



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Message from the Chair

The Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission (the Commission) continued to actively implement its mandate and fulfill its regulated marketing and stakeholder collaboration initiatives and duties in fiscal 2013 - 2014. The Commission's Vision is "Dynamic, competitive agri-food sectors". Our Mission is "to lead, supervise and direct Ontario's regulated marketing system to effectively adapt to change."

The Commission works to build solid relationships with boards, producers and processors to foster collaborative approaches that can resolve industry issues and challenges. For example, during fiscal 2013-2014, 8 boards attended meetings with the Commission to report on their priorities, activities and performance. In addition, Commission members and staff are in regular contact with all boards and representative associations, as well as processor groups and other value chain stakeholders. Members and staff attend the annual general meetings of the organizations under the Commission's authorities and monitor progress of industry initiatives.

The Commission offered formal and informal training for Board and Section 12 Representative Association members and senior staff. This included an annual full day session in March where participants received training on governance and the roles and responsibilities of Boards and of board members.

The Commission continued to work with a number of sectors on efforts to improve relationships along the value chain. This included on-going leadership of Industry Advisory Committees for the greenhouse vegetable, bean, hog, chicken, apple, grain, grapes for processing, and turkey sectors. The advisory committees included representatives from producers, processors and other stakeholders along the value chain.

To advance Ontario's interests the Commission participated in national meetings to ensure that Ontario's agri-food industry was well represented and to advocate for Ontario's interests relating to federal-provincial supply management agreements.

Provincial regulations for marketing boards often require amendments to meet the changing needs of Ontario's producers and buyers, and to adjust to changes in domestic and foreign marketplaces. Adjustments are also necessary to maintain orderly marketing that works in the best interests of Ontario's agri-food industry. In fiscal 2013 - 2014, the Commission amended 15 regulations related to regulated marketing to ensure they meet industry and consumer needs.

I am pleased with the achievements of the Commission during 2013 - 2014. Commission Members and staff continue to provide exceptional leadership and service to the regulated marketing sector in Ontario.

Geri Kamenz, Chair

August 12, 2014

Overview

Profile

The Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission (the Commission) is a regulatory agency without a governing board. It is established under the authority of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Act.

The Commission has supervisory responsibility for twenty agricultural commodity Marketing Boards and three Section 12 Representative Associations established under legislation.

While policy development and supervision related to the enabling legislation is a cornerstone of the Commission's agency mandate, the Commission also provides strategic leadership, advice and facilitation to industry producers, processors and other value chain participants. Working with the industry on regulatory changes to advance the sector is a critical component of the policy development process.

The Commission is the central figure in Ontario's regulated marketing system. Through its actions, it ensures that individual commodity systems operate in an effective and responsible manner. This is done with due regard to the impact of Commission decisions on the agri-food sector and consumers, while at the same time maintaining the public policy goals of the legislation.

In addition, the Commission provides an education program that contributes to the effective operation of Ontario's regulated marketing structure and the Boards that operate under the legislation.

At a time when supply management systems throughout the country continue to face challenges on a number of fronts, the Commission represents Ontario's regulated marketing and supply management interests at national and interprovincial forums, ensuring that the voice of Ontario producers is clearly heard.

Vision

"Dynamic, competitive agri-food sectors"

Mission

"To lead, supervise and direct Ontario's regulated marketing system to effectively adapt to change"

Mandate

The mandate of the Commission is to:

1. Administer the provisions of the Farm Products Marketing Act (FPMA) and the Milk Act (MA) and certain regulations governing regulated marketing; make regulations under these Acts governing regulated marketing and supervise the activities of Ontario's Marketing Boards and Section 12 (of the FPMA) Representative Associations to ensure that:
 - Marketing Boards operate within the powers and authorities given to them;
 - The lines of accountability are maintained.
2. Provide leadership in the form of advice, facilitation and direction to Ontario's Marketing Boards and Section 12 Representative Associations.
3. Develop and implement all policy related to regulated marketing in Ontario.
4. Provide education programs for Ontario's Marketing Boards, Section 12 Representative Associations and industry stakeholders that increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the regulated marketing system.
5. Make regulations under the Milk Act concerning the quality and safety of cow and goat milk and milk products.

