

APPENDIX F AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

The rural environment of Elizabethtown-Kitley makes it a natural setting for opportunities in the agricultural sector. With baby boomer trends pointed in the direction of leaving the larger urban centres to capture a lifestyle in a rural community, the growth of hobby farms, and organic farming is on the rise. The province of Ontario encourages the development of such enterprises and our township provides an ideal setting for opportunities of this kind.

The following resources are available to those considering a start-up, career, move or retirement plan based on an agricultural focus. Elizabethtown-Kitley has a wealth of land available for these opportunities.

Farm LINK Ontario P.O. Box 1875, Guelph, ON N1H 6Z9 T: (519) 836-7046 www.farmlinkontario.com FarmLINK 's MatchMaker tool brings together new farmers who are looking for land or mentorship with farm owners who have land available or expertise to share.

Ontario Federation of Agriculture 3-7748 Kent St, Brockville Ontario T: (613) 535-1555 www.realontario.ca/index.php/ontario-tourism-listing?pid=8676

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is a farmer-led dynamic provincial lobby which works to represent the interests of its farm members to government. The OFA is a grassroots organization dedicated to improving the social and economic well being of Ontario farmers in co-operation with county, commodity and rural farm groups. For over six decades, the OFA has dedicated itself to advocating on behalf of Ontario farmers. It is made up of 49 county and regional federations representing local farmers in all areas of the province and represents every commodity area of Ontario agriculture.

Ontario Cattlemen's Association

Consult the Provincial organization for local associations 130 Malcolm Road Guelph, ON N1K 1B1 T: (519) 824-0334 F: (519) 824-9101 E: lianne@cattle.guelph.on.ca

4-H local organization

The Ontario 4-H Program is about opportunities, personal development, making friends, and having fun. 4-H helps young people (10-21 years of age) learn self-confidence and new skills. Members also learn communication and leadership skills, problem solving, and goal setting. 4-H Ontario Members can choose to be involved in any of over 60 different projects, ranging from drama to woodworking, life skills to livestock, and square dancing to conservation. www.4-hontario.ca/index.aspx

Please visit the County website at www.leedscounty4h.bravehost.com to find info about 4-H in Leeds County.

Ontario Berry Growers Association

30 Harmony Way Kemptville, ON K0G 1J0 T: (613) 258-4587 E: info@ontarioberries.com www.ontarioberries.com/location.htm

Ontario Goat Breeders Association

130 Malcolm Rd. Unit 2 Guelph, ON N1K 1B1 T: (519) 824-2942 Toll free: 1-866-311-6422 www.ogba.ca/index.htm

Local Members

J Bar T Ranch-Jason and Tannis Baerwald 6427 County Rd. #7,RR#4 Brockville, ON K6V 5T4 T: (613) 498-2352 E: tjbaerwald@sympatico.ca

Morning Glory Farm - Bonnie MacPherson R.R. #3 836 Poonamalie Road Smiths Falls, ON K7A 4S4 T: (613) 283-4408 E: goatlady@xplornet.com www.morningglorygoats.com Alpines, Saanens and Lamanchas

Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association

Head Office Heather Kenny, Business Administrator R.R.#1, Bailieboro, ON KOL 1B0 www.ontariomaple.com Formed in 1966, over 400 Ontario producers are active in 11 district or local organizations. A provincial executive committee oversees five provincial program committees: Finance Marketing and Promotion Membership Quality Assurance Research and Tech Transfer . Each district or local has its own executive and some have program committees.

Local agricultural organizations

Gibbons Family Farm Maple Sugar House and Museum Bill Gibbons 41 Leacock Rd, Frankville ON KOE 1H0 T: (613)275-2893 Toll free: 1-877-440-7887 www.rideau-info.com/gibbons

Gunnebrooke Farms Ltd. John Gunnewiek 206 Country Road 8, Elgin ON K0G 1E0 T: (613) 359-5071 E: gunnfarm@rideau.net

Halladay Maple Products 11337 Miller Road, North Augusta, ON KOG 1R0 T: (613) 924-1320 E: halladayd@ucdsb.on.ca

George & Linda Horton 469 Dulcemaine Road, R.R. #4, Landsdowne, ON K0E 1L0 T: (613)659-3899 E: horton@1000island.net

Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario

5420 Hwy 6 North, RR 5, Guelph, ON N1H 6J2 T: (519) 822-8606 Toll free: 1-877-822-8606 E: info@efao.ca www.efao.ca

To develop and provide programs promoting the practice and advancement of ecological agriculture which maintains and enhances the health of the soil, water, crops, livestock and the diversity of the environment.

