



# The County Farmer

Haliburton County Farmers' Association

## HCFA Upcoming Events

- HCFA will be present at the Fall Festival held at Abbey Gardens, Saturday, October 18th, 2014. See information on page 3 of this newsletter.
- HCFA is participating in two parades, Haliburton on Friday evening, November 21st 2014 and Minden the following morning, Saturday, November 22nd 2014
- HCFA Christmas Potluck and Silent Auction, Saturday, November 29th 2014, Minden Community Centre, Set-up 5:30 pm. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Invitation to members and guests, come and join us.
- HCFA Annual Meeting, Thursday January 22nd 2015. Minden Community Centre, 7:00 p.m. We encourage all members to attend. There will be reports from BFO, OMAFRA, and OFA. Elections of Officers for 2015 will take place.
- Veterinary Services Annual Meeting, Thursday January 29, 2015, Minden Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- Mark your calendars for the annual Woodlot Conference. Conference Theme: Hands on Woodlot Management. When: February 21, 2015. Where: IE Weldon High School, Lindsay. Sponsored by the OWA Kawartha Chapter.



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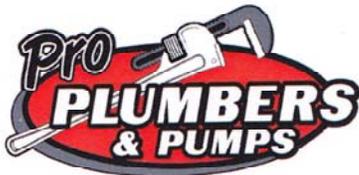
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**From the BFO Corner**



The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has approved the requested increase to the mandatory provincial check-off fee by \$1.00 effective November 1st, 2014. This increase applies to all persons who sell cattle in Ontario and to all persons who collect and remit the fee payable to Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) under Regulation 54.

BFO's Board of Directors would like to thank their membership for recognizing the importance of this change and the delegates who voted in favour of this increase at our 2014 Annual General Meeting. As published earlier in the year when BFO first sought an increase in mandatory check-off, which was passed at our AGM by 77 percent of voting delegates, this increase is vital to BFO's efforts to market Ontario beef and to develop our industry and to maintaining BFO's core services.

Ontario farmers who donate products or livestock to community food programs such as food banks and school nutrition programs can now expect an income tax credit in return. In September, the province unveiled its Food Donation Tax Credit for Farmers, which it bills as the only one of its kind so far in Canada. Farmer donors can claim a non-refundable income tax credit valued at 25 per cent of the fair market value of the agricultural products they donate to eligible community food programs. The proclaimed legislation allows farmers to claim credits for donations dating back to Jan. 1 this year.

If Ontario wants to build an industry, the Beef Farmers of Ontario have a solution — open up just a portion of the Great Clay Belt crown lands to aspiring ranchers. The Clay Belt in northern Ontario and Quebec covers an astounding 180,000 sq. km, split into the Lesser and Great Clay Belt areas, the bulk of which sits on the Ontario side. The land is not suited for grain production, but the fertile soil makes for great grass, perfect for grazing cattle.

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## Fall Festival

October 18, 2014 @ 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Garden Gate Drive  
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1

Our Fall Festival is fast approaching and we have all kinds of fun lined up for kids and adults alike! We will have a selection of delicious foods, including beer from Haliburton Highlands Brewing, sausage on a bun bbq, wood fired pizza, baked goods and more. Enjoy live music from Trina West as well as the Shout Sisters Choir. There will be horse drawn wagons, Haliburton County Farmer's Association will bring their popular "Meet the Animals", kids games and activities, carved pumpkins and watch out for our life size carrot and pea pod! Lots of fun packed into 4 hours, be sure to bring your family and friends!

### Workshops You Don't Want to Miss

#### Getting Back To Our Roots:

##### Cooking With Storage Vegetables

Learn how grandma kept boredom at bay in January when the root cellar was the only "store" she had!

*Date:* Wednesday October 29th • 1pm - 3pm

##### Preparing Meals Ahead Of Time

Learn how to prepare healthy meals now to enjoy later.

*Date:* Wednesday November 12th • 1pm - 3pm

##### Cooking Casseroles

Make tasty casseroles & sample as you learn!

*Date:* Wednesday November 26th • 1pm - 3pm

##### Baking Shortbread For Community Care

Learn how to make these delicious treats that will be donated to the "Feed a Senior" program offered through Community Care.

*Date:* Saturday November 29th • 8:30am - 11:30am

##### Chicken Bravery Part 2

Get the most out of your chicken! Observe a demonstration on cutting up and deboning a whole chicken, and then turn it into a few quick & simple dishes!

*Date:* Wednesday December 10th • 1pm - 3pm

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## Pollinator Day

Have We Got an Exciting Workshop For You!

On Saturday November 1, 2014, pollination biologist Susan Chan will present this full day workshop designed for farmers, landowners and concerned citizens. Susan will outline the fundamentals of pollination, as well as habitat requirements for pollinators and beneficial insects. Case studies will be presented, and strategies for mitigating threats to pollinators will be proposed.

Susan has been invited to give presentations to thousands of people across Ontario, and her extensive research is inspiring farmers and landowners to implement pollinator conservation plans on their own properties.

Our special guest, Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Medical Officer of Health for Peterborough City and County, will speak to recent research completed by Public Health Ontario on neonicotinoid pesticides.

Participants will each receive a copy of Farms at Work's A Landowners' Guide to Conserving Native Pollinators in Ontario, and will spend time building nests for cavity-dwelling bees to take home for use on their own properties.

