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Summer 2024

President's Message

Good day everyone! I hope everyone has been enjoying this past month so far as it has been beautiful outside with some exceptionally warm weather to help with a nice transition into the cooler temps coming up. This past month we got to participate in Autumn Profile held by Middlesex County where it was a fun filled day of game show games! Lots of entertainment throughout the whole day and some great costumes made up for the dance that evening. We got some events coming up the next month that I highly encourage everyone to try and take part in if you are able to! We have our Sing Swing competition coming up November 9th in Fergus held by Wellington County and coming up at the end of the month we have OYFF happening November 25th-26th in Toronto. Stay safe and have another great month everyone!

In Junior Farmer spirit,



Carson Wagner
Your 81st JFAO President



Autumn Profile Attendees Oct 19, 2024 Ailsa Craig, On

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Upcoming Dates:

Sing Swing- November 9th, 2024 Wellington County

OYFF November 25th-26th, 2024

JFAO's 80th Anniversary

This year, JFAO celebrated 80 years at the Rockton World's Fairground, 812 Old Hwy 8, Rockton, Ontario on August 17th, 2024, with the theme; Making Connections. We had over 200 people in attendance for the dinner and dance. Reminiscing with members new and old for this special milestone. Of this great turnout, there were 19 past presidents who came for the celebration. We had some great presentations from featured guests; Lisa Thompson, JFAO past presidents and our current president, Carson Wagner. Another highlighted presentation was the one presented by the International Delegates, they had everyone laughing and guessing. We had 6 international exchange delegates in attendance who gave their presentations showcasing their 10 weeks travelling across the province. These delegates come from Scotland, Ireland, Switzerland, Germany and Austria. They gave out a lot of awards.





After the presentations there was a live and silent auction to raise money towards the future of JFAO events and running the organization. These items were donated by alumni, members and sponsors. With 42 generously donated items, the auction made just over \$3,000! Following the auction, everyone took more time to socialize, and share many memories of their time as a JFAO member. And of course, everyone broke out their dancing shoes for square dancing, two stepping and learning a Scottish dance!





JFAO's 80th Anniversary Continued

Here are the results and bragging rights for the esteemed awards:

Most unlucky Driver: Ian Burnnett from Carleton

Best unofficial hosts: Kelsey Brekelmans from Huron Perth and Jordyn Domio from

Wentworth-Niagara

Most eligible bachelorette: Sarah Danen from Oxford

Most eligible bachelor: Ian Pollard from Essex-Kent

Best JF dog: Whiskey from Wentworth Niagara (Matt Smith)

Best Night Out: Crazy Horse with Carleton

Best Activity: Whitewater Rafting with Renfrew

Most Organized: Cailen Bromley from Renfrew

Most poorly constructed wall: Becca Keitel and Phil English from Peterborough

Best Tours: Beatties at Durham and Van Osch with Middlesex

Funniest Host: Cam Alton from Huron Perth

Most Cider Drank: Essex-Kent Best Wildlife: Durham Region

Most Sangria drank in one night: Middlesex

Most random activity: Ugly shirts golf in Peterborough

It was clear the international delegates at a blast spending time with all of the JFAO counties and everyone was sad to say goodbye. If you are interested in learning more about JFAO's exchange opportunities, would like to keep in touch for next year's banquet, or would like to reconnect with past delegates please feel free to

contact cip@jfao.on.ca.



JFAO's 80th Anniversary Continued

Overall, the 80th anniversary was a blast from the past with memorabilia on display, so many great conversations and new connections! This event raised just over \$4,200 for JFAO as well as a bar income of \$100 donated to our provincial charity, Feed Ontario. Carson Wagner, our JFAO President said, "The event was a great success, and the committee did a great job organizing everything!" He continued, "Thank you to everyone for supporting Junior Farmers over the past 80 years and continuing to support us as we move on to more years ahead!"