To educate and increase the public's understanding of ecological agricultural methods like soil tillage, green manures, cover crops, composting, crop rotations, soil erosion control, and conservation practices by offering courses, seminars, conferences, farm tours, meetings, and publishing a newsletter and by collecting, researching, and disseminating information on this topic to the general public.

To bring together people who are concerned about ecological agriculture so they can share experiences, support each other and create community.

Seed Directory

As a service to members, one of this organization's new projects is to compile a comprehensive list of sources or organic seeds. Because organic fieldcrop / covercrop seed appears the most difficult to source, that is where they have started, with hopes of expanding the directory to include fruits and vegetables as well. The following is a preliminary list of seed suppliers.

All of the seed organizations listed offer certified seeds which are also either certified organic or have been organically produced.

Thomas Ferguson Triangle Farm & Mapleton's Organic Dairy Inc. 1997 County Rd. 16, RR #3, Jasper, ON, KOG 1G0 T: (613) 913-3274 E: Thomas_Ferg@hotmail.com Certified organic hybrid corn, soybeans, forages, free custom mixed forages, haygrazer alfalfa

Canadian Organic Growers

T: (613) 216-0741 Toll free: 1-888-375-7383 E: office@cog.ca

Local chapters of COG organize farm and garden tours, demonstration gardens, farmers' markets, workshops and conferences and host regional Growing Up Organic Projects.

National Farmers Union (Ontario) Ontario Treasurer/Membership Secretary Marion Watkins Toll free: 1-888-273-5545 F: (613) 273-6290 E: nfuo@rideau.net

Local 318 – Leeds and Grenville Jim Earl President, RR # 1, Elgin, ON KOG 1E0, T: (613) 359-5164

Dairy Farmers of Ontario

Head Office Dairy Farmers of Ontario 6780 Campobello Road, Mississauga, ON L5N 2L8 T: (905) 821-8970 E: questions@milk.org

Egg Farmers of Ontario

7195 Millcreek Drive Mississauga, Ontario L5N 4H1 T: (905) 858-9790 F: (905) 858-1589 Toll free: 1-800-387-8360 www.getcracking.ca

Egg Farmers of Ontario is the marketing organization for the 430 egg producers and pullet growers in Ontario who account for 40% of total egg production in Canada, or 200 million dozen eggs annually.

Chicken Farmers of Ontario

P.O. Box 5035, 3320 South Service Road, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 3Y8 T: (905) 637-0025 E: info@cfo.on.ca www.cfo.on.ca

Chicken Farmers of Ontario provides leadership to a growing Ontario and Canadian chicken industry for which Ontario is the largest producer, processor and consumer.

Ontario Pork

655 Southgate Drive, Guelph, ON N1G 5G6 T: (519) 767-4600 Toll free: 1-877-668-7675 www.ontariopork.on.ca

Ontario Pork represents the 2800 producers who market hogs in the province of Ontario. The Ontario Pork Producers' Marketing Board (OPPMB) was formed in 1946. This legislation, now called the Farm Products Marketing Act, provides the legal authority for hog producers to organize and control their own affairs through the Ontario Pork Producers' Marketing Board. The Act and accompanying regulations empowers the Board to market hogs.

The Ontario Corn Producers' Association has amalgamated with the Ontario Soybean Growers and the Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board to create Grain Farmers of Ontario.

Ontario AgriCentre

Suite 201, 100 Stone Road West, Guelph, ON N1G 5L3 Toll free: 1-800-265-0550 www.gfo.ca.

Grain Farmers of Ontario (GFO) represents 28,000 growers of corn, soybeans and wheat in the province. GFO members' crops cover 5 million acres of farm land across the province, and are a major economic driver for Canada. Ontario-grown corn, soybean and wheat crops generate over \$2.5 billion in farm gate receipts, result in over \$9 billion in economic output, and are responsible for over 40,000 jobs in the province.

