



# The County Farmer

Haliburton County Farmers' Association

## HCFA Upcoming Events

- A BBQ featuring local meats, beef, lamb, etc – display of local tractors - July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day, Minden
- Family oriented event, a Wednesday evening end July, Make it Minden, at Minden Mercantile
- Meet the Animals - Wilberforce Agricultural Fair, August 9<sup>th</sup>
- Meet the Animals - Haliburton County Fair, August 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>, Minden Fair Grounds

### Haliburton County Farmers' 2014 Bus Trip

**Please let us know if you are interested by Mid August so we can solidify arrangements and costs**

Proposed:

Join us on a bus trip to Ivy for the 2014 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo!

Simcoe County – Ivy, Ontario

Tuesday September 16 – Saturday September 20, 2014

8:30am - 5:00pm Daily

**Contact: Andrea @ 705-286-6753 or Sheila @ 705-489-4201**

**Deadline – Mid August to contact us re bus trip**

## Giant Pumpkin Contest

The Haliburton County Farmers' Association welcomes everyone to spring planting season. Get those pumpkin seeds into the ground and enter the pumpkin contest this fall.



Prizes will be given to Largest, Smallest and Ugliest pumpkin. All participating children will get a prize.

Your pumpkins will be displayed and judged at the Home Hardware Store in Minden on Saturday October 11th 2014, Thanksgiving weekend.

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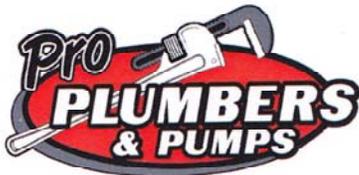
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**From the BFO Corner**



Last issue, I talked about the Beef Code of Practice session we held. One of the follow-up discussions concerned your relationship with the vet. As you may or may not be aware, it is much more important under the new rules. If you don't have a formal relationship with your vet including a site visit so that he/she is familiar with your facilities and practices, services can be refused. However, having the vet out for a site visit and review can be expensive. Therefore look for a workshop this fall where you can attend and get a checklist and explanation of what the vets are looking for. While nothing has been finalized yet, the idea is that you will fill out and get the information requested to the vet ahead of time and even though there still may be a visit required, it will be much shorter and therefore much less expensive. Stay tuned.

The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) welcomes the tabling in Parliament of the text of the Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA). This represents an important milestone on the path towards implementation of the agreement. Under the terms of the agreement, the 40 per cent Korean tariff on fresh and frozen beef will be fully eliminated in 15 equal annual steps and the 18 per cent tariff on offals will be fully eliminated in 11 equal annual steps. In 2002, Korea was a \$40 million market for Canadian beef and its fourth largest export destination. In 2013, with a growing tariff disadvantage relative to U.S. beef, Canada exported \$7.8 million. The Canada-Korea FTA signals to Korean buyers that they can resume their relationship with Canadian beef and maintain a long-term competitive position.

The first week in June was designated 'Local Food Week' for the first time as part of the provincial governments 2013 Local Food Act. BFO announced a contribution of \$40,000 to Ontario Association of Food Banks which will be used to buy 28,000 servings of ground beef so the press release says.

*Submitted Bryan Barlow*

*BFO Delegate*



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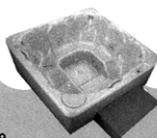
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Locally Grown News

## Grafting Tomatoes

You may have heard about grafted trees, but what about grafted tomatoes?

Our garden manager, Herb Titze has decided to try it out this season! Grafting brings together the best qualities of two plants. You combine the rootstock of a tomato variety known for its disease resistance and vigor with the top of another variety of similar size that produces high yields of delicious tomatoes.

Here's how it works. First you grow both types of seedlings indoors until the second or third set of true leaves is produced. Then you use a tiny precision blade to slice the tops off of both varieties and attach the rootstock of one variety to the top of another with a small grafting clip. Then you place your newly grafted plant in a healing chamber which is moist and warm-this helps ensure that the two plants fuse together. After a few days the plants are ready to come out of the chamber!

We'll be planting the grafted tomatoes outside in our gardens over the next few weeks and are expecting excellent yields!



## Words About Workshops

### Upcoming Dig In Workshop

Join us on Saturday June 21st from 10am-1pm at the Gooderham Community Garden to learn tips and techniques for combating garden pests.

Learn composting basics while helping to build a three-compartment composter as well! Cost is \$10.

To register, contact SIRCH at 705 457 1742.

This workshop is brought to you by the Dig In Series, which is a partnership program between SIRCH Community Services, Abbey Gardens and the HKPR Health Unit.



## 7th Annual Garlic Fest



Saturday, August 23rd, 2014

9:00am – 3:00pm

Get your kickin' garlic fix

### NEW LOCATION

Grounds of Stanhope Community Centre. Turn right onto North Shore Rd - 4km north of Highways 35 & 118.

A cornucopia of freshly harvested garlic awaits your taste buds. Fill your shopping sacks with garlic preserves, dips & spreads, honey, maple syrup, baked goods, local artisans ware, lavender products, native plants and much, much, more...