<u>Shout out to our event sponsors:</u> Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Grand River Agricultural Society, Kenpal Farm Products, Farm Credit Canada, East Central Region Crop & Soil Improvement Association

Shout out to our auction item donors: Mountainoak Cheese, Stratford Farm Equipment - Gord Mills, MNP, Greenhawk Equestrian Sport – Beamsville, Beef Farmers of Ontario, O'Neil's Farm Equipment, Equipment Ontario, Pride Seeds, Durham Farmers Co-op Orono & Grafton, TCO Agromart Colborne, The Lass & Ladle Restaurant, Callahan Farm Supplies and all JFAO county clubs.

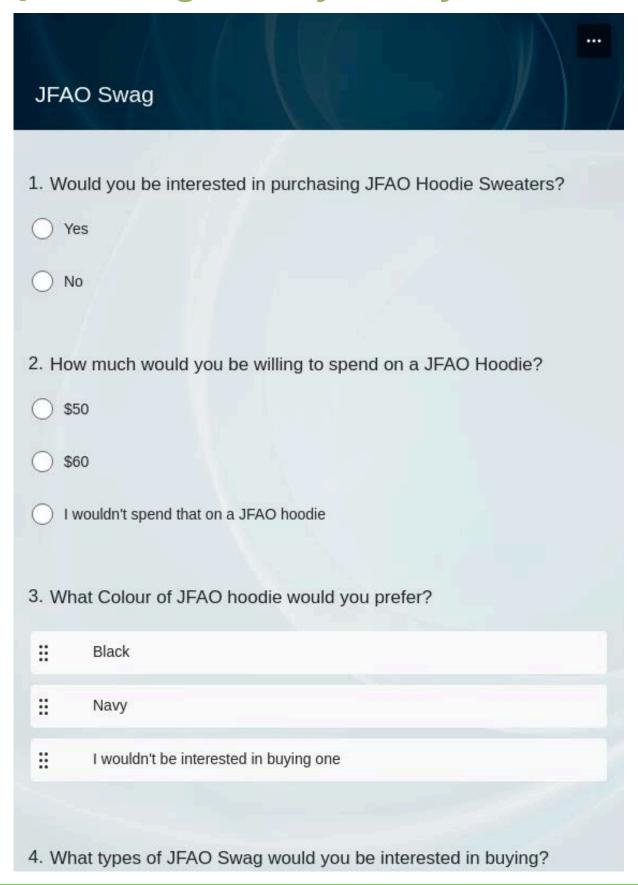








New JFAO Swag - Have your Say!



2024 Outgoing Exchanges - Austria





Overall this exchange was an amazing experience. It allowed me to immerse myself in the culture through the everyday life of my host families. Meeting all these great people made it really hard to say good bye but made be very grateful that I took the opportunity. Thanks to Junior Farmers for offering this great experience

- Julie De Bruyn



2024 Outgoing Exchanges - Scotland





I can not rave enough on what a great experience this has been for me to connect with the Young Farmers in Scotland and to experience travel like a local. The best part of this exchange is all of the new friends I made while staying with hosts and becoming a part of their family. I was able to see a lot of Scotland having hosts in the East, West and North! And my first host brought me down to the South. Each host was involved in agriculture in some way or form. It was great to learn from them and get to know and be a part of their everyday lives, in addition to exploring their local treasures. Remember, this could be you! Take the opportunity to go on an International Exchange with the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario, you won't regret going on this unique experience. I know I will cherish this time for a lifetime. Take the leap and apply for the 2025 Exchanges! - Christena Jenkins-Giffen





