



Fischer family on cover of Ontario Environmental Farm Plan first edition workbook.



OFAC at the CNE.



AGCare chair Jeff Wilson.



Friend a Farmer program 2012.



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OFAC director Ron Douglas in a radio interview.

Crystal Mackay working for OFAC in 1992.



OFAC's first chair Jim Johnstone.



2009 Agriculture Hits the Trails program with AGCare chair/vice chair Paul Wettlaufer and Chris Kowalski.



The unveiling of Oprah in 2005 with AGCare directors Quentin Martin and Greg Hannam; OFAC chair John Maaskant.



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2017 YEAR IN REVIEW



Chair's Message

by Brian Gilroy

2017 was a formative year for Farm & Food Care Ontario – and a true embodiment of what our founding organizations, OFAC and AGCare, set out to do thirty years ago.

Last winter, this organization began developing a Strategic Plan designed to identify our central goals, how those goals might be achieved, and how we can facilitate outreach, engagement and extension to better serve our agriculture partners. Member feedback was central to this process and ensured that the plan supports Ontario's farmers and agribusinesses.

As part of this Strategic Plan, Farm & Food Care Ontario continues to deliver and facilitate a range of farm environmental and animal-related projects and resources. Our water-use and soil management workshops, along with on-farm water management projects, continue to help farmers find practical ways to improve their resource management. Helping the wider agricultural community understand barriers to the adoption of better management practices also has wide-reaching implications.

As always, farm animal care initiatives also play a major role in this organization. In 2017, that meant establishing an online animal handling certificate course for new farm hires, developing a prototype in-barn fire prevention device specific to livestock farmers, and an improved understanding of rights, responsibilities, and relationships of farmers, commodity groups, and the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. New relationships were established with emergency responders through resources and training courses centred on livestock emergencies like truck rollovers and barn fires. These initiatives have proven to be an invaluable investment for all involved.

Supporting our partners during tough times has, perhaps, been one of the most significant aspects of our work throughout 2017. Indeed, activist, legal, and political pressures, as well as unforeseen accidents, are always best approached as a community. Such a collaborative approach has helped the Ontario farm community successfully tackle some of these issues while simultaneously providing a public voice for our sector.



OFAC tenth anniversary, 1998.



AGCare annual meeting 1997.



AGCare board.

FARM FOOD 360°

And through it all, Farm & Food Care Ontario continues engaging in proactive outreach on an increasing scale. Members were very clear in vocalizing the fact that they continue to believe this is the most important role we serve – rating it a 9.4 out of 10 in level of importance.

Record numbers attended our Breakfast on the Farm events; a suite of eight new virtual farm tours – shot using 360-degree video – were launched; farm tours for food writers, culinary students, and Registered Dietitians are in higher demand than ever before. And of course, the fourth edition of *The Real Dirt on Farming* was also published in its most comprehensive form yet.

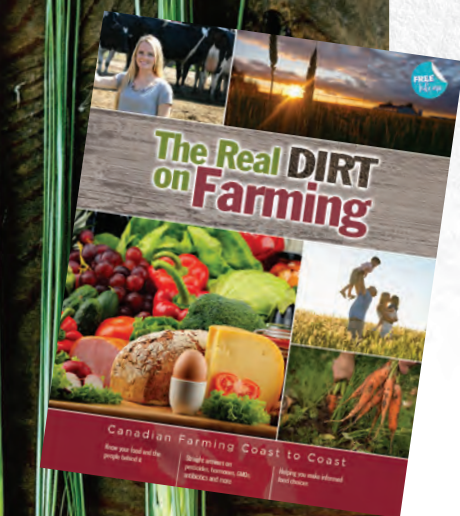
Indeed, the brand itself also expanded with the creation of our new sister organization, Farm & Food Care P.E.I., in addition to Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan.

Ontario's farming community has had to adapt to a number of challenges in the past year, and this organization is no exception. Our work is a delicate balance between proactive outreach and supporting our industry through both the good and the contentious. Despite this, we continue to achieve great things in connecting Canadians with their food, and making a difference for Ontario farmers.

It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated, capable staff and Board of Directors.

Sincerely

Brian Gilroy





Executive Director's Message

by Kelly Daynard

I would have loved to have been an observer in the formative meetings that took place within Ontario agriculture in 1987 and early 1988.

