



NEWS & VIEWS

# From the Bean Field

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## Retro-active Fertilizer Tariffs

Ontario Bean Growers issued a news release on July 20th in response to the Government of Canada imposing tariffs on fertilizer purchased from Russia prior to the start of the war with Ukraine.

As a result, OBG management and board members have been engaged with numerous media interviews over the past couple of weeks. The news release was picked up by a number of outlets including: CBC, CTV, The Evan Solomon Show, Farmtario, Western Producer, Manitoba Co-operator and a number of Radio talk shows.

The full news release and resulting interviews can be viewed on OBG's website at: <https://ontariobeans.on.ca/growers/news-events/news-releases/>

OBG is also part of a joint advocacy effort with the Atlantic Grains Council, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, Fertilizer Canada, Grain Farmers of Ontario, Grain Farmers of Quebec, Ontario Agri Business Association, Ontario Canola Growers Association, Sylvite, and Solio Agriculture. Together we are collaborating to continue the awareness with government and are hopeful that these concerted efforts will have a positive outcome for our growers.



From left to right - OBG Vice Chair, Jamie Payton, and OBG Chair, Dave Woods, during their interview with Scott Miller of CTV News.

## Message from the Chair

Another growing season has come and gone, seemingly in a flash. A large portion of the bean growing area had an extended early season drought that lasted for 5-6 weeks depending on location. For the most part, some rains did show up and the crops are reportedly at least average looking. Combine this with high prices and returns should be healthy. As of this writing, many dry bean acres have been desiccated and some fields are harvested. Let's hope the weather holds to get all the crop off in good shape and allow some winter wheat acres to get planted on a timely manner.

We have seen reports of bacterial brown spot on some of the crop this summer but have not been able to quantify if yield or quality is reduced. We have asked Owen Wally, our bean pathologist at AAFC-Harrow, to look into it. These types of diseases are always being taken into consideration with our breeding program as we continue to put your check-off dollars to

## SAVE THE DATE

### Annual General Meeting

February 28, 2023

Arden Park Hotel  
Stratford

## 22-23 LICENSE FEES

The 22-23 OBG License Fees remain at

\$6.50/MT. Bean dealers are required to submit license fees on behalf of growers when buying beans. There are currently 10 Ontario Bean Dealers remitting license fees to OBG (see PDF at <https://ontariobeans.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Dealers-list.pdf>)

for listing). If you are selling to someone not on this list, they are not remitting license fees on your behalf. If you are unsure if license fees have been remitted on your behalf, please contact Jennifer at the

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[jennifer@ontariobeans.on.ca](mailto:jennifer@ontariobeans.on.ca)



## Message from the Chair

work breeding higher yielding, well adapted varieties for better returns at the farm gate.

Currently our biggest challenge in the Ontario dry bean industry is getting enough growers to fill the demand that the processors need to meet market demand. In order to compete with corn and soy acres, our breeding program becomes even more important. The dark red kidney bean, Dynasty, was able to increase dark red kidney bean acres in Ontario quite significantly. Gallantry is another dark red kidney bean that is just coming to market that hopefully will carry this torch further. Gallantry

matures slightly earlier and has a smaller seed size which is what the end users have been asking for. It is in our strategic best interest to increase that breeding effort at the University of Guelph and AAFC-Harrow even further to develop new varieties in other market classes that will have the same effect. The next generation will not continue growing a specialty crop that takes huge time and management unless there is a significant payback. Our breeding program has never been more important.

Best wishes for a safe and profitable harvest,

Dave Woods

Chair

Ontario Bean Growers



Dark Red Kidney Bean Harvest (Gallantry) at Lynalwood Farms in Thorndale. Photo courtesy of Dave Woods.



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## OBG Annual Research Day returns and draws large crowd

For the first time since 2019, OBG was able to host its annual research day, plot tour, and BBQ on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 120 growers and industry stakeholders attended the event held at the Huron Research Station.

Presentations were delivered by Chris Gillard, University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus; Dr. Peter Sikkema, University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus; Dr. Peter Pauls, University of Guelph; Dr. Jamie Larsen, AAFC-Harrow; and Meghan Moran, Canola and Edible Bean Specialist, OMAFRA. The presentations are available on OBG's website at <https://ontariobeans.on.ca/growers/resources/presentations/>



Special thanks to Chris Gillard, Don Depuydt and the team at the Huron Research Station for a great plot tour and all the hard work that went into getting the station ready for the day.

Also, thank you to all our sponsors for your very generous contributions.

