

Canada's Outdoor Farmshow 2010

"The place where farmers meet", Canada's Outdoor Farm Show offers producers an opportunity to see and learn about innovative advances in farm equipment, agriculture technology and agriculture sector initiatives. Each year since the farm show started, the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) and OMAFRA Crop Technology staff have prepared and participated in an interactive demonstration site.

The Field Crops, Horticulture Technology and Greenhouse, Agroforestry, Specialty Crops Units in partnership with (OSCIA) offered producers a hands-on look at the latest in field, forestry and energy crops. This year's highlights included plots looking at biomass energy and new crops for industrial use, a biomass pelletizer, a demo of on-the-go tire pressure adjustment, trees for the farm, starter fertilizer rates on wheat, brassicae cover crops, plots showing the impact of adding organic materials to build better soils, and plots looking at soybean fertilizer rates.

Inside the tent displays, publications, and posters provided information about provincial weather data, crop heat unit data, wheat provincial variety data, and information on current programming and cost share opportunities.

Lunch hour presentations each day gave Certified Crop Advisors (CCA's) the opportunity for education credits. Topics included an updates on Western Bean Cutworm, the Non-Agriculture Sourced Materials (NASM) regulations, the soil health test and a question-and-answer tour through the bio-energy plots.

Both the field plots and the tent display were designed to invite farm show goers over the three days to visit the displays, and to discuss and ask questions of the OSCIA and OMAFRA crop technology specialists. Situated beside the OSCIA-Bayer sponsored breakfast, and combined with ideal weather for two of the three days, the site experienced near record attendance.

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