The three strategic objectives of the Commission are to: ensure effective performance of marketing boards, foster enhanced stakeholder collaboration to achieve sector solutions and to advance Ontario's interests in regulated marketing.

The Commission is directly accountable to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for its performance in fulfilling its mandate and its compliance with government policies and directives. The Minister,

in turn, is accountable to Cabinet and the Legislature for the Commission's fulfillment of its mandate and for reporting on the Commission's affairs.

Commission Members 2013-2014



Geri Kamenz, Chair

President Buckstop Farm Ltd., Spencerville. Past President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Past member, Canadian Federation of Agriculture's Environment and Science Committee; Canadian Farm Debt Mediation Appeal Board; Canadian Agri-Food Research Council.

Appointed December 10, 2008 Current Appointment Expires December 9, 2018



Deborah Whale, Vice-Chair

Owner/operator Clovermead Farms Inc. (dairy, veal), Wellington County. Board Member: Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council; Biogas Association; Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Past Chair of: Poultry Industry Council; Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization; Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario.

Appointed March 10, 2004 Current Appointment Expires June 19, 2015



Elmer Buchanan, Vice-Chair

Partner in Elmlea Farm (alpacas, llamas and angora goats), Peterborough County. Former Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Retired vice-principal, elementary and secondary school teacher, Hastings County.

Appointed June 20, 2007 Current Appointment Expires June 24, 2018



Jim Clark, Vice Chair

Executive Director, Ontario Cattle Feeders' Association. Former Senior Policy Advisor (Stakeholder Relations) for Office of the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Appointed June 20, 2007 Current Appointment Expires February 25, 2016



Tom Richardson, Member

Retired Acting Assistant Deputy Minister of Policy, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Appointed March 23, 2005 Current Appointment Expires March 22, 2015



Valerie Hobbs, Member

Manager and Director at Blythe Brae Farms near Woodstock. Blythe Brae Farms grows grains and dry beans, operates a licenced grain elevator and roast soy-beans for use in livestock and poultry feeding.

Past Director and Committee Chair for the Ontario Soybean Growers.

Appointed December 17, 2013 Current Appointment Expires December 16, 2015



Bette Jean Crews, Member

Manages an 800 acre family farm, growing grains, horticulture crops, roadside market

Past president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Winner of Farm Credit's "Rosemary Davis" award for Canadian Farm women leaders 2010.

Appointed April 18, 2012 Current Appointment Expires April 17, 2017

Performance Measures: Strategic Objectives

#1: Ensure Effective Performance of Marketing Boards

Measures	2013/2014 Commitments	End of Year Results
Training is conducted for Marketing Board and Section 12 Association Board Members, General Managers (GMs) and senior staff	The Commission will deliver training annually for Marketing Boards and Section 12 representative associations. Chairs, Directors, GMs and senior staff are invited. Commission staff will provide professional support and training to senior board staff that is specific to their positions/roles.	Annual training sessions are conducted at the end of the fiscal period. Due to timing issues the training dates for 2013/2014 fiscal resulted in two sessions. On April 3, 2013, 20 directors and senior board staff attended the training session. On March 31, 2014 22 directors and senior board staff attended the training session. Both training sessions were well received and attendees reported that the information was relevant and appropriate to their needs.
Marketing Boards and Section 12 Representative Associations demonstrate sound financial management which delivers on their respective mission statements	An annual review of a Board's performance is completed and used to contribute to the Commission's priorities and action plans. Ensure formal Board presentations to the Commission as part of the Commission's oversight and accountability responsibilities for boards. Assess financial statements of all Boards and Associations by reviewing trends and financial ratios. Encourage Boards and associations to incorporate value-added financial reporting in their communications to their producers.	Seven Boards and one Section 12 representative association appeared before the Commission to report on their activities, and the strategies for managing current industry issues. Annual assessments of financial statements and financial reserve policies were completed by Commission staff for all Boards and Associations. When appropriate, Boards and associations were questioned on value-added financial reporting and how it was communicated to their producers.
Develop ongoing, enhanced communications with and among Boards and the rest of the value chain Modernizing Commission Regulations (Marketing and Plan) to ensure they are relevant under current market conditions	Communications will be provided to Boards regarding the Commission's assessment of their collaboration along the value chain to achieve sector solutions and recommendations about how to improve. The Commission continues to communicate its expectations regarding Board effectiveness.	Commission held face to face meetings with boards and stakeholders to facilitate and enhance communications. Commission communications were appropriate to the needs of stakeholders and supported Commission objectives/strategies. 15 regulations related to regulated marketing were amended by the Commission to ensure they meet industry and consumer needs.