## New dry bean virtual reality tour



OBG is excited to be partnering with Farm and Food Care Ontario to tell the story of dry beans through a new virtual reality tour set to be launched at the 2022 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

The video series will follow dry beans from farm to grocery store and will include a 360° video from inside The Andersons' processing and packaging plant in Blenheim.

Dave and Amy Arand and their children farm in Perth County and have grown just about every market class at some point. They will be featured in the video sharing their love of farming and why they choose to grow dry beans.

Also featured in the video are Wayne Wolfe (District 3 Delegate), Katy Dietrich (District 2 Delegate), and Mike Donnelly-Vanderloo who discuss the challenge of growing dry beans.

Farm and Food Care Ontario will launch this new video series during the 2022 Royal Winter Fair, where fair goers will have an opportunity to experience the virtual reality tour on site.

In 2021, the Farm Food 360 website had 229,406 users, 912,689 page views, and 14.6 million impressions.



## Love Canadian Beans Campaign

The Love Canadian Beans marketing campaign is a digital marketing initiative led by Pulse Canada, Ontario Bean Growers, Manitoba Pulse and Soybeans Growers, and Alberta Pulse Growers. The goal of the campaign is to reposition Canadian beans as a trendy food and versatile ingredient in the eyes of the consumer by leveraging farming stories, flavours, recipes, and nutritional attributes.

Through creative visuals, consistent, simplified, and concise key messaging, storytelling tactics, and partnerships, beans will be showcased as a locally-grown, versatile, and healthy ingredient in any meal.

A key part of the campaign is the "Beans +" Partnership.

The "Beans +" partnership with commodity boards, key influencers, and chefs will reach a wider audience and amplify the key messages around other Canadian foods pairing well with beans. Commodities that have come on board for the campaign include Mushrooms Canada, Egg Farmers of Ontario, Alberta Beef, Manitoba Pork, BC Tree Fruit, PEI Potatoes, and many more.

Consumers will be shown how to prepare and serve beans with other Canadian-grown foods. This will result in numerous successes, creating opportunity for Canadian beans to be highlighted as more than just your grandma's pantry staple, while celebrating and exploring all ingredients.

## Pulse Industry Submission: Fertilizer Emissions Reduction Target

In response to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's call for consultation on the Fertilizer Emissions Reduction Target (FERT), Pulse Canada developed a letter reflecting the concerns and ideas of the Canadian pulse industry. This letter was developed with consultation and input from the four provincial grower organizations, including the Ontario Bean Growers.

The full letter can be viewed on Pulse Canada's website: <https://bit.ly/PCFERT>



### Do we have your Email address?

If you have never received an Email from OBG then the answer is no. Help us ensure you receive timely news as well as reduce our printing and postage expenses by sharing your Email address. Just scan the QR code to complete the form or send your name, farm name and email address to [jennifer@ontariobeans.on.ca](mailto:jennifer@ontariobeans.on.ca).



## ACREAGE REPORT

	White Beans	Black Beans	Cranberry Beans	Kidney Beans	Japan/Other Beans	Adzuki Beans	Pinto Beans	Great Northern Beans	Small Red Beans	Other	Total
ON	45,062	11,945	7,499	13,320	5,550	18,225					101,901
MB	20,318	63,305	2,805	4,300			63,305			3,295	115,076
AB							19,008	11,104	2,112	2,851	35,075
SK		~1,000					~2,000				~3,000

Ontario Data provided by Agricorp

Manitoba Data provided by MASC

Alberta Data provided by AFSC/Dry Bean World

Saskatchewan Data provided by Dry Bean World

US Data provided by USDA

As expected, planted acres in Ontario are down again this year due continued high prices in soybeans and corn. Planted acres have decreased by 12,071 from 113,972 in 2021 to 101,901. Harvested acres in 2021 were 100,362. White beans acres decreased by 7,522 from 52,584 in 2021 to 45,062 in 2022. The only market class to see an increase in acres this year were Adzuki beans, gaining 2,971 acres over last year's 15,254.

Manitoba's planted acres are down by 61,654 to 115,076 in 2022.

In the US, North Dakota continues to lead bean production with 580,000 acres planted this season, down 80,000 from 2021. Michigan, Minnesota, and Nebraska follow with 220,000, 215,000, and 125,000 acres respectively. Idaho and Washington were the only two States to see an (slight) increase with 70,000 and 60,000 acres planted. Total US dry bean planted acres for 2022 is 1.284 million, down from 1.394 million in 2021.

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