2024 Outgoing Exchanges - Ireland





If I had to describe my trip in once sentence I'd have to quote our last host Diarmuid when he said "we don't know what we're doing, but we're doing it anyway". I was joined by Louise from Scotland for the first week and Martina from Switzerland for all 3 and one thing we learned very quickly was that for this trip we would have to very much "go with the flow". It definitely kept things interesting and the plans were always changing but always for the best. While visiting I experienced so much of the county as well as so many @macranafeirme events that I don't even know where to start, therefore I won't go into details (However they can be found in the blog posts on the JFAO website). I think the most important thing I mention right now are the people. It's because of everyone who hosted us, even the ones who had us for a couple hours that this trip was unforgettable. I was able to meet up with the two lads that joined me on exchange last year in Scotland while also making new friends throughout the trip. It was incredibly difficult to say goodbye even knowing it won't be forever as I'll definitely be back. To everyone who was part of this adventure, I am forever grateful for your kindness, you have no idea how much I appreciated it. As someone whose been lucky enough to go on two exchanges now I highly recommend it. Don't just think about it, make the time to go, or even help out with the incoming delegates. It's pretty cool to have friends around the world. -Kelsey Brekelmans

2024 Outgoing Exchanges - Switzerland





It is crazy to think I just got to spent 6 weeks immersed in an entirely different farming culture on the other side of the world! What I've learned is that Swiss farmers work hard to provide in such a challenging environment. One of my favorite parts? When we weren't farming my host families wouldn't take me to the usual tourist spots. Instead, they shared with me places that hold personal or community significance. This made for such a unique and meaningful experience. For anyone considering a Junior Farmers exchange, defiently do it, you'll come away with stories and lessons that will stay with you for a lifetime. - Keely Henderson









Make sure to check the JFAO website!

The Ontario Young Farmers' Forum (OYFF)



The Ontario Young Farmers' Forum (OYFF) attracts young farmers from across the province. A two day forum is held in mid-late November, for those aged 18-40 and is held in conjunction with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) annual convention. Attendees have the opportunity to learn, connect and discuss the most pressing agricultural issues that are faced on a daily basis. No matter where you are from or what type of farming you do, you are welcome to take part in the opportunity to grow at OYFF. The event offers tours and speakers covering a number of topics, and the opportunity to connect with OFA Membership from your county and across the province. OYFF is open to all those 18-40, who are interested in or involved in agriculture, not only JFAO members.

The Ontario Young Farmers' Forum (OYFF)



Are you wondering who will be speaking at this years OYFF conference?

One of our speakers will be from the Haggerty AgRobotics, international Industry leaders in Robotics!

Registration ends soon so make sure to register today!

OYFF Tickets - Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario (jfao.on.ca)

The Ontario Young Farmers' Forum (OYFF)



OYFF has a block booked at the Delta Airport Hotel. Rates with the block are \$190/night, be sure to check with your local OFA to see if they are sponsoring youth to attend the event.

Be sure to book right away, the block will be open until November 5th.

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Canada's Outdoor Farm Show





Junior Farmers had a booth at the Woodstock farm show in the OFA building. We had members from across the province volunteering at the booth throughout the week. There was a good number of potential new members who left their contact details for local clubs to reach out.. Rob Flack also stopped by and chatted with us! Thank you to everyone who helped out!





Wellington Junior Farmers





The highlights from Wellington County Junior Farmers this summer include lots of community outreach! We volunteered at both the Drayton Agriculture Fair parking cars and the Harriston Agricultural Fair in the ag awareness building. In June, we hosted a Paint and Plant day where local youth could paint a flower pot and plant a flower. At the beginning of October members cleaned up a section of our adopted road and were able to remove multiple bags of waste from the side of the Wellington County Rd 7. Both current members and Wellington alumni were happy to be able to attend multiple provincial events including the 80th JFAO Anniversary banquet, host tours for the international delegates, and send 4 members to Autumn Profile hosted by Middlesex County.

Two of our members were able to put their public speaking skills to use while promoting JFAO and our upcoming events to the local community through an interview on a local radio station 88.7 The River.