	Strengthen Industry Advisory Committees (IACs) Increased use of IACs to enhance value chain communication. Commission staff to do a review of 20% of the boards' regulations each year and provide a report to Commission Members on any recommendations for change to improve the effectiveness of the organization and the competitiveness of the sector.	
Commission leads by example - including improved knowledge of sector issues, interests and needs of stakeholders Develop ongoing, enhanced communications with and among Boards and the rest of the value chain	Commission follows other best practices (e.g. agendas prepared well in advance, material distributed in advance to allow effective preparations and open, honest and inclusive discussions to provide clear and reasonable decisions). Training to include emphasis on integrity of regulated marketing, best practices, good governance, sound financial management and effective value chain development.	The Commission is viewed by Boards as a professional and well-run organization that demonstrates its own best practices. The Commission continued to set the example by providing all materials in advance to ensure preparedness for meetings and to provide the information necessary for informed decision making. Training included best practices, good governance, sound financial management, and effective value chain development.

Performance Measures: Strategic Objectives

#2: Foster Enhanced Stakeholder Collaboration to Achieve Sector Solutions

Measures	2013/2014 Commitments	End of Year Results
Strengthen Industry Advisory Committees (IAC)	Members and staff will continue to look for opportunities to establish additional IACs where appropriate. The Commission will examine and strengthen the role of IACs to support value chain relationships and collaboration.	Boards involved with IACs confirm the committees are making a valuable contribution to the functioning of their sector and are providing excellent value for the resources involved. The Commission placed a strong emphasis on IACs in 2013-2014. IACs for greenhouse vegetables, hogs, and chicken were particularly active.
Use a "Team Commission" approach between Members and staff	Sub-Committees will be used when they can make an effective contribution to Commission decision-making and/or issue	Commission members and staff are participating on Commission sub-committees to address and manage specific policy issues. Commodity updates were provided to Commission members via monthly Commission meetings and informally via other meetings,

	management. The Commission will develop mechanisms to monitor and measure the Commission's progress on issues. The commodity specialist approach will include Members working with the appropriate analyst to increase their knowledge of that sector (at the initiative of the Members; attend Annual Meetings, regular communication with analysts and additional reading).	email, and phone conversations.
Develop and communicate clear Commission expectations regarding working cooperatively with value chain participants	Communications will be provided to Boards regarding the Commission's assessment of their collaboration along the value chain to achieve sector solutions and recommendations about how to improve.	Boards were aware of, and responsive to, the Commission's expectations. Boards continued to engage in constructive interactions with other players in their value chains.

Performance Measures: Strategic Objectives

#3: Advance Ontario's Interests in Regulated Marketing

Measures	2013/2014 Commitments	End of Year Results
Promote a "Team Ontario" Approach	Staff to work with the supply-managed sectors to develop plans to maintain and increase Ontario's share of national allocation. In addressing industry issues, where possible use a "Team Ontario" approach when dealing with stakeholders.	All supply managed commodities have developed a "Team Ontario" approach when dealing with interprovincial issues. In discussions with supply-managed Boards, the Commission continues to reiterate the position that Ontario needs a strong presence at the national table with the objective of securing a larger share of national production in Ontario. The Commission was guided by a policy which defends Ontario's current national market share of supply-managed commodities when participating at national meetings.

