



February 2021

Holmes Agro will be closed Monday February 15th for Family Day

New Bagger – Orangeville Location

At the end of October, we installed a new heat-sealed bagger at our Orangeville location. With this, we have switched to heat-sealed bags rather than the open valve bags and a new label printer on the bag line as well. The label printer allows us to fully customize the bag labels and helps reduce waste from previously using stickers, ribbon ink and paper. The label printer can print up to 60,000 bags (equiv. to approx. 2,400 MT) before a new cartridge is needed. In addition, the new system helps reduce the dust while the bag is being filled with fertilizer, and there is a reduction in noise too. The new bagger allows us to bag 3-4 times faster than our previous system which has increased our productivity greatly!



Next Level Ag Series

Next Level Ag Series I February 4th 940am-1230pm

Nitrogen Management Panel
2021 Outlook from OMAFRA TEAM
Precision Research
Ag Marketing with Angie Setzer, VP Citizen

Next Level Ag Series II February 11th 940am-1230pm

Soil Health: Details Matter
Phil Needham: Next Level Wheat
Getting More Out of Forages
Adam Skinner: Instant Weather

Registration:

February 4th [holmesagro.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holmes-agro-february-4th-tickets-14888888888) or call the office

February 11th [holmesagroevent.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holmes-agro-february-11th-tickets-14888888888) or call the office

Agronomy Team Update: Laura Shaw

Laura Shaw joined the Holmes Agro team in the spring of 2020 where she started working with both the operational and agronomy teams and then transitioned to Agronomy Support/Crop Advisor this fall. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree and Certificate of Business with the University of Guelph this past year and graduated in the spring of 2020. Even though she will miss her days at the University of Guelph she is excited to improve her agronomic knowledge in the field and help growers reach their crop goals. In her free time, she can be found helping on her family's cash crop farm near Teviotdale, in the shop "attempting" to fix old pickups, or in the barn. You may also see her around the community as she is involved with several community organizations such as Wellington County Junior Farmers and the Drayton Agriculture Society. Laura is known for always having a smile on her face so if you see her in the fields this summer don't hesitate to stop and say hi.

Employment Opportunities

Holmes Agro has filled a number of our 2021 summer jobs vacancies, but we are still looking for DZ/AZ drivers at all locations, as well production workers for Orangeville to bag and tote fertilizer. More information is provided on our website www.holmesagro.com . If you or someone you know is interested in working with Holmes Agro, please contact Archie Wilson at 519-941-0450 or e-mail at archie@holmesagro.com

New Product Alert!

Nitrogen management as it relates to crop production can be challenging, so products like PurYield are a welcomed tool to help maximize nitrogen use efficiencies. PurYield is a polymer coated urea product that offers Adaptive Nutrient Delivery of nitrogen to plants when they need it. With the controlled release technology, nitrogen in the form of Pursell Agri-Tech PurYield can be applied early in the season but with a release window of +/- 60 days after application. The actual "weathering" of the coating and the release of the urea product is relative to available soil moisture and temperature. Controlled release nitrogen products are designed to best match the nitrogen demand curve with the crops growth stage and help mitigate weather loss from leaching, volatilization and denitrification. This product offers growers the opportunity for a win-win relationship where 4R stewardship principles are the 1st win (using right product, at the right rate, at the right time, and in the right place), and the 2nd win with enhanced nutrient use efficiency and increased output opportunity.

Ask your Holmes representative today, if the PurYield product fits your N management system in 2021.

Grower Pesticide Update

We have dates set for the new year for the Grower Pesticide Safety Refresh and Rewrite at the Orangeville and Stayner locations. Please have a look at your existing cards and make plans for renewal. Safety measures for COVID-19 will be enforced at these events. The full course will be offered online with multiple dates currently listed and more dates to become available in the future based on demand. 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. Effective January 1st, 2021, pesticides that were in Class 4, such as some rodenticide or glyphosate products are now in Class C in Ontario and will require proper certification to purchase. Please make sure you have this in place before the upcoming year.

Refresh and Renew:

- February 24th – St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Stayner
- March 25th – Orangeville Location

**Please visit our website for the most up to date information on course offerings. Currently all in person courses have been cancelled up to Feb 11th, with further cancellations possible depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

Plant Nutrition Fact

Magnesium is considered a secondary macronutrient and is taken up in similar quantities to phosphorus.

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.

Online bill payments are available at the following financial institutions: Bank of Montreal, CIBC, Meridian Credit Union, National Bank, RBC Royal Bank, Scotiabank and TD Canada Trust. To set up, select Holmes Agro as the payee and use your 5-digit account number, which is listed next to your account name on invoices and statements.

Third Party Loan Due Dates:

All eligible crop input purchases between Sep 01 /19 and Aug 31 /20 have a repay date by Feb 23, 2021 for Scotiabank Yield More financing, and March 15, 2021 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.

Upcoming Events

February 2nd – Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association AGM

February 4th and 11th – Holmes Agro Next Level Ag Series

February 10th – Dufferin Soil and Crop Annual General Meeting

February 24th – Grower Pesticide Renewal, St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Stayner

March 22nd – 23rd – Grain Farmers of Ontario March Classic

March 25th – Grower Pesticide Renewal, Orangeville Location

Jeff Shane Will Laura Kristen Greg Taylor Scott Dennis Lydia John

***** Check the website www.holmesagro.com for general information and upcoming important dates *****