Wellington

Wellington County Junior Farmers is looking forward to a busy autumn with lots of events planned. We are once again hosting our annual community supper on October 26th in Drayton, ON and will be collecting donations for local food banks. Last year we sold over 70 dinner tickets and are looking forward to continuing the success of past years. We are also excited to host Sing Swing on November 9th in Fergus, ON. We are looking forward to putting a new spin on this classic JFAO event. Other upcoming events that we will be participating in/hosting over the next 2 months include our monthly book club, pumpkin pajamarama, local Christmas parades, and our Christmas social.



Carleton





Carleton Junior Farms hosted our first farmer olympics October 5th at the Metcalfe fair. Their was 6 team that entered in the event. We loved to see the community get involved from alumni's to young kids. The games that was played was seed tote races, tire throw, 3 leg barrel race, obstacle course, tug-a-war and toilet seat horse shoes! The final was as a race to herd our animals (balloons). Everyone from the members running the games to the spectators to the participants were full of laughs and smiles!



Even with harvest underway we were able to get in two social this month. We had blast at Cannamore Orchards Acres of Terror, some more scared than others. And a groups of us got together to carve some Halloween pumpkins. Wishing all our member a great harvest and we will be announcing our next event shortly!!

If you are interested in joining in on the fun please reach out!





Essex-Kent

Essex-Kent JF has enjoyed a busy summer/fall that was started off by hosting this year's Delegates. We started our hosting week off by touring Mucci Farms in Leamington, Chryslers Windsor Assembly Plant and we ended the week with an excellent crop tour of Chatham-Kent that highlighted the many different vegetable crops that are grown in our county. We would like to thank our tour stops and club members for volunteering their time to make this week a success! A special thank you goes out the Pollard family for being excellent hosts to this years delegates!



Recently our club has enjoyed going through the IMAZE corn maze by Thamesville, Ontario. Our club is looking forward to the winter months and we are looking forward to our next meeting.







ATTENTION



JFAO in the Media



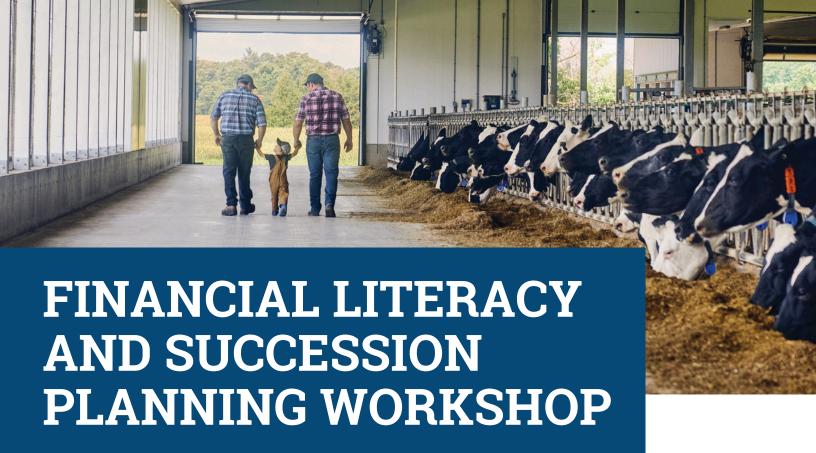
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September 2024

<u>Junior Farmers celebrate 80 years - Ontario Grain Farmer</u>





Please join us for the Farm Life Financial Literacy and Succession Planning workshop, exclusively for DFO producers.

This 3-hour workshop will focus on financial strategies for dairy families to achieve their succession planning goals, maintain financial viability of their business, and promote family harmony.

Join Darrell Wade and Andrew Leach of Farm Life Financial for this education session that includes interactive break-out groups and resources on family harmony, tax advantages, and reaching the goals for both generations. This workshop will leave attendees with a deeper understanding of how to transition the family farm while being fair to all family members.

