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SWAC JANUARY 5th & 6th

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**All VIRTUAL and IN-PERSON
Session Recordings**

Available Until March 31st, 2027

(Access starts at 8:45 a.m. on Jan 5th)

Session Details - **ON DEMAND** (Access starts at 8:45 a.m. on Jan 5th)

1 Next-Gen Corn N

Dr. Adrian Correndo, UG

Updates to the Ontario Corn N Calculator are here! How does your corn N plan compare?

2 What Happens When?

Dr. Dave Hooker, UGRC

Saturated soils, droughted soils - how does the plant react? Can we manage our way through stress?

3 Using Yield Maps Better

Dr. Caleb Niemeyer, Woodrill; Dr. John Sulik, UG

Yield map data is essential but can fool you. Getting the real value out of the data you're collecting.

4 5Rs of Tillage Continued

Jim Boak, Salford Group (Retired);
Colin Elgie & Ian McDonald, OMAFA

It's soil habitat management - match your tillage to the needs of your soils.

5 Soil Health Decisions

Dr. Laura Van Eerd, UGRC;

Stephanie Vickers & Christine Brown, OMAFA

You've got your soil health test results back - what does it mean and what can you do about it?

6 Cracking the OAgC Vault

Timeless information from some of the top sessions of years past - stay tuned!

**Check the Resource Section on
the VIRTUAL Platform!**

**DON'T MISS
TEC TALK
TUESDAYS!**

**January 12th to
February 23rd
Starting at 7:27 p.m.**

Session Details - **SWAC**



9 Soybean Possibilities

Dr. Fernando Salvagiotti, National Agricultural Technology Institute, Argentina;
Dr. Adrian Correndo, UG, Moderator
Ideas from Argentina to target MAXIMUM soybeans.

10 Science Backed Soybeans

Dr. Mark Licht, Iowa State University
What Iowa growers are doing differently.

11 Soybean Weed Playbook

Dr. Peter Sikkema, UGRC Retired
Do Economic Thresholds apply to all weed species? How does the Critical Weed-free Period affect weed management?

12 Maximizing Pesticide Efficacy

Mike Cowbrough, OMAFA
Water quality, product formulation, adjuvants, and Delta T influence pesticide performance. Practical tips to improve spray results and avoid common mistakes.

13 Drying 25% to 15% for \$2

Greg Dineen, Kenilworth, ON
No gas, no propane, no biomass, no problem. Heat Pump grain drying arrives for corn as wet as 40%.

14 Productive Tender Nurses

Mark Luymes, & Rob Luymes, Moorefield, ON;
Paul Delanghe, Wallaceburg, ON;
Dr. Jason Deveau, OMAFA
Sprayer productivity can only increase if you can tender the product to it. These guys have it figured out.

15 The Biology Beneath

Dr. Bobbi Helgason, University of Saskatchewan
From rhizosphere to root exudates, the soil biome is complex. Bobbi puts the system together.

16 Agronomy Answers

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Greg Stewart, GASCANAG;
Peter Johnson, RealAgriculture;
Colin Elgie, OMAFA
Text your questions to WheatPete (519-318-2040) and the collective expertise will debate the answers.

MANAGE RESISTANCE *Now*

17 Drone 101

Adam Pfeffer, Bayer Crop Science;
Adrian Rivard, Drone Spray Canada
Can drones replace a high clearance sprayer? Adam and Adrian have the experience to know.

18 Herbicide Resistance: Past, Present, and Future

Dr. Isabelle Aicklen, UGRC;
Dr. François Tardif, UG
Are we doomed, or is there light at the end of the tunnel? Isabelle and François set the record straight on herbicide resistance and debunk some of the most common myths.

19 More BUGS!

Dr. Lauren Des Marteaux, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada;
Dr. Jocelyn Smith, UGRC
Rootworm, wheat midge, aphids and more. Lauren and Jocelyn bring the latest management techniques.

20 Old Foes and New!

Dr. Carl Bradley, University of Kentucky;
Albert Tenuta, OMAFA
Emerging diseases and continually adapting established pathogens, what growers need to know.

21 Capitalizing on Chaos!

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Steve Kell, Kell Grain Elevators
Steve focuses on taking advantage of the volatility in global markets to lock in higher returns for Ontario farms.

