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Ontario Canola Growers 2021 Annual Meeting

We will not be hosting our usual OCGA conference in January.

Instead we will refresh our website with a series of new crop production videos and articles at www.ontariocanologrowers.ca in early January 2021.

And host a virtual **Annual Meeting on Monday, January 19, 2021 at 1:00 pm** to cover AGM business matters including OCGA's previous year audited financial statements, as well as a request for approval of a new bylaw that will allow for the inclusion of up to 2 directors at large (if needed) to represent OCGA's newly designated District areas. This meeting will be held via Zoom. Please email carrie.james@ontariocanologrowers.ca to receive your link to join the meeting.



Congratulations to Ontario's 2020 Canola Challenge Winners!



		Yield lbs/acre	Variety	Location
1 st	Ian, Nicholas and Benjamin Toll Cory Cowan — AGRIS Co-op	5743	Mercedes Winter Canola	Blenheim
2 nd	Nathan Overloop Mike Veenema—AGRIIS Co-op	4429	Popular Winter Canola	Chatham
3 rd	Robert and Dallas Hunter Doug West — County Farm Centre	3770	Mercedes Winter Canola	Wellington
4 th	Dave Schill Tanja Checkley / Harriston Agromart	3665	InVigor L345 PC	Earlton
5 th	JR McLaughlin Matt Rundle, Harriston Agromart	3382	InVigor L255 PC	Harriston
6 th	Wayne Brubacher Ben Schapelhouman, TECC Agriculture	3108	InVigor L345PC	New Liskeard

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**The Ontario Canola Growers Association
has modified the Ontario Canola District areas and
of Representatives and Directors representing each area.**

This decision was made because:

- canola acreage has increased significantly in Northern Ontario (including Temiskaming/Earlton/Verner and north-eastern areas of Ontario),
- central Ontario canola acreage has decreased,
- winter canola has expanded in southern Ontario and OCGA anticipates considerable potential for further growth in this area.

**Revised District Areas,
District Representatives and Directors**

District	Area Description	Agricorp 2020 Insured Acres	District Reps	Directors
1	Northern (north of Tobermory)	16,134	7	3
2	Central (south of Tobermory/north of Guelph/west of Pickering)	7,629	7	3
3	Eastern (east of Pickering)	3,845	3	1
4	Southern (south of Guelph)	1,362	3	1
TOTAL		28,970	20	8

District Representative and Director Elections

We need your voice and participation!
→ **Consider representing your District
as a District Rep or Director.**

All Ontario canola growers are encouraged to participate in the District Rep and Director elections.
If you are interested in attending the meeting or becoming a District Representative or Director email carrie.james@ontariocanolagrowers.ca and a zoom link will be emailed to you.

District Election Date

1	Mon, Nov 30, 2020 — 7:00 pm
2	Tues, Dec 1, 2020 — 7:00 pm
3	Wed, Dec 2, 2020 — 7:00 pm
4	Thurs, Dec 3, 2020 — 7:00 pm

The elections will be held virtually via Zoom.
You will have the option to join your District's election by either computer or phone.

District Representative Commitment:

- represent the needs and concerns of canola growers in your District area,
- participate in the annual OCGA District Representatives and Annual Meetings.

Director Commitment:

- represent the needs and concerns of canola growers and District Reps in your District area,
- participate in 4 to 5 board meetings per year — with virtual participation option,
- participate in the annual District Representatives and Annual Meeting,
- Attend the annual summer canola crop tour,
- Optional representation on various provincial agricultural committees.

Ontario Canola Growers 2021 Research Projects

<p>Winter Canola Relay Intercropping with Soybeans — Farmers in southern Ontario reported outstanding winter canola yields in 2020 and these yields have built keen interest in trying winter canola. Double cropping soybeans after winter canola has been experimented with but the success of this practice can vary from year to year. As an alternative, Dr. Page has begun trials on relay intercropping soybeans with winter canola, which would allow for longer season soybean varieties with greater yield potential. This research proposes to determine the optimal seeding date for relay intercropping soybeans with winter canola and evaluate the cost of production for this relay intercrop system. The successful outcome of this project has the potential to increase both economic and soil health benefits by adding diversity to current rotations.</p>	<p>Dr. Eric Page Agriculture and AgriFood Canada Harrow Research Station</p>
<p>Clubroot — Annually renewed project with the following goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. assess the distribution of clubroot and the pathotype, 2. identify canola cultivars that are resistant to Ontario pathotypes, 3. identify rotation crops and cover crops that reduce the population of pathogens in soil over time, 4. develop and test strategies to deal with small areas of infestation in a field, or areas where resistance has eroded. 	<p>Dr. Mary Ruth McDonald University of Guelph</p>
<p>Biological Control Potential of Swede Midge Parasitoid <i>Synopeas myles</i> Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. determine the population dynamics of swede midge and <i>S. myles</i> in Ontario, 2. determine the distribution and abundance of <i>S. myles</i> in Ontario canola regions, 3. establish a rearing method for <i>S. myles</i>, 4. determine susceptibility of <i>S. myles</i> to insecticides registered for use in canola. 	<p>Dr. Rebecca Hallett Dr. Angela Gradish University of Guelph</p>
<p>Spring Canola in North-West Ontario — Canola is an important crop in north-west Ontario where swede midge is not yet present and clubroot is rare. Because north-west Ontario differs from the rest of Ontario in terms of canola yield potential, soil properties (pH, nutrient supply capacity and soil texture) and climate during the growing season, agronomy trials conducted in north-west Ontario will be valuable to local canola growers. This project will test the rate, placement and timing of nutrients important for optimal canola productivity: sulfur (rate), boron (timing) and phosphorus (placement).</p>	<p>Dr. Joshua Nasielski Kim Joe Bliss University of Guelph</p> <p>Meghan Moran, OMAFRA</p>
<p>Starter Phosphorus Products and Rates for Fast Early Spring Canola Growth Fast, early growth of spring canola is critical for successful canola crops in regions heavily impacted by swede midge. Early planting and early bolting of canola prior to swede midge emergence mitigates insect damage, but optimizing fertilization for fast early growth is also extremely important. Producers have questions about safe rates of starter fertilizer at seeding and canola response to applied phosphorus as insufficient starter fertilizer will not optimize growth at low soil test levels, while excessive starter fertilizers with seed can result in toxicity and thin stands. Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. evaluate the response rate of spring canola to MESZ applied at seeding and the impact of MESZ on plant populations. 2. evaluate the response rate of spring canola to Top-Phos applied at seeding and the impact of Top-Phos on plant populations. 	<p>Northern Ontario: Ben Schapelhouman TECC Agriculture</p> <p>Central Ontario: Deb Campbell Agronomy Advantage</p> <p>Meghan Moran, OMAFRA</p>
<p>Winter Canola Trial In Eastern Ontario — Spring canola yields in Eastern Ontario are historically lower than the provincial average with some questioning whether higher temperatures during the growing season is a factor and if winter canola could be a viable alternative because of its earlier seasonal time of bloom and harvest and higher tolerance to heat. This trial will evaluate planting dates for new winter canola genetics bred for hardier winter survival. Data collected on winter survival may be shared with Agricorp to increase the geographical regions that Agricorp offers winter kill insurance to.</p>	<p>Dr. Joshua Nasielski Holly Byker University of Guelph</p> <p>Meghan Moran, OMAFRA</p>