Commission Activities

Appearances by Boards and Section 12 Associations

Throughout the year, and as part of the Commission's efforts to ensure the effective performance of Marketing Boards and Representative Associations, Members met with representatives of 7 Marketing Boards and 1 Representative Association. The following organizations made one or more appearances at regularly-scheduled Commission meetings:

- Ontario Tender Fruit Producers' Marketing Board, April 17, 2013
- Dairy Farmers of Ontario, May 17, 2013

- Asparagus Farmers of Ontario, September 18, 2013
- Ontario Canola Growers Association, October 17, 2013
- Ontario Tomato Seedling Growers' Marketing Board, December 11, 2013
- Grain Farmers of Ontario, December 12, 2013
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers, January 15, 2014
- Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency, January 15, 2014

Appearances by Other Stakeholders

Commission Members met with J. Slibar, J. Thompson and E. Royden from the Strategic Capital and Investment Group Inc. on March 4, 2014. SCIG attended a regularly scheduled Commission meeting to discuss potential ways to meet the Premier's Agri-Food Challenge.

Commission Investigation

Under the Farm Products Marketing Act, the Commission has the authority to investigate any matter related to the producing, marketing or processing of a regulated product. In December 2010, a private citizen and Verified Eggs Canada asked the Commission to investigate Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO) and a large egg producer and grader on the basis of alleged irregular grading practices and concerns related to egg food safety and quality generally. In May 2013, the Commission decided that it would investigate EFO as part of its supervisory role over marketing boards. The Commission's purpose in investigating EFO was to satisfy itself that the shell egg sector in Ontario was being appropriately regulated by EFO through fair and transparent processes and procedures, and that EFO was conducting itself appropriately.

In December 2013, the Commission made a report on the progress of its investigation. The Commission has not yet reached any final conclusions on whether it is satisfied that the shell egg sector in Ontario is being appropriately regulated by EFO.

Industry Advisory Committees (IACs)

- Greenhouse Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee - The committee met three times during 2013-14. Growers and marketers are appointed by their respective organizations and all major retailers are encouraged to participate. The meetings begin with an engaging round table discussion of current issues affecting the sales of Ontario greenhouse vegetables. Other topics have included joint promotional efforts, quality, sizing and labelling, Foodland Ontario updates, post-harvest storage, competition from outside Canada and other factors in the industry. The goal of the committee is to work together to increase the sales of Ontario greenhouse vegetables. Elmer Buchanan chaired this committee.
- Fresh Apple Industry Advisory Committee - The committee met in July 2013. The committee expressed optimism that the Ontario consumer and retailers would be anticipating the 2013 crop since they had been a very limited crop in 2012. The Committee is very pleased with the support apples receive from Foodland Ontario. Participants include growers appointed by the Ontario Apple Growers and marketers appointed by the Ontario Apple Marketers Association. Bette Jean Crews chaired this committee.
- Juice Apple Industry Advisory Committee - The committee met in June 2013 at the Golden Town juice processing plant. Processors reported on the challenges they faced in 2012 with the shortage of Ontario apples for juice processing. Participants include growers appointed by the Ontario Apple Growers and juice processors operating in Ontario. Anna Andres chaired this committee.
- Grapes for Processing Industry Advisory Committee - The committee did not meet in 2013-14. The membership includes the Wine Council of Ontario, the Winery and Grower Alliance of Ontario, and the Grape Growers of Ontario. Deborah Whale chaired this committee.
- Grain Industry Advisory Committee - The committee did not meet in 2013-14. The membership of the committee includes grain processors, the Grain Farmers of Ontario, the Ontario Agribusiness Association, flour millers and the Ontario Seed Trade Association. Bette Jean Crews chaired this committee.

- Hog Industry Advisory Committee - The Committee met four times in 2013-14. It serves as a sounding board and as a catalyst to address hog marketing issues in Ontario. The committee provided input into a workshop about reducing waste and costs and increasing value in Ontario's Pork Industry. Replacing Jim Clark, Bette Jean Crews chaired this committee.
- Bean Industry Advisory Committee - An industry advisory committee was established for the newly established Ontario Bean Growers marketing board (OBG). The appointed members met in September 2013 and extended an invitation to all edible bean dealers and OBG Board members for this initial meeting with the new producer organization. Jim Clark chaired the committee.
- Chicken Industry Advisory Committee - The committee met 7 times in 2013-14. An industry approach to resolving industry issues in addition to advancing Ontario's interests at the national level continue to be a major thrust. Geri Kamenz chaired the committee.