22 Beyond the Buzzword

Chad Wasyluniuk, Farm Credit Corporation
A Canadian standard for regenerative agriculture, on-farm considerations.

23 Why Did You Put It There?

Rob Northmore, Technical and Standard Safety Authority
Considerations for on-farm fuel storage to avoid costly or dangerous mistakes.



24 The Power of Banding

Greg Stewart, GASCANAG;
Ben Rosser, OMAFA
Side-band, deep band, surface band, zone band, jazz band, making corn dance!

25 No Nonsense N

Dr. Craig Drury, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada; Colin Elgie, OMAFA
Insights into improving N management, and making it all make sense on your farm.

26 Good Agronomy is Boring

Dr. John Lauzon, UG
Real science or just good marketing? John delves into the realities of why some things really are too good to be true.

27 Making Every Pass Count

Mark Robson, Case IH
Optimizing tillage equipment setup, operation, and field performance to get the most value from your investment.

28 Unlocking the Upside

Neil Schuller, The Andersons
Neil takes us through the tools that you can use in a volatile market to reduce the risk and keep the reward.

29 Production Pundits

JAN 6th ONLY
Dr. Mark Licht, Iowa State University;
Dale Cowan, AGRIS Co-operative Ltd.;
Peter Johnson, RealAgriculture;
Peter Gredig, Kettle Creek Communications, Moderator
Anything's on the table - get all your agronomy questions answered (and argued about) by these awesome agronomists!



30 Building Bigger Wheat

Dennis Pennington, Michigan State University;
Joanna Follings, OMAFA, Moderator
How physiology and management interact to drive wheat yields higher.

31 Optimizing Corn Management

Lucas Borrás, Corteva
Yield increases have decoupled from the need for higher plant densities.

32 The AI Edge

Dr. Felipe Karp, Olds College;
Nicole Robert, AGRIS Co-operative Ltd.
You're already using AI - the practical ways to turn your data into dollars while avoiding the pitfalls.

33 Calcium, Sulphur, and pH Matter!

Dr. John Jones, University of Illinois
New (!) research on the 4Rs of pH, and whether Ca or S really matter in this fight.

34 Grain Guru

JAN 6th ONLY
Ben Buckner, Ag Resource Co.
Ben breaks down the market forces shaping grain prices and what they mean for your bottom line.

35 Weathering the New Normal

Dr. Jeff Andresen, Michigan State University
Recent weather anomalies, long-term trends, and the implications of unpredictable conditions for agriculture.

36 Should This Be on the Road? **WORKSHOP**

Matt Mitchell & Tyler Munro, Ministry of Transportation; TJ Poehlman, UGRC
A hands-on walkthrough to keep your trucks and machinery safe and legal on the highway.

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January 5th ONLY FEATURE SPEAKER



7 Geopolitics and the Future of Agriculture

Jacob Shapiro

Trade disputes, global conflicts, shifting supply chains, and new technologies are changing the business of farming. This presentation will explore how major geopolitical and economic trends are affecting agricultural markets, input costs, trade opportunities, and risk. Farmers will gain practical insights to help make sense of today's changing world and identify opportunities for their operations in an increasingly complex global marketplace.

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Taste Ontario

Jan 5th @ 4:10 - 6:00
RDC Don J Pestell Gymnasium



January 6th - **Ridgetown**



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8 The Power of Curiosity: How Science Shapes our World

Dan Riskin

Dan brings his trademark blend of science communication, sharp wit, and infectious curiosity. Whether he's breaking down emerging science or sharing stories from the field, his sessions leave people thinking differently and excited about what comes next.





