



CFBA News

Newsletter of the Canadian Farm Builders Association

Fall Newsletter 2013

Presidents Letter,

This has been an outstanding summer, now with fall approaching we need to look at our upcoming events. Don't forget to book in for our annual 2014 A.G.M. conference on January 31st.

Thank you to the CFBA Golf Committee for all their hard work in making our annual golf day a great success. I also would like to thank all of you who participated in the fun and making it a great golf day.

This year has been a real struggle for Contractors getting building permits, the public needs to be educated and told that if they would like to build something bigger than a garden shed for next year they better start applying now. It appears the different stages that are required can extent anywhere from 2 to 12 months before you can apply even for the building permit, the red tape, forms and up-front funds required for the townships has also increased depending on the project. Does this sound like something you are going through? Let us know we would like to hear from you with your comments, to see if we can put some information together that will make a difference in the permit application process.

The CFBA board takes pride in gathering and staying on top of the changes in the construction industry. Send your comments to Mike Parker at cfba@cfba.ca.

Thank you for your support

“Behold the Turtle: He only makes progress when he sticks his neck out “



*Mark Cook
President, Alstructural Handling Inc.*



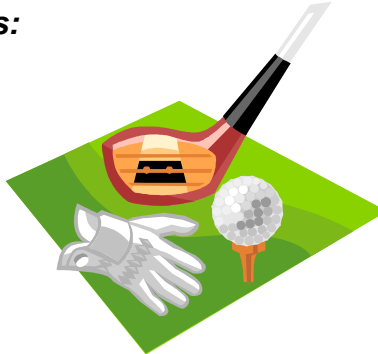
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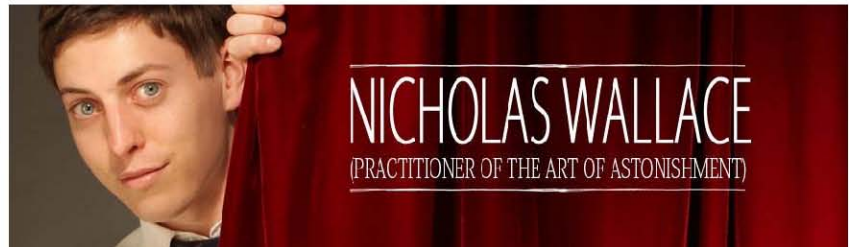


MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Canadian Farm Builders Association – 28th Annual Conference
Friday, January 31, 2014
Arden Park Hotel, 552 Ontario Street, Stratford, Ontario

CFBA is pleased to announce that the 28th Annual Conference will be held once again at the Arden Park Hotel in Stratford on **Friday, January 31, 2014** (and we are 99% sure there will not be a winter storm on that day this time!).

The CFBA is just in the process of selecting topics of interest for the conference and we would welcome any feedback or suggestions that you might have for new topics that we can address (email ideas to cfba@cfba.ca). We are also pleased to announce that the entertainment for the event has been booked and that **Magician/Illusionist Nicholas Wallace** will be returning to amaze us with feats of wonder. If you still haven't figured out how he managed to read our minds last year then you need to return for his encore performance where he will be showcasing new and amazing tricks.



Nick Wallace is not your typical magician, and he is not presenting your typical magic show. He has been called a “Master of subtle illusion and manipulation”. He can be best described as a minimalist – who has forgone fancy props and special effects and prefers to conjure with an audience’s imagination by presenting magic and mind reading in a way that is both entertaining and thought provoking. He specializes in providing professional entertainment for corporate events, private parties and theater presentations

Recently, he competed against entertainers from across the country and received top honours from the Canadian Association of Magicians, making him the current Canadian Champion of Magic.

Nicholas has also been receiving rave reviews for his one-man stage shows. His current show was awarded “patrons pick” at this year’s London Fringe Festival, and named “Best of the Fringe” by the Hamilton Fringe Festival for the second year in a row.



THE CFBA IS THERE

When the Council of Ontario Construction Associations members want to be heard, they speak directly to Members of Provincial Parliament. When MPPs want to get the pulse of what is happening in the construction industry of Ontario, they contact COCA.

September 23, 2013 is “Construction Day” at Queens Park. COCA members will be engaging the MPPs in their offices, one on one, with specific recommendations about WSIB, Prompt Payment Legislation, and the government’s procurement process and other issues.

