

# **SOUTHWEST AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE**

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs takes pride in presenting Eastern Canada's premiere crops conference held each year at Ridgetown College, University of Guelph in Ridgetown. This conference, held in early January, is the first opportunity in the year to take in the latest crop information.

The sessions are designed to provide practical "take home" information. A number of sessions each year are presented in a workshop format giving participants an opportunity to get up close and in some cases hands-on with farm equipment, weed identification, soils, nutrient management and a variety of other topics. Workshops at the last conference included getting spray into soybean canopies, a critical look at land and machinery costs, corn and soybean tillage, and software solutions.

Here is a sample of the more than 40 sessions that were offered concurrently over two days at the last conference:

- Getting the Most from Micros
- Why Grow Corn in 2006?
- Timely Tax Tips
- Commodity Outlook
- Scouting Crops
- Healthy Soil?
- Tools for Incorporating Liquid Manure
- New Nitrogen Recommendations
- More \$ From Your Woodlot
- Weed Control Myth Busting

There is also an opportunity to visit a number of agribusiness displays at the industry trade show to see what new products or services may be worthwhile including in your operation. We look forward to utilizing the new Rudy H. Brown Rural Development Centre in 2007.

The conference is a cooperative effort between the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Southwest Soil and Crop Improvement Association, many agribusiness supporters and Ridgetown College, University of Guelph.

"Good array of topics and were well presented by knowledgeable instructors. This day was well worth it." – Conference participant

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