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SWAC JANUARY 6th & 7th

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1:00 - 1:55	11 Terry O'Reilly [FEATURE SPEAKER]	12 Dr. Jody Carrington [FEATURE SPEAKER]
2:10 - 3:00	22 Bin Busting Beans	16 Staying Ahead of Diseases
3:10 - 4:00	28 Fertilizer Philosophies	27 Is Residue the Enemy?
4:10 - 5:00	37 Agronomy Answers	31 Production Pundits
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MWAC JANUARY 16th

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1 Soil Test Savvy – Refresher from 2025
Colin Elgie, OMAFA
One soil test, 3 different fertilizer recommendations? Making sense of soil test results.

2 Super Soil Savvy
Colin Elgie, OMAFA
Building on Soil Test Savvy, Colin takes us to the next level in understanding and interpreting soil tests.

3 Resistance Diagnostics
Dr. Isabelle Aicklen, UGRC;
Chris Grainger, TurnKey Genomics Inc.
The tools and tricks to understand resistance on your farm and choose control strategies that work.

4 Succession Planning Success
Len Davies, Legacy Planning Group
Join us as Len answers the questions that are on everyone's mind.

5 Be Road Safe!
Andrew Smith, MTO
Know the rules and regulations to be both legal and road-safe for 2026.

6 Preventing Farm Theft
Sgt. Jillian Johnson &
Bradley Hull, Auxiliary Inspector, OPP
Options and opportunities to deter theft on your farm.

7 Discover, Visualize, Download
Daniel Saurette & Dan Bihari, OMAFA
The Dan's showcase the Ontario Soils GeoHub, a new website that provides a central location to access soil information in Ontario.

8 Cool Tools
Andrew Barrie & Colin Elgie, OMAFA
Nifty ideas and alterations to make repair jobs easier and life go more smoothly on the farm.

9 From Pit to Profit
Mel Luymes, OPACA; Christine Brown, OMAFA
Manure treatment systems that pay.

10 5R's of Tillage!
Jim Boak, Salford Group (Retired);
Colin Elgie & Ian McDonald, OMAFA
Deciding why, when, where and how to use your many tillage options.

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RDC Pioneer Lecture Theatre		38 Drainage Irrigation	34 Putting AI to Work		39 Soil Health Success	36 Edible Bean Excellence		15 Rootworm Reckoning	24 Soil-Residue Dynamics	26 Drone Application Realities
Engineering Building		40 Knowing Sprayers - Case IH WORKSHOP Pre-Registration Required						40 Knowing Sprayers - John Deere WORKSHOP Pre-Registration Required		Taste Ontario 4:10 - 6:00 RDC Gymnasium

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FEATURE SPEAKER - JANUARY 6th ONLY



11 Stories that Grow Trust
Terry O'Reilly

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Host of CBC Radio's Under the Influence, Terry O'Reilly is one of Canada's most dynamic advertising minds. With decades of experience helping brands craft powerful stories, Terry now turns his focus to agriculture and brings fresh insight on how farmers can tell their story, connect with the public, and grow trust in agriculture.

Taste Ontario

Jan 6th 4:10 – 6:00
RDC Don J Pestell Gymnasium

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FEATURE SPEAKER - JANUARY 7th ONLY



12 Reignite!
Dr. Jody Carrington

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In today's plugged-in world, it is easy to get down and disconnected. Jody has the spark you've been looking for! With energy, humor, and real-world insight, Jody will show you how to reconnect, recharge, and reignite your passion for people and purpose.

SWAC Session Details

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13 Plants Talk
Dr. Clarence Swanton, UG
The latest findings from Clarence's groundbreaking research that crops sense weeds and the practical applications for farmers.

14 Enlist or Xtend?
Adam Pfeffer, Bayer;
Greg Stopps, Corteva;
Mike Cowbrough, OMAFA [Moderator]
The in's and out's of soybean herbicide technology and where each program fits.