I've heard quite a bit about those discussions, and about how farm leaders took the concept of public outreach and turned them into the Ontario Farm Animal Council and AGCare. At the time, that concept was leading edge – commodity groups putting aside their sector-specific work to collectively answer the questions of a non-farming public.

Little did those farm leaders know, they were creating made-in-Ontario models that have since been mirrored across North America and beyond. It is so gratifying to see many of them still involved in our organization today.

Six years ago, when OFAC and AGCare merged, Ontario was again seen as a trend setter. Successful sister groups have now been formed in Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island, with additional interest coming from many other parts of Canada.

It's a coalition approach that I think is sometimes taken for granted now – at least here in Ontario – but it's still the envy of many.

Last year, for example, a Churchill Fellowship scholar from Adelaide, Australia, visited this organization as part of her studies. In her final report, she heaped high praise on the Farm & Food Care model, noting that Australia has "a large gap in organizations

devoted solely to building trust in agriculture and food producers." One of the key recommendations from her report is that "a cross-commodity organization focused on building trust needs to be established".

2017 also saw the loss of long-time supporter and former OFAC chair Jim Magee. In our final visit, he wagged his finger at me and challenged the entire Farm & Food Care team to keep up a high standard of doing quality, meaningful work. As he told me in that conversation, "We need Farm & Food Care now more than we ever have."

Many of us believe that statement to be true, and we're far from alone. Work being done nationally with the Public Trust Steering Committee, and discussions around Ontario's Presidents' Council tables, also echo Jim's sentiment.

I'm really proud of the work that our small but enthusiastic staff team accomplished in 2017 – you'll see highlights throughout this document in the areas of consumer outreach, farm animal care and environmental stewardship. And while we're first and foremost an Ontario organization, many of our projects – like the new FarmFood360 virtual reality website and the fourth edition of *The Real Dirt on Farming* – have national reach and relevance.

Thanks to you, Farm & Food Care Ontario members, partners, donors and volunteers. Our success is your success. We couldn't do what we do without you.



OFAC board 1996.



OFAC media tour.



OFAC meets Queen Elizabeth.



OFAC Board 2005.



Filming early virtual farm tour, 2006.





ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS & INITIATIVE

Sharps Pick-up & Disposal

In an effort to safely remove used veterinary sharps from farms, Farm & Food Care Ontario staff attended the Pork Congress in Stratford to assist Ontario Pork with a pilot program collecting used veterinary needles and sharps from attendees. In total, 36 large biohazard bags were collected for safe disposal. Similar initiatives with other commodity groups are being explored for 2018, with the goal of managing similar programs at other locations.

Timing Matters working group

Farm & Food Care Ontario is working with livestock commodity groups on a program of producer education and awareness surrounding the risks of runoff from winter spreading. This response is part of wider efforts to reduce risks of nutrient runoff as outlined in the Lake Erie Action Plan. The issue of winter manure spreading is being addressed through the OMAFRA-led Timing Matters working group. This pilot program in the Lake Erie watershed began in September, and runs through the winter season with Farm & Food Care Ontario acting as secretariat.

Understanding barriers to Best Management Practices

A Best Management Practices project was undertaken with OMAFRA to better understand farmer perspectives surrounding the barriers to soil BMP adoption. A stakeholder engagement and presentation meeting was held in October. To present the study results, a report on the findings of this project has been completed and is available online and to industry partners.

Farm environmental workshops

Two water use workshops and two soil health workshops were held for farmers in Eastern Ontario, in partnership with the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association, the OMAFRA, and other community supporters. These workshops covered information about soil biology, reducing tillage losses, water retention strategies, and much more.

Water Smart Farm Projects

30 on-farm water-use efficiency projects were concluded in 2017. The Water Smart program was conducted in partnership with the provincial ministry of agriculture, and helped greenhouse growers, vegetable washers and livestock farmers reduce their water-use. In every case, this program helped growers reduce that use by at least 50 per cent. Case studies, videos, factsheets and other materials have also been created to highlight methods of water conservation for a wider farm audience.



Measuring water-use in irrigation systems (WaterSmart project).



John Hambly, Gwillimdale Farms (WaterSmart project).



Collection of used sharps at the 2017 Ontario Pork Congress.





