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MuckerNews

Monthly Articles & Updates For HMGA Members

CROP DAMAGE

Thank you for those who have taken the time to send in how many acres you farm and how many acres have been damaged this year. For those of you who have not, if you could take a few moments to do so. By having a handle on what has been lost this year to date helps assist the HMGA, OFA and OFVGA when speaking with the government on this issue.

SC FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture tour took place in the marsh July 13, 2017. Over 110 people took part in the tour of the Muck station and a packing facility. It was the first time for many to tour the area and see what we do here. Some who attended were Mayors, councillors and MPP's for the areas. It was a great way to showcase what is grown and goes on in the Southern part of Simcoe County

FOOD POLICY DISCUSSIONS SURVEY

The Federal government extends food policy discussions survey until August 31, 2017. Please take the time to go online and fill out the survey. We have been asked to ask our members to complete this for your input. Over 22,000 Canadians have completed the online survey so far.

[Click here to access the online survey](#)

OFGVA & OFVC

For 2018, the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable AGM has been scheduled a day before the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Convention. It will be 3 days packed full of information for everyone.

Visit their websites to register and book your hotels.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Carrotfest

Aug 18, 2017 – Showcasing farming equipment

Aug 19, 2017 – We will be handing out carrots

OFVG AGM: February 20, 2017 – Niagara Falls

OFVC: February 21- 22, 2017 – Niagara Falls

FARM AND PROCESSING PLANT TOURS

We have many requests from various groups for tours of the Marsh and the farms. We are looking to comprise a list of farms interested in help facilitate this. If you are interested in help host one, please contact Jody to be added to the list.

FORK LIFT COURSE

A Fork Lift course took place on July 18 in the Marsh and was well attended. We have also obtained a copy of the Spanish translation CD of this course to use in future training sessions. We will be offering this again next June.

MARSH DRAINAGE MEETING

For those of you asking the next Holland Marsh Drainage board meeting is August 10, at 7 pm, at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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If you are an HMGA member and want to receive these updates by email? Send a message to HMGAEXEC@gmail.com to be added to the list.