

## Forage Focus 2018 – Economic Focus on Forages

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Stratford Rotary Complex

The purpose of the Forage Focus conference is to bring fresh ideas and new research results to Ontario forage producers and those feeding stored forages to ruminants. The event is a joint effort between the Ontario Forage Council and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Between the main location in Stratford and five remote locations, 123 people attended.

**Topics** presented this year were as follows:

- “Preparing for Adverse Weather” by Christine O’Reilly, OMAFRA Forage and Grazing Specialist
- “From Harvest to Feed-Out: Maximizing the Potential of Stored Forages” by Brent Corrigan, Alltech
- “Capturing Forage Quality” by Mike Hutjens, Professor Emeritus at University of Illinois
- 2017 OSCIA Forage Master Doug Johnston, about his farm in Perth County
- “New and Old Forage Applications” by Mike Hutjens, Professor Emeritus at University of Illinois
- “Using the New Soil Residue Calculator” by Chris Brown, OMAFRA Field Crops Sustainability Specialist

**Key learnings** from this event were the importance of management in growing and storing quality forage, and that profitability is linked to those best management practices.

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