Orchard Network

General Inquiries Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs 1 Stone Road West, Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2 T: (519) 826-3100 Toll free:1-888-466-2372 E: about.omafra@ontario.ca

The Orchard Network Newsletter is published a minimum of four times per year and is targeted to commercial growers and associates serving the Ontario Industry. The newsletter features articles on orchard management, crop protection, post harvest and events or announcements of interest.

Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association

Unit 105, 355 Elmira Road North, Guelph, ON N1K 1S5 T: (519) 763-6160 E: info@ofvga.org www.ofvga.org

The Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association (OFVGA) is the umbrella organization for 28 smaller commodity-based farm associations. As the official horticultural representation for Ontario to national and international bodies, the OFVGA has the best interest of the fruit and vegetable sector as its official mandate. Not only does it take a leadership role in lobbying issues to government, but it makes vital contributions to research, food safety, and assists in the co-ordination of activities for non-regulated crops, handles media inquiries, clears commodity grade specifications and inspection changes, and oversees container introductions and specifications.

Canadian Produce Marketing Association

162 Cleopatra Drive, Ottawa, ON, K2G 5X2T: (613) 226-4187E: question@cpma.caWebsite: www.cpma.ca

Based in Ottawa, Ontario, the Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA) is a not-for-profit organization representing companies that are active in the marketing of fresh fruits and vegetables in Canada from the farm gate to the dinner plate. CPMA members include major grower/shippers/packers/marketer, importer/exporters, transportation, brokers, distributor / wholesalers, retailers, fresh cuts and foodservice distributors / operators, processor integrating all segments of the fresh produce industry. CPMA is proud to represent over 690 international and Canadian members who are responsible for 90% of the fresh fruit and vegetable sales in Canada at an annual estimated value of \$8 billion Canadian dollars.(Taken from the website).

Ontario Apple Growers

Elizabethtown-Kitley is located in District 5 PO Box 100, Vineland Station, Ontario, LOR 2E0 T: (905) 688-0990 www.onapples.com

Mission: To foster a viable apple industry through advocacy with government and collaboration with industry partners for the health of consumers and the wealth of producers.

Ontario Canola Growers Association

Ontario AgriCentre 100 Stone Road West Guelph, ON N1G 5L3 T: (519) 763-1200 www.ontariocanolagrowers.ca

Ontario Bees Keepers Association

8560 Tremaine Rd. Box 476, Milton, ON L9T 4Z1 T: (905) 636-0661 phone www.ontariobee.com

The Ontario Beekeepers' Association (OBA) was established in 1881. It is one of the oldest established farm organizations in Ontario. It was founded even before the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The Ontario Beekeepers' Association is the provincial organization that represents the 3,000 beekeepers of Ontario.

Area Clubs

Lanark County Beekeepers' Association Paul Lacelle, President 126 Bruce Street, R.R. # 1 Carleton Place, ON K7C 3P1 T: (613) 253-0566 E: lacelle@sympatico.ca

Eastern Ontario Beekeepers' Association David Gray 1222 Bankfield Road, Box 375 Manotick, ON K4M 1A4 T: (613) 692-3363

Homegrown Ontario

Homegrown Ontario is an alliance of Ontario Pork, the Ontario Veal Association, the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency, Turkey Farmers of Ontario and the Ontario Independent Meat Processors. Research from Canada's leading survey-based marketing research firm, Ipsos Reid, clearly indicates that Ontario consumers are eager to support Ontario farmers and the local economy by choosing meat and poultry products produced in Ontario. www.homegrownontario.ca Alpaca Ontario E: info@alpacaontario.ca www.alpacaontario.ca

Founded in 2001 Alpaca Ontario was established to represent the collective interests of alpaca owners and breeders in Ontario. Alpaca Ontario promotes the awareness of the alpaca and related fibre industry through education, annual shows, seminars, newsletters and member events.