This highly successful COCA event, now in its fifth year, called “Construction Day” at Queens Park, has proven to be an excellent communication vehicle for the Construction Industry in Ontario, with government.

We meet with MPPs who have a wealth of knowledge about our industry and others who know very little about the impact of construction on Ontario’s economy. Construction Day cements old relationships and creates new ones in our efforts to educate those who create legislation and regulations that impact our industry. COCA is a proactive organization that is involved in the process before legislation and new laws are passed. Through year round participation by being part of commissions, government regulatory boards and agencies the voice of Construction is heard. COCA is part of the long term process of improving the rules and laws that affect large and small contractors every day, at every job site.



The Canadian Farm Builders Association is an active participant as a member of the COCA in representing its membership. The CFBA is a member of the Board of Directors and our Past President is the second Vice President. The CFBA will be there on Construction Day and at the COCA meetings throughout the year. Our best efforts will hopefully mean better legislation and regulations as our industry adapts to changes. Changes driven by politics, technology, the environment, consumer needs, etc. should all be done with the input of the contractors who do the

actual work at the workplace, every day. The CFBA will continue to be involved.

Gary Van Bolderen



Growing More Local Food Opportunities Ontario Government Launches New Local Food Fund



September 16, 2013 9:00 a.m. - Ministry of Agriculture and Food

At a visit to Foodshare Toronto today, **Kathleen Wynne**, Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Food announced that applications are now open for a new Local Food Fund.

The fund is part of a \$30 million dollar investment from the province to create jobs and support innovative local food projects over the next three years. This fund is also part of the government's broader local food strategy to increase awareness and demand for foods grown and made in Ontario. It will support projects that:

- Market and promote local food
- Strengthen regional and local food networks by increasing partnerships along the supply chain
- Use new and innovative equipment and processes to boost the supply, quality, availability and distribution of local food

Supporting local food is part of the Ontario government's plan to grow the economy, create jobs and help people with their everyday lives.

Quick Facts

- **Foodshare Toronto's** good food programs reach more than 155,000 children and adults per month.
- Ontario has invested more than \$116 million to support local food since 2003.
- The agriculture and food sector, from farm to fork, contributes approximately \$34 billion to the provincial economy and supports more than 740,000 jobs across Ontario.

Quotes

Supporting local food does so much for Ontario. We are committed to working with our industry partners to increase the demand for local food, which will feed local economies across the province. By supporting partnerships and innovation, this fund will make sure more people benefit from the good things that grow in Ontario.³³



Feed-In Tariff (FIT) Program

The Ontario Power Authority was directed to develop a pilot program, and to launch this pilot program simultaneously with the FIT Program, for solar (PV) projects anticipated to be built on yet-unconstructed buildings. Draft information related to the Unconstructed Rooftop Solar Pilot is posted on the Ontario Power

Authority's website: <http://fit.powerauthority.on.ca/newsroom/september-5-2013-FIT-3>.



Purpose

The FIT Program overview is intended to provide potential applicants with a simplified version of the FIT Rules as well as guidelines for developing a renewable energy project under the FIT Program. Please note that the FIT Rules, Standard Definitions and Contract remain the legal requirements of the program and should be reviewed by all who are interested in participating in the program. If applicants decide to apply to the FIT Program, they should also consult the registration instructions (which will guide you through the registration process) and the application instructions (which will guide you through the process for completing and submitting an application form). Both of these documents can be found on the FIT website.

This document also provides an overview of the scope of the requirements for developing a renewable energy project under the FIT Program. It is not intended to provide a complete listing of all the requirements. You are responsible for ensuring the technical, regulatory and financial viability of your project BEFORE beginning the FIT Program application process. You should also investigate all of the requirements for owning and operating a renewable generating facility, including determining a business structure, obtaining The general rule is that ground-mounted solar projects are prohibited from being located on property on which residential is a lawfully permitted use or on property abutting another property on which residential is a lawfully permitted use. The first exception to this rule is for properties on which agricultural use is lawfully permitted, where the residential lawfully permitted use is ancillary to that agricultural lawfully permitted use. To take advantage of this first exception both the project property and abutting properties must meet these requirements.