FARM ANIMAL CARE PROJECTS & INITIATIVE

Livestock Transportation Emergencies

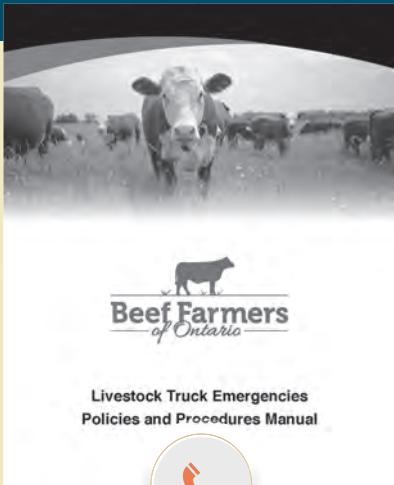
A livestock transportation emergencies project was initiated in 2017 with funding from the Agriculture Adaptation Council. A team of advisors was created to attend truck accidents involving livestock. This team took part in specialized training on animal handling and responder safety over a three day period. A resource guide based on the workshops and associated resources was also developed and distributed to 450 fire departments across the province. This was been a collaborative project with Beef Farmers of Ontario, transporters and emergency responders, and Farm & Food Care Ontario plans to continue this initiative with other partners.

Livestock Emergency Response Workshops

Farm & Food Care Ontario hosted two additional Emergency Livestock Training Workshops in collaboration with fire departments in Listowel and Glencoe. These were both fully attended with 35 to 40 at each session. The courses brought together emergency responders from different regions, plus many interested in learning more about animal behavior and management during livestock emergencies – such as truck roll overs and barn fires.



Two emergency livestock training workshops were held in Listowel and Glencoe.



Animal Care Helpline

Farm & Food Care Ontario received over 60 calls to the Helpline in 2017 relating to beef and dairy cattle, pigs, poultry, and sheep. The Helpline is a “farmer helping farmer” service and responds to calls from people who think farm animals may need more care. Staff also met several times with managers from the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals (OSPCA) to build relationships and help expedite action on calls referred through the Helpline.

Education and awareness through producer organizations about animal care and a better relationship between individual commodity groups and the OSPCA has served to reduce the number of instances where OSPCA officers are at a farm without proper information or background.

FARM ANIMAL CARE HELPLINE SERVICE

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A farmer helping farmer
approach to animal care



4-H members participate in an OFAC-organized Ag-mazing race competition at the University of Guelph in 2011.



"I would like to thank you for the Livestock truck Emergencies Policies and Procedures Manual we just received. The manual is very informative and way overdue and I would like to thank you for the work it took to produce it. As a part time farmer, I see the number of cattle trucks moving through our area on a daily basis and know first-hand how ignorant most people - firefighters included - are in respect to handling or working around livestock regardless of their size." - Fire Chief, Northern Ontario



AGCare 1995.



ANIMAL CARE CERTIFICATE

Farm & Food Care Ontario launched an Animal Care Certificate Program, based on the nationally developed Codes of Practice for six species and the previously developed IMPACT animal-handling resources. This training and certification is geared towards new hires who may be unfamiliar with animal handling, and is available free of charge until the end of May 2018. The program was launched in early September with six modules available online.

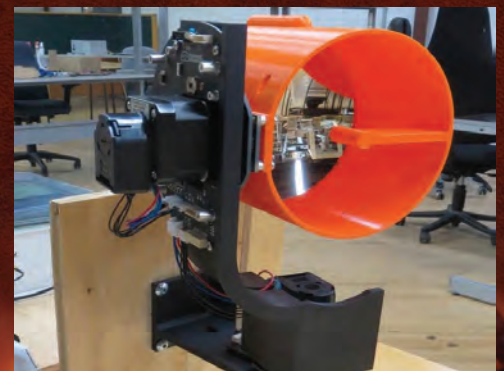
Representing farmer interests

In an effort to continue engaging in open dialogue and contributing the farmer voice to discussions of animal welfare and on-farm practices, staff attended the National Farm Animal Care Council conference and the Federation of Humane Societies conference in Ottawa in the past year.



