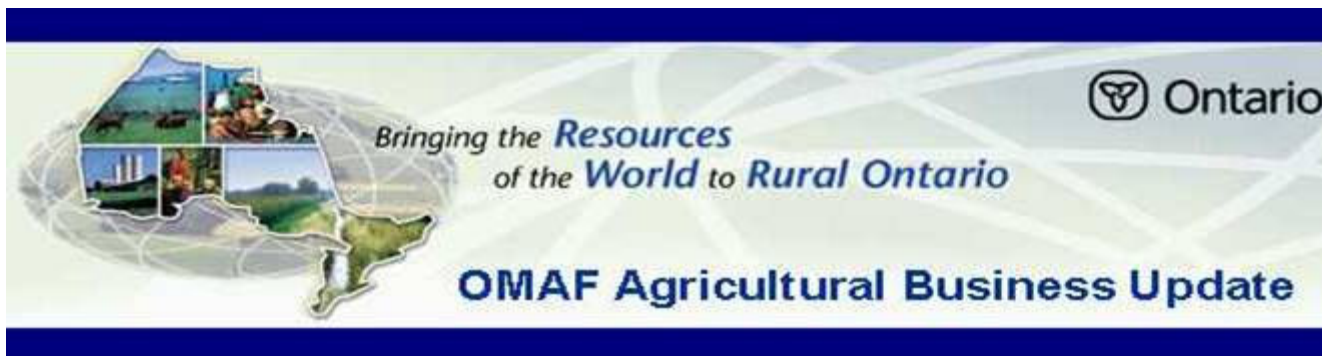




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This update is designed to provide you with concise, up to date agricultural business information with links to where you can find the details.

Deadlines for CAIS and Crop Insurance Fast Approaching

CAIS Deadlines

The application deadline is June 30, 2004. Details about the program's application requirements are on the CAIS Web site at www.gov.on.ca/OMAF/english/policy/cais/index.html

The CAIS program handbook is also now available! It provides important details and guidance on completing the application forms for the 2003 and 2004 CAIS program. The handbook is available on the CAIS Web site or you can request a handbook by e-mail at cais@omaf.gov.on.ca or by phone at 1-877-838-5144.

Crop Insurance Deadlines

To protect your 2004 crop, customers enrolled in Crop Insurance must call AGRICORP's Customer Action Centre by **June 30**. The final date to pay premium on insured crops is **July 10**. To report your acres, or if you have any questions or concerns, please call AGRICORP's Customer Action Centre, toll-free, **1-888-AGRI-999 (1-888-247-4999)** between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Professionalism and Ethics certification course offered by the Ontario Institute of Agrologists (OIA)

If you are a consultant who is expecting to provide services to clients under the Canadian Farm Business Advisory Service, Specialized Business Planning Services program or the Planning and Assessment for Value Added Enterprise (PAVE) then you must be a member in good standing of a recognized professional organization or have related post-secondary education and have completed a course on ethics and professionalism. The consultant must also have the appropriate experience for completing the work and provide references from previous clients.

OIA is offering 5 Professionalism and Ethics courses across the province this summer with repeat offerings in the same regions again this coming fall, winter and spring.

Quinte Region (Stirling)	June 18
Ridgetown College	July 16
Ottawa (French/English)	July 23
Guelph (1 Stone Road)	August 6
Peterborough/Lindsay	August 13

Contact Carol L. Tyler, P.Ag. at: PAg@oia.on.ca for detailed information and to receive the electronic Professionalism & Ethics course registration form.

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