



East Central Region Soil & Crop Improvement Association Newsletter



March 2026

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

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

April 8 East Central SCIA AGM, 10 am to 12 pm, Lindsay Fairgrounds Office

April 9 Durham Spring Meeting 9 am to 3 pm, Commonwell Building, Lindsay Fairgrounds.\$25. <https://membership.ontariosoilcrop.org/event/durham-soil-and-crop-improvement-association-spring-meeting/>

Speaker: Ken Ferrie started Crop-Tech Consulting in Heyworth, Illinois and focus is on integrating a systems approach to farming. This includes soil testing yield mapping, variable rating, insect and disease monitoring, bug clinics, thermal imagery and technical support for most of the top brands of both equipment and software.

Ken and his team of Crop-Tech Agronomists travel around the country giving presentations on how to implement a systems approach as well as sharing their knowledge through the weekly Boots In The Field Report podcast and as the independent agronomist for Farm Journal articles. See episodes of boots in the field at his YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/CropTechConsulting>

July 9 Forage Expo by East Central SCIA and Ontario Forage Council

Flyer <https://regionalscia.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/forage-day-2026.jpg>

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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 year at a post-secondary institution. 12 scholarships were sent for 2025.

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 late summer at

<https://regionalscia.org/scholarships-html/> **Deadline to apply December 31, 2026**

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: Jason Ferguson, Alvin Brooks, Joe Hickson, Don Oliver, Neil Moore



2026 East Central Farm Show Pictures by Neil Moore

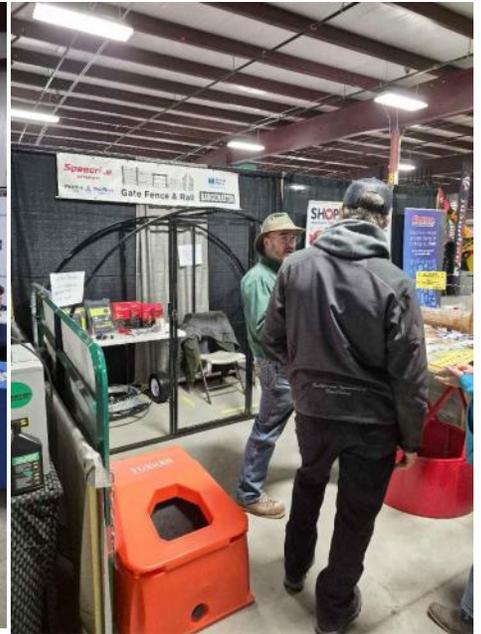
Thanks to 150 exhibitors attracting over 2100 to the 45h East Central Farm Show, held March 4 and 5, in the Commonwell Exhibition Building, at the Lindsay Fairgrounds. 139 memberships sold. Thanks to the volunteer greeters at the door.

Thanks to the exhibitors donating items for the door prizes, especially Horizon Seeds, Kawartha Battery, and Mother Goose. Thanks to the Lindsay AG Society staff Jeff, Bill and Dalton. The parking crew by Scott.

Thanks to the 4-H for the food booth and travelling cart.



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