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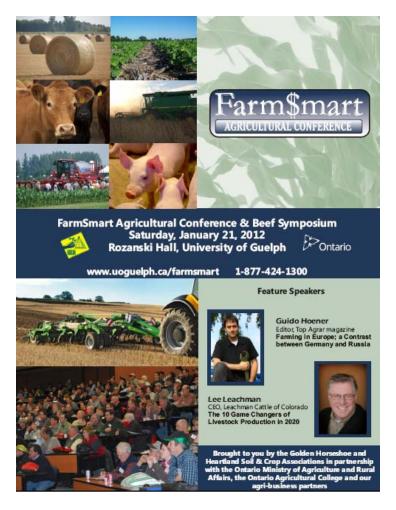


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FarmSmart Agricultural Conference 2012



The FarmSmart Agricultural Conference celebrated its 14th Edition on Sat. Jan. 21st, 2012. 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 900 participants attended and over 1200 people were in attendance at the conference, the biggest crowd ever.



2012 continued with the Ontario Beef Symposium becoming an integral part of the program with great success. This year we celebrated with two Feature Speakers including Guido Hoener from Top Agar Magazine in Germany talking about the present state and contrasts of farming in Germany and Russia. Our second feature speaker addressing the livestock sector was Lee Leachman from Leachman Cattle Company in Colorado who addressed "The Top 10 Game Changers in Livestock Production.

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 broadly 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 19th, 2013. 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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