this year at the Greely Community Centre (1448 Meadow Dr.) on Sat., March 9. The event is scheduled to get underway at 9 am, while each entry makes up the top submissions determined at county shows previously held throughout Eastern Ontario.

While the OVFS is a farm machinery, equipment, supplies, and rural services exhibition, featuring approximately 350 companies, the core remains the presentation of the year's seed and forage winners. Now one of North America's premier farm shows, the OVFS grew from humble beginnings as a rotating seed competition launched 86 years ago.

Judging has traditionally been held at the show site on the Monday set-up day prior to opening day of the show, and winning entries are featured in the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association (OVSGA) booth throughout the three days. The winners are then recognized at a lunchtime reception on the event's second day.

However, with the move to the new centre, neighbouring the Ottawa International Airport, appropriate space for judging has been eliminated, leading to the decision to move offsite. (In 2012, judging took place at the Vernon Community Centre.)



The 2012 E.H. Wallace Memorial Trophy for the champion exhibit of soybeans went to John and Jeannette Devries of Toyeshill Farms. Willis McCormick (left) presented the award to John Devries.



Laurier Bruyere (left) of Ferme Bruyere in Embrun was the winner of the 2012 Embrun Agricultural Co-Op Trophy for the champion shelled corn. Presenting the award to Bruyere was David Blair.



The 2012 Syngenta Seeds Best Exhibit of Corn Silage Award went to Glaudale Farms of Berwick. Andrew Wright (right) presented the prize to Kevin Glaude.



Brinston-area farmer Frances Henderson was selected as the 2012 winner of the C&M Trophy for the champion wheat in the open classes. Rob McLaughlin (right), of C&M Seeds in Palmerston, Ont., presented the award to Henderson's daughter, Tracy Porteous.



The 2012 Special Export Hay Class Award, sponsored by South Mountain's JED Express, was presented for both first and second cuts. This year, Nandale Farm's owner John Nanne (right) won both prizes. Presenting the award was Cecil Cass.



The 2012 SynAgri Trophy for championship open and 4-H ear of corn went to Tibben Farms of Brinston. Maxime Begin (right) presented the award to Mark Tibben.

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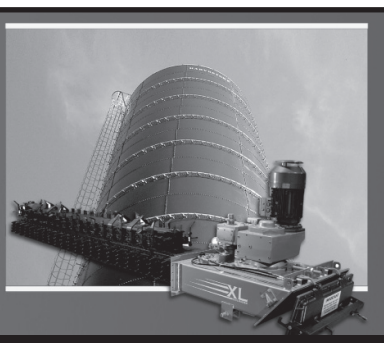

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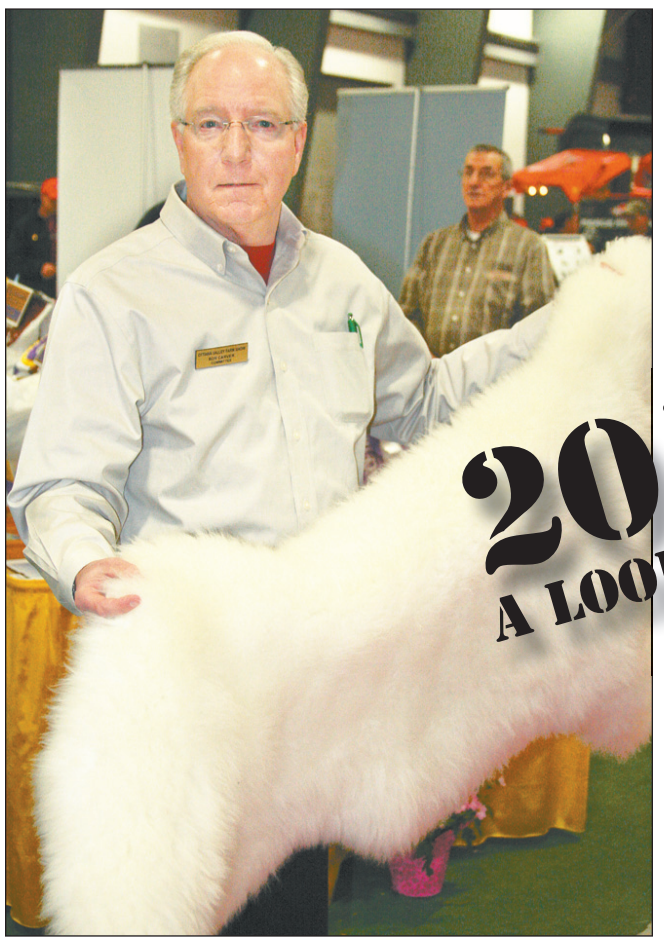



Above: *Henk Huizenga, of Ottawa Valley Harvestore Systems.*

Right: *Noah Jeaurond of Osgoode was ready to take this tractor for a spin.*







Mary Joynt (left), OVFS secretary-treasurer, and Lynda McCuaig kept track of all the auction winners.