This workshop is most suitable for:

- •Multi-generation farm families looking for succession planning tools and support
- •Farming operations concerned about taxation of rising farm values
- •Families concerned about maintaining family harmony throughout the succession process
- •Farm operations wondering what the most suitable ownership structure is moving forward

Scan below to Register your spot:







Workshop Dates:

November 12, 2024

Trillium Golf Club Corbyville, ON

November 13, 2024

Carleton Golf & Yacht Club Manotick, ON

November 19, 2024

The GrandWay Events Centre Centre Wellington, ON

November 20, 2024

Virtual Workshop - French & English

These workshops are open to licenced Ontario dairy producers, and their farm management team (minimum age requirement, 18 years-old).

Pricing:

\$25 in person \$10 virtual

Huron Perth

This summer has been a good one in Huron Perth. Our July meeting was held at Dairy Queen in Stratford after we had our roadside cleanup that had previously been rescheduled due to rain. With six members in attendance and a beautiful evening it didn't take us long to collect all the trash.



The Water Buffalo farm and the day with the Amish always seem to be the highlights of the week. As for the outgoing delegates, Jolande Oudshoorn spent 3 weeks in Northern Ireland and Kelsey Brekelmans spent 3 in the Republic of Ireland. Both members thoroughly enjoyed their trips and would highly recommend going on exchanges. If you'd like to hear more about their trips, keep an eye out for their blogs on the JFAO website.

Finally, three of our members made it to celebrate the JFAO 80th anniversary. It was a great way to say goodbye to this year's delegates. The evening was full of dancing including square and ceilidh taught by the Scottish delegates from this year and last. It was truly a summer of fun, but we're looking forward to what the fall will bring



July also held many opportunities for our members with the West Zone paintballing social, meeting the delegates and two of our members going on their own exchanges all in the same week. It was lovely to meet the delegates in such a fun setting at paintballing and then to see which tours they enjoyed the most.



Middlesex



We have had a busy summer!
We partnered with the MFA again to put up informational crop signs around our county in June. We volunteered at the Tri-County Heritage Club in Ilderton and helped run the Truck and Tractor Pull in July.



In August we hosted our educational awareness event, Day on the Farm, which was a huge success. We grew a lot from last year's Dairy Day. Everyone really enjoyed the live milking demonstrations! We had a fun scavenger hunt, farm themed games, a planting station, a calf naming contest - winner was Blair, sheep and poultry on site and so much more! We heard nothing but good things from all the families who attended.





For our August Social, we went Bowling and had one of our largest turn outs in a while! Afterwards we went out for half price apps.





Middlesex Continued

In September, we had our usual food booth at the Middlesex Plowing Match. We had a great turnout and enjoyed the beautiful weather at the event. We also ran the People Mover at the Ilderton fair the end of September.







Most recently, we just hosed a provincial event, Autumn Profile on Oct 19th in Ailsa Craig, ON. The theme was Game show were players played games like Family Feud, the Price is Right and Wipe Out. We had Minute to win it games and exchange presentations before lunch and afterwards the mystery event was the Amazing Race around the village of Ailsa Craig! We had members from Renfrew, Carleton, Essex-Kent, Huron Perth, Wentworth-Niagara, Oxford and Wellington come on down which was awesome! Thank you to everyone for coming on down and being our next contestants!







Sponsors





Oxford - Embro Truck and Tractor Pull



Oxford JF celebrated their 17th annual Embro Truck and Tractor pull August 3, 2024. Unfortunately, the Friday night farm stock pull was cancelled due to severe rainfall that day. The committee persevered however, with the help of some local farmers and community members that brought dozens of truckloads of shavings to dry the site. The Saturday modified tractor show was a great success with a variety of supped up tractors pulling. There were over 6000 people in attendance for the day. The stands and grounds were packed with tractor lovers. There were several food booths for people to chose from, including the Junior Farmer food booth and the Oxford diary farmers ice cream stand. The beer tent reached capacity by 9 am and a local band, the Trash Whippers played rock and country songs.