Hot-spot barn fire research project

With partnership and funding from the Ontario Mutual Insurance Association and the Agricultural Adaptation Council, staff worked to develop a prototype in-barn fire prevention device. The prototype – which is capable of detecting rises in temperature in critical equipment before a fire ignites – is now undergoing in-barn testing and evaluation.



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Ontario's farmers are environmental leaders



Jackie Fraser
AGCare

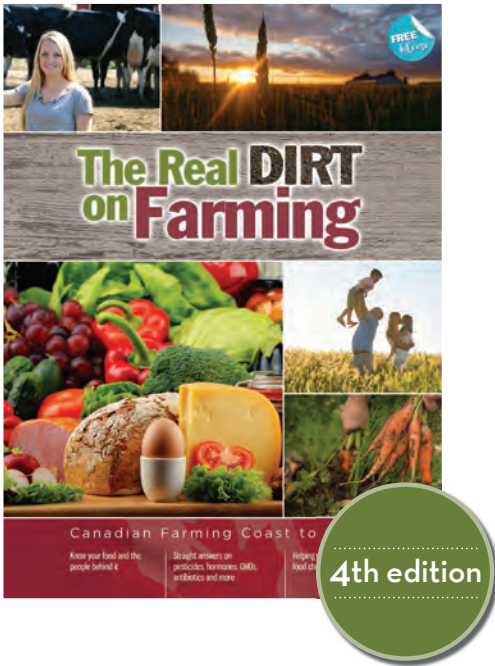
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livestockwelfare.com

CERTIFIED LIVESTOCK TRANSPORTERS PROGRAM First Trainers Workshop Offered

The first Canadian Certified Livestock Transporters (CLT) training workshop was held at Orla College, Ontario on May 17, 2007. Thirty-six trainees attended the workshop, aimed at providing them with the necessary skills to become CLTs.

INSIGHTS provides information on livestock welfare in Canada and elsewhere. It reports on research, initiatives and issues. It is a link for producers, researchers, veterinarians, and others in the livestock industry. It is a platform for the exchange of ideas and information.

PUBLIC OUTREACH & FARM COMMUNITY SUPPORT



The Real Dirt on Farming

The fourth edition of *The Real Dirt on Farming* was unveiled in November 2017. Information in the resource has been revised and updated using a wide variety of credible and accessible sources, including Statistic Canada's 2016 Census of Agriculture and consumer research conducted by the Canadian Centre for Food Integrity.

The publication addresses common questions and misconceptions about Canadian food and farming, as well as other subjects that the general public has indicated are important to them. All major commodities are covered, along with hot-topic subjects including GMOs,

pesticide use, and more. Commodity groups, government experts, researchers, veterinarians and more were asked to participate in the review process to ensure all information is as accurate as possible. A full 60-page publication is currently available online at RealDirtonFarming.ca. A shorter digest version, as well as French translations, are also available.

Farm & Food Care Ontario would like to thank the project's top sponsors – Wallenstein Feed & Supply Ltd., CropLife Canada and Canada Beef – for helping to make this initiative possible.



FARM FOOD 360°

FarmFood 360

Using 360 cameras and virtual reality technology, the FarmFood 360 website gives Canadians the chance to tour real, working farms and food processing plants, all without putting on boots. Eight new tours featuring mink, sheep, an egg farm and egg processor, cheese and milk processor, grain, and dairy farms were all added in 2017. These tours were featured alongside *The Real Dirt on Farming* and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture at a joint booth during the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

FarmFood 360° is the latest rendition of Farm & Food Care Ontario's highly successful Virtual Farm Tours program – which began in 2006. Interviews with farmers and processing plant employees about food safety, animal husbandry, environmental stewardship and more have also been included in many of the new 360 degree tours. These tours were sponsored by Ontario Sheep Farmers, the Canadian Mink Breeders Association, Gray Ridge Egg Farms, Gay Lea Foods Co-operative Ltd., CropLife Canada, and Dairy Farmers of Canada.





Visitors at Breakfast on the Farm, Shedden.

Breakfast on the Farm is Farm & Food Care Ontario's largest and most popular public event series. 4,000 people and over 250 volunteers visited Ontario farms during two Breakfast on the Farm events in the summer of 2017. 2,500 people attended the June 24 event at the Donkers family's Shedden-area dairy goat farm. The second event took place on the Johnston family's dairy farm (Maplevue Holsteins) near Listowel on September 16, with 1,500 people visiting the farm throughout the day.