Above: *Roy Carver displayed this sheep fleece, one of many items in the auction.*

Right: *Carl Berends, of Hallville's B&B Small Engines.*

Centre: *Joey van Koppen, of Morrisburg's We Can Contracting.*

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Ivor Williams kept an eye on bidders during the 2012 Pedigreed Seed Sale.

Above: *Kathy Hardy, OVFS director, showed another print available in the auction.*

Below: *Lezlee Byers at the Byers Farm Equipment booth.*

Below, centre: *Kevin Winters (left) and David Guy of Inkerman's Sevita International greeted customers at the company's booth.*







Last year's sale painting, "Crisp Winter Scene," was painted by Smiths Falls area artist Heather Metcalfe-Griffith. Metcalfe-Griffith (left) posed beside her painting, along with Martin Henry of SECAN (the company that donated the materials for the work), OVSGA president Bruce Hudson, and Winchester's Phyllis MacMaster, who purchased the work. *Press Photos — Uhrig*



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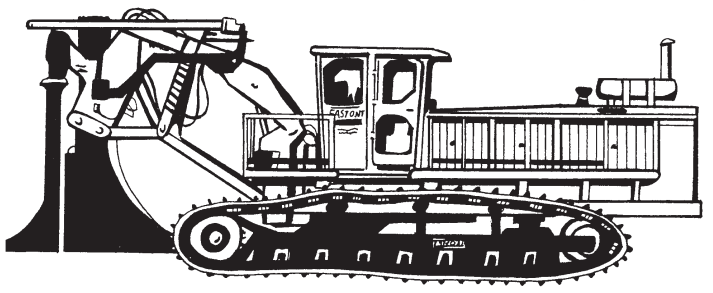
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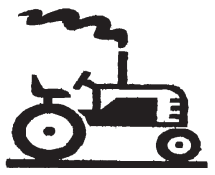

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Trade talks and world markets feature of annual Kemptville Dairy Day

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Run at the W.B. George Centre, the annual conference invites area producers to attend various workshops related to both the provincial and Canadian dairy systems.

One of this year's keynote speakers was Yves Leduc, director of international trade for the Dairy Farmers of Canada.

Leduc's address focused on the ongoing trade talks being undertaken by the federal government, with input from the DFC, regarding the expansion of Canadian dairy products into world markets.

Worldwide, there are 141 million dairy farms, with 350 million milking cows producing 621 million tonnes of milk. By comparison, Canada has 12,529 dairy farms (as per the 2012 census), with 959,100 milking cows producing 8.93 million tonnes of milk, which equals 1.4 per cent of world production.

"The market concentration is much greater than it used to be 40 years ago," Leduc said. "[However], ongoing trade talks have the potential of affecting our import control measures."

Meanwhile, the average farm size in the world is 2.5 cows (with annual milk yield of roughly 2,000 kilograms per cow), while in Canada, dairy operations, on average, contain 77 cows with a milk output of approximately 8,000 kilograms per cow.

The context, Leduc said, is that milk, as a product, is domestically oriented, yet remains a highly perishable agricultural commodity. Meanwhile, roughly nine per cent of total milk production is traded, while Canadian dairy farmers decided more than 40 years ago to concentrate their efforts on the domestic market, Leduc added.

"Market conditions prevailing at the time were not entirely different than today," he said.

In terms of price volatility, Leduc acknowledged that, while worldwide prices have remained constant for the last few years, they do have the ability to be highly unpredictable.

"[But] there is a great level of stability on the Canadian market," he said.

In Canada between 2007 and 2011, the average annual percentage change (upward or downward) in milk price index was 2.9 per cent. During those same years, New Zealand's rate was 36.2 per cent (from 14.7 per cent in 2001 to 2006), while the U.S. rate was 25.4 per cent (from 13.5 per cent in 2001 to 2006).

"Canada is extremely stable compared to those countries," Leduc said.



Yves Leduc, director of international trade for Dairy Farmers of Canada, was one of the keynote speakers at the Kemptville Dairy event held on Thurs., Feb. 14 at the University of Guelph – Kemptville Campus.

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Farmers' Conferences report 2013

Potato leafhopper infestation hit hard in 2012

KEMPTVILLE

This year's Eastern Ontario Crop Conference took place at the University of Guelph – Kemptville Campus on Thurs., Feb. 21.

Among the many discussions making up the event's agenda, including such items as agri-tourism opportunities and an outlook on the provincial crop market, was a presentation from Gilles Quesnel, field crop specialist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, regarding the recent infestation of the potato leafhopper (PLH).

The critter is known as the most damaging alfalfa insect pest in Ontario. While the damage caused is not as dramatic as that done by an alfalfa weevil or armyworm, the PLH's impact is more chronic and widespread.

The following is an excerpt from Quesnel's article posted on FieldCropNews.com, where he discusses the impact of the PLH, and provides insight into what can be done to ward off an infestation and what to expect in the coming growing season.

PLH taking root

Last summer, PLH certainly lived up to its reputation as the most damaging alfalfa insect pest in Ontario. In many parts of the province, PLH feeding resulted in yield loses of more than one-tonne of alfalfa per acre or roughly a loss of $200 per acre. While PLH damage was far greater than normal, it went largely undetected, the lack of growth and stunting being blamed on the hot and dry weather. While the lack of moisture did impact the crop, the bulk of the damage was the result of leafhopper feeding from June to mid-August.



