

Save the Date - Dairy & Beef Producer Meeting - November 19th

Save the date for the 2025 Dairy and Beef Producer meeting on Wednesday November 19th from 9:45 am to 1:30 pm (lunch included) at the Shelburne Ag Community Center, Shelburne, ON. Come on out for a great meal and discussion on cattle nutrition, feed bunk management, MyFarm management and Enogen – high energy feed!

Please RSVP by Wednesday November 12th to the Orangeville office at 519-941-0450 or using the QR code.



Choosing Your Corn & Soybean Trait Packages

As the combines are finishing up for the 2025 season, it is time to start thinking ahead about Spring 2026! Choosing the right corn and soybean varieties can be overwhelming with dozens of hybrids and varieties to comb through to choose which are best for you. A good place to start is looking back at your 2025 crop and evaluate what worked well and what didn't work well. Some things to consider asking yourself as you narrow down your selection for 2026 can include:

1. **Field Weed Pressure:** Have you noticed weed pressure climbing in your fields over the past few years? Ask your agronomist which trait package provides the best opportunity to tailor an herbicide program for hard to control weeds in your field.
2. **Insect Pressure:** Are you seeing a higher pressure from cutworms, corn borer, or corn rootworm, etc in your corn field? Understanding which insects are a concern for your fields will help you pick the right corn hybrids that can provide protection from above and below ground pests.
3. **Disease Pressure:** Seed companies provide information on disease tolerance traits and scores for common diseases such as white mould in soybeans or tar spot in corn. Ensure you talk to your agronomist about planting a more tolerant corn or soybean variety in your fields that are prone to high disease pressure.
4. **Soil Type:** Soil type can play a big role in crop performance. Some varieties are noted to be better suited for drought prone or poorly drained soils. Working with your agronomist to select varieties catered to each soil type or a variety capable of performing consistently through variable soil types can ensure optimal yields next year.

Research Farm Update

Low commodity prices coupled with ever-rising production costs have made operational efficiencies even more critical moving into the future. To create confidence with the products we sell, we often put new products and variety trials in our research plot fields. This year in the Orangeville research farm we tested 2 wheat varieties, 15 soybean varieties with two different trait packages and 15 corn varieties, plus two biological products on three crops. In our wheat trials we saw a significant increase in yield with the use of the biological product PowerCoat when applied to dry fertilizer and included in the in-furrow application. In our soybean variety trials had great yields in both trait packages. For the Xtend varieties, the top yields came from the Pride – 0225 XRN and the NK – S06-A2XF. For the Enlist varieties, the top yields came from Brevant – B07HE and Stine – 05EG62. We look forward to the corn harvest data coming soon!

Reach out to your Agronomist to see if these products could be a good choice for your operation!

FCC's Economic Outlook

FCC recently hosted an economic outlook for Canadian agriculture. Here are a few key takeaways:

Interest Rates: The Bank of Canada is expected to cut rates once more by year-end, bringing the prime rate down from 4.45% to 4.2%. This will help reduce the cost of operating credit. However, long-term borrowing costs are expected to decline much less, with RBC even forecasting an increase in 2026.

Canadian Dollar: The dollar is projected to appreciate slightly next year. This will be driven more by U.S. economic weakness from tariffs than by Canadian strength.

Grain & Oilseeds: Despite commodity prices are sitting near five-year lows, FCC projects improving margins for the 2026 growing season compared to 2025.

Clean Farms 2025 is CLOSED

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Clean Farms program over the past year. We have wrapped up empty jug collection for the 2025 year and will start again in May of 2026!

2025 Seed Showcase – Key Varieties to Consider

Pride		Corn	DP * Dual purpose variety
A4848G2	2375	Dependable yields under stress, drought, heat and tough conditions. DP	
A5292G8	2600	Strong emergence & vigour. Below ground protection for corn-on-corn acres. DP	
A5580G4	2650	Fast out of the ground with excellent stalk strength & husk flare for efficient drydown.	
A5775G2	2650	Reliable & steady yields across diverse conditions with strong, fast emergence.	
A5959G2	2725	Versatile racehorse type hybrid with consistent performance & large cobs.	
NK			
NK7837V	2350	Great drought tolerance & consistent yield across yield environments. DP	
NK8558AA	2625	Versatile on a range of soil types with strong emergence for early planting. DP	
Enogen			
E080Q1-D	2400	Heavy test weight with strong stay-green, allows for season long standability. DP	
E085Z5-D	2625	Solid emergence & vigour allows early planting with medium-high populations. DP	
E092W5-D	2750	Exceptional disease & drought tolerance for maximum tonnage & feed quality. DP	
Silverline		IP Soybeans	
S03-W4	2650	Consistent performer across soil types with a dependable yield.	
S04-K9	2675	Similar to the W4s but with value-added agronomics such as SCN & root rot protection.	
Pride		Xtend Soybeans	
PS0098XR	2400	Very good stress tolerance with strong yield potential	
PS0225XRN	2575	Maintains plant health in drought conditions, with excellent emergence in no-till & tough clay.	
PS0521XRN	2675	Excellent emergence, adapting to a range of soil types & geography, particularly heavier soils.	
NK			
S02-M4XF	2550	Well suited for highly productive acres. Above average white mold tolerance.	
S04-J6X	2625	Great emergence, solid stress tolerance while maintaining a top end yield potential.	
S06-A3XF	2675	Exceptional spring vigour with quick emergence. Shows big yields on tough ground.	
Pride		Enlist (E3) Soybeans	
PS0423EN	2625	Strong emergence & stress tolerance for a reliable start and season-long performance.	
NK			
S03-V5E3	2600	Well suited for highly productive acres. Broadly adapted across soil types.	
S06-A1E3	2675	Strong defense to handle tough conditions. Large plant performs across variable row widths.	
S08-Z4E3	2725	Excellent standability & plant health for highly productive acres.	
Stine			
05EG62	2675	A tall, bushy soybean that stands well, thrives in both high-yield & poorly drained soils.	

Talk to your Holmes Agro representative about which variety and trait package will fit your agronomic needs in 2026!

Early Seed Orders – Promotion Coming Soon

As crop planning conversations continue and seed booklets land on kitchen tables this month, we will once again be running our early order seed promotion this fall. Talk to your agronomist about taking advantage of the best opportunities to book seed for 2026!

Be Winter Ready with ProMelt!



Did you know that Holmes Agro is a supplier of various ice melt products? We are happy to offer the ProMelt product line for any of your ice melt needs. ProMelt products are more effective at lower temperatures. ProMelt products are less corrosive compared to other options. Having the product coloured helps with ease in application to ensure efficient use. We also offer a pet friendly ice melt product called ProMelt Enhanced!

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Holmes Agro Credit Update During Postal Disruption

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