



Ecological Farmers
ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

Ecological Farmers Association Of Ontario Conference 2015
December 3 - 5, 2015, Four Points by Sheraton in London, Ontario
Our Living Soils

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3, 2015			
	Monforte Dairy Tour (1 - 3 PM)	Pfenning's Farm Tour (1 - 2:30 PM)	On the Move Organics Tour & Food Hub Forum (Tour 2 - 3 PM, Forum 3 - 5 PM)
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Conference check-in (Balmoral Ballroom Lobby)		
6:30 PM	Winter Picnic Dinner: 6 PM Doors, 6:30 PM Dinner, 8PM Social time, live music, Silent Auction (Balmoral Ballroom)		
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Lucky in Land: Farmer and Landowner Meet n Greet		

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4, 2015					
6:45 AM - 7:30 AM	Yoga (Balmoral Ballroom)				
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast for Overnight Guests (Bristol Ballroom)				
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Conference check-in (Trade Show Lobby)				
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	LIVESTOCK <i>Kensington Room 1</i>	HORTICULTURE <i>Manchester Room</i>	SOIL <i>Kensington Room 2</i>	SPECIALTY CROPS <i>Kent Room</i>	BUSINESS & MARKETING <i>Lynden Room</i>
	CFO's New Artisanal Chicken Program: Overview and Discussion	Farmer-Led Breeding: Regionally-Adapted Vegetable Varieties for Market Gardens	Increasing Organic Matter in Your Soil	Introducing Cut Flowers to your Enterprise	Farmer Self-Care Round Table Discussion
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Plenary Session: Transforming the Food System from the Soil Up (Balmoral Ballroom)				
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario Annual General Meeting (Balmoral Ballroom)				
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch (Bristol Ballroom)				
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Fine-tuning Your Grass-fed Beef System	Tools and Design to Improve Efficiency in the Market Garden	Pasture and Carbon Sequestration	Growing Diversified Grains: Production Opportunities and Challenges	Exploring Wholesale Opportunities
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Taking Your Grass-fed Beef Operation to the Next Level	High Tunnel Tomato Production	Farming to Feed Soil Microbes	Growing Diversified Grains: Marketing Opportunities and Challenges	Show me the money! A Conversation with Lenders
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Conference check-in (Trade Show Lobby)				
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Reception and Heritage Grain Tasting in Trade Show, Crop up North video screening (Trade Show Lobby)				
6:30 PM	Banquet Dinner and Member Recognition Ceremony: 6 PM Doors, 6:30 PM Dinner, 8PM Contra Dancing (Balmoral Ballroom)				

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2015					
6:45 AM - 7:30 AM	Yoga (<i>Balmoral Ballroom</i>)				
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast for Overnight Guests (<i>Bristol Ballroom</i>)				
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Conference check-in (<i>Trade Show Lobby</i>)				
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	LIVESTOCK <i>Kensington Room 1</i>	HORTICULTURE <i>Manchester Room</i>	SOIL <i>Kensington Room 2</i>	SPECIALTY CROPS <i>Kent Room</i>	BUSINESS & MARKETING
	Feeding the Organic Dairy Cow	High Tunnel Cucumber Production	The Soil System: A Geological Perspective	Fresh Forest Grown Shiitake Mushrooms	Small-Scale Certification Options (Lynden Room)
					Creating Farm 2.0: Using Internet Communication Technology to Grow Ecological Food Markets and Movements Roundtable (Balmoral Ballroom)
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Keynote Address: Soil Matters (<i>Balmoral Ballroom</i>)				
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch (<i>Bristol Ballroom</i>)				
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Seed Grower Break-Out: Producing High Quality Vegetable Seed at a Farm Scale (<i>Manchester Room</i>) EFAO Young Farmers Advisory Committee Inaugural Meeting (<i>Kensington Room 1</i>)				
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	LIVESTOCK <i>Kensington Room 1</i>	HORTICULTURE <i>Manchester Room</i>	SOIL <i>Kensington Room 2</i>	FIELD CROPS <i>Kent Room</i>	BUSINESS & MARKETING <i>Lynden Room</i>
	Holistic Livestock First Aid Kit for Ruminants	Rogueing and Selection for Vegetable Seed Production	Interpreting Soil Tests and Tissue Samples to Optimize Crop Health	Innovations in Cover Crops	Labour Management: Creating a Strong Farm Team
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Equipment for Mixed Rotational Grazing	No-till and Low-till Strategies in the Market Garden	Balancing Soil Nutrients For Crop Quality: Major Corrections and Little Tweaks	Edible Bean Production and Marketing	How to Start a Farm Co-Op

A Practical Conference for Ecological Farmers, by Ecological Farmers!