Licences

Under the FPMA, the Commission has the authority to issue licences to processors of grapes, asparagus, potatoes, tender fruit and processing vegetables, and to dealers of seed corn. The table below reports the total number of active licences issued by the Commission, and the number of licences issued, by commodity, during 2013 - 2014.

Commodity	Total Active Licences as of March 31 2014	Total Active Licences as of March 31 2013	Licences issued or reissued by the Commission during the 12 months ending March 31 2014	Licences issued or reissued by the Commission during the 12 months ending March 31 2013
Asparagus	4	3	1	0
Grapes	310	301	15	15
Potatoes	24	27	0	2
Tender Fruit	59	53	3	1
Processing Vegetables*	20	23	2	1
Seed Corn	7	7	0	0
Total	424	415	21	19

Training

The importance of training for Boards, Section 12 Representative Associations and Commission Members continued to be recognized and valued. Annually the OFPMC provides a governance training workshop to Marketing Boards, Section 12 Representative Associations and Commission Members. Due to timing issues the training dates for 2013/2014 fiscal resulted in two sessions.

On April 3, 2013, directors and senior board staff attended the training session lead by David Brown, Executive Director of Brown Governance Inc. There were 20 attendees in total which included both board members and staff from:

- Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency
- Egg Farmers of Ontario
- Ontario Potato Board
- Grain Farmers of Ontario
- Dairy Farmers of Ontario
- Ontario Bean Growers

- Ontario Ginseng Growers' Association
- Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission

On March 31, directors and senior board staff attended the training session lead by Marnie Kloppenburg, IAF - Certified Professional Facilitator. There were 22 attendees in total which included both board members and staff from:

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- Chicken Farmers of Ontario
- Grain Farmers of Ontario
- Dairy Farmers of Ontario
- Egg Farmers of Ontario
- Ontario Pork Producers Marketing Board
- Flowers Canada (Ontario) Inc.
- Ontario Broiler Hatching Egg and Chick Commission
- Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency
- Turkey Farmers of Ontario
- Ontario Bean Growers
- Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission

Appointments

Commission Members

- Geri Kamenz was reappointed as Chair of the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission for a five year term commencing on December 9, 2013.
- Valerie Hobbs was appointed as a Member of the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission for a two year term commencing on December 17, 2013.
- James Clark was reappointed as a Vice Chair of the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission for a two year term commencing February 26, 2014.
- Thomas Richardson was reappointed as a Member of the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission for a one year term commencing on March 23, 2014.

Advisory Committees

- Deborah Whale was appointed as the Chair of the Grapes for Processing Industry Advisory Committee for a one year term on April 18, 2013.
- Bette Jean Crews was appointed Chair of the Juice Apple Advisory Committee and Chair of the Juice and Fresh Apple Advisory Committee June 19, 2013.
- Elmer Buchanan was reappointed as the Chair of the Sheep Industry Advisory Committee for a one-year term effective December 15, 2013-December 15, 2014.
- Elmer Buchanan was reappointed as the Chair of the Greenhouse Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee on December 11, 2013.
- Geri Kamenz, Elmer Buchanan and Paul Glenney were appointed as Members of the Chicken Industry Advisory Committee effective January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014
- Bette Jean Crews was appointed Chair of the Juice Apple Advisory Committee and Chair of the Juice and Fresh Apple Advisory Committee effective March 1, 2014-February 28, 2015

Marketing Boards

- Don Taylor was re-appointed as the Chair of the Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers' for a one year term from November 1, 2013-October 31, 2014
- Fred Neukamm was reappointed as Chair of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board for a one-year term effective January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014
- Harry Vergeer was reappointed as Vice Chair of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board for a one-year term effective January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014
- Trish Fournier and Dennis Van Hooren were reappointed as Members of the Ontario Flue-cured Tobacco Growers Marketing Board for a one-year term effective January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014

Other

- Genevieve Chorneki was appointed as the Arbitrator for juice apples by the Commission on July 17, 2013.

