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OLPC 2016 Membership Meetings

All meeting dates are Fridays. Meetings are held at Ontario Pork.

- August 12, 2016
- October 14, 2016
- December 16, 2016

OLPC Board Elections

OLPC held its annual meeting on June 17, 2016. Gord Coukell was acclaimed as Chair. The Vice-Chair is elected by the Board and will be elected at their next meeting in July.

Chair: Gord Coukell,
Alcoma Farms

Terms Expires 2017

Major Livestock – Mike DeGroot, Ontario Pork
Poultry – Albert Visser, Egg Farmers of Ontario
Veterinarian Associations – Steve Wolfgram, Ontario Swine Practitioners Association

Term Expires 2018

Minor Livestock - Jennifer Bullock, Livestock Alliance
Individual Agri-Business - Jane Carpenter, Precision Strategic Solutions
Agriculture and Food Associations and Coalitions - Julie Harlow, Angus GeoSolutions Inc.

Bilingual Biosecurity STOP Signs Available

We have a small supply of bilingual biosecurity stop signs. For those wishing to order please contact the OLPC office.

Agriculture Producer Stress and Resilience in Canada

Andria Jones-Bitton and colleagues from the University of Guelph conducted a national survey on agricultural stress and resilience by surveying over 1,100 producers. The preliminary results have found that Canadian producers show high levels of stress, anxiety, depression, emotional exhaustion and cynicism, as well as low levels of resilience. They are currently conducting further analysis on the data. The next step will be the development of a mental health literacy program and a mental health emergency response model.

House Fly Control in Poultry Barns

Controlling house fly populations is important for maintaining a healthy barn environment. Without control methods, large fly populations can: damage equipment and increase biosecurity risk, decrease poultry production, and affect relationships with neighbours. Flies can also be carriers of food-borne diseases, carrying bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli from one location to another. Controlling flies involves the combined use of different methods: barn management, biological control, mechanical control, and chemical control.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' book, "House Fly Control in Poultry Barns," describes integrated pest management practices and provides information on different control methods for effective house fly control. Visit www.ontario.ca/ccca2 to download a PDF version of the book.

Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea

The first case of PED in Canada was January 23, 2014. Since then, there have been 95 cases of which 80% of the sites have eliminated the virus. Federal plants are taking samples of loading docks twice daily and the number of positive results are being reported to industry on a weekly basis. Funding is available to assist with the elimination of PED positive sites.

Rabies

There are now over 100 cases in the current surveillance zone which covers Hamilton and extends out near Brantford. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is baiting in those areas and in Perth County for the Artic Fox rabies.

One Health Welfare Conference

The Manitoba One Welfare Conference is being held September 26th to 28th at the Radisson Hotel, Winnipeg. One Welfare is an emerging topic that examines complex conditions where human mental health has a direct impact on animal welfare issues. Visit: <http://onewelfareconference.ca> for further details.

Newly Released Documents

- The 2016 Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens, and Turkeys.
- The National Farm and Facility Level Biosecurity Standard for the Equine Sector
- Canada Communicable Disease Report (Rabies)

To view these and other documents online visit: <http://www.ontlpc.ca/news.php>

Our Mission

Provide a forum to facilitate the development and coordination of an Ontario strategy to deal with foreign animal disease and other transmissible livestock and poultry diseases.