

FarmSmart Farming Systems Expo 2018

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The 2018 edition of the FarmSmart Farming Systems Expo attracted a near record crowd on a wonderful July Thursday and was another great success. The expo event is meant to provide a practical hands-on extension to the winter FarmSmart Agricultural Conference

The purpose of these diagnostic days is to highlight current issues in crop production. This is done through creating and exploring “field issues” which provided participants with skills and knowledge needed to identify and solve problems as they become evident, or better yet, identify and correct issues before they become problems.

The FarmSmart Expo is a one day event, with the first day inviting farmers and agribusiness to the Elora Research Station of the University of Guelph. The participants are organized into small groups who rotate through a number of sessions that challenge them in problem solving current and obscure agronomic events that have been experienced in the field. The sessions also highlight new technologies and techniques.

Sessions in 2018 included:

1. Soil Diagnosing	Adam Hayes, Anne Verhallen, OMAFRA
2. New Planter Technology – The iCubed Water Jet Planter -	James Dyck, Ben Rosser, OMAFRA
3. The Need For Sulphur in Ontario Crops	John Lauzon, U of G and Jake Munroe, OMAFRA
4. Growing Dry Bean Variety Mixtures to Increase Crop Resiliency and Capture Ecosystem Services	Peter Pauls, U of G and Meghan Moran, OMAFRA
5. Getting Bang for Your Manure Buck with In-Crop Drag Hose Application	Chris Brown, OMAFRA and Larry Bearinger Pumped Environmental Services
6. DIY Sensors for Solving on Farm Data Questions	John Van de Vegte, OMAFRA Engineer
7. Current Weed Control Options and Weed Control Strategies!	Clarence Swanton UG-PAg and Mike Cowbrough, OMAFRA
8. Soil Compaction Primer! Did we do the right things this spring?	Peter Johnson Real Agriculture, Alex Barrie OMAFRA and Eric Brubacher OK Tire Elmira

Crop Advance: Field Crop Reports

A big thank you to all our speakers, organizers, sponsors and participants for helping making the 2018 event another great success.

The 2019 event will be held on Thursday July 11th. Keep current with FarmSmart related happenings at our new website at www.farmsmartconference.com

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