Volunteers and the host Johnston family at Breakfast on the Farm, Listowel.

Farm & Food Care Ontario would like to thank all community participants for attending the event as exhibitors, as well as volunteers. Your commitments helped make each event an overwhelming success.



Exhibit at the 2017 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in partnership with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.



"A BIG thank you for the wonderful experience today! My family had so much fun getting up close to the cows, chicken and pigs."

- 2017 Breakfast on the Farm attendee



Visitors at Breakfast on the Farm, Listowel.



Rick Schouten of Corner View Farms explains the farm's biogas system to Ottawa food influencers.



Registered Dietitians from Kingston visit Burnbrae Farms.



Mike Medeiros of Carleton Mushroom Farm hosts a tour for Ottawa food influencers.

Farm tour programs

Two food influencer tours in Toronto and Ottawa, one culinary student tour in London, and two tours for Registered Dietitians in Toronto and Kingston were held in 2017. In total, 50 Registered Dietitians, 100 food writers, and 35 culinary students participated. Attendees gained insights into grain, beef, mushroom, turkey, egg, greenhouse and horticulture, dairy, and agricultural research businesses from farms in their respective local areas.



Fred Vaughn of Vaughn Agricultural Services explains pesticide residue testing to Toronto food influencers.



Fanshawe College culinary students.



"Thank you for the field trip. The opportunity to deepen our awareness and appreciation is more important than ever and I feel should be an essential part of the learning process for any culinary student. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have this opportunity and hope that we can continue to work with your organization in some way again in the future."

– Chef Instructor, Fanshawe College



Registered Dietitians visit Dave Loewith and his family's dairy farm near Hamilton.



Kevin MacLean of Ripplebrook Farms in Napanee hosts Kingston-area Registered Dietitians.

Food Bloggers of Canada conference

In an effort to continue building Farm & Food Care as a reliable and reputable brand for information on food and farming, the organization proposed, sponsored and hosted a seven-member farmer panel at the 2017 Food Bloggers of Canada national conference. Panelists spoke to a crowd of 100 food writers about how farmers produce food in Canada.



Farm & Food Care Ontario participants at the FBC conference included (Back, from left) Bruce Hudson, Julie Dawson, Mike Medeiros, Stephanie Nanne, Markus Haerle, Kelly Daynard. Front: Caroline Dawson, Ashley Knapton. Absent from photo - Cathy McKay.



Attendees participate in a public question session and screening of the film Food Evolution during a 2017 biotechnology conference, Guelph.



Bruce Kelly, program manager, speaks with reporters after "The Pig Trial."

"Just wanted to reach out and say thanks for all do your help over the years in various capacities. I use so much of what I've learned and put it to good use so often on our farm. I was interviewed recently for a Globe and Mail piece on the minimum wage increases and how they'll affect our prices and I used so much of what was taught in the media course when I spoke with her and I know that it's made a huge difference in my confidence and how our side of the story is presented." – Ontario berry farmer

Proactive action

Staff attended the Toronto International Film Festival to provide analysis of a new documentary related to the livestock sector, developed protest-management resources for farmers, agribusiness professionals and transporters, and facilitated cross commodity discussion between livestock groups related to pressures by special interest groups. Additionally, Farm & Food Care Ontario was a partner in organizing an international communications conference for biotechnology researchers & scientists.

Supporting farmers during "The Pig Trial"

Farm & Food Care Ontario, in collaboration with Ontario Pork, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario attended the courthouse to represent farmers and the wider agricultural community during a 2017 trial involving animal rights activists interfering with pigs while in transit. The groups released a joint statement on the trial and the issues concerning Ontario's farm community, and coordinated on media inquiries throughout the process.



Staff joined members in a pop-up event at Dundas Square to celebrate Local Food Week.

