

FarmSmart Agricultural Conference 2014

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The FarmSmart Agricultural Conference celebrated its 16th Anniversary on Sat. Jan. 19th, 2014. The conference which began at Redeemer College Ancaster in 1999 and moved to the University of Guelph main campus in 2003 continues to build to offer participants, speakers and sponsors more opportunity to learn and network. FarmSmart wishes to thank the many participants, organizers, speakers and sponsors who have supported this conference over the past 15 years. Attendance again surpassed expectations with over 1000 people participating in the newly expanded 2 day event. In an effort to expand the value of the FarmSmart franchise, the organizers added a second year of a full day single stream event, SoySmart, which brought over 363 producers and Ag business people together at RIM Park in Waterloo to learn from Missy and Bill Bauer of Coldwater Michigan and our own Horst Bohner. With the tremendous success of the second year of this add on event, it will become a staple of FarmSmart.

FARMSMART AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, January 18th, 2014
Rozanski Hall, University of Guelph

Feature Speakers:

Jim Budzynski
MacroGrain Partners
Carmel, Indiana

Mark Gardiner
Gardiner Angus Ranch
Ashland, Kansas

Missy Bauer
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Friday January 17, 2014 RIM Park, Waterloo
A full day in-depth focus on soybean production and management with Missy Bauer
Farm Journal Associate Field Agronomist Bill Bauer, B&M Crop Consulting
Horst Bohner, OMAF-MRA Soybean Specialist

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Continuing on the success of our parallel feature speaker program from the last couple of years of sharing the time with a speaker from the Ontario Beef Symposium which has

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become a permanent fixture of the event and our main program, our speakers were Dr. Jim Budzynski of Carmel Indiana speaker on “Agriculture 3.0. From Consolidation to Convergence” and Mark Gardiner of Ashland Kansas speaking on “Taking Control of Your Destiny”.

The FarmSmart Agricultural Conference is produced in partnership between OMAFRA, Golden Horseshoe and Heartland Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Associations, The University of Guelph and is supported broadly by Ontario’s Agricultural Industry.

The conference mandate is to provide an opportunity for farmers, extension, academics and industry to interact and learn from a series of approximately 50 sessions and workshops held in up to 10 concurrent formats throughout the day. Topics included crop and livestock production sessions along with nutrient management, alternative energy, business management, general interest and others. A series of computer workshops in the OAC multi media laboratory including various financial and precision agriculture software tools. Participants chose their own program from the diverse slate of topics allowing each participant to tailor the day to their interests and requirements. The FarmSmart Committee is pleased to see that the attendance at the conference continues to spread itself across the wide range of diverse sessions. We are always intrigued by the mix of people who show up at some of less agricultural topics. This diversity of program is what makes FarmSmart unique among the wide range of conferences held each year, and based on the success of the format will continue to be the focus of the program committee in the future.

The Youth Program was again a great success with close to 40 participating. We continue to emphasize this aspect of the conference. Kids, come out and have a fun and interesting day exploring the University of Guelph and all it has to offer. For the first time this year we were able to arrange a tour of the OVC Vet College which was well received by the kids and we returned to the School of Environmental Sciences Space Lab, always a perennial hit.

FarmSmart 2013 was an outstanding success and all the partners are looking forward to bringing you FarmSmart 2014 on January 18th, 2014. Mark your calendars today, so as not to miss the exciting and informative chance to join fellow producers, industry, extension and academics at next year’s event.

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