Oxford JF would like to sincerely thank the pull committee for their hundreds of hours of work leading up to the event and their perseverance despite the cancellation of the Friday show. They also want to thank the 250 volunteers that worked throughout the weekend and everyone that came to enjoy the event! As always, proceeds from this year's event will support service organizations of Embro and area and be used to donate to charities, projects and those in need across Oxford county.

We hope to see everyone out for the 18th Embro tractor pull on the civic long weekend in 2025!



Oxford Continued

Oxford Junior Farmers put up a bale maze at the Tavistock Fair earlier September. Lots of kids attended the maze and enjoyed the candy we handed out!





At the Embro Fair, they held Farmer Olympics which Oxford JF put in a team of five members. Games consisted of moving lots of bales! It was a great way to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon!

Overall Oxford got fifth!!







For our September social we had a campfire at the Vehof's place. There were about 15 people in attendance with a few new faces! It was a good night to socialize with the club and enjoy the fire!



Oxford Continued - Announcements



Congratulations to our member Giel van Haren who won first place at the Tractor Skills Competition



Oxford JF member, Karen De Bruyn and Middlesex JF alumni Hadley Jenkins-Giffen got married in September! Lots of JFers came to celebrate, thanks to everyone who came out and on behalf of JF congrats Karen and Hadley!

Renfrew

At the end of August we had a very busy weekend at the Cobden Fair. On the Saturday night, we held our annual 50/50 raffle at the derby and congratulations to our winner who took home \$1035!

We were back at the fair early Sunday morning to help with the cleanup!





On October 19th, a few Renfrew JF members traveled to Ailsa Craig for Autumn Profile hosted by the Middlesex Junior Farmers! The theme of the day was game shows, which included games of Family Feud, The Price is Right, Wipeout, Minute to Win It, and several other games, making for a fun-filled day! In the afternoon we got to see Keely's presentation on her exchange to Switzerland. Afterwards we competed in Ailsa Craig Amazing Race were Renfrew put up a strong fight, finishing in 2nd place! To end a great day we attended the Middlesex Halloween Dance! Thanks for a great weekend Middlesex!



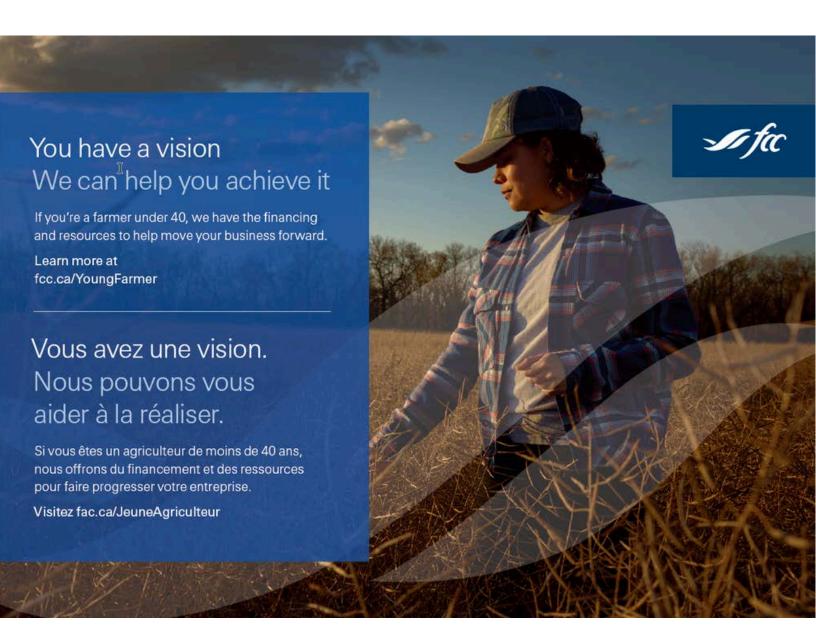




Currently we are working on our bottle drive for the foodbank, so be on the look out for us!

