



Ottawa Valley FARM SHOW

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SEED GROWERS ENDORSE POSITIVE PROGRAMS AT 2013 FARM SHOW

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Two stimulating agricultural projects will receive special attention at the 2013 Ottawa Valley Farm Show set for March 12-14 at the Ernst & Young Centre (formerly CE Centre) beside Ottawa International Airport.

At its recent regular meeting, the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association, which has sponsored the farm show for the past 86 years, decided to help celebrate this year's 100th anniversary of 4-H Canada and to promote "Agriculture More Than Ever" (AMTE), a program devised by Farm Credit Canada.

Both initiatives will receive free display space at the show. Seed Growers' president Bruce Hudson said both were worthy of support because of the positive perspective they place on Ontario and Canadian agriculture.

Active in 4-H leadership, Hudson noted the OVSGA already spends thousands of dollars every year funding 4-H regional programming, including providing booth space and related services at the annual Farm Show.

After listing several 100th anniversary activities that will take place this year, Tammy Oswick-Kearney, 4-H Canada special projects officer, told the meeting it could turn out that the launch of the Ontario part of the celebration will occur at the Farm Show. To date, she said, no other events are preceding it.

FCC is a key OVFS partner. In establishing AMTE, it's striving to underline what it sees as a bright future for Canadian agriculture through success stories about industry members. AMTE will have information pamphlets, tee-shirts, caps and other merchandise available at the 2013 show.

Directors made several other decisions concerning the 86th farm show, including confirmation of a quilt display along with annual regional 4-H exhibits and an antique section provided by Vintage Iron and Traditions of Eastern Ontario.

Regional seed judging preceding the show will take place at the Greely Community Centre, 8:30-3 p.m., March 9. Winners will be on display at the show and will receive awards March 13. As for commercial booths, the show will be full with 350 exhibitors and at least 20 applications remaining on the waiting list.

In other business, the OVSGA granted \$750 to help pay for a ceremony recognizing St. Pascal's Gerard Savage – a past OVSGA president - with the Franco-Ontarian Agricultural Award of Merit. The association also allocated \$300 to Jakob Vogel of Stormont County who's spearheading the agricultural judging team at Dalhousie Agricultural College.

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