

FarmSmart Agricultural Conference 2003



FarmSmart is an agricultural conference designed to address the needs of agriculture in the midwestern to central Ontario regions of the province. Over 400 participants attended and in total, nearly 600 people were involved in the conference.

The FarmSmart Agricultural Conference is a partnership between OMAF, Golden Horseshoe and Heartland Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Associations and the Ontario Agricultural College of the University of Guelph, and is also supported by Ontario's Agricultural Industry.

The FarmSmart Conference was held January 17, 2004 in Rozanski Hall at the University of Guelph. The conference mandate is to provide an opportunity for farmers, extension, academics and industry to interact and learn from a series of 45 sessions held in concurrent sessions throughout the day. Topics included crop and livestock production sessions along with nutrient management, alternative energy, business management, general interest and others. New this year was a series of computer workshops in the OAC multi media laboratory including NMan, farm accounting and precision agriculture software sessions. Additionally, facility tours of the Plant Agriculture's Biotechnology program and Environmental Biology's Space program occurred. Participants chose their own program from the diverse topics available, tailoring the day to meet their individual needs and interests.

Col. Chris Hadfield of NASA and the Canadian Space Agency enlightened participants on his experience as the first Canadian to "walk in space". He shared his views on agriculture since his early years growing up on a Halton County farm and the present planning of manned space travel to Mars.

FarmSmart 2004 was an outstanding success and all the partners are looking forward to bringing you FarmSmart 2005 on January 15th, 2005. Mark it on your calendars now and see you then!

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