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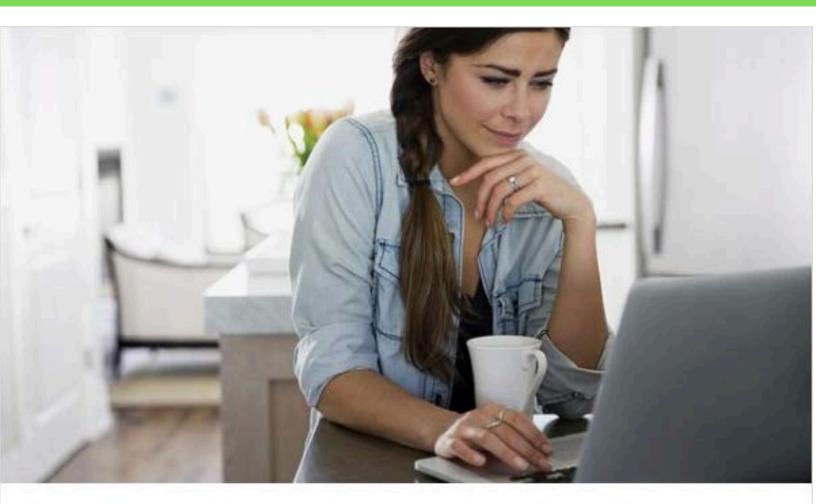


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"Get ready to supercharge your farm management skills!

The FCC Young Farmer Summit is a free event bringing farmers under 40 together to dig into the business side of farming. Learn from industry experts, connect with peers, and get the knowledge you need to take your operation to the next level."

Wedding Announcements Congratulations go out to...

Renfrew County Junior Farmer Member Jocelyn Smaglinski got engaged to Johnathan Hamilton



Renfrew County Junior Farmer Members Alex and Sam Wuehr got married in July







Have an announcement you'd like to share? Please share your announcement and a photo for us to feature in the next edition!

Email: christena@jfao.on.ca

Baby Announcements
Congratulations go out to...





On behalf of the Peterborough JF
we would like to share the news of
Roxanne and Nick Teeuwsen's
newborn baby George Arthur
Teeuwsen born 8.31.24



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Discuss challenges, strategies and solutions



Job Posting



The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) is a unique not-for-profit farm organization whose diverse membership has a significant presence in all agricultural areas of the province and across all major sectors. The mission of OSCIA is to facilitate responsible economic management of soil, water, air and crops through development and communication of innovative farming practices. OSCIA is a leader in agricultural program delivery, including cost-share funding distribution, educational workshop offerings for farmers, and administration of on-farm applied research and knowledge transfer opportunities.

OSCIA is seeking an exceptional individual to fill the role of **Field Representative**. Field Representatives are located throughout the province and work collaboratively to deliver educational workshops including the Environmental Farm Plan and commodity specific biosecurity workshops to Ontario farmers. Field Representatives also act as spokespersons for OSCIA-delivered cost-share incentive and research programs by engaging with farmers to promote awareness and provide information on current and upcoming opportunities.

This position offers an hourly rate commensurate with experience and requires travel within a designated region. Field Representatives work within the Program Delivery Department and report to the Field Services Manager.

Click the link below for more details

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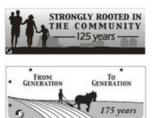
Century Farm Signs

Is your farm eligible? See for yourself! Head on over to https://www.jfao.on.ca/resources/century-farm-sign

Signs are now available in French!

Contact Sarah Danen, Director of Community and International Programs, for more information at sarah@jfao.on.ca









Gate Signs

The Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario (JFAO) is pleased to offer gate signs. Gate signs can be proudly displayed at the end of your driveway or as part of your farm gate display. There are two sign options including, "Alumni Lives Here" and "Member Lives Here". Due to the popularity of the gate signs, JFAO has extended the availability through an online store (click here). This is your chance to show your support and pride of JFAO!

Once you have your sign installed, share a photo with us on social media using the #ProudJFer hashtag.. Select photos may be chosen to be featured on the JFAO website or marketing materials





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