



Message from the Chair

Since the last chair's message, the crops have all been harvested and the vast majority of fall tillage is also complete with mostly terrific conditions. We had an amazing run of beautiful warm sunny days in the late fall that enabled the crop to come off efficiently without any damaging effect to the soil which helps us out of next year's gate.

The bean yields were mostly average to slightly above average with excellent quality. Combining the yield and price, the dry bean acres fared very well overall. The same result can also be said about corn and soybeans, which continues to compete heavily with dry bean acres.

Unfortunately, the dry bean price is not keeping pace with other crop options, or the price of crop inputs and this longer term issue maintains the squeeze on grower numbers and grower acres.

These issues continue to circle back to how important our breeding program is to strive for higher yields. The biggest concern the Ontario dry bean industry has is getting more beans to market. Right now, we have markets we can't fill and since we are price takers, the only thing we can do is get increased yields or reduce expenses.

OBG is prioritizing your check off dollars into variety research as well as ways to grow the crop more efficiently.

This is our first year looking into the value of white mold fungicides under typical disease pressure. Despite very low disease pressure this year there was a modest yield increase. Of course, you can't read much into one year of data so this study will be ongoing. Stay tuned!

Looking forward to next year, it will behoove every grower to closely look at the pricing in different market classes as there may be opportunities that individuals have not explored before.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and a successful new year.

Wishing you all the best for the upcoming holiday season.

Dave Woods



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Registration is now open!
February 28, 2023
Arden Park Hotel
Stratford

Register here: <https://obgagm2023.eventbrite.ca>
Pre-registration is required.

Visit
<https://bit.ly/obgagm2023>

for more details as they become available including:

Agenda
2022 Financial Statements
Election procedures

See inside the newsletter for details on Director and Delegate Nominations.

Resolutions

The submission deadline for resolutions is February 24 at 4:00pm. Resolutions should be submitted via the form found here:

<https://bit.ly/obgresolutions23>

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Call for Director and Delegate Nominations

In 2023, membership will elect four directors to the Ontario Bean Growers Board of Directors to a two-year term – one from each of the three districts and a director-at-large.

District 1	District 2	District 3
Brant, Chatham-Kent, Elgin, Essex, Haldimand, Hamilton, Lambton, Middlesex, Niagara, Norfolk & Oxford	Bruce & Huron	Perth, Waterloo, Wellington & all other geographic areas not within Districts 1 & 2

A grower is eligible to vote and run for a director position on the Board of Directors if they grew dry edible beans of any market class in 2021 and/or 2022 and paid their annual license fees, or if they have a contract to grow beans in 2023. New growers who plan to grow beans in 2023 will be asked to complete an affidavit signed by their bean dealer as an indication of their commitment to grow beans in 2023 and pay board license fees. If the farm is not individually owned, only one person may represent that farm entity. This can be an employee, shareholder, director or partner in the business. In order to vote on behalf of a farm with multiple owners, the individual voting on behalf of the business must identify themselves as such on the online registration form.

A grower who produces beans in more than one district may vote and run for the position of director to the OBG Board of Directors in only one district. If a grower wishes to vote and/or be nominated to run for the position of director to the OBG Board of Directors, in a district other than the district in which they reside, that grower must make declaration to the OBG Board Office in written form on or before **January 17, 2023**. Such a declaration will change the grower's district designation in the OBG database until such time as a different written declaration is received by the OBG Board Office. Otherwise, each grower will be assigned to the district in which they reside according to the current OBG database.

Nomination Process

Director Nominations

Nominations for District Directors must be made using the online nomination form available on OBG's website. All nominations must be submitted by the deadline of **4 pm EST on February 14, 2023**.

For those who have previously served as a director on the Ontario Bean Producers' Marketing Board and/or the Ontario Coloured Bean Growers Association, there is a maximum 15 combined years of service after which a grower is not eligible to run for a director position on the OBG board. Years of service as a delegate and/or committee man do not count in this aggregate.

District Delegate Nominations

In an effort to streamline the election process, we are strongly encouraging that nominations for District Delegates to be made in advance of the AGM. Nominations can be made using the online form available on the OBG website. There will also be a call for nominations from the floor. If any elections for the board of directors are held, unsuccessful candidates can choose to have their names added to the Delegate ballot for their district. There are six positions open for each of the three districts. District delegate elections will take place following the director elections.

