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Monthly Articles & Updates For HMGA Members

FORK LIFT COURSE

Fork lift training is being scheduled for the last week of June. The one-day course includes lunch. It will be offered in English and Spanish if registration warrants it. Please contact Jody hmgaexec@gmail.com or 905-251-6786 for prices and registration.

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

As many of you are aware, there are proposed increases for minimum wages in Ontario. We have been working with OFA, OFVGA and many others to see what options are available to the Agriculture community. We are all working together as a group to voice the concerns with this new proposal.

CANAL ROAD FROM RUPKE ROAD TO HWY 400 UPDATE

We have been in working with the town of BWG to this road fixed as requested. It is our understanding that the transportation group is planning to start the resurfacing work in late June. We have been told that the timing is typical for our rural roads as it avoids interfering with school buses and the peak of planting season. A couple of hydro poles need to be relocated and they expect that work to be completed in time for the road works.

During the resurfacing effort, they endeavor to keep at least one lane open at all times. There will however be temporary rolling stoppages as sections are removed.

CROP INSURANCE

As the Climate Changes, the area is faced with many types of weather. Please don't forget to review the programs out there for crop insurance. Agricorp has many options that they have been offering for many years. In 2006, they introduced a new fresh market vegetable acreage loss program. Please don't forget that all of these programs can be seen at www.agricorp.com or call Agricorp at 1-888-247-4999. For those of you enrolled in the program, don't forget as you see damage to your crop to contact them at the 1-888-247- 4999. We have been told that multi-peril coverage provides the best protection from all types of loss due to weather.

Below is an outline of some the programs available and their benefits

Risk Management Program - Helps producers manage risks beyond their control, like fluctuating costs and market prices.

Production Insurance, Yield Basis - Covers reductions to your total yield caused by insured perils.

Production Insurance, Acreage Loss Basis - Covers reductions to your yield, on an acre-by-acre basis, caused by insured perils.

AgriStability - Covers margin declines caused by production loss, increased costs, or market conditions.

AgriInvest - Offers matching government contributions in a savings account.

Farm Business Registration - Fulfills one of the requirements for the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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