



East Central June Newsletter

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East Central spring 2019

It will come at no surprise to many of us that mother nature has the last laugh. With the fall of 2018 long in the past, we can't seem to shake the persistent rain showers and lack of warm weather in the spring of 2019. I would like to point out something that has been on my mind. Best farm practices are what most producers seek to achieve, but this planting season has forced many of us to push the boundaries of what is good for soil health and the environment. I would implore all producers to be supportive and understanding, soil health is important to all of us, but so is feeding cattle, moving machines and paying bills. Going forward I hope you enjoy some of the highlights of this newsletter and feel free to send questions or comments to me.

Matthew Porter
RCC East Central Region



Saving Time and Making Life Easier for Ontario Farmers

Governments launch enhanced online tool to renew Environmental

TORONTO — The governments of Canada and Ontario are giving farmers in the province a quicker and easier way to renew their Environmental Farm Plans (EFPs).

Farmers in Ontario can now access an upgraded, electronic process to update their Environmental Farm Plans. The enhanced system will make it easier for many to continue using this key tool, which guides Ontario farmers to voluntarily adopt more environmentally sustainable practices. The changes will provide a more user-friendly and resourceful online tool, in addition to offering a convenient option for farmers to update their Environmental Farm Plans without requiring them to travel to attend in-person workshops.

The improved electronic [Environmental Farm Plan \(eEFP\)](#) instrument was developed by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association with support from the federal and provincial governments through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership).

“Through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership we are supporting initiatives that will save time for our hardworking farmers with easier access to existing resources and tools,”



environmental farm plan
sustainably farmed

said Marie-Claude Bibeau, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. “The environment is a top priority of our Government and we are pleased to invest in projects that facilitate the adoption of environmentally sustainable farming practices.”

“Our government is pleased to help farmers stay current with their Environmental Farm Plans by allowing them to complete this important work on their own terms, without even having to leave the farm,” said Ernie Hardeman, Ontario’s Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “We’re committed to finding ways to help our hardworking farmers avoid red tape, support their great environmental work and be better able to focus on growing their businesses.”

“I applaud our governments and farmers for working together to implement a more digital-friendly tool that not only speeds up processes and keeps Ontario’s farming industry competitive, but also encourages environmental protection,” said Rod Phillips, Ontario’s Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

“Solutions like this are examples of how our government is working to ensure Ontario has a healthy environment and a healthy economy.”



QUICK FACTS

- The Partnership is a five-year, \$3 billion commitment by Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments that supports Canada's agri-food and agri-products sectors.
- The Partnership's cost-share funding supports projects in the following key priority areas:
 - [Economic development](#) in the agri-food and agri-products sectors.
 - [Environmental stewardship](#) to enhance water quality and soil health.
 - [Protection and assurance](#) to reinforce the foundation for public trust in the sector through improved assurance systems in food safety and plant and animal health.
- The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) is a non-profit farm organization that represents all commodity groups across the province and is a leader in delivering education and other programming to farmers.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Canadian Agricultural Partnership in Ontario](#)
- [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada](#)
- [Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs](#)
- [Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association](#)

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Ontario Agricultural Topsoil Sampling Program



The information obtained from the soil sampling, including analytical data, may be made available to the collaborating organizations, namely U of G, OSCIA, and AAFC, for specific soil related research they may be undertaking.

Soil staff of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) are carrying out a reconnaissance topsoil sampling project covering the province's agricultural soils. Comprehensive and current data on soil properties for the various agricultural soil types found across Ontario is lacking or out of date. Through this initiative, our goal is to better understand the variability and range of regional agricultural topsoil properties (such as pH, texture (sand, silt, clay %) and organic matter) by collecting up-to-date soil information throughout the province. This information will help OMAFRA modernize existing, historic provincial soil maps, inform best management practices, and develop soil health and stewardship related initiatives.

This project has the support of the University of Guelph (U of G), the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA), and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC). Researchers and students from the University may also support OMAFRA staff in the collection of soil samples.

Land Access, Personal and Business Information:

Access to private land is needed to complete this initiative. Therefore, OMAFRA respectfully seeks your permission to enter your property(s) to examine soil features in greater detail and obtain soil samples. This land entry will only occur after permission has been granted by you, the land owner (or official designate). Please become a partner in this collaborative effort by granting access to your land parcel(s).

No personal information (e.g. landowner names, addresses) is being collected and retained by OMAFRA staff. Any business information asked by staff (e.g. Questions on cropping rotations, tillage methods) is being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purposes of the project.

How we conduct our work:

Field staff members from OMAFRA and/or the U of G will be conducting the on-site field sampling. Great care will be taken to avoid any damage to fields and crops. Field entry will primarily be on foot, respecting crop and livestock management practices, biosecurity measures (e.g. cleaning footwear before leaving a property), and any other measures requested by a landowner.

Small holes (approximately 15-30 cm deep) will be dug using hand tools (augers or shovels) to observe the depth of the topsoil and take a sample. The hole is then back-filled with the excavated material.

Site Selection:

Field sampling sites are being selected using a computer software program that uses landscape characteristics such as elevation, slope, general soil types and satellite data. This method allows us to identify the broadest range and variety of agricultural landscapes across Ontario in which to sample. The number of soil sample sites per field will vary depending on the landscape but will generally consist of 3 pits per field to capture the variability in field characteristics.



If you have any further questions, require additional information, or if you wish to receive lab testing results of any samples collected from your property(s), please feel free to contact us at:

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(226)-962-4732

http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/gis/soils_ont.htm



Tier 2 Grant update

EAST CENTRAL-PETERBOROUGH – Regenerative Agriculture: Microbes and Insect Interactions in Action

The 2018-19 winter was exceptionally hard on attempts to establish over wintering grass and forbs, below are examples of the clover and ryegrass that was interseeded at the Keene location. This seasons interseeding will be significantly delayed due to late planting dates and saturated field conditions. There is no set date yet for interseeding field tours, please contact Matt Porter MPorter@Trentu.ca 705-559-7551 for updates of upcoming field dates and locations.



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Upcoming Events

JUL03

Southwestern Ontario Crop Diagnostic Days

July 3 - July 4

JUL9

Forage Expo West

July 9

JUL11

FarmSmart Expo

July 11

JUL16

Forage Expo East

July 16

JUL18

Eastern Ontario Crop Diagnostic Day

July 18 @ 8:30 am

AUG08

Compaction Day Elgin

August 8

AUG14

York SCIA Summer Barbecue

August 14 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

AUG21

Hasting County Plowing Match and Farm Show

August 21 @ 8:00 am - August 22 @ 5:00 pm

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