



Seed Draw

We are excited to announce our early order seed draw this year. Have your seed orders submitted by the end of November and you will be entered into a draw to receive a \$500 gift card! Contact your agronomist for more information!

Welcome Dennis!

Holmes Agro Stayner is pleased to welcome and introduce Dennis Coffey as the newest member of our team. Growing up on his family's dairy farm outside of Arthur, Dennis brings lifelong agricultural experience to his role. Before joining us, Dennis completed an internship with Pioneer seeds and is also a graduate of the Agricultural Business Program at the University of Guelph. Dennis will fill a Sales/Agronomy position serving customers across our region. Welcome Dennis !

Fall Compaction

One of the biggest challenges facing farmers this fall is compaction. With the less than ideal conditions at planting, lots of crops went in to less than ideal conditions. The majority of farmers knew that this was causing compaction, but it was the only way to get the crop in. Now that we are getting the crops off, we need to make sure that we are not making the issue worse. Fall harvest can be one of the worst times of the year for compacting soil, due to the size of modern harvest equipment. Some simple strategies to avoid compaction include:

- Adjusting air pressure of combines and grain carts, spread the weight out a little more
- Minimize how much of the field trucks drive on, load in yards or driveways where possible
- Avoid fall tillage if the ground conditions are not right, wait until ground is dry where you can.
- If possible, prevent combine grain tanks and grain carts from running full. Keep them as light as you can, even if you have to empty them a little more often.

There is no magic bullet to prevent, or fix compaction issues, but paying attention to the details and trying to do the little things right can go a long way towards limiting its effects.

Holmes Agro Credit Policy

Our credit terms are net 20th day of the following month for eligible charge accounts, as per our credit application and agreement.

On-Line payments are available at the following financial institutions: RBC Royal Bank, TD Canada Trust, CIBC, Scotiabank, Bank of Montreal and Meridian Credit Union, National Bank.

Holmes Agro can assist customers in setting up third party loans with Farm Credit Canada (FCC) Crop Input Financing and Scotiabank Yield More Financing – please contact your crop advisor representative for more information.

Loan Due Dates:

- All eligible crop input purchases between Sep 01 /18 and Aug 31 /19 have a loan repay date by:
- Feb 21, 2020 for Scotiabank Yield More financing, and
- March 13, 2020 for FCC Crop Input financing.
- There is no penalty if you pay early, and funds become available once again.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Grower Pesticide Courses

We have some dates set for the new year for Grower Pesticide courses. These are required for any chemicals other than Class 4 – these include some common herbicides as well as most insecticides and fungicides. Please have a look at your existing cards and make plans for renewal.

Bookings can be made online at www.opec.ca or by calling 1-800-652-8573. Payments must be made ahead of time as course instructors are no longer accepting payments at the courses. Books are available at our offices for pick up anytime.

We will not be able to sell chemical other than Class 4 to those who do not have a current Grower Pesticide License, so please make sure you have this in place before the upcoming year.

- Stayner – Sunnidale Corners - Tuesday February 25th
- Orangeville- Holmes Agro – Thursday March 26th and Saturday April 4th



2020 Seed Showcase

Brevant Corn

B82R52AM	2400	New early flowering hybrid with good drought tolerance and staygreen
B90J12AM	2650	Above average drought tolerance with high yield potential

Brevant Soybeans

B011DE	2550	New variety with Enlist, Some natural tolerance to SCN, solid emergence
B039Y1	2600	High yield potential, good tolerance to white mould, bushy type plant
B081RX	2725	SCN resistance with Xtend technology

Pride Corn

A4646G2	2300-2400	Fast establishment and vigour, fast drydown and outstanding test weight
A4939G2	2450	Very good ear size and girth, strong stalks and roots
A5225G2	2600	Strong emergence and vigour with aggressive populations
A5432G2	2650	Very high performance with exceptional yield and stalk strength

Pride Soybeans

PS0077XRN	2475	Very good disease package, dicamba tolerant, SCN resistance
PS0098XR	2550	Very good stress tolerance with strong yield potential, dicamba tolerant
PS0416 R2	2700	Visually attractive, outstanding emergence with high yield

ProSeeds Soybeans

PRO 2525	2450	Good spring vigour with excellent standability
PRO 03X74	2600	Providing great standability and high yield potential
PRO 06X93N	2675	Mid-bushy plant with strong yield potential and SCN resistance

SeCan Soybeans

Altitude R2	2725	Short plant with a high yield potential!
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Syngenta Corn

NK8288-3110	2500	Early Flowering variety with excellent staygreen. Viptera trait for WBC control
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Syngenta Soybeans

S01-C4X	2525	High yield potential with an early Xtend soybean variety
S04-D3	2625	Outstanding top-end yield, solid stress tolerance!

CLEANFarms 2019



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Cleanfarms program over the past year. We have wrapped up empty jug collection for the 2019 year and will start up again in April of 2020 ☺

Upcoming Events

November 1st- 10th – Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
 November 17th – 18th – Ontario Young Farms Forum
 November 18th – Soil Sampling and Fertility Workshop, St.Jacobs. [For more information and RSVP click here](#)
 December 5th – Forage Focus 2019, Stratford Rotary Complex
 January 3-9th – Grey Bruce Farmers Week, Elmwood Community Centre
 January 7-8th – Southwest Agricultural Conference, Ridgetown www.southwestagconference.ca
 January 17th – Farm Smart, Waterloo
 January 18th – Farm Smart, Guelph