Communications & media training

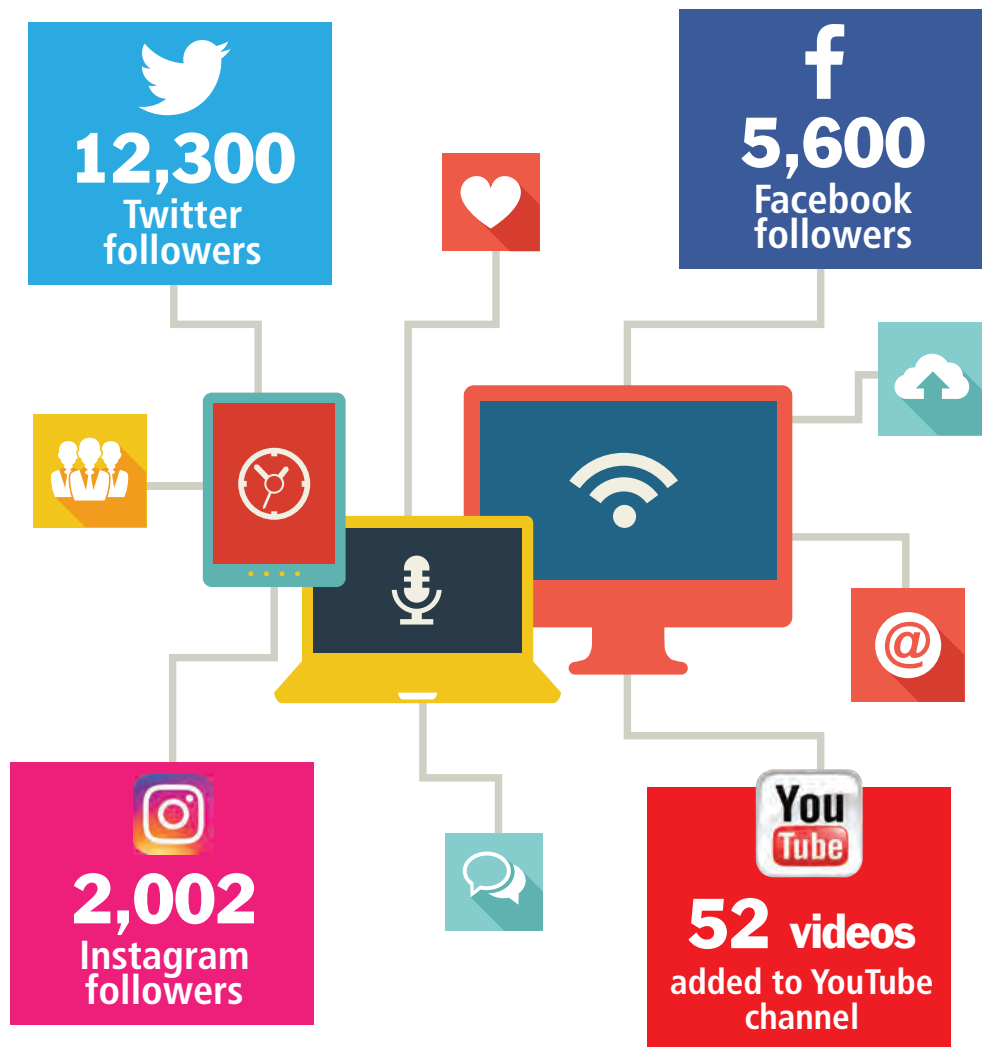
Two media training sessions were held for farmers and agribusiness professionals in 2017. These sessions are designed to help individuals prepare for media interviews and adapt to situations requiring crisis communications. These sessions occur in the spring and autumn each year, with approximately 10 spots available in each.

Communications training workshops were also held for 4-H members prior to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. These sessions included training on how to effectively handle confrontations, event disruptions, and other difficult situations.



2017 media training with Bernard Tobin and Bruce Sargent.

2017 ONLINE PRESENCE



Website stats:

	Visitors	Page views
RealDirtonFarming.ca	10,573	17,635
FarmFood360.ca	Average session duration 5:11 56,390	660,843
FarmFoodCareON.ca	18,556	41,000

Attendees at the 2017 Harvest Gala.



News clipping from an early culinary student farm tour.



OFAC Farmz on Wheelz launch, 2009.



MEMBERSHIP



We need you!

Help shape this organization with your experience and expertise.

Farm & Food Care Ontario's success is a direct result of the breadth, diversity and collective support of its members. As membership increases, so does the effectiveness of our collective outreach initiatives.

Please consider joining the organization as a member at one of the following levels:

PLATINUM
\$30,000+

GOLD
\$5,000+

SILVER
\$1,500+

SUPPORTER \$250+

BE A LEADER. TAKE ACTION.