Regulatory Changes

The Commission is established under the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Act (MAFRAA) and receives its authority to make regulations under the Farm Products Marketing Act (FPMA) and the Milk Act (MA). Each Marketing Board established under the FPMA has two regulations the Plan and the Marketing regulation. Significant changes to the plan regulation such as the addition or deletion of farm products require approval from the Lieutenant Governor in Council after support is received from the Commission and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Lesser changes such as the redefinition of the electoral districts can be made by the Commission with approval from the Minister. The Marketing regulations can be amended by the Commission.

The Commission has extensive regulation-making authority including various powers to establish, amend and/or revoke provisions in over 60 regulations. Each year, Boards, Section 12 Representative Associations and other stakeholders approach the Commission with proposals to amend or revoke existing regulations or to make new ones. A summary of regulatory amendments by the Commission appears in Appendix A.

New and Proposed New Marketing Boards

During the course of the 2013 - 2014 fiscal year, the Commission conducted one Expression of Opinion vote for a proposed Marketing Board. The vote for veal producers asked whether producers were in favour of establishing a Marketing Board. The result of this vote is outlined below.

In 2013 - 2014 the Commission completed the regulatory requirements to establish one Marketing Board representing dry edible bean growers. The "Ontario Bean Growers" was formed to replace the Ontario Coloured Bean Growers Association and the Ontario Bean Producers' Marketing Board.

Veal Vote

In January 2012, the Commission received a proposal for the establishment of a new veal Marketing Board for Ontario veal. The Commission conducted an Expression of Opinion vote in March/April 2013 to gauge the support of veal producers. The voting period ended on April 2, 2013.

The Commission's guideline for producer votes is that 66.66% of producers must be in favour of the question and of those that voted yes, their production must equal 50% of the total production represented by the vote.

The results of the vote indicated that veal producers were strongly in favour of the proposal since the guideline thresholds were easily met. Commission staff is currently engaged in the process of developing the plan and marketing regulations to create a Marketing Board and delegate appropriate authorities.

Bean Board

In 2012, bean producers indicated that they were strongly in favour of the proposed new board. Work on implementing the proposed new board commenced in December of 2012. The associated regulations supporting formation of the "Ontario Bean Growers" (OBG) were drafted and came into force on July 1, 2013. The Commission appointed the first seven member board. Over a two-year period the board will transition to an elected group of seven individuals. The primary focus of the OBG board members and staff was to establish the necessary regulations, policies, governing and operating procedures including pool marketing agreement and a reporting framework for producers and dealers to submit marketing data. The board held its first Annual

General Meeting in February 2014.

Agreements and Awards

The Commission has the authority to bring into force agreements and awards made by certain boards and processors. A summary of the agreements and awards that were brought into force by the Commission during fiscal year 2013 - 2014 can be found in Appendix B.

Arbitrators and Conciliators

In March 2013, the Commission appointed Kathryn Munn as the Arbitrator to resolve the pricing disputes between the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers and three processors (H.J. Heinz Company of Canada LP, Sun-Brite Foods Inc. and Del Monte Canada Inc.) concerning the 2013 processing tomato crop. In a Decision dated April 19, 2013, the Arbitrator found in favour of the processors in all three arbitrations and accepted their final offers.

On July 17 2013, the Commission appointed Genevieve Chorneki as the Arbitrator to be prepared to arbitrate a decision on fall juice apple pricing. Her services were not required as the Negotiating Agency reached an agreement.

Annual General Meetings

All Boards and Section 12 Representative Associations held annual general meetings during 2013-2014. Members and Commission staff represented the Commission at these meetings. Appendix C lists all Marketing Boards and Section 12 Representative Associations reporting to the Commission as of March 31, 2014.

