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Soybean Report

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CANADIAN SOYBEAN QUALITY

The Canadian Grain Commission's harvest survey for 2005, assessing the quality of Canadian soybeans is now available online at <http://www.grainscanada.gc.ca/Quality/Soybean/soybeanmenu-e.htm>. The survey is based on 83 samples submitted to the Grain Research Laboratory, with 37 samples submitted from Ontario.

This survey has multiple uses, as it can be used as both a research and marketing tool. In the quality survey, samples are analyzed for oil content, fatty acid composition and free fatty acids. In addition, individual samples can be tested for pesticide residues (MRLs) and heavy metals, such as cadmium - key issues of key export markets, such as Japan. OSG encourages all growers to participate in the survey when and if they are approached to submit samples. As the largest growing area for soybeans in Canada, it is unfortunate that the number of samples from the current survey is not representative of the 2005 Ontario crop. Collecting and submitting samples at harvest time is important to establish an accurate quality assessment of soybeans grown in Ontario, Manitoba and Quebec.

APHIDS NOW MONITORED ON RUST WEBSITES

Last year Ontario participated in the North American soybean rust sentinel plot system designed for detection, tracking and management of soybean rust. This information is available to growers on both the Ontario Soybean Growers (OSG) website (www.soybean.on.ca) and the USDA soybean rust website (www.sbrusa.net). Along with the rust info soybean aphid maps, used for tracking aphids will now be available on the OSG website (www.soybean.on.ca).

Similar to the soybean rust maps, soybean aphid reports will be added to the aphid map based on observations from sentinel plots, research plots and grower fields. Unlike the soybean rust maps that are based on the presence of the disease, the aphid maps will have the average number of aphids present ranging from 0 to over 500 aphids per plant.

The entomologists developing the maps remind growers that the maps are not intended for individual field spray decisions. Tracey Baute, Ontario Entomologist and Chris Defonzo, Michigan Entomologist emphasize that the detection of soybean aphids in a growers area or even having fields exceeding the threshold do not necessarily indicate that individual fields should be treated.

Growers are encouraged to use the soybean aphid map to access information about aphid populations, but please do not use the map to make decisions on spraying soybeans for aphids.



Soybean Aphid

OSG HIRES NEW GENERAL MANAGER

The Ontario Soybean Growers are pleased to welcome Jim Grey to the position of General Manager, effective July 4, 2006.

Most recently President of CASCO Inc., Grey brings with him extensive experience in market development, human resource management, strategic planning and government & industry relations.

"The Board is excited and pleased to welcome Jim as General Manager and head of the OSG staff team," says Greg Devries, Chair of OSG. "Jim will bring value to our organization through his many strengths; in particular, his strong government and industry relations experience will be a real asset in moving our safety net key result area forward."

For the past seven years Grey has been President of CASCO Inc., prior to his current role he held positions with CASCO Inc. for 27 years. Grey holds a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering and Business Administration from McGill and has completed the Executive Development Program at Queens University. Grey recently completed the Leadership at the Peak Executive development program from the Center for Creative Leadership in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

SOYBEAN PROJECT WINS NATIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION

Superior Soy, an innovative soybean research project took top honours in May at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Chicoutimi, QU. Matthew Underwood, a grade 9 student from Wingham, ON successfully competed and won at both his high school and regional level before competing and winning in the National competition in the Intermediate Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada Division. Underwood developed a method for replacing the solvent, hexane with ethanol in the processing of soybeans. He found that using ethanol created a safer, more environmentally friendly processing method that utilized a renewable resource rather than using hexane, which comes from crude oil. Underwood was also awarded special recognition for Superior Soy as an outstanding project relating to agriculture.



Matthew Underwood, Winner of the Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada Division at the 2006 Canada Wide Science Fair

Congratulations Matthew!

FARMERS FEED CITIES! CAMPAIGN FINDS COMMON GROUND WITH ONTARIO FAMILIES

Farm organizations, industry associations and individuals across the province have been sounding the alarm about the farm income crisis gripping Ontario's grain and oilseed sector. But recent funding announcements and ad hoc payments have left farm leaders with more questions than answers.

"We really have no details," said Greg Devries, Chairman of the Ontario Soybean Growers, of the \$1.5 billion announced by the Federal Government. "We don't know what it will mean for individual producers, for sectors within the agriculture industry or even for the province as a whole." Beyond those details, Devries is concerned about timing, "We just don't know when the funds will reach producers." And there is still no commitment to the long term solution - the Risk Management Program - from either level of government.

Given the uncertainty, organizers know there is more work to do. Farmers are being encouraged to continue calling their elected officials, and to get the Farmers Feed Cities! logo wherever they can - hang signs, wear t-shirts and encourage friends and neighbours to do the same. Farmers are also being told to remain involved and active in getting the message out into the fall. "We're hopeful," says Devries, "but we've got to be prepared."

And that's why the Farmers Feed Cities! campaign is ramping up its public relations efforts. "Getting the public's attention was a critical first step," says Leo Guilbeault, Chairman of the Grain & Oilseed Safety Net Committee, referring to rallies, demonstrations and a significant media presence over the past several months. "But now that the public is listening, we need to help them understand why they should care and how they can help."

New communications tools have been developed to help Farmers Feed Cities! volunteers connect with families across the province and encourage them to get involved. "We've got a lot of common ground - important aspects of our lives that rely on a healthy agriculture industry," said Guilbeault.

According to campaign organizers, it's a long list. We all breathe cleaner air because of agriculture. We all have access to safer, more reliable food because it's grown right here at home. Many of us - farmers and processors, chemists and truck drivers, bankers and car salesmen - have jobs because of the economic activity generated by agriculture. And after work we travel, camp, fish and play in vibrant rural communities that depend on agriculture for their ongoing sustainability.

Finding the common ground with non-farm neighbours is critical. While it's clear that "Farmers Feed Cities!"... it is also true that today, in the face of such uncertainty, farmers need cities - to show their support for agriculture.

If you would like to volunteer with the Farmers Feed Cities! campaign, please contact Scott Allison at (519)767-4132. You can monitor campaign activities by visiting the web site at www.farmersfeedcities.com.