15 Rootworm Reckoning
Dr. Erin Hodgson, Iowa State University; Tuesday Schroeder & Dr. Jocelyn Smith, UGRC
2025: a fierce resurgence of corn rootworm! These leading experts unpack the latest breakthroughs in resistance, biological control, and the real economics of rootworm management.

16 Staying Ahead of Diseases
Dr. Alison Robertson, Iowa State University; Albert Tenuta, OMAFA
The latest in disease forecasting and control options to manage diseases and maximize yields.

17 Marketing Masters 1
JAN 6th ONLY
Steve Kell, Kell Grain Elevators
Why didn't we all forward contract? Steve's excellent insights into strategies moving forward.

18 Marketing Masters 2
JAN 7th ONLY
Ben Buckner, AgResource Company
Ben brings marketing insights and ideas to make sales in the top end of the market.

19 Wheat Wizard
Mark Stubbs, Louth, UK
From the highest wheat yield area in the world, Mark discusses the factors needed to optimize wheat yields.

20 Phosphorus Face-off
Dr. Kim Schneider, UG;
Dr. Kokulan Vivekananthan, OSCIA
How does the science of the new struvite (Crystal Green) phosphorus fertilizer stack up with other P sources on the market now?

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21 4R Economics
Rob Gamble, Agri-Metrics Consulting
Beyond the environmental benefits, how 4R principles impact the economics on your farm.

22 Bin Busting Beans
Dr. Hugh Earl, UG;
Matt Rundle, Syngenta
Matt and Hugh delve deep into their research chasing high yield soybeans.

23 King Korn
Dr. Fred Below, University of Illinois
A master of high yield corn, Fred will focus on key factors driving high yield.

24 Soil-Residue Dynamics
Dr. Humberto Blanco, University of Nebraska-Lincoln;
Ian McDonald, OMAFA
Digging into the science of managing crop residue - effects on soil properties, water movement, and crop production.

25 Soybean Secrets
Dr. Adrian Correndo, UG;
Horst Bohner, OMAFA
Fan favourites Horst and Adrian sift through mountains of data for the secrets to soybean success.

26 Drone Application Realities
Dr. Jason Deveau, OMAFA
Drone pesticide application brings many possibilities and challenges. Jason will cover the pitfalls and the parameters for success.

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27 Is Residue the Enemy?
Greg Cruickshank, Paris;
Shawn Schill, Arthur;
Matt Langford, Thorndale;
Greg Stewart, Syngenta [Moderator]
These growers talk successful ways to manage residue for soil protection, health, and maximum yield.

28 Fertilizer Philosophies
Dr. John Lauzon, UG
Beyond the simple, are there ratios or other tricks to knowing what fertility your soil needs?

29 Fertilizer's Changing World
Hugh Loomans, Sylvite
Tariffs, politics, and pricing. How the fertilizer world is trying to adapt.

30 Resilient Soils
Dr. Eileen Kladivko
From tillage and earthworms to drainage and nitrogen cycling, ways to help weatherproof your soils.

31 Production Pundits
JAN 7th ONLY
Dale Cowan, AGRIS Cooperative;
Peter Johnson, RealAgriculture;
Marijke Vanderlaan, Syngenta;
Colin Elgie, OMAFA [Moderator]
Get your burning questions answered by this passionate panel of agronomists.

32 Target Weeds ONLY!
Dr. Tom Wolf, Agrimetrix Research
Is green-on-green spraying technology for you? The science and the evolution.

33 Weed Whisperer
Dr. Peter Sikkema
From 30 years of research, Peter puts together his Top 10 takeaways for weed management in corn.

34 Putting AI to Work
Mohamad Yaghi, FCC
The new Root AI tool looks at options and scenarios to make the BEST farm management decisions.

35 Weather Wisdom
Ron Bianchi, Meteorologist
From drought to deluge, Ron will cover weather prediction, information sources, and weather FUN.

36 Edible Bean Excellence
Matt Underwood, Underwood Grain
From tillage through weed control to fungicides and harvest decisions, Matt tells how to target excellence.