Contact us for more information about membership, partnerships and other ways you can help tell Ontario's food and farm story.

Farm & Food Care Ontario would like to thank 26 new businesses and individuals for adding their support to the organization in 2017.



GOVERNANCE

Councils

Farm & Food Care Ontario staff work under the direction of the **Farm Environmental Care Advisory Council** and the **Farm Animal Care Advisory Council**. Comprised of representatives from Farm & Food Care Ontario's platinum, gold and silver members, the councils prove an open forum for input, ideas and dialogue on farm environmental and animal care issues. Each council held two separate meetings in 2017, with a third meeting bringing both groups together to discuss Farm & Food Care Ontario's animal care and environment initiatives in tandem.

Farm Animal Care Advisory Council

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Paul Bootsma, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario
John Bos, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario
Sandi Brock, Ontario Sheep Farmers
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Laura Bowers, Burnbrae Farms Ltd.
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Dianne McComb, Egg Farmers of Ontario
Dave McEachren, Grain Farmers of Ontario

Les Nichols, Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association
Carol Patterson, Tim Hortons Inc.
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Christine Schoonderwoerd, Wallenstein Feed & Supply Ltd.
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Walt Taylor, Masterfeeds Inc.
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Gwen Zellen, Chicken Farmers of Ontario

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Justine Taylor, Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers
Kate VanderZaag, Ontario Potato Board
Dan Veldman, Egg Farmers of Ontario
Mike Virley, Trillium Mutual Insurance Company



Bruce Christie

Back row from left: Dave McEachren, Joe Hickson, Sandi Brock, Les Nichols, Jim Gowland, John Maaskant, Heather Copland, Janelle Caldwell, Chris Cossitt. Front row from left: Christine Schoonderwoerd, Brian Gilroy

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Staff visit Conestoga Meat Packers, Breslau (top) and Kirk Rankin's mink farm, RBR Farms Inc., St Marys (bottom).





Former AGCare chairs, Alan South, Bill Allison, Mary Lou Garr, Jim Fischer. Front row: Brian Besley, Richard Blyleven, Greg Hannam.



Former OFAC chairs Bruce Christie, Mike Cooper, Jim Johnstone, Jim Magee, Bob Dobson.



AGCare Board of Directors 1995.



OFAC chair Gordon Coukell and Executive Director Leslie Ballentine 1999.

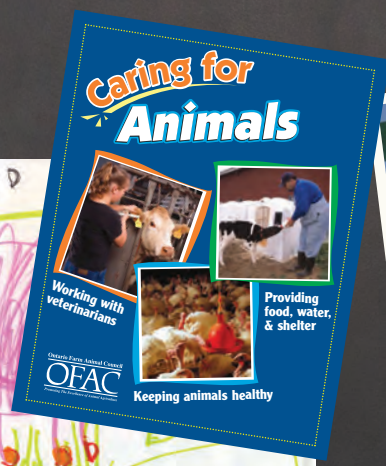
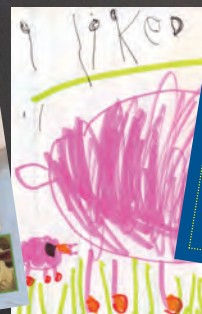
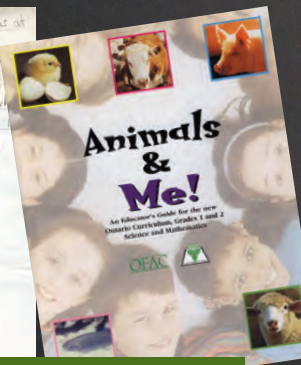
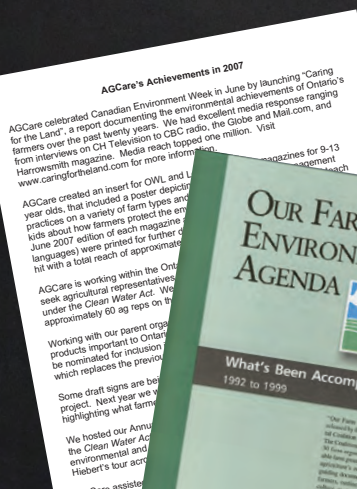


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