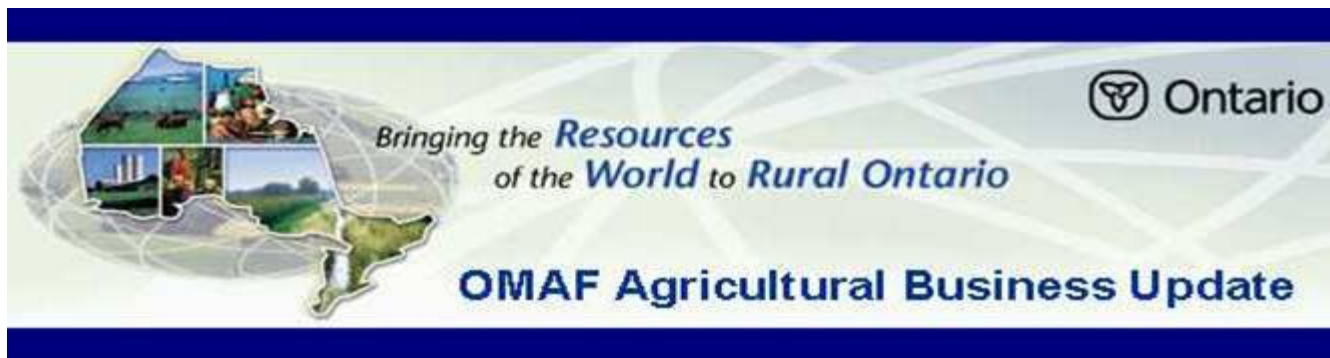




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This update is designed to provide you with concise, up to date agricultural business information with links to where you can find the details.

Rural Summer Jobs Service 2004 Program

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) is now accepting applications for the 2004 Rural Summer Jobs Service from rural employers.

Through the program, the Ontario government **provides a \$2-per-hour student wage subsidy to rural employers** who create summer employment opportunities for students. Employers must create a new position for a student for summer employment. Students hired prior to April 1, 2004, will not be eligible for funding. Application forms are now being mailed to those clients who received a payment under the program in 2003 as well as to those who have requested an application. The Rural Summer Jobs Service 2004 Employer Application Form may be requested by sending an email to RSJS@mah.gov.on.ca or by calling 1-888-588-4111.

The application may also be downloaded from the MMAH website (mah.gov.on.ca) under Rural Development. http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/userfiles/HTML/nts_1_10723.html

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2003 Fair Market Values —: http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/policy/cais/application_forms.html

Schedule 3 and Schedule 4 - Schedule 3 for making adjustments to historical income and expense information; and schedule 4 for making accrual adjustments to the reference period are available in .PDF and excel formats. http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/policy/cais/application_forms.html

Feature Publication

Survey of Custom Farmwork and Short-term Equipment Rental Rates Charged in 2003

Are you looking for custom farmwork rates? Look no further. The Survey of Custom Farmwork and Short-term Rental Rates Charged in 2003 surveyed the rates charged in 2003 by 412 Ontario custom farmwork operators. Results for six geographic regions on Ontario are included. <http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/busdev/facts/2000crs/index.html>

A downloadable Excel-based computer Custom Farmwork Rate Calculator is also available at: <http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/busdev/downtown.htm#cfrcalculator>

Upcoming Events

Workshop on Innovation in Agriculture in Ottawa

The Canadian Farm Business Management Council will hold its second Farm Management Innovation Workshop on June 8th in Ottawa. This will be an opportunity for participants to learn about four outstanding and innovative farm management projects from across Canada aimed at improving agricultural producers' farm management capacities. Registration fees including sessions and lunch are \$25. For more information and registration, call the Canadian Farm Business Management Council at (613) 237-9060 or toll-free at 1888232-3262 or register online at www.farmcentre.com/innovation before June 4th 2004.

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