There will also be ample time to visit the Pollinator Exhibition, where participants can interact with stewardship organizations and regional businesses that pro-

vide pollinator-friendly plant material and services to landowners. If you operate a native plant nursery or are part of a stewardship organization and would like to become an exhibitor, please let us know!

Tickets are \$30 each and include Landowner Guides and lunch. Spots are filling up very quickly for this exciting workshop, so make sure to register early! To purchase tickets, visit: [www.pollinatordayptbo.eventbrite.ca](http://www.pollinatordayptbo.eventbrite.ca).

For more information, contact: [jay@farmsatwork.ca](mailto:jay@farmsatwork.ca), (705) 743-7671.

## Northumberland Niche Processing Facility

When: Saturday November 22, 2014 (tentative)

Where: YMCA Geneva Park Conference Centre, Orillia, ON

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 region with packaging and freezing processes, this new facility will allow farmers to explore secondary sources of income through cost-effective, value-added production.

To receive updated details on this exciting tour as they become available, contact: [jay@farmsatwork.ca](mailto:jay@farmsatwork.ca), (705) 743-7671.

## 2014 Funding Available Now!

If you have an on-farm project in mind for this fall, now is the time to call the Kawartha Farm Stewardship Collaborative. Funding must be used this year, and may be increased by funding available through the local Stewardship Council. Commonly funded projects include:

- Fencing livestock out of water and woodlots
- Alternate watering systems e.g. solar
- Well upgrades
- Stream crossings
- Plantings e.g. shelterbelts, pollinator habitat
- Wetland restorations

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# Pumpkin Loaf

## Ingredients

4 oz cream cheese, softened	1-1/2 cups brown sugar
1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened	3 eggs
1-3/4 cups fresh pumpkin purée	3-1/2 to 4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
2 tbsp baking powder	1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp sea salt	1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
2 cups chopped walnuts or chocolate chunks	

## Directions

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Cream the softened cream cheese, brown sugar and butter in a large mixing bowl using an electric mixer. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, until blended; add the pumpkin purée, beating until combined. In a separate bowl, whisk together the 3½ cups flour, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg until combined. Add the dry ingredients to the pumpkin mixture; add the extra ½ cup flour if needed (the dough should be moist and thick enough to stand a spoon in). Stir in the walnuts or chocolate. Spoon the batter into a greased and floured 9" x 5" loaf pan. Bake on the centre rack of the oven for 50 minutes to 1 hour, until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean.

## 2014 EFAO Conference

When: December 4-6, 2014

In celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario, Farms at Work has joined forces with partners FarmStart, Everdale, and the Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security to launch the first annual EFAO conference!

With over 30 intermediate- and advanced-level workshops in streams ranging from Business & Marketing, Diversified Grain, Soil, Stewardship & Energy, Vegetables, and Seed Production, the vision for this year's conference aligns with EFAO's core mandate: "to support and promote a vibrant community of ecological farmers through education, training and knowledge sharing."

We expect over 250 ecological growers from across the province to attend, and are lucky enough to be hosting dozens of knowledgeable speakers from across North America. So join us for what promises to be the ecological farming event of the year!

For more information, visit the conference website: [www.conference.efao.ca](http://www.conference.efao.ca)

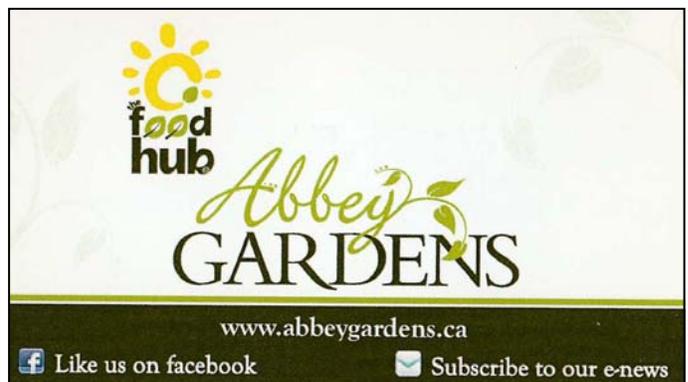
## BFO Corner, continued from page 2

The Beef Farmers of Ontario say that the Great Clay Belt is a largely undeveloped agricultural resource and a major economic opportunity for Northern Ontario. By making new lands in the region available to farmers at a reasonable cost, Ontario's beef farmers will be able to create a new source of stable jobs in Northern Ontario, protect existing jobs by providing a vital supply to meat processors in Ontario, and enable Ontarians to continue to buy local food and support local farmers.

The idea of using, leasing or selling crown land to convert it to beef production has recently gained traction, as Ontario premier Kathleen Wynne included a discussion on the topic in the mandate letter provided to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Jeff Leal.

*Submitted Bryan Barlow*

*BFO Delegate*



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We invite you to share your memories of farming in Haliburton County. HCFA is interested in compiling a collection of personal reminiscences of persons who farmed this county in the early years. We want to catch their history before it is all gone.

It is our wish to publish a small booklet that will recollect and tell of past experiences/events in our farming community. It would be appreciated, if possible, to include names and/or dates. We would also need a contact person for permission to use the material or enclose a note of permission with your submission. Photos would be welcome.

Please send submissions to Andrea Coysh, 1690 County Rd 21, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0 or email at [andreacoysh@gmail.com](mailto:andreacoysh@gmail.com)

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