The second exception is for certain "rural" properties with multiple permitted primary uses where residential use is one such permitted primary use. To take advantage of this second exemption, project must adhere to certain setback requirements and visually screen the project from abutting residential properties, residences, and open road allowances.



INSPECTORS FOCUS ON ROOFING SAFETY

SUMMARY

Ontario is targeting safety hazards involving sloped roofing at construction projects during a two-month enforcement initiative.

Beginning August 1st, inspectors will visit construction sites across the province, seven days a week, to raise awareness of safety and promote compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its regulations.

Inspectors will focus on fall hazards, fall protection training and setup, use of ladders, heat stress and materials handling hazards that can lead to musculoskeletal disorders.

Protecting construction workers is part of the government's continued commitment to prevent workplace injuries and illness through its Safe At Work Ontario strategy.

BACKGROUND

Working on sloped roofing is a dangerous job. A small slip can have serious consequences. In 2012, a total of 13 workers died and 137 workers received critical injuries in incidents in the construction sector. Of those, five workers died and 79 workers received critical injuries as a result of falls.

Hazards involving sloped roofs include inappropriate use of fall protection systems, poor ladder setup, overhead Hydro lines and poorly maintained equipment.

LEARN MORE

For information about construction safety, visit www.ontario.ca/ConstructionSafety. Learn about the ministry's Construction Sector Plan 2013 – 2014.

ATTENTION BUILDERS

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this year's projects**



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for the forms for the
Project of the Year
registration.

or contact Mike @ (519) 271-0811

ONTARIO LAGS IN CHICKEN PRODUCTION

September 6, 2013

The national chicken marketing agency is granting Ontario a production increase of three-tenths of one per cent for quota period A-121 which begins December 13.

That is far less than the national increase of 1.2 per cent and, than the two per cent increase for Quebec.

Ontario is, however, so short of chicken that the marketing board is unable to meet the demand of CAMI International Poultry Inc. of Welland and its Asian clients who want birds with heads and feet left on and there are no Ontario processors serving the kosher market.

A number of relatively small-scale processors have also been left short of enough chicken to meet their demand.

But the large-volume processors who dominate the market continue to push for low production targets so they have no trouble selling all the chickens they buy and process.

The Association of Ontario Chicken Processors and the Chicken Farmers of Ontario marketing board are apparently trying to work out an agreement on the chicken board's proposals to introduce a new policy to gain extra chicken from the national agency to give to processors who want to develop specialty markets.

The original proposal from the chicken board was opposed by the AOCP which filed an appeal to the OMAF Appeal Tribunal. That appeal has been suspended, pending the outcome of negotiations between the board and the AOCP.

But while the negotiations continue, processors such as CAMI continue to be short of chicken. CAMI has filed two sets of court challenges, one to gain the right to import chickens to meet its customers' demand, the other against the Ontario chicken board for throttling back its chicken supplies when it reached an agreement with its Quebec counterpart to stop trade in live chickens between the two provinces.

CAMI had been filling its unmet demand of Ontario chickens by contracting producers in Quebec.

One of the reasons Ontario's allocation from the national agency remains relatively low is the small volume of exports from Ontario processors.

In the A-121 quota period allocation, for example, Ontario's allocation for "market development" (a euphemism for exports) is 1.4 million kilograms, Quebec's is 3.2 and British Columbia's is 1.6 million kilograms.

The total allocation for A-121 is almost 156 million kilograms, of which about 7.3 million is for market developments/exports.



2-Minute News

September 2013

Safety Talk: 3-Point Contact—Ladders

Climbing a ladder is not as easy as it sounds. Many workers have been injured getting on or off a ladder. Workers have died from falls after losing their balance. In September and October, the Ministry of Labour will be conducting a blitz on fall hazards. So read IHSA's.

Safe Driver and Safe Worker awards recognize health and safety performance

Do your drivers or workers need to be recognized for their health and safety achievements? IHSA offers two award programs to mark individual efforts in safety.

Safe Driver Award

If a driver works for a full calendar year (January 1 to December 31) without a motor vehicle incident (MVI), he or she is eligible for the Safe Driver Award. The year for school bus drivers goes from July 1 to June 30 to better reflect their schedule.

Safe Worker Award

If an employee works for a full calendar year (January 1 to December 31) without a compensable incident, he or she is eligible for the Safe Worker Award. Generally for the first year, workers must have been full-time employees for at least 75% of the year.

