



**East Central Region Soil & Crop
Improvement Association
Newsletter
June 2025**



For Durham, Peterborough, Victoria/Haliburton, and York Soil & Crop Members. Remember to check the other Soil and Crop Improvement Associations and take in their events **Sponsored By:** OSCIA, OMAFA

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Coming Events <https://regionalscia.org/areaevents-html/>

June 24th, 10 am Meet Oz the weeding robot and more! **See page3**

July 7 at Woodleigh farms 528 Sharpe Line, Cavan, ON L0A 1C0
<https://ontariosoil.net/event/exploring-nitrogen-strategies-on-farm-with-norm-lamothe/>

July 9 Durham SCIA **Summer meeting tour** to Gibson farms Newcastle, Wilmot Orchards, Clarington, and the research plot at Ryeland Farms, Hampton for a BBQ .

August 12 York SCIA BBQ, 6 pm, Dale Reesor Family Farm,
170 4th Concession Rd, Pickering

August 28 10 am Peterborough SCIA and Trent University Crop Day **see page 3**

September 4 Victoria SCIA Directors 7:30 pm Location?

September 5 East Central SCIA Directors 10 am Lindsay Ag Society Boardroom

September 8 York SCIA Directors, 7:30 pm, Rodney King's TBC

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East Central SCIA Scholarships

Students from the East Central area Durham, Haliburton, Peterborough, City of Kawartha Lakes (Victoria), York - enrolled in their 2nd or more years at a post-secondary institution.

12 Scholarships in the amount of \$1500 - selection takes into account academic performance, leadership, contribution to community, involvement in rural youth organizations, with emphasis on conservation and environmental goals.

The application will be available this fall at

<https://regionalscia.org/scholarships-html/> **Deadline to apply December 31, 2025**

Got a project? - Need some financial assistance?

Your 4-H or Soil and Crop Association can apply for up to \$1100 from the East Central Region Soil and Crop Improvement Association for projects in the East Central area.

Decision to accept the project will reflect the mandate of the East Central Soil & Crop Improvement Association.

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Farm Show Committee: Ed Hanson, Jason Ferguson, Rodney King, Joe Hickson, Don Oliver, Neil Moore



Meet Oz the weeding robot and more! June 24th, 10 am

Vertical hydroponic farming, an in-field multifunctional robot, biodigesters, freeze driers and aquaculture - all in one morning! Durham College is sharing their passion for innovation, sustainable agriculture, and strengthening local food systems and you are invited!

Tour

Durham College's Barrett Centre of Innovation in Sustainable Urban Agriculture in Ajax, and then a quick drive continues the tour at the Whitby Campus Urban Farm.

June 24th starting at 10am >> tickets available here: <https://3common.com/event/meet-oz-the-infield-robot-and-more/683f2c5c30c1549db6793a98>

This is an opportunity not only to witness the latest developments in the future of farming, but to ask your questions about the impact these practices and technologies could have on your farm, or the farming sector. What does the future hold? Come see it for yourself!

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Peterborough Soil & Crop and Trent University Crop Day

August 28 starting at 10 am with free admission

Location: the Trent Ag Site on 2805 Pioneer Rd

See soybean and corn plots

Hear Pioneer representative on corn Fungicides

Lunch

Roast Beef on Bun

Corn roast

Jim Buck

Secretary—Treasurer

Peterborough SCIA

The Trent Agricultural (Ag) Site is located on Pioneer Road in Peterborough, Ontario, specifically at 2805 Pioneer Road. It's part of the Trent Lands and Nature Areas and is primarily used for research and learning related to sustainable agriculture and food systems.



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RAINFALL

NAME	ADDRESS	TOTAL	APR	MAY
Kingston		135	65	70
Stewart, B	Brighton	254	57	197
Trenton		219	69	150
Cobourg		196	56	140
Trent U	Peterborough	168	76	92
Airport	Peterborough	139	37	112
Hoftzyer Farms	Hastings	142	48	94
Smith, Jim	Blackwater	125	47	78
McLean, Robert	Omeme	145		145
Moore, Neil	Lindsay	160	32	128
King, Rodney	Stouffville	160	76	84
Reesor Seed & Grain	Stouffville	108	44	64
Airport	Toronto	133	55	78

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NAME	ADDRESS	TOTAL		MAY
Kingston		378		378
Stewart, B	Brighton	411		411
Trenton		413		413
Cobourg		319		319
Hoftzyer Farms	Hastings	452		452
Trent U	Peterborough	404		404
Airport	Peterborough	397		397
Smith, Jim	Blackwater	380		380
McLean, Robert	Omeme	430		430
Moore, Neil	Lindsay	389		389
King, Rodney	Stouffville	390		390
Reesor Seed & Grain	Stouffville	377		377
airport	Toronto	409		409

Lindsay Summary	Rain mm	HU start May 1 to -2C
2025 Apr-May	32+128=160	389
2024 Apr-May	142+67=209	526
Apr-May high	231 2017	613 1998
Apr-May low	52 2016	253 1997
36 year average since 1990	66+76=142	423
High May	148 in 2017	613 in 1998
Low May	21 in 2005	253 in 1997