37 Agronomy Answers
JAN 6th ONLY
Peter Johnson, Real Agriculture;
Greg Stewart, Syngenta;
Colin Elgie, OMAFA
Text your questions to WheatPete all day (519 318 2040). Pete and his "wingmen" will dig out answers from experts in the room and at the conference for a fun, end of day discussion.

38 Drainage Irrigation
Dr. Chris Hay, Chris Hay Consulting
Chris brings drainage innovations and ways to use tile drainage to its maximum.

39 Soil Health Success
Peter Harvey, Cookstown;
Warren Schneckenburger, Morrisburg;
Larry Dyck, Campden;
Jake Munroe, OMAFA [Moderator]
These top growers discuss where they have seen the wins and lessons learned in the search for soil health.

40 Knowing Sprayers
WORKSHOP
Matthew McCallum, Huron Tractor;
Mark Robson, Case IH;
TJ Poelman, UGRC
A hands-on walk through of options and opportunities to get the most out of your sprayer.

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9:00 - 9:10	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
9:10 - 10:00	**41 Looking Back, Looking Forward** Greg Stewart, Syngenta; Henry Prinzen, Maizex; Horst Bohner, OMAFA [Moderator] Advancements in biologicals, sulphur, and nitrogen field research will be discussed.
10:00 - 10:20	BREAK
10:20 - 11:10	**42 Wheat Insights from Across the Pond** Paul Legge, Paisley; Allan Thompson, Georgetown; Marijke Vanderlaan, Syngenta; Joanna Follings, OMAFA [Moderator] Hear from growers and agronomists who toured the UK about the fresh ideas and proven practices that boost wheat yields.
11:10 - 12:00	**43 Strip Till Show and Tell** Speaker Panel hosted by Ben Rosser, OMAFA Learn from these growers about how they've made strip-till work on their farms – what they have learned, what they have changed and where they are headed next. Plus the latest research on strip till fertilizer placement and safe rates.
12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH
1:00 - 1:50	**44 IPM in Action!** Meagan Ioi, FS Partners; Deb Campbell, Agronomy Advantage; Ken Currah, BASF From tar spot to waterhemp to the latest bug breakout. Learn from leading experts how they are utilizing crop scouting, diagnostic tools, and long-term vision to manage pests on farms across the province.
1:50 - 2:40	**45 Feeding the Soil and the Crop** Christine Brown, OMAFA High fertilizer prices, improving soil health, and access to off-farm amendments provide opportunities – including for farms without livestock.
2:40 - 3:00	BREAK
3:00 - 3:50	**46 I Robot, What's Happening and Are We Ready?** Ian McDonald, OMAFA A look at crop production automation through real-world examples within Ontario and beyond.
3:50	CLOSING REMARKS

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47 Record-Breaking Wheat: Learnings from the Great Lakes YEN
Joanna Follings, OMAFA

Discover how the Great Lakes YEN is helping growers unlock wheat yield potential through data-driven insights, benchmarking, and collaborative learning across the region.

48 From Stover to Stand: On-Farm Lessons for No-Till Soybeans after Corn
Dr. Josh Nasielski & Lance Javier, UG

Learn what our Eastern Ontario on-farm trials say about managing corn residue ahead of no-till soybeans. You'll get the information needed to help you figure out how to improve soybean performance on your farm.

49 Biocontrol Breakthroughs and New Pest Mysteries: A New York Perspective
Mike Hunter, Cornell University

In 2024, corn stunt and corn leafhopper were found for the first time in New York. Is this a new pest threat or a 'once and done' occurrence? Mike will share the research and his experiences from south of the border.

50 Successful Winter Cereals for Forage
Christine O'Reilly, OMAFA [Moderator]

Hear from farmers who are growing high quality winter cereals for forage. Learn why so many livestock growers are adopting the practice, how it works on farm, and tips for success.

51 Fight Back: Proven Tactics to Control Persistent Weeds
Mike Cowbrough, OMAFA

Mike will go through the latest in best management practices for the control of common weed problems in field crops.

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January 12th, 2026

EOCC IN-PERSON REGISTRATION CLOSES:
January 19th, 2026

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