Safety seminars for the low-rise residential roofing sector

Residential roofing is one of the most hazardous occupations in Ontario. For roofers, even a small slip can have disastrous consequences. To raise awareness of the need for increased safety initiatives in the Low-rise Residential Roofing Sector, IHSA will be offering a series of 2-hour awareness seminars across the province.

IHSA Gap Analysis Seminar in Cambridge

How do you know if your health and safety management system is really working? IHSA knows companies work hard to put safety policies and procedures in place. But it can be difficult to know if they are successful. Join IHSA at an upcoming interactive Gap Analysis Seminar where participants will self-assess their level of compliance. Participants receive an evaluation checklist to compile their specific background information and requirements. This event is free of charge.

Curious about GHS? Learn more at IHSA's upcoming seminar

IHSA is offering a free seminar to help employers understand and prepare for the changes to WHMIS that will come in the near future as Canada makes the transition to the globally harmonized system (GHS). Join IHSA, the Ministry of Labour, and other organizations for this free seminar to learn about GHS and how it will impact your workplace.

2-Minute News

September 2013

CONTINUED:

Elements of a Health and Safety Management System: Health and Safety Policy

It can be tough to start building a health and safety management system (HSMS) without help. A new feature each month in *2-Minute News* will introduce some of the most important elements needed for an HSMS and provide some advice on how to manage them.

The first element of a health and safety management system (HSMS) is the health and safety policy statement. The policy is a declaration of management's commitment to the HSMS and must reflect the attitude, authority, and objectives set forth by them.

The policy should be developed to include

- A statement of principles and goals
- Signed acknowledgement/date by the President, CEO or Area Manager
- The need to comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and applicable Regulations
- Employee's rights to a safe and healthy work environment
- Management's commitment to providing a safe and healthy work environment
- The priority of safety in relation to the organizational goals and policies
- Cooperation of workers and unions to put the policy into practice
- Senior management to annually review the Health and Safety Policy Statement
- Update the policy statement to reflect changes identified in the management review.

How IHSA can help

The links below can help provide guidance on building a solid health and safety policy.

- [Health and Safety Policies](#)
- [Health and Safety Essentials and IHSA My Health and Safety Program](#)
- [HSMS Evaluation](#) (Certificate of Recognition)

IHSA Safety Groups now recruiting for 2014

IHSA is a proud sponsor of the [WSIB Safety Group Program](#) and would like to congratulate all participating firms for implementing health and safety initiatives that are aimed at eliminating injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in the workplace. While the groups are still awaiting their final scores for 2013, recruitment for the 2014 groups is now ramping up. To learn more about the IHSA Safety Groups or to download an application form, please visit the [IHSA Safety Groups web page](#).



Changes to WHMIS are coming

After many years of discussion and proposed implementation timelines, it seems as though the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) for hazardous materials in the workplace will finally arrive in Canada and Ontario.

For some 25 years, Ontario workplaces have used the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) to inform workers about the dangers of controlled products. WHMIS is fundamental to a worker's right to know about hazards in the workplace.

Problems with WHMIS

Canada's WHMIS standard came into effect in 1988. Since then, our trade with countries that don't have systems like WHMIS has increased, and new products (and hazards) have been introduced. There are differences in how other countries classify chemicals, develop Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs), and organize their labels. This can cause confusion and make it difficult to enforce and to comply with the WHMIS standard. Ultimately, this confusion threatens the health and safety of workers both here and abroad.

What is GHS?

In 1992, the United Nations created an international system for classifying and identifying workplace chemical hazards in a consistent way. This system came to be known as the Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, or GHS.

GHS has three main elements:

1. Classification of Chemicals

GHS sets out standard rules for classifying

chemicals. Chemicals are classified into one of three hazard groups: health, physical, or environmental. However, Canada is not expected to adopt the environmental hazard group. Within the hazard groups, new classes of hazards are expected, such as explosives, combustible dusts, and simple asphyxiants. Although GHS does not recognize biohazardous materials (currently Class D3 under WHMIS), this category will likely be retained by Canada.

2. Safety Data Sheets

GHS will also require the use of newly designed Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), which will replace the current MSDSs. Although the differences are not expected to be extreme, there are some. The SDS will have 16 sections, whereas WHMIS has 9. Much of the information for the SDS is already contained in the MSDS, but it is better organized and clearer. The SDS must also list the sections in a specified order, use the words "Danger" or "Warning", post or describe hazard symbols, and include hazard statements.