Take away prepared foods or sit and snack under our new picnic pavilion while listening to local talent.

Come join us at this family-oriented event in our new spacious location while completing your garlic list and becoming informed in all matters garlic!

Contact Sheila Robb 705-489-4201    robbsheila@gmail.com  
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## DIY Workshop: Build Your Own Small Seed Winnower

**Date:** Wednesday August 27, 2014

**Time:** 1:00pm - 4:00pm

**Location:** The Cottage Gardener: Heirloom Seedhouse & Nursery (Newtonville, ON)

**Cost:** \$65.00 per person (includes workshop materials)



Whether you are growing seed for sale or for on-farm use, one thing all seed producers have in common is the need for well-cleaned seed crops. With small seeds like lettuces, carrots and onions (etc.), removing chaff becomes more and more time-consuming as the quantity of seed is increased.

If you feel like you are past the point of hand-cleaning, and want to improve your efficiency, then join us for this hands-on workshop, where you'll build and take home your own small seed winnower.

Dan Brittain, of the Cottage Gardener, took an open-source design and has spent the last few years perfecting it. After several tweaks, the device has now improved the Brittain's production efficiency, and Dan would like to help other seed producers achieve the same results on their farms.

All the necessary materials will be included in the price of admission, with the exception of a simple hair-dryer, which can easily be added later. If you've already got one you'd like to use, bring it along so Dan can demonstrate how it fits into the design.

This workshop is being made possible thanks to the generous support of the Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security. Pre-registration is required as space is limited to 15 people. If there is enough interest, a second session for the same day will be opened up. Ticket sales start May 30 at [www.DIYseedequipment.eventbrite.ca](http://www.DIYseedequipment.eventbrite.ca). If you are unable to register because the session is full, please send us an email at [jay@farmsatwork.ca](mailto:jay@farmsatwork.ca).

## Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Farms at Work Events

### August 2014 Native Pollinator Field Day

Led by Pollination Biologist, Susan Chan, this guided field tour will take place at McLean Berry Farm (Lakefield, ON) in early-August, from 8:00am-11:00am. Susan has been conducting research into the nesting habits of *PeoPONapis pruinosa* (squash bees) at the McLean's farm over the last year. Participants will have the opportunity to observe these native bees on the McLean's pumpkin crop first hand, and will learn about this amazing bee's habits, their value to squash and pumpkin growers, their habitat requirements, and how to manage the farm to ensure good pollination by this bee. For more information, contact Jay Adam (jay@farmsatwork.ca).



### Low Bush Blueberry Workshop

Led by long-time low bush blueberry grower and excellent communicator, Roger Kelly, this full-day workshop will take place in Maynooth, ON (Hastings County), sometime in mid-August. The workshop will be split into two components: a half day at the Maynooth Community Centre for a lecture-style introduction to low bush blueberry production, and a half day at Kelly's Berry Farm for a guided farm tour and the opportunity to learn about the practical applications of producing blueberries. Contact Jay Adam (jay@farmsatwork.ca) to receive more details as they become available.

### September 2014 Maple Syrup Mentorship Program

We're still working away on all the details, but this introductory mentorship program is designed to assist beginners as they integrate into the maple syrup production sector, and provide them with an understanding of best management practices, as well as a direct connection to experienced local producers. As with our other mentorships, this program will take place over five field days where a small group of mentees (5-6) will work closely with the maple syrup mentor. General topics will include: sugarhouse location, design and equipment; setting up your sugar bush for production; forestry best management practices; syrup production; food safety handling and marketing. Contact Jay Adam (jay@farmsatwork.ca) to receive more details as they become available.

### November 2014 Northumberland Niche Food Processing Facility Tour:

Join us as we tour the brand new Northumberland Niche Food Processing Facility in Colborne, ON. Designed to extend the seasonality of fruit and vegetable products from across the regio with packaging and freezing processes, this new facility will allow farmers to explore secondary sources of income through cost-effective value-added production. Contact Jay Adam (jay@farmsatwork.ca) to receive updated details on this exciting tour as they become available.

## Two inseparable llamas

I'm looking for a new home for my two llamas, Mina and Trixie. I bought my "two girls" mainly as companion animals nine years ago, and they have been in with my horses ever since. They are very inquisitive and like to be around our family, visitors and our dogs. They are quiet and lead and trailer well, and both are in perfect health.

You may know Mina and Trixie from their days in the Haliburton County Fair petting zoo. The two are inseparable, but have very different personalities. Trixie is a little goofy looking, but very sweet and friendly. She loves to be patted. Mina is majestic and a little aloof, but also quiet. They have proven to be good guard animals as well.

I am not interested in getting anything for them; I just want to see them in a good home.

Please give me a call at 705 488 2613 or email me at communicationsmoore@gmail.com if you think you might be interested.

Thanks, Maureen Moore

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**IN MEMORIUM**

The Farmers of Haliburton County have lost another of their own this past June 4th with the passing of Joseph (Joe) Cox.

A private family service has taken place as per his wishes.

Our deepest condolences to the family

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