



Winter Wheat

As fall slowly approaches, it is time to think about choosing a wheat variety based on management practices and yield expectations. Here are **wheat varieties for 2018**:

Branson – Proven variety with excellent disease resistance, good standability, very high yield potential and great grain quality.

Emperor – This variety has shown consistent yields with very good lodging resistance, and good fusarium and leaf disease tolerance.

DS572SRW – Shows above average yields, excellent winter survival, good overall disease tolerance. Excellent seed and test weight too.

B654SRW – Outstanding yield and good test weight, above average stripe rust resistance

Cruze – Cruze fits all soil types, with excellent leaf disease ratings and high-end yield potential. Cruze has "stood up" to the test.

Gallus – A HRW with excellent protein levels along with good fusarium and leaf disease tolerance. Is short, stands well and yields well!

Soft White Wheat and Hybrid Rye varieties are also available.



Benefits of Certified Seed: Wheat in rotation has the potential to increase corn and soybean yields in the first cycle. Investing in certified seed allows you to benefit from genetic advancements, glyphosate tolerance weed control and seed treatments. Seed treatments improve winter survival and germination, create stronger root systems, and control seed or soil-borne diseases. Adding wheat into your rotation benefits your farm by minimizing erosion and reducing compaction. Adding wheat to your farm can help in advancing your fertility plan—remember the concepts of 4R Nutrient Stewardship.

Ontario Winter Wheat Performance Trial: The OCCC has released the 2018 Winter Wheat Report. Refer to the Ontario Winter Wheat Performance Trial for Area 2 to see cumulative yield indices and cumulative yield indices with intensive trials. Visit <http://www.gocereals.ca/performance.php> for the report.

Speak to your agronomist today about your options for Winter Wheat!

Orangeville Agronomy Day

With a break in the oppressive heat, Holmes Agro Orangeville hosted their annual summer agronomy day August 23. Groups departed to the field in the morning to listen to three different stations:

- Eric Richter of Syngenta & Paul Smith of Northern Equipment Solutions discussing “picket fence beans” and the “start clean, stay clean” approach to pre-emerge chemical in RR soys, stand establishment (and planting equipment). The Holmes plot was planted at 160,000 population with a twin row planter at 6 miles/hr – ask your agronomist to show you our “Picket fence beans!”
<https://cropmasters.syngenta.ca/soymasters/soybean-stand-establishment-and-assessment-scorecard>
- Shane Williams & Taylor Holmes (Holmes Agro) – Performance Acre Soybeans, Systems Approach with an interactive board asking the group what their top ten factors were to get the best soybean crop. Between all groups there were some constants such as variety, fertility, drainage. Beyond that there was a wide variety of factors. Once each group had decided on the list, Shane and Taylor then picked random “unknowns” such as aphids, soil crusting, etc. to see how each list of 10 held up to these stresses.
- Ted Taylor, Dave Bray and Christine Brown of OMAFRA presented a station demonstrating the importance of cover crops and drainage management on water infiltration and availability. Using a rainfall simulator, it was a very visual presentation on how something as simple as wheat stubble can have a significant impact on surface water run off. The important thing to remember is that every soil is a “sponge” no matter the soil type, they just behave differently. They wanted everyone to remember the two main purposes of tile drainage - #1 lower the water table, and #2 take away capillary water from rain events.

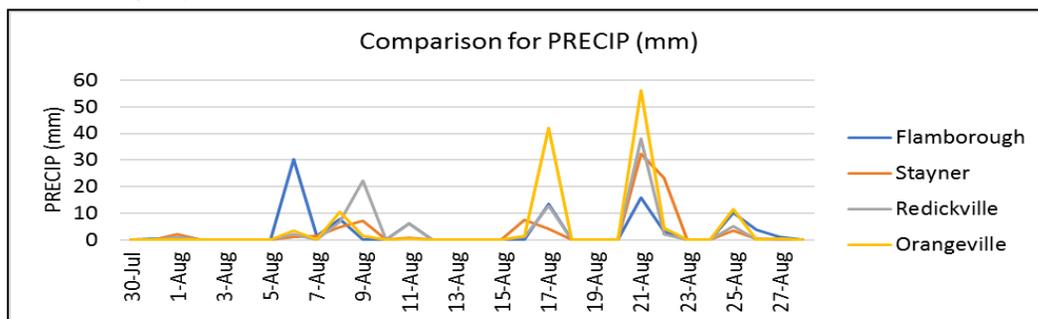
All groups joined together for the 4th field presentation of the Soil Warrior. Mike Eaton of ETS and Travis Clarke of Holmes Agro discussed 4R management and how strip tillage can be a great fit when managing input placement, tillage and rates. We had a live demo of the soil warrior through some fairly heavy green cover crop with impressive results.