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Session Details - **MWAC**

TIME	SCHEDULE
8:30 - 9:00	DOORS OPEN & TRADE SHOW
9:00 - 9:10	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
9:10 - 10:00	37 The Future of Soybeans Mathew Hooyer, Secan; Dr. Evelyn Valera Rojas, Pioneer Seeds Canada With significant genetic advancements in the pipeline, what's next for food-grade and crush soybeans? This session will explore "super stacks" and other new tools coming to Ontario growers and how they could change the way you grow soybeans.
10:00 - 10:20	BREAK
10:20 - 11:10	38 Breeding Out Corn Challenges Dr. Dave Harwood, Pioneer Seeds Canada, Retired Learn about past milestones in corn genetic advances and how they have influenced management decisions on farms today. Discover how modern breeding will continue to push corn yields and protect yield from disease and insect pests.
11:10 - 12:00	39 Digging Deeper into Organic Amendments Christine Brown, OMAFA A practical look at a wide range of organic amendments assessing their nutrient potential, agronomic value, and environmental contributions and risks.
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1:00 - 1:50	40 Exploring Cutting-Edge New Ag Tech; Maize Runner and 360Rain - A Farmer's Perspective Don Bender, Tavistock, ON; Carl Brubacher, Arthur, ON Join this duo to understand their inquisitiveness on testing these technologies on their own farms. Hear about their wins, frustrations and further hopes for the future possibilities.
1:50 - 2:40	41 Timeless Agronomy Dale Cowan, AGRIS Co-operative Ltd; Nicole Weber, FS Central Ontario When super computers take over the world of Ag, what are the fundamental basics of growing a good crop that will continue to be relevant? What might they look like?
2:40 - 3:00	BREAK
3:00 - 3:50	42 ABCs of Regenerative Ag Nick Betts, Director, Climate Solutions @SCS Consulting Services; Christoph Wand, OMAFA Nick & Christoph have been privy to discussions intended to clarify what Regenerative Agriculture actually is. They will discuss, debate, confirm, deny, and banter with each other and the audience about the state of 'Regen' at present.
3:50	CLOSING REMARKS

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Session Details - **EOCC**

43 Communications & Public Engagement

FEATURE SPEAKER

Christina Crowley-Arklie, Crowley & Arklie Strategy Co.
Explore practical strategies for communicating across generations and personalities on the farms.

44 Winter Wheat Excellence - Learnings from the Yield Enhancement Network (YEN)

Grower Panel; Peter Johnson, RealAgriculture, Moderator
Eastern Ontario growers share YEN results and lessons on benchmarking, decisions and wheat yields.

45 Precision Ag Without Illusions

Brent Vanden Bosch, Chesterville, ON;
Mark Foster, Carleton Place, ON;
Scott Fife, Fife Agronomics Inc.;
Mike Sullivan, PT. Sullivan Agro Inc.
A grower-agronomist panel explores what works in precision ag and where it delivers real returns.

46 Context and Compromise - Broadacre Crop Protection by Drone

Jason Deveau, OMAFA
Explore drone capabilities, agronomic fit, costs and regulations shaping broadacre crop protection.

47 The Economics of Land Forming

Kevin Wilson, Vankleek Hill, ON; Billy Beaudry, St-Valérien de Milton, QC; Renny VanGilst, Chesterville, ON;
Warren Schneckenburger, Morrisburg, ON, Moderator
Join us to talk all things land forming and how it could benefit you.

48 STAY SAFE!

Ryan Dick, Workplace Safety and Prevention Services
Farm accidents can be life-changing. Let's go home every night healthy and safe. You're worth it!

49 Insuring the Farm: Because Hope for the Best isn't a Strategy

Nathan Allen, Allen Insurance Group
Drawing on farm and insurance experience, Nathan explores practical ways to protect your farm.

50 Replacing Fertilizer with Alternative Amendments

Mike Lishman, Biogénie; Chris Klein, Klein's Agri Services Ltd.; Chris Brown & Benoit Lebeau, OMAFA
Explore nutrient sources beyond fertilizer and manure, including sourcing, application and rules.

51 Spray Day Efficiency: Getting More from Your Tender

Jason Deveau, OMAFA
Could better timing and tendering add 10% more ground to your spray day? Find out how.

52 Latest and Greatest!

Peter Johnson, RealAgriculture
A look at the latest agronomic research, ideas, and insights for the coming growing season.

53 Disease Management

Albert Tenuta, OMAFA
Albert joins us to talk about the top disease issues in Eastern Ontario in 2026.

54 Ontario Soybeans: What's New, What's Next

Horst Bohner, OMAFA
Research updates and practices that make a real difference.

55 Capitalizing on Chaos!

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