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- 1 Fertilizer Hot Buttons**
Horst Bohner, Peter Johnson & Greg Stewart, OMAFRA
The new fertilizer discoveries for higher yields in soybeans, wheat & corn.
- 2 The Invaluable Earthworm**
Odette Ménard, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, PQ
Earthworms & other soil biology play a vital role in crop production. Learn how to maximize their benefits.
- 3 Peak Planter Performance**
Chad Galles, Pioneer, Minnesota
Are air bags just full of hot air? Planter & tillage adjustments that really work.
- 4 Money Making Weed Management**
Mike Cowbrough, OMAFRA
What are the costs of cutting corners? Learn what mistakes to avoid.
- 5 Eliminating Planting Bottlenecks**
*Chris Burkholder, Stouffville
Frank Dietrich, Lucan
Colin Reesor, Walkerton*
Do it fast, but do it right - hear how 3 producers streamline planting from tillage to planter set-up.
- 6 Quest for Amazing Soybean Yields**
*David Hooker, U of G, Ridgetown Campus
Horst Bohner, OMAFRA*
Recent Ontario research shows tremendous promise. Opportunities are not just "about a bushel"!
- 7 The U.S. Soybean Production Package**
David Holshouser, Virginia Tech - Tidewater Agricultural Research & Extension Center
All the tips & tricks that really work from south of the border.
- 8 Know Your Costs**
John Molenhuis, OMAFRA
Work through your own Cost of Production calculations - the key to profitable decisions.
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- 9 Cover Crops & Reduced Tillage**
Greg McGlinch, Darke Soil & Water Conservation District, Ohio
Cover crops, heavy soils, reduced tillage: all at once in field crops? Impossible? Hear how it works for Ohio farmers.
- 10 Improve Your Bottom Line!**
*Jennifer Stevenson, OMAFRA
Athar Shah, OMAFRA*
Top 10 marketing strategies to reduce risk, improve profitability & access new markets.
- 11 The New World in Fertilizer**
Robert Mullen, Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan
The global fertilizer situation, price trends & the interaction between grain markets & fertilizer prices.
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- 12 Succession Planning**
Peter Coughler, OMAFRA
Top 10 must do's for succession planning - what should you consider before you start?
- 13 Wheat - the Next Big Step**
*Jonathan Brinkman, U of G, Ridgetown Campus
Peter Johnson, OMAFRA*
The latest & greatest information from the Ontario wheat research team.
- 14 The Buzz on Bees**
Paul Kozak, OMAFRA
Pollinators & their importance to field crop agriculture - how can growers help to protect them?
- 15 Corn Weed Management**
Peter Sikkema, U of G, Ridgetown Campus
Current questions from Ontario corn growers - hear the best control strategies.
- 16 Inside the Ag Equipment Business**
Harm Spangenberg, formerly of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers
Expert advice on internet bidding, auction, sale & resale. What are today's options to buy or sell your used equipment?
- 17 Glyphosate Resistant Weeds**
*Peter Sikkema, U of G, Ridgetown Campus
Joe Vink, U of G, Ridgetown Campus*
Glyphosate resistant weeds are here. Find out what, where, when & how to control them.
- 18 Nitrogen Efficiencies**
Nicolas Tremblay, AgCanada
Targeting the right nitrogen rate for vegetable and field crops in different weather & soil conditions.
- 19 Big Bucks in Grain Storage**
*Mark Brock, Staffa
George Cornelissen, Watford
Jeff Ferguson, St. Thomas*
Market opportunities, design options & aeration strategies - how to make it work & pay.
- 20 What Part of 30% Residue Cover Didn't We Understand?**
Hans Kok, Indiana Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative
Be educated, entertained & inspired to increase profits by conserving your soil.
- 21 Capturing Nitrogen from Organic Sources**
*John Lauzon, University of Guelph
Christine Brown, OMAFRA*
From application, timing and loss to cost/benefit - everything you need to know about nitrogen from manure and other organic sources.
- 22 Bug Alert!**
*Christina DiFonzo, Michigan State University
Christian Krupke, Purdue University
Jocelyn Smith, U of G, Ridgetown Campus
Cara McCreary, OMAFRA - moderator*
Resistant corn rootworm or Western bean cutworm? Bring your questions on the latest insect pests & their control.
- 23 Generating Energy on Farm**
*Don Hilborn, OMAFRA
Jennifer Green, Agrienergy Producers' Association of Ontario*
Current technologies for solar, wind, biomass & biogas - which ones fit your farm?
- 24 Anaerobic Digester Tour**
*Kim Marchand, U of G, Ridgetown Campus
Jennifer Green, Agrienergy Producers' Association of Ontario*
See the Centre for Agricultural Renewable Energy & Sustainability (CARES) anaerobic digester turn organics into biogas!
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*Dale Cowan, Southern Co-operative Services
Chad Anderson, Anderson Agronomy Services*
From good sampling techniques to what the numbers really mean - learn to make the best use of your soil test.
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*Al McCallum, McCallum Agronomic Services
Paul Sullivan, Sullivan Agro*
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Greg Varner, Michigan Dry Bean Research Board
Management practices for high yields in dry beans - the latest research from Michigan.

