

# POLITICIANS' MEETING

March 14, 2020  
Elmwood Community Centre  
10:00am – 3:00pm

Organized and Sponsored by:  
Bruce County and Grey County  
Federations of Agriculture

*The Bruce County and Grey County Federations of Agriculture feel it is important to take time to provide our elected Municipal, Provincial and Federal government representatives with constructive input from grassroots organizations. We would like to enhance communication between the agricultural industry and all levels of government so we might create a better understanding of issues creating barriers to successful rural communities and profitable farming families.*

- ✓ More than 81,000 Ontarians make their living directly on farms and 718,000 Ontarians work in the agri-food industry
- ✓ Ontario's agri-food industry including agriculture, food processing, wholesale, retail and food services contributes over \$35 billion annually to the provincial GDP which accounts for 5.8 percent of Ontario's GDP
- ✓ Ontario farms generated \$12.7 billion in farm cash receipts (FCR) representing about 22% of Canada's FCR



# Meeting Agenda

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Speakers</u></b>
10:00 – 10:10 am	Welcome & Introductions	John Rodgers, President BCFA Hugh Simpson, President GCFA
10:10 – 10:20	BCFA 2020 Update	John Rodgers, President Bruce County Federation of Ag
10:20 – 10:30	GCFA 2020 Update	Hugh Simpson, President Grey County Federation of Ag
10:30 – 10:45	Bill 156/ PAWS	Danielle Glanc, OFA Chris Cossitt
10:45 - 11:00	NWMO	TBD
11:00 - 11:20	Municipal Drains	Andy Kester, OMAFRA
11:20 - 11:40		Brent Wygall
11:50 – 12:00	Questions	
12:00– 12:30	Lunch	
12:30 - 12:40	OFA - Producing Prosperity	Keith Currie, OFA President
12:40 - 12:50	Saugeen Valley Conservation	Dick Hibma Tori Waugh
12:50 – 1:00	Grey Sauble Conservation	Karen Gillan, Program Supervisor/Communications Planner
1:00 - 1:10	Building Careers and Futures in Agriculture Bursary	Les Nichols
1:10 – 1:25	Grey Bruce Pork Producers	Chris Cossitt
1:25 – 1:40	Sheep Producers	Tom Lewis
1:40 - 1:55	Grey Bruce Milk Producers	
1:55 - 2:10	Bruce Grey Beef Producers	Scott MacDonald
2:10 - 2:20	Pine River Watershed Initiative	David Grant Bernd Portz
2:20 - 2:30	Soil and Crop	Adam DeVisser
2:30 - 2:40	Fruit and Veggie Growers	Brian Gilroy
2:40 – 2:55	Open Forum for Politicians	Municipal, Provincial, Federal
2:55 – 3:00	Wrap Up	