More information as well as the online nomination forms can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/obgagm2023>



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Pulse Science Cluster

March 31, 2023 marks the end of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a \$3 billion five-year (2018-2023), investment by federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) governments to strengthen and grow Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector. Over the course of the past five years OBG has invested 1.35 million dollars via the Pulse Science Cluster. The leveraged funding received more than doubled OBG's investment, supporting the breeding programs at the University of Guelph (Dr. Peter Pauls) and AAFC Harrow (Dr. Jamie Larsen), canning trials at AAFC Lethbridge (Dr. Parthiba Balasubramanian), the pest management program at the Huron Research station (Chris Gillard), and a pilot project on the cholesterol lowering effects of beans which we are hopeful will lead to a health claim for beans (Dr. Alison Duncan, UofG).

The current program is being replaced with the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership Program. As the title suggests, this next round of funding puts an emphasis on climate change and the environment. It has been a challenge to align the needs of our growers with the priorities set out by the government, but the Pulse Science Cluster (composed of staff from each of the provincial pulse grower groups and Pulse Canada) has worked with our researchers to ensure their projects fit under at least one of the government priority pillars.

We are in the final stages of preparing the funding proposal with a plan to submit in early December.

OBG has committed to investing 1.5 million dollars with specific support for the following projects:

The Interaction of Climate Change with Pest Management and Fertility in Dry Bean - Chris Gillard, Ridgetown Campus, University of Guelph

The AGGI Project: Accelerated Genetic Gain and Improvement - Dr. Valerio Hoyos-Villegas, McGill University (Dr. Jamie Larsen's breeding program at AAFC-Harrow is embedded in this project)

Bean Breeding for Increased Profitability and Environmental Sustainability - Dr. Peter Pauls, University of Guelph

Towards a better understanding of dry bean root rot and soybean cyst nematode management - Dr. Owen Wally, AAFC-Harrow

Fertilizer Tariffs

OTTAWA, ON, November 25, 2022 – Farm groups from Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada are calling on the federal government to refund farmers who have borne the extra fees and costs resulting from tariffs on fertilizer in 2022.

Representatives from the Atlantic Grains Council, Québec Grain Farmers, Grain Farmers of Ontario, the Ontario Bean Growers Association, Ontario Canola Growers, and the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario – representing more than 50,000 farmers – have come together to ask the government to ensure the refund of tariff fees goes directly to farmers.

According to Statistics Canada, the federal government collected \$34 million in tariff income on fertilizer imported into Canada in 2022. Since last spring, farmers have been paying tariff surcharges on fertilizer purchased to grow their crops. Much of these surcharges were placed on fertilizer purchased in advance of the tariffs being introduced.

Farm groups have spent months meeting with Members of Parliament to outline the impact the tariffs are having on the Canadian food system and the importance of refunding this money back to farmers.

Read the full news release at: bit.ly/ferttariffs

PMRA decision prompts Syngenta to recall products containing lambda-cyhalothrin

OBG is monitoring the situation in Western Canada that has seen Syngenta recall products containing lambda-cyhalothrin (Matador) as a result of the 2021 PMRA re-evaluation decision to cancel and remove all feed uses from the product label, prohibiting its use on crops that become livestock feed.

The impact to Ontario growers is still being assessed. Syngenta has indicated Matador 120EC will still be available in Eastern Canada, but only for the horticultural markets. At this time, it appears Coragen may be the only option available for control of Western Bean Cutworm in 2023.

OBG continues to have conversations with OMAFRA, our dealers, Pulse Canada and other industry partners. We will provide updates as more information becomes available via our monthly Eblast (sign up below).

Sign up for our Monthly Eblast!

Ensure you receive timely news from OBG.

Just scan the QR code to complete the form or send your name, farm name and email address to jennifer@ontariobeans.on.ca.





Grow Dry Beans in 2023

CONTACT AN ONTARIO BEAN DEALER TODAY FOR CONTRACT INFORMATION

Make sure you include dry beans in your 2023 crop plan!

There are currently 15 Ontario Bean Dealers remitting license fees to OBG - 12 of which have agreed to OBG promoting their company (see PDF at <https://ontariobeans.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Dealers-list.pdf>)

If you are unsure if license fees have been remitted on your behalf, please contact Jennifer at the OBG office at jennifer@ontariobeans.on.ca

Dry bean virtual reality tour launched

Our Dry Bean Virtual Reality Tour officially launched on December 6 on FarmFood360.ca. The 360 virtual reality tour and supporting static videos take viewers on a visit to Dave and Amy Arand's farm in Perth County and The Andersons Canada processing plant in Blenheim.

Using 360 cameras and virtual reality technology, the award-winning FarmFood360° website gives Canadians the chance to tour real, working farms and food processing plants, all without putting on boots or biosecurity clothing.

The dry bean tour, as well as a potato farm/processor tour and broiler breeder farm tour join the 22 farm and food processing tours already on the FarmFood360 website.



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