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**East Central Region Soil & Crop
Improvement Association
Newsletter
June 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 **Sponsored By:** OSCIA, OMAFA

Area News

SCHOLARSHIPS 12@ \$1500 deadline Dec 31, 2026

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

June 30 Field Crop Research Day at Ontario Crops Research Centre –
Winchester 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

July 7 and 8 Southwest Crop Diagnostic Days - Ridgeway

July 8 Durham SCIA summer bus tour to P&H 11:30 am and Parson's Brewing 1:30 pm.
\$20 includes P&H tour and lunch not brewery tour. Pickup at Rick Geisberger's 8 am and then Rickard's

July 9 East Central Region and Peterborough SCIA and
Ontario Forage Council Forage Day, 10 am to 3 pm, 1810 County Rd 45, Hastings

August 12 Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario (EFAO) Research Trials at the Trent University Research Farm 10 am

August 13 York SCIA BBQ at Doran OLDHAM's at the corner of Sandford Road and Durham regional Road 30. The barbeque is sponsored by St Lawrence Grains.

August 19 Victoria SCIA tour 10:45 am at Greenwood Mushroom Farm, 1161 Scugog Line 6, Port Perry.

Lunch at Haugen's Chicken & Ribs Barbeque, 13801 Hwy 7 and 12, Port Perry.
1:30 pm at Sargent Family Dairy & Creamery, 8734 Old Scugog Rd, Enniskillen.

October 7 ECSCIA Directors LAS board room 10 am

March 3,4 2027 East Central Farm Show, Lindsay Ag Society Fairgrounds

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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, 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.

Contact: Neil Moore 705-324-2594, EastCentralSCIA@ontariosoilcrop.org

Member SCIA's

Durham Region
Peterborough County
Victoria CKL/ Haliburton
York Region

President

Mike Geisberger
Matt Glenn
Peter Peeters
Chris Burkholder

Secretary & or Treasurer

Craig Rickard
Jim Buck
Bruce McKeown
Bob Pritzker/Tom Patterson

EAST CENTRAL Executive and Directors

President Mike Geisberger; 1st Vice Bryan Gibson; 2nd Vice Peter Peeters

Past President Jason Ferguson; OSCIA Director Brady Jones

Directors: Jon Bagshaw, Bruce McKeown, Jim Buck, Craig Rickard, Xavier Schickedanz, Matt Glenn, Don Oliver. Sec-Treas and RCC Neil Moore.

OMAF: Ian McDonald, Christine O'Reilly

Farm Show Committee: Ed Hanson, Jason Ferguson, Alvin Brooks, Joe Hickson, Don Oliver, Neil Moore



Position available

East Central Region Soil and Crop Improvement Association is looking for a Person (s) to work as an hourly contract position with Neil Moore and Don Oliver to run the East Central Farm Show. Goal will be to allow Neil and Don to retire from running the ECFS.

The contract will be from October 31 to April 15.

Work is from home

Work load depends on the day—usually 1 to 2 hours per day.

ECFS applications will be emailed on November 1 to over 200 previous exhibitors.

ECFS applications will be arriving November 1 until full on a first come basis.
Tracking in EXCEL.

Most applications arrive by email

Even with everything on the form some exhibitors still require an invoice.

Mailed applications are picked up at the LAS.

Payment is by e-transfer, Square for credit cards and cheque

Agreements and contracts are signed with the LAS, Drapes, advertisers

Advertising is with radio stations and several publications. They usually contact us starting in December.

Farmtario has been the major sponsor advertising the last few years.

Banking is at TD - by Treasurer

Near the end of January the floor plan is being finalized on EXCEL

Before the show exhibitors are called. Often exhibitors are calling for updates.

Purchase supplies and process refunds and add from waiting list

During the show, hours increase from 8 am to closing for the 4 days

2 for set up and 2 for the show.

Total about 200 hours.

If you are interested please send a resume to eastcentralscia@ontaiosoilcrop.org



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RAINFALL

NAME	ADDRESS	TOTAL	APR	MAY
Kingston		165	112	53
Stewart, B	Brighton	151	84	67
Trenton		180	113	67
Cobourg		202	123	79
Trent U	Peterborough	209	122	87
Airport	Peterborough	168	113	55
Hoftzyer Farms	Hastings	199	115	84
Smith, Jim	Blackwater	131	96	35
McLean, Robert	Omeme	216	125	91
Moore, Neil	Lindsay	206	132	74
King, Rodney	Stouffville	186	130	56
Reesor Seed & Grain	Stouffville	134	86	48
Airport	Toronto	185	114	71

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NAME	ADDRESS	TOTAL		MAY
Kingston		321		321
Stewart, B	Brighton	367		367
Trenton		374		374
Cobourg		265		265
Hoftzyer Farms	Hastings	407		407
Trent U	Peterborough	354		354
Airport	Peterborough	364		364
Smith, Jim	Blackwater	350		350
McLean, Robert	Omeme	401		401
Moore, Neil	Lindsay	357		357
King, Rodney	Stouffville	356		356
Reesor Seed & Grain	Stouffville	354		354
airport	Toronto	395		395

Lindsay Summary	Rain mm	HU start May 1 to -2C
2026 Apr-May	132+74=206	357
2025 Apr-May	32+128=160	389
Apr-May high	231 2017	613 1998
Apr-May low	52 2016	253 1997
36 year average since 1990	67+75=142	421
High May	148 in 2017	613 in 1998
Low May	21 in 2005	253 in 1997