3. Labels

GHS-compliant labels contain hazard symbols and signal words and list hazardous ingredients. Some of the symbols such as those that stand for skin irritation, cancer/germ cell, aspiration hazard, and explosives are different from those used in WHMIS. (See next page for pictograms.) Perhaps the most notable change, however, will be the removal of the distinctive hatched border.

GHS in Canada

Many countries have already adopted GHS into their existing legislation. In fact, the United States has started incorporating GHS into its Hazard Communication standard. At the federal level in Canada, amendments will have to be made to the *Hazardous Products Act* and the *Controlled Products Regulation*, which set out requirements for suppliers of controlled products. At the provincial level, the WHMIS legislation must also be amended to require that proper hazard information be obtained by employers and given to workers in a way that is consistent with GHS.

When will the new system take effect?

Health Canada, which is in charge of managing GHS implementation, has expressed a strong interest in aligning and synchronizing the implementation of GHS in Canada with the United States. The following tentative schedule has been proposed.

Proposed changes to *Hazardous Products Act* and *Controlled Products Regulation* published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I. This gives various interested parties a final opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes to the legislation before it is enacted.

Spring 2013

Final amendments to the federal legislation to be published in the *Gazette*, Part II before receiving Royal Assent and becoming law.

Early 2014

Amendment to *Hazardous Products Act* and *Controlled Products Regulation* come into force.

June 2015

After GHS comes into force in 2015, there will likely be a transition period to allow workplaces time to convert from WHMIS to GHS. In addition, provincial WHMIS legislation will also have to be amended to incorporate the GHS requirements.

What can workplaces do to prepare for GHS?

Workplaces in Ontario should continue complying with the current WHMIS legislation. This includes training workers and providing labels and MSDSs.

GHS Safety Data Sheets: Workplaces in Ontario may already be receiving GHS-compliant Safety Data Sheets from their suppliers. Although the use of the sheets is permitted, employers must ensure that workers are trained to understand the new style of SDS.

GHS labels: Some workplaces may already be receiving GHS labels; however, the use of these labels in place of WHMIS labels in the workplace is not yet permitted.

Review inventory: With the expected implementation of GHS in Canada likely to be only a few years away, workplaces should consider reviewing their inventory and minimizing unnecessary chemicals in the workplace. This can help them make the transition from WHMIS to GHS.

The transition to GHS is expected to result in much activity in the coming year. Check back with IHSA for more updates as new information becomes available.



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September 17, 2013

Connects and Dateline Feedback

In February 2013, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and the Ministry of Rural Affairs launched two new communications products to provide you with information on tools and resources (Connects) and events, meetings and workshops (Dateline).

Connects is developed and distributed provincially on a monthly basis. It contains three key subject areas – Technical Updates, Programs and Services, and Resources.

Dateline is an online calendar that provides you with information on events, meetings and workshops. The information is available by geographic regions – Central West, East, North, West and Provincial.

TECHNICAL UPDATES

- Nuisance Insects in Organic Poultry Production, Al Dam, Poultry Specialist, OMAF and MRA
- Choosing the Right Cleaning and Sanitizing Products, Wayne Du, On-Farm Food Safety Specialist, OMAF and MRA
- On-Farm Energy Audits: Putting Money Back in "Your Pocket", Tonya Grant, Livestock Assistant, OMAF and MRA
- Slow Moving Vehicle Signs

PROGRAMS and SERVICES

- Local Food Fund Launched
- Growing Forward 2 (GF2) Implementation Funding Intake 1
- Growing Forward 2 - A Federal-provincial-territorial initiative
- New Directions Research Program – Call for Letters of Intent
- Eastern Ontario Local Food Conference: Innovation Driving Local Food
- Heat Stress in Livestock and Poultry App
- Best Practices in Local Food
- Get Your "Sound Advice" Radio Reports - Audio Crop Updates
- Register for a Premises Identification Number
- Investment Ready: Certified Site Program
- Rural Ontario Institute's Leading Edge Summit
- CleanFARMS Obsolete Collection Campaign
- Registration is now open for the 2013 Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition Symposium

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