

You Don't Want to Miss This!

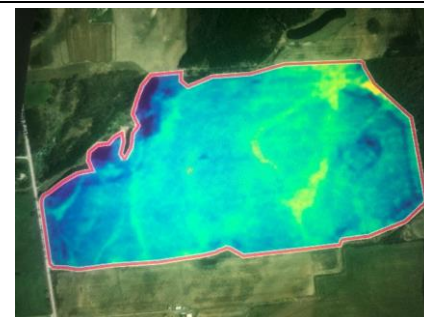
Due to COVID-19 we have decided to hold our annual winter grower events virtually this year via zoom. Please mark your calendars for the Next Level Ag Series February 4th and 11th

Seed Draw Winners!

We are excited to announce the winners of our Early Order Seed Draw! We want to thank our suppliers, **Brevant, Pride and Syngenta** for participating and supporting this draw! Our winners are: Don Neelands from Pride, Bill McFadden from Brevant and Wray Little from Syngenta. Thanks again to these customers, and all the others, who have ordered their seed already. To our lucky winners, your agronomist will be in touch regarding your prize.

Granular Imagery

For the 2021 crop season, Holmes Agro will once again be partnering with Granular Canada to offer their Insights imagery platform to our customers. This system will bring satellite imagery, delivered multiple times per week to an app on your phone, allowing you to monitor crop health across your fields as it changes through the growing season. This can help direct scouting efforts to problem areas in the field, allowing potential disease or insect issues to be found and corrected before they cause major losses. This imagery can also be used as a base layer to create a variable rate in season application of many products, such as nitrogen (liquid or dry) and fungicides.



Essential Micronutrient Packages

Dry granular vs. PROCOTE vs. foliar, what is the best option? Potentially a combination of all three or fine tuning, based on farm, crop, and past history. Limiting factors need to be eliminated, and as crop yields increase, micronutrients can start to become limiting factors. It is important to feed the soil to maintain soil nutrient levels to supply the crops need. Manure and other soil amendments such as compost or certain lime products can supply micronutrients and have an even distribution. Dry granular products are a good source; however, equal distribution can be an issue. Starter bands can concentrate these micronutrients, however, crop, soil type as well as placement need to be considered to ensure crop damage does not occur as micronutrients can become toxic if rates are too high. New products have come to market such as Aspire that adds Boron to potash creating an analysis of 0-0-58+0.5B. Based on a higher application rate and every granule containing Boron, it is more evenly distributed. Another option is PROCOTE that coats any dry fertilizer product with a stand-alone micronutrient or a micronutrient package. This again creates a better distribution of micronutrients as every granule contains micronutrients. Lastly foliar nutrients can address a crop nutrient deficiency in-season. This will strictly try and prevent or correct the issue for the growing crop, any soil deficiency will not be addressed. If a known nutrient deficiency will occur based on crop being grown, it is a good idea to apply the foliar nutrient as a preventative measure as opposed to trying to correct a deficiency once it appears. Make sure to include micronutrients in the crop planning discussion and in combination with soil sampling and tissue sampling to ensure that the right product is being used.

Ready When Nature Strikes!

We are a supplier of ProMelt products! Our unique ice melt product, ProMelt, can help you maintain a safe driveway and walkway this winter. ProMelt is specially formulated to work faster than rock salt and works in temperatures as low as -18°C and is optimally sized for easy spreading and reduced tracking indoors. ProMelt is safe for people, plants and pets and is less corrosive than your average rock salt. Visit our locations today to try it out!

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Spring Cereal Considerations

Oats:

- Banner – Excellent disease resistance. Food grade quality. Benefits from intensive management including growth regulators.
- Bullet – Great test weight and consistent performance in the field. Good standability. Maturity pairs well with barley making it an excellent option for mix grain situations

Barley:

- Bornholm – This is a tough to beat 2 row barley. Excellent test weight and grain yield. Early maturing and average straw yield. Bornholm pairs well with bullet oats for mix grain options.
- DS812 – Great new 6 row variety with solid agronomics. Top end grain yield and average straw yield. Great mixed grain option and for a barley only crop as well.

Spring Wheat:

- Ventry – Excellent straw yield and standability. Good disease package. Average grain yield with good protein

Did You Know?

All of the Ontario crop trials are now out. You can go to each of the OMAFRA crop websites for the updated trial information. We now have all of the links and trial data available on our website as well! On our website, click the agronomy tab and you will see a page called 'Agronomy links'. Click that page to see the results for yourself! <https://www.holmesagro.com/links2>

Grower Pesticide Course Offerings

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

Dufferin Soil and Crop Annual General Meeting

The Dufferin Soil and Crop Improvement Association is excited to offer the AGM virtually this year via zoom. We look forward to our key speakers: Peter Johnson, Tammy Whalen & Steve Kell. For information on the event and latest OSCIA news please visit: ontariosoilandcrop.org or contact Kris Carberry (President) 226-343-1344 kristen@holmesagro.com and Brandi McCabe (Secretary) 519-940-6679 brandi_mccabe@hotmail.com for membership information.

Upcoming Events

January 5th – 12th – Grey Bruce Farmers Week

January 6th – 7th – Ontario Agricultural Conference www.southwestagconference.ca

January 18th – Grain Farmers of Ontario District 11 Meeting

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

February 10th – Dufferin Soil and Crop Annual General Meeting

*All events listed are virtual

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

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