In addition, the Commission attended the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Veal Association, and the Ontario Dairy Council's Annual Convention.

Financial Performance

The Commission operates under a budget allocation by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and therefore does not have its own audited financial statements. The Commission's resource requirements are incorporated into the ministry's business plan. Commission expenditures are part of the annual MOF audit of the Ministry's expenditures. A summary of the Commission's financial performance is presented below. The Commission was allocated \$1,680,100 for its operations for fiscal year 2013-2014. At fiscal year end, the Commission's total expenditure was below its allocation by \$388K due to both staff and board member vacancies during the year. It is expected that the Commission will be fully staffed in 2014-15.

OFPMC 2013-2014 Fiscal Year End Financial Performance

Category	Allocation 2013-14	Actuals to March 31, 2014	Variances	Actuals to March 31, 2013
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,023,900	\$ 802,628	(\$ 221,272)	\$ \$998,136
Employee Benefits	\$ 165,900	\$ 102,435	(\$ 63,465)	\$ 116,789
Transportation and Communications	\$ 132,883	\$ 92,979	(\$ 39,904)	\$ 115,790
Services	\$ 350,417	\$ 278,640	(\$ 71,777)	\$ 319,673
Supplies and Equipment	\$ 7,000	\$ 15,836	\$ 8,836	\$ 16,670
Grand Total	\$ 1,680,100	\$ 1,292,518	(\$ 387,582)	\$ 1,567,058

Staff

Staff Serving the Commission, 2013-2014:

Arva Machan	A/Secretary to the Commission & Director, OFPMC	April 2013 - March 2014
Arva Machan	Manager, Commission and Stakeholder Relations	April 2013 - March 2014
Lorne Widmer	Executive Assistant to the Director	April 2013 - July 2013
Christine Coverdale	A/Executive Assistant to the Director	July 2013 - March 2014

Sophia Dinnissen	Marketing Analyst	April 2013 - July 2013*
Paul Glenney	Marketing Analyst	April 2013 - March 2014
Marilyn Sewell	Marketing Analyst	April 2013 - March 2014
Laurinda Lang	Marketing Analyst	April 2013 - March 2014
John Fitzgerald	Marketing Analyst	April 2013 - March 2014
Rob Gamble	Marketing Analyst	April 2013 - September 2013; January 2014 - March 2014
Emily MacDonald	Administrative Services Representative	August 2013 - March 2014
Janet Thatcher	Administrative Services Representative	April 2013 - March 2014
Danielle Ellis	Administrative Services Representative	April 2013 - July 2013

*Sophia Dinnissen was on leave from July 2013 and will return August 2014

Appendices

Appendix A: Regulatory Changes

Under the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Act

Name of New or Amended Regulation	Number of Regulation	Commission Action	Key Dates
Designation - Flowers Canada (Ontario)	Ontario Regulation 316/08 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Increase license fees paid by greenhouse flower producers by 1/2 cent per sq. ft. of greenhouse. Maximum fee payable would increase to \$16,250/operation.	In force June 1, 2013
Designation - Ontario Canola Growers' Association	Regulation 404 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Revocation dealing with a transitional matter related to the now defunct Ontario Apple Marketing Commission.	Revoked June 21, 2013
Eggs - Plan	Regulation 409 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Change definitions for "chicks-for-placement" and for "fowl" to be consistent with the definitions of the same terms in the Farm Products Marketing Act.	In force June 28, 2013
Eggs - Marketing	Regulation 407 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Change definitions for "chicks-for-placement" and for "fowl" to be consistent with the definitions of the same terms in the Farm Products Marketing Act.	In force June 28, 2013
Beans - Plan	Ontario Regulation 162/13 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Create a single new regulated marketing plan and local (i.e. Marketing) Board - "Ontario Bean Growers".	In force July 1, 2013
Beans - Marketing	Ontario Regulation 182/13 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Provide the single new Ontario Bean Growers Board with authorities and powers.	In force July 1, 2013
Vegetables for Processing - Plan	Regulation 441 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Add Spanish-type onions used for making onion rings to the types of processing vegetables.	In force July 1, 2013
Chickens - Marketing	Regulation 402 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Changes to the schedule that determines the method for pricing live chickens.	In force August 29, 2013