This leaf has been hit with what is known as "hopperburn" symptoms.



An adult potato leafhopper.

Damage

The visual damage of PLH is not as dramatic as the leaf shredding caused by alfalfa weevil. Rather, the insect feeds by inserting its mouthpiece at the tip of the leaf and sucking plant juices from the alfalfa plant. While sucking the plant sap, PLH injects a toxin into the plant, which interferes with transportation of fluids and nutrients in the leaves. The result is the characteristic known as "hopperburn," which starts as a wedge-shaped "V" and yellowish pattern at the leaf tips.



Stunted alfalfa plants following feeding by the potato leafhopper.

Loss of yield and quality

PLH feeding causes reduced stem elongation, reduced root development, leaf cupping, and stunting. The amount of damage caused by PLH is largely dependent on the timing and level of the infestation. In 2012, PLH arrived in Ontario in late May, with the population building rapidly until early August and then crashing by mid-month.

By late July, it was not unusual to find alfalfa fields with PLH populations 50 times above the control action threshold. When left untreated, high PLH populations reduced alfalfa yields by more than one-tonne per acre, or approximately the equivalent of a mid-summer alfalfa cut. PLH feeding also reduced the crude protein level of the alfalfa harvested.

New seedings were particularly hard hit, in some cases nearly destroying the new stands. Research indicates that reduced yield and vigor in severely damaged stands carries over to future years, and can result in increased risk of winterkill.

What to expect in 2013

PLH strains do not overwinter in Ontario, but migrate annually from the Gulf States carried on weather-front air currents. As such, this past season's high infestation level has no bearing on 2013's infestation levels.

Economic losses from leafhoppers occur long before plant symptoms become visible. The only way to detect the presence of large leafhopper populations before the damage occurs is to scout. It is particularly important to monitor new seedings.

Scouting with a sweep net starting in mid-June will help determine the level of PLH infestation, and whether early harvest or spraying is needed. Cost of treatment is in the $15 to $20 per acre range ($6 to $10 for the insecticide, $10 to $12 for application).

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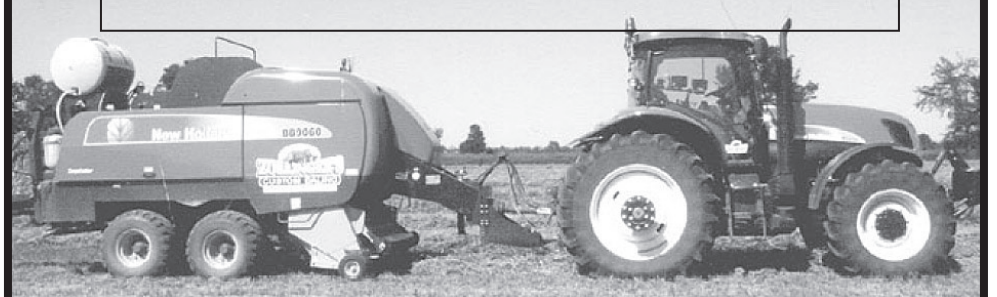

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Emma Caldwell selected as OVFS feature artist

OTTAWA

A member of a fifth generation Carp farm family, Emma Caldwell is the Ottawa Valley Farm Show (OFVS)'s featured artist in 2013.

Caldwell, 21, grew up at Maple Holme Farms, which becomes a century old this spring. She cut her farming teeth through 12 years of 4-H, showing dairy, beef, sheep and hogs, and is a member of Carleton County Junior Farmers.

And, of course, she was expected to do her share of farm chores, including making hay, milking cows, and working with livestock.

Several years ago, she began transferring appreciation of her agricultural surroundings to canvas. In 2009, she enrolled in the fine arts program at Queen's University in Kingston where she has been experimenting with different styles and materials.

The OVFS organizing committee asked Caldwell to compose an original painting for the 20th annual Pedigreed Seed Sale, which is to be held at 12 pm on Thurs., March 14. Again this year, funds will be raised for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

For her painting, Caldwell chose a classic barn as the centerpiece, set behind a rail fence, as both structures have special meaning to her, representing the sacrifice farmers make and the separation between them and urban consumers.

The Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association, sponsors of the farm show, hope Caldwell's contribution will help push the 20-year fundraising total past the $100,000 mark. Organizers would like to thank exhibitor Secan for making purchase of the art possible, as the company has done for the past several years.

As usual, bidders should come prepared to outlast OMAFRA's Phyllis MacMaster who, throughout the past decade, has purchased almost all of the CHEO auction art.

Caldwell has already enjoyed considerable recognition as an artist, with a piece of her art sold as a fundraiser at last year's Jersey Ontario annual meeting held in Ottawa, and as designer of the 2012 Carp Fair poster.





Carp resident Emma Caldwell has been selected as the featured artist for the 2013 Ottawa Valley Farm Show.

Caldwell's painting, "Anticipation" (at left), will be up for auction during the annual Pedigreed Seed Sale on Thurs., March 14.

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