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Darel Walker, Agronomist, Indiana

What has changed & what is coming in corn production? Hear everything from fall tillage to fungicide.

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Don Rowntree, Georgetown

Can growing & marketing hay work in your operation?

30 Production Pundits

*John Hussack, Clark Agri Service Inc.
Pat Lynch, Independent Certified Crop Advisor
Peter Johnson, OMAFRA
Peter Gredig, Kettle Creek Communication - moderator*

Bring your most challenging questions to stump the experts!

31 Good Fences Make Good Neighbours

Rob Stirling, FKS Land Surveyors

Why does nothing line up? Learn the Ontario Land Survey history & how to resolve disputes.

32 Disease Dilemmas

Albert Tenuta, OMAFRA

Kiersten Wise, Purdue University

2011 had its challenges - what did we learn? Hear new technologies to reduce your 2012 disease risk.

33 Tile Drainage Pays

Erick Nooyen, Gillier Drainage

Peter Darbishire, Exeter

Al Jardine, Jardine Farm Drainage

Split tiles or start fresh? What is the right spacing? What new drainage options are coming?

34 Maximize Returns from Your Woodlot

Dave Pullen, Huron County

Learn how to manage & harvest timber for more dollars in your pocket.

35 The Social Farmer

Andrew Campbell, Fresh Air Media

Social media is no longer about teen texting - it's about farming smarter. Learn the tools to help your bottom line.

36 Ag Nerds

*Peter Gredig, Kettle Creek Communication
Shaun Haney, realagriculture.com*

Mobilizing your farm with new apps, tablets & mobile friendly ag software.

37 Cashing In on Long Term Research

David Hooker, U of G, Ridgetown Campus

Paul Voroney, University of Guelph

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Soil & crop revelations from long-term tillage & crop rotation research in Ontario.

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Stephen Kell, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd.

Sifting through current markets & seizing the opportunities!

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Bailey Elchinger, FC Stone, LLC.

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40 Haul it Safely!

Kerri Wirachowsky, Ministry of Transportation

Bring your questions on the requirements for safe farm equipment travel on Ontario roads.

41 Tractor Trailer Tune-Up

Kerri Wirachowsky, Ministry of Transportation

Learn & practice what's required for farm tractor-trailer road safety.

2HR WORKSHOP - PRE-REGISTER, SPACE IS LIMITED

42 Weed Invaders

Dave Bilyea, U of G, Ridgetown Campus

Learn to identify perimeter weeds that are moving from the edges into your fields.

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43 Healthy Soils Make Money!

Ray Archuleta, Natural Resources Conservation Service, North Carolina

Ask the expert on soil quality, erosion & soil management how to reduce input costs with a healthy soil.

44 Grain Bin Insects & Safety

Helmut Spieser, OMAFRA

Learn the best options to keep grain pest free & the equipment to prevent in-bin accidents.

WORKSHOPS & TOURS FILL VERY QUICKLY!

*Small class numbers
allow for lots of interaction.*

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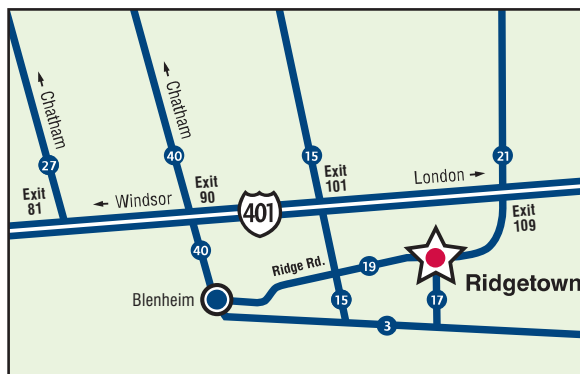
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