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Vegetables for Processing - Marketing	Regulation 440 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Add Spanish-type onions used for making onion rings to the types of processing vegetables.	In force November 1, 2013
Grain (Grain Corn, Soybeans and Wheat) - Plan	Ontario Regulation 484/09 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Revise the governance structure of the Grain Farmers of Ontario Board.	In force November 26, 2013
Grain (Grain Corn, Soybeans and Wheat) - Marketing	Regulation 485/09 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Remove the reserve limitations for Grain Farmers of Ontario in the regulation.	In force November 26, 2013
Tender Fruit - Plan	Regulation 434 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Changes to the district and producer committee structures of the Ontario Tender Fruit Producers' Marketing Board.	In force November 26, 2013
Greenhouse Vegetables - Plan	Regulation 418 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Restrict the terms of Greenhouse Vegetable Growers Directors.	In force February 14, 2014
Grapes for Processing - Plan	Regulation 415 under the Farm Products Marketing Act	Change the number of delegates per district elected to the Grape Growers' Committee.	In force February 14, 2014

Under the Milk Act

Name of New or Amended Regulation	Number of Regulation	Commission Action	Key Dates
Grades, Standards, Designations, Classes, Packing and Marking	Regulation 753 under the Milk Act	Create a new class ("3d") for milk used to make mozzarella cheese used on fresh pizzas by establishments registered with the Canadian Dairy Commission.	In force June 1, 2013

Appendix B: Agreements and Awards

Agreement(s)	Date brought into force by the Commission
18 agreements between the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers and various food processors for the 2013 crops of tomatoes, pumpkin, lima beans, green peas, sweet corn, green and wax beans, squash, cauliflower, beets and carrots.	May 15, 2013
Agreement between the Chicken Farmers of Ontario and licenced processors for the marketing of live chicken for processing during period A-118-A123.	May 15, 2013
Agreement between the Ontario Seedling Tomato Growers Marketing Board and six food processors for tomato seedlings for the 2014 crop year.	June 19, 2013
Agreement between the Grape Growers of Ontario and the processors for ice wine and late harvest juice.	July 17, 2013
Agreement between the Grape Growers of Ontario and the processors for grape classes 1, 2, and 3 relating to juice pricing.	September 6, 2013

Agreement between the Ontario Apple Growers and apple juice processors for a minimum price for fall apples for the 2013 crop. The agreement expires on December 31, 2013.	Sept 18, 2013
Agreement between the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers and Cavendish Appetizers Inc. regarding onions.	November 21, 2013
Agreements between the Tomato Seedling Growers' Marketing Board and 2 food processors for the 2014 crops of tomato seedling plants.	January 1, 2014
Agreements between the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers and 3 cucumber processor/greenshippers.	March 5, 2013

Appendix C: Boards and Associations as of March 31, 2014

Marketing Boards

The Milk Act provides authority to one Marketing Board that regulates milk and cream.

- Dairy Farmers of Ontario

The Farm Products Marketing Act governs the other nineteen marketing boards in Ontario as well as the three representative associations designated under Section 12 of the act.

- Asparagus Farmers of Ontario
- Chicken Farmers of Ontario
- Egg Farmers of Ontario
- Grain Farmers of Ontario
- Grape Growers of Ontario
- Ontario Apple Growers
- Ontario Bean Growers
- Ontario Broiler Hatching Egg and Chick Commission
- Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board
- Ontario Fresh Grape Growers' Marketing Board
- Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers
- Ontario Pork Producers' Marketing Board
- Ontario Potato Board
- Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers
- Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency
- Ontario Tender Fruit Producers' Marketing Board
- Ontario Tomato Seedling Growers' Marketing Board
- Seed Corn Growers of Ontario
- Turkey Farmers of Ontario

Section 12 Representative Associations

- Flowers Canada (Ontario) Inc.
- Ontario Canola Growers Association

- Ontario Ginseng Growers Association

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