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SEED GROWERS GIVE \$15,000 TO HAY EAST

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The Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association has decided to contribute \$15,000 to the Hay East campaign which is working to alleviate a feed shortage in Renfrew County and other parts of Eastern Ontario brought on by the recent summer drought.

Association directors voted at their regular meeting Nov. 19 to kick in the cash after president Bruce Hudson brought them up to date on the Hay East effort. The biggest drawback in moving feed from Western Canada is the cost of transportation, with each truckload averaging \$3,000.

A federal funding program has been introduced which will match community contributions dollar for dollar. Directors were pleased that their \$15,000 would trigger another \$15,000, permitting payment of 10 transport trips.

Several directors got involved in the discussion about helping Hay East, driving up the proposed donation to the final amount. With a slogan of farmers working for farmers, they felt it was just the kind of program the association should take part in.

Funds provided by the Seed Growers to Hay East and to other worthwhile rural and agricultural initiatives across Eastern Ontario are derived from the annual Ottawa Valley Farm Show which the association has sponsored for more than 85 years. Appropriately, it debuted in Renfrew County as a seed fair and competition.

The next edition is coming up at the Ernst and Young (formerly CE) Centre March 12-14. Directors used most of the meeting to plan the 2013 show, including seed and forage display, livestock information booths, annual seed sale for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, along with 4-H, antique and quilt displays.

As for commercial exhibits, OVFS General Manager Tom Van Dusen said the second outing at the new Ottawa Airport facility will be jammed.

“We’ve had a few exhibitors from last year drop out which is typical,” Van Dusen observed. “But we have several who want to expand and a waiting list of at least 25.”

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