

FROM THE CHAIR

Message from Jim Gowland

It's hard to believe that we're fast approaching harvest time once again. Despite some extremes in planting this spring and huge extremes in precipitation throughout Ontario, as we near harvest the edible bean crop in Ontario overall looks better than expected. Fingers crossed the temperature stays where it should be for September and we're not hit with an unexpected frost.

The acreage report we received from Agricornp in July shows a modest bounce back in total bean acres. We're just shy of 10,000 acres more than 2016. The White bean market class led the comeback putting us at approximately 116,881 acres for 2017.

The Research Day in August was a great success with over 100 growers, researchers and industry partners in attendance. Thanks to our sponsors for their very generous contributions towards the day. Gowan Canada, Bayer, Syngenta, Engage Agro, Thompsons Ltd., Fergusons, Fieldcrest, Hensall District Coop and Premier Ag Tech (AgTiv).

OBG Executive Director Ryan Koeslag and I attended the Pulse and Special Crops Convention held in Vancouver in July. Over 1200 international guests from 50 countries took in 3 days of international speaker presentations and excellent networking opportunities.

As I write this, our management team is working hard to prepare for our participation in the International Plowing Match being held September 19-24 in Huron County. The OBG booth will be in the Ag-Mazing Food Farm tent (Hydro One Education Centre) along with a number of the other commodity groups. Each morning, at 10, we will be doing a bean smoothie making demo. If you are to take some time to visit the match, please stop in at our booth to say hello.

And with that, I would like to wish everyone a safe and rewarding harvest.

JIM GOWLAND | OBG CHAIR



OBG NEWSLETTER MOVES TO COUNTRY GUIDE

OBG has entered a partnership with Country Guide East to deliver organizational and production related news through their magazine. All growers will receive a complimentary subscription to Country Guide East beginning with the November issue. Those who already receive Country Guide will have their subscription extended. Our contact list will be merged with Country Guide's contact list so that you do not receive duplicate copies.

This is a one year trial which we will evaluate throughout the year. We would appreciate feedback from growers

Growers can continue to get timely updates via the OBG Eblast list. Sign up at ontariobeans.on.ca or contact jennifer@ontariobeans.on.ca.

2017 LICENSE FEES

License Fees for all markets classes of dry bean will remain \$6.80 per MT.

OBG VISITS THE ROCK

Dietitians of Canada Conference

In early June, OBG participated in the Dietitians of Canada annual conference held in St. John's, NFLD. Lisa Mardlin-Vandewalle, bean grower and Registered Dietitian, accompanied Project Coordinator, Jennifer Mitchell, and engaged fellow RDs at a technical level.

There was a very positive response to OBG's participation. RDs are challenged by staying current with the literature and appreciate having good quality studies/reviews being made available to them. OBG provided two research studies, by Dr. Dan Ramdath of AAFC. One looking at the cholesterol lowering effects of pulses and the other looking at the role of pulses in the dietary management of diabetes.

Jennifer Mitchell, Project Coordinator, and Lisa Mardlin-Vandewalle, RD pictured here at the OBG display at the Dietitians of Canada Conference.



Perhaps the most valuable component of the conference was the opportunity to network. A number of important contacts were made that could lead to some exciting projects for OBG in the future. Stay tuned!

IN CELEBRATION OF LOCAL FOOD WEEK

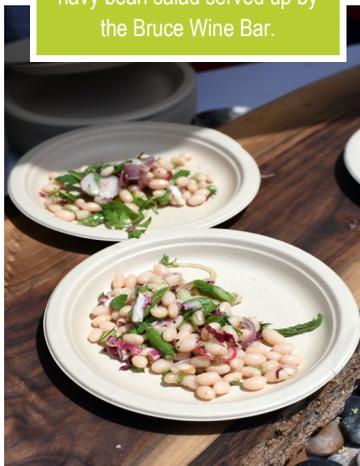
Pop Up Picnic at Yonge-Dundas Square



Grower Kim Dietrich gives instructions on how to plant and care for beans.

On June 1, as a kick off to local food week, OBG participated in Foodland Ontario and Feast On's Pop Up Picnic at Yonge-Dundas Square. Commodities were paired with chefs who prepared a dish featuring the commodity.

Smoked white fish with Ontario navy bean salad served up by the Bruce Wine Bar.



