

WAMQI – Water Adaptation Management and Quality Initiative

March 3 Symposium to highlight nutrient and water use efficiency projects in Ontario.

February 25, 2015 (Guelph) – Over the last year, the Water Adaptation Management and Quality Initiative (WAMQI) project has provided \$1.26 million in funding for 28 water and nutrient use efficiency projects carried out by academic institutions, conservation authorities, universities, and commodity organizations.

WAMQI was designed to help Ontario farmers:

- Prepare for, and better manage, the impacts of climate change through the development of resilient farm practices;
- Address issues of water supply by adopting water conservation and water use practices;
- Improve water quality through better nutrient management practices.

The initiative has been funded by Growing Forward 2 and is administered by Farm & Food Care Ontario.

The program will conclude next month with a symposium on March 3 designed to showcase project results related to innovative waste water, new mobile software applications to monitor weather and soil information, agronomy projects to reduce fertilizer rates and improve cover crop recommendations and more.

There is no cost for media to attend but registration is required. To date, more than 70 water and nutrient use efficiency leaders from government, academia, industry and commodity boards have registered to attend.

Bruce Taylor, Founder and President of Enviro-Stewards will provide a keynote presentation with the title *Nutrition and Water Efficiency in Food and Beverage Processing Operations*. He will highlight examples including in-plant measures introduced by Tim Hortons and how a portion of the savings from those improvements goes to purifying water each year in Africa.

WHERE AND WHEN:

March 3, 2015 – Hanlon Convention Centre, 340 Woodlawn Road West, Guelph, N1H 7K6

A detailed agenda and registration is available at: <https://wamqiwrapup.eventbrite.ca>

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Farm & Food Care is the first coalition of its type in Canada, bringing together tens of thousands of farmers and related businesses with a mandate to provide credible information about food and farming in Ontario. To learn more about Farm & Food Care Ontario or to support the new organization's efforts, visit its website at www.farmfoodcare.org.