



The Don Hill Legacy Award

Recognizing and Sharing Environmental Innovation &
Ingenuity on the Farm or in Agriculture

The Don Hill Legacy Award is generously supported by Ruth Hill & Family. It recognizes an individual business or producer in Ontario that has successfully applied on-farm innovation and ingenuity to effectively address an identified environmental risk associated with soil, water, air or biodiversity on their farm.

ABOUT DON HILL

Don Hill was a soils and crops specialist for the provincial agriculture ministry before turning his full attention to the family farm in Grey County. He was a strong supporter of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA), serving as President in 1988 and was proud to wear his Past President pin.

In the early 90s, when the idea for an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) was being introduced to Ontario agriculture, Don played a key role in promoting the program and training the workshop delivery team. His commitment has left an indelible mark on the tremendous accomplishments associated with the program and his passion for the EFP was widely known and admired. To Don, the program was about farmers sharing their experiences in support of continuous learning and discovering best management practices. He took real satisfaction in finding simple and creative solutions to environmental farm challenges.

Don's passion lives on through the award that bears his name.



Award: The Don Hill Legacy Award is presented annually at the OSCIA Annual General Meeting. **The recipient will receive a \$1,000 cash prize in recognition of their outstanding contribution.**

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Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be an Ontario farm business.
- Must have an Environmental Farm Plan verified within the last five years.
- Entries may be submitted multiple times, but an applicant may win only once.
- All entry forms and supporting materials become the property of OSCIA and will not be returned.
- Proprietary rights associated with any submitted innovation remain the property of the contestant.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Originality and appeal of the innovation.
- Adaptability for general farm use.
- Effectiveness in reducing identified environmental risk.
- Cost-effectiveness.
- Safety considerations for personal use.

Online entries will be accepted throughout the year and evaluated by its Executive Committee using the above criteria. A single winner will be announced during OSCIA's Annual General Meeting in February and asked to share a summary of their innovation at the event. The winner will also be profiled in OSCIA's Innovator magazine and on its website, and may be profiled in farm media.

Thank you to the Community Foundation Grey Bruce and the Rural Institute of Ontario for their expert guidance and assistance in establishing the Don Hill Legacy Award. Individuals wishing to make a contribution to help sustain the Legacy Award are encouraged to approach the [Community Foundation Grey Bruce in Owen Sound](#).

3) Explain how or why your entry achieves at least a “3” or “good” ranking for the EFP question identified for item 2 above?

4) How is your entry built? (please include the list of components, materials used, and the dimensions).

5) What safety features have you built into your design?

6) Estimate how much it cost to build your entry (please separate material from labour)

Material	Total:
Labour	Total:

DECLARATIONS AND SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that I understand the intent of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association Don Hill Legacy award and agree to abide to the contest rules included in the information package.

Print Name (Authorized Signing Authority): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail or email completed copy of this entry form and all supporting documentation to:

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OSCIA Provincial Office: _____

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____