Go to www.alpacaontario.ca/listman/listings/index.html for local producers

Support services in Elizabethtown-Kitley township for the agricultural industry

Prescott Animal Hospital 2725 Edward Street N., R.R. #4 Prescott, ON K0E 1T0 T: (613) 925-5909 Large and small animals

Athens Veterinary Services 548 County Road 42 W Athens, ON K0E 1B0 T: (613) 924-2009 Large and Small Animals

Gananoque Veterinary Clinic 231 32 Highway Gananoque, ON K7G T: (613) 382-3429

Rutherford Equine Services 4792 2 Highway Gananoque, ON K7G T: (613) 382-1166

1000 Islands Veterinarian Services Northgate Plaza Gananoque, ON K7G T: (613) 382-2900 Large and small animal

Brockville Animal Hospital 681 Stewart Blvd Brockville ON, K6V 5T4 T: (613) 345-3401 F: (613) 345-4135

RENEWABLE ENERGY FUNDING GRANTS, AND REBATES

Renewable Energy Deployment Initiative (REDI)

The Ontario government, through REDI, has a number of incentive programs for businesses to use solar thermal technologies. Currently REDI will supply 25% of the purchase price and installation consists of a qualifying solar air or water heating system, to a maximum contribution of \$80,000.

More information is available at http://www2.nrcan.gc.ca/es/erb/erb/english/View.asp?x=455 EnerGuide for Houses (July 2004)

This retrofit program for homeowners program includes solar DHW systems and PV systems. The funding level is based on the energy improvements (as a percent above a base level) of the home. Funding is extremely low - typically \$50 - \$100 for most solar installations. Under this initiative, the average incentive to Canadians who make qualified energy-efficiency improvements to their homes is expected to be about \$1,000 with respect to new windows, doors, insulation, weather stripping etc. The maximum incentive under this initiative is \$3348. More information can be found at www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/houses-maisons/english/homeowners/ grant/grant.cfm?PrintView=N&Text=N

Energy Retrofit Assistance Program (July 2004)

The Energy Innovators Initiative through the Office of Energy Efficiency includes the installation of renewable energy technologies for commercial buildings.

More information can be obtained from the OEE at (613) 99203245, or from the OEE web site at www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/eii

Class 43.1 Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance and Canadian Renewable and Conservation Expenses (July 2004)

The Class 43.1 ACCA to promote energy efficiency and low-impact renewable energy through the income tax system. Class 43.1 allows taxpayers an accelerated write-off at up to 30% per year of equipment generating electricity from solar electric systems, larger than 3 kW and active solar systems generating thermal energy, small scale hydro-electric under 15 megawatts, wind energy systems and co generation. May include digestors in the future. More information, intended primarily for companies that sell power produced, can be found at: www2.nrcan.gc.ca/es/erb/ erb/english/View.asp?x=469&oid=111

For general information on CRCE or class 43.1, please contact the Income Tax Rulings Directorate, 320 Queen Street,16th Floor, Tower A, Place de Ville, Ottawa, ON. K1A 0L5, T: (613) 957-8953 begin_of_the_skype_highlighting (613) 957-8953 end_of_the_skype_highlighting, F: (613) 957-2088

Ontario: PST Rebate (March 2003-November 2007)

There is a Provincial Sales Tax Rebate on all solar equipment sold in Ontario. Future to include wind energy systems, micro hydro-electric energy systems and geothermal energy systems. More information can be found at: www.trd.fin.gov.on.ca/userfiles/HTML/cma_3_25706_1.html.

The form that needs to be submitted is at: www.trd.fin.gov.on.ca/userfiles/page_attachments/ Rsie_f0298.pdf?N_ID=3.

Ontario PST Rebate on ENERGY STAR Appliances (July 2004)

There is a Provincial Sales Tax Rebate on all ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators, dishwashers, and clothes washers sold between November 26, 2002 and July 31, 2004. This rebate is available for ENERGY STAR freezers purchased between January 1, 2003 and July 31, 2004. Delivery of eligible appliances must take place on or before September 15, 2004. More information may be found at www.trd.fin.gov.on.ca

Grants and Incentives

A number of grants and incentives exist through the federal government's Natural Resources Ministry – more information can be found at: www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/corporate/incentives.cfm

Natural Resources Canada Announces Funding Opportunity for On-Road Commercial Fleets and Owner-Operators in Canada

ecoENERGY Retrofit

The Office of Energy Efficiency's (OEE's) ecoENERGY Retrofit program provides financial assistance to improve energy efficiency in:

Homes Commercial and institutional buildings Industrial facilities ecoENERGY for Industry Assessment Incentives

The OEE's ecoENERGY Assessment Incentives provides financial incentives for two types of assessments through:

The ecoENERGY for Industry program