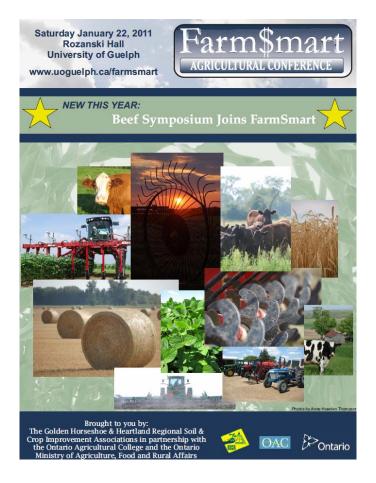
FarmSmart Agricultural Conference 2011



The FarmSmart Agricultural Conference celebrated its 13th Edition on Sat. Jan. 22th, 2011. The conference began at Redeemer College in Ancaster in 1999 and moved to the University of Guelph main campus in 2003. FarmSmart wishes to thank the many participants, organizers, speakers and sponsors who have supported this conference over the past 10 years. Over 700 participants attended and over 900 people were involved in the conference.



2011 saw the addition of the Ontario Beef Symposim to the program with great success. Our feature speaker was Chris St. Clair from the Weather Network, who regaled us with typically Canadian weather stories, helping to explain our fascination with weather.

The FarmSmart Agricultural Conference is produced in partnership between OMAFRA, Golden Horseshoe and Heartland Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Associations, The University of Guelph and is supported by Ontario's Agricultural Industry.

The conference mandate is to provide an opportunity for farmers, extension, academics and industry to interact and learn from a series of approximately 40 sessions held in concurrent format throughout the day. Topics included crop and livestock production sessions along with nutrient management, alternative energy, business management, general interest and others. A series of computer workshops in the OAC multi media laboratory including various financial and precision agriculture software tools. Participants chose their own program from the diverse slate of topics allowing each participant to tailor the day to their interests and requirements.

The Youth Program was again a great success with close to 40 participating. We continue to emphasize this aspect of the conference. Kids, come out and have a fun and interesting day exploring the University of Guelph and all it has to offer.

FarmSmart 2011 was an outstanding success and all the partners are looking forward to bringing you FarmSmart 2011 on January 21st, 2012. Mark your calendars today, so as not to miss the exciting and informative chance to join fellow producers, industry, extension and academics at next year's event.

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