OBG was paired with the Bruce Wine Bar of Thornbury. Chef Shaun Edmonstone served up smoked white fish with Ontario navy bean salad. Feast On™ is a certification program that recognizes businesses committed to sourcing Ontario grown and made food and drink. All of the participating in this event were Feast On™ members and pride themselves on using local food. The Culinary Tourism Alliance, which manages the Feast On™ program, reports in excess of 8000 people visiting Yonge-Dundas picnic. OBG was on hand distributing recipes and talking about bean production. The biggest attraction to OBG's booth were the packets of bean seeds handed out. Apartment dwellers were particularly excited to find out they could grow a bean plant in a pot on their balcony.

Provincial Agriculture Minister Jeff Leal made the rounds and sampled each dish. Pictured here with Chef Shaun Edmonstone and his team.



Square during the



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2018 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2018 AGM will be held on February 22. We are in the process of seeking a new location for this event. Please watch the website for details as they become available.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE EBLAST LIST ?

The OBG Eblast is sent out on an as needed basis when we have timely information to communicate to our growers.

Signing up is easy. Visit ontariobeans.on.ca/growers and scroll to the bottom of the page. There, you will find a form on which to enter your Email address.

Or, send a message to jennifer@ontariobeans.on.ca and we'll add you to the list.

PRODUCTION NEWS

(in acres)	White Beans	Black Beans	Cranberry Beans	Kidney Beans	Japan/ Other	Adzuki Beans	Pinto Beans	Total
Ontario	60,363	12,959	13,196	13,829	8,911	7,623	-	116,881
Manitoba	27,231	22,409	7,249	8,136	5,690	-	52,048	122,763

Ontario Data provided by Agricorp

Manitoba Data provided by MASC

Planted acres in Ontario are up this year from 107,119 in 2016 to 116,881 in 2017. White beans gained just over 14,000 acres and Crans gained 3,400 acres. All other market classes are down this year.

Manitoba's acres are also up, from 113,624 acres in 2016 to 122,763.

In the US, North Dakota continues to lead bean production with 620,000 acres planted this season. Montana and Michigan are tied at 190,000 acres with Washington coming in at 175,000. Minnesota, Idaho and Nebraska trail with 170,000, 155,000 and 150,000 acres respectively. Total US dry bean planted acres for 2017 is 1.823 million, up from 1.662 million in 2016.

AGRICORP REMINDS PRODUCERS TO STAY IN TOUCH

Customers should call Agricorp if they would like to discuss damage to their crops. Agricorp staff are ready to answer questions and walk customers through the claims process if they:

- Expect a delay in harvest
- Think their crops may be damaged beyond their intended use
- Don't think any of their crops will be worth harvesting
- Are in financial distress and would like to apply for an AgriStability interim payment

Producers can continue to get the most current program information by clicking the 2017 crop season icon on the agricorp.com home page and by reading their monthly ad in *the Ontario Farmer*.

ONTARIO PULSE COMMITTEE VARIETY TRIAL TOUR



On August 24, OBG participated in the variety trial tour held at the Elora Research Station. This tour happens each year and gives growers an opportunity to see their check-off dollars at work through the various activities of the breeding program. An invitation is sent to growers via OBG's Eblast.

Stops on the tour included the anthracnose disease nursery (pictured left), the nitrogen management study plot, the F1 nursery (where it all begins) and the variety trial plots.

The Bean Breeding Program at the University of Guelph is the largest bean breeding program in Canada and one of the largest in the world. Ontario Bean Growers have invested \$454,000 over the last five years into the breeding program and with that investment realized matching funds in the amount of \$1.13 million making a combined total investment of \$1.586 million.

Results of the variety trials can be viewed at gobeans.ca.

ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY A SUCCESS



Dr. Peter Sikkema talks weed management.

The weather seemed a bit iffy on August 22, and it did rain (sideways at times) during the research presentations, but everyone remained dry on the plot tour. 100 growers and industry representatives attended the annual event held at the Huron Research Station in Centralia.

Western Bean Cutworm was, of course, a hot topic with presentations by Tracey Baute, Entomologist with OMAFRA and Kurtis Fielding Turnbull, a grad student working on the reproductive biology and overwinter success of the WBC project with Dr. Jeremy McNeil. Key message - Begin scouting for pod feeding 10-20 days after peak moth flight (determined by using pheromone traps in the field). If pod feeding is easily found, a spray application is necessary.

Talk fast, Peter!



Research indicates that control is still very effective when done shortly after pod feeding is found. Dr. Peter Sikkema and Chris Gillard, both of the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, gave presentations on the advances being made in weed, pest and disease management and Dr. Peter Pauls spoke about the work being done in bean breeding. Dr. Chris Maginangeli, Director, Science, Nutrition and Regulatory Affairs with Pulse Canada presented "Creating Opportunities for Growing the Consumption of Beans".

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