After lunch a smaller group of customers and staff boarded a bus and headed to Bradford for an informative tour of Holland Acres – Doug VanLuyk and Gwillimdale Farms – John Hambly.

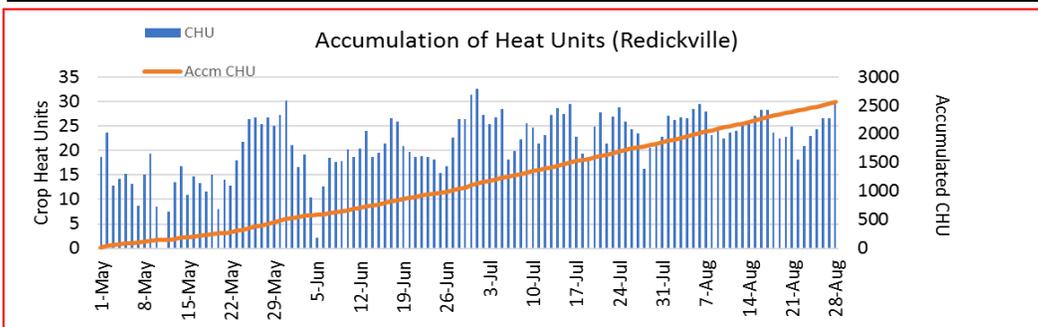


Weather Watching in 2018

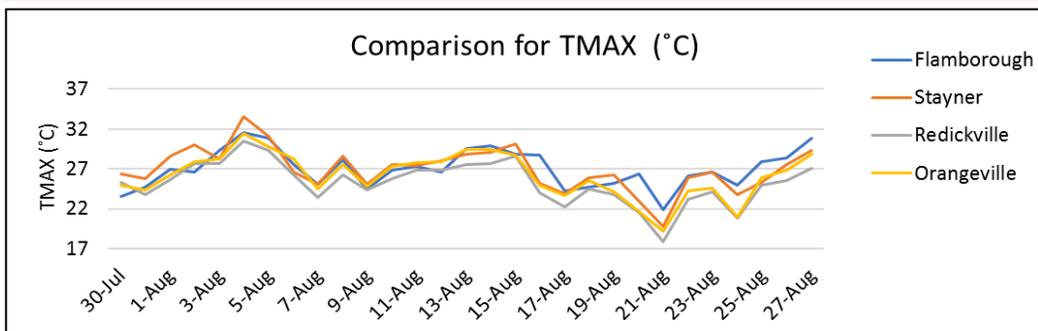
2018 has been an interesting year on several fronts, one of which being the weather patterns we've seen. Precipitation levels have been quite variable across the province in terms of both timing and quantity of rainfall. Thanks to Pride Seeds and the WIN group, each of our Holmes Agro locations has been equipped with a state-of-the-art weather monitoring station which collects and records data daily and stores it digitally.



Rainfall events for all 4 locations from July 29th through to August 28th. Significant rainfall from August 5th to 10th and again from the 15th to the 20th have made for the potential of better than average soybean and corn crops throughout the area.



Accumulation of heat units at the Redickville location from May 1st to August 27th. The data shows that to date we are just over 2500 CHU's in this area, similarly the Flamborough location is just over 2700 CHU while both Orangeville and Stayner are around 2600 CHU's.



Max temps at each location from July 31st to August 27th. All 3 of these combined should make for an exciting harvest season. Usually these types of combinations of temperatures, CHU's and rainfall make for some exciting harvest results. Stay tuned!

Outdoor Farmshow – Plot Tour, Selfie, and Free Lunch!



The 2018 Farm Show is September 11th to 13th at the Canada's Outdoor Park, Woodstock. If you are planning to attend, don't miss the opportunity to stop by the ProSeed or Pride booth for a tour of their *plots* and receive a *free lunch* ticket. Take a 'selfie' with Matt from ProSeed or Aaron from Pride and receive a *seed voucher* for 2019! We hope to see you there.

New Addition to the Holmes Agro Team – Lloyd McMillan

We are pleased to introduce Lloyd McMillan to our team specializing as a Seed Marketing Specialist. Lloyd's background goes back to 1994 starting with Hyland seeds and then following the lineup of products to today with Brevant Seeds. Lloyd will be working out of the Orangeville location focusing his time on seed sales specifically in the Brevant Seed line up and supporting his current customer base. Lloyd will be working part time through the fall seed season and assisting in the spring deliveries. He looks forward to meeting you!

Upcoming Events

- Sept 11th – 13th: Outdoor Farm Show, Woodstock
- Sept 18th – Sept 22nd: 101st International Plowing Match, Chatham-Kent
- Sept 29th: Dufferin Town & Country Farm Tour
- Sept 30th: Deadline for submitting photos for 2018 Holmes Agro calendar

