



## Ottawa Valley FARM SHOW

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### **2012 SEED JUDGING TO BE HELD OFF-SITE**

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For the first time, annual seed judging for the 2012 Ottawa Valley Farm Show March 13-15 will be held off the show site to facilitate the move-in process and make participation less complicated for judges and those delivering entries.

**Judging will be held this year at Vernon Community Centre, Saturday March 10; entries must be submitted by 10 a.m. that day; the entries are the top submissions determined at county shows previously held across Eastern Ontario.**

While the OVFS is a farm machinery, equipment, supplies and rural services exhibition featuring 350 companies, the core remains the presentation of the year's seed and forage winners. Now one of North America's premier farm shows, the OVFS grew from a rotating seed competition launched 85 years ago.

Judging has traditionally been held at the show site on the Monday set-up day prior to opening day of the show; winning entries are featured in the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association booth throughout the three days, and the winners are recognized at a lunchtime reception on the second day.

With this year's move by the OVFS to the new CE Centre near Ottawa International Airport, appropriate space for judging was limited, leading to the decision to shift over to Vernon.

"We think it will make things easier all around," said association president Bruce Hudson. "Vernon is very accessible for everybody dropping off entries, there's plenty of room in the rec centre for judging, and by going to Saturday, we'll get a head start on the main show."

In other business, the seed growers association - which sponsors the farm show - decided to contribute \$1,000 this year to the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame in Milton to which it has provided extensive financial support in recent years.

The association sponsors a mini version of the hall at Kemptville Campus of the University of Guelph highlighting inductees who realized their main accomplishments in Eastern Ontario.

During a recent meeting, association directors heard from campus director Dr. Claude Naud about plans to upgrade the meeting room which houses the regional hall of fame and to put more effort in promoting the attraction.

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