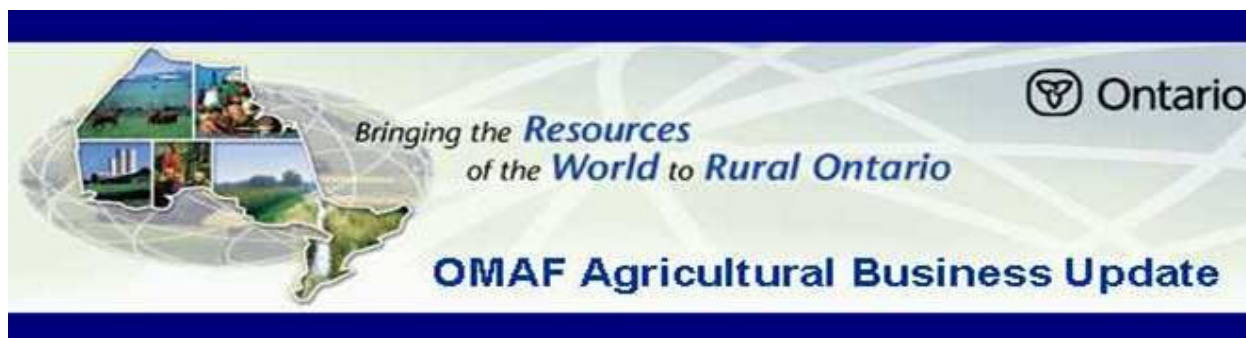




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This update is designed to provide you with concise, up to date agricultural business information with links to where you can find the details.

OMAF Farm Tax and Business Seminars

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food is once again pleased to present the annual Farm Tax and Business Seminar series. The OMAF Farm Tax and Business Seminars are designed to provide business advisors working with farm businesses - including accountants, lawyers, lenders and consulting agrologists - with the most current farm tax, business and legal information available.

The Program in 2004 features:

- CAIS Update - Administrative Details, Changes and Statistics
- CAIS Tips and Tax Strategies - Maximizing Your Clients CAIS Benefits
- Legal Liabilities and Farming in 2004
- Annual Farm Tax and Business Update

The seminar is offered in 11 location across Ontario.

October 19, 2004 - Guelph

October 20, 2004 - Woodstock

October 20, 2004 - Hanover

October 21, 2004 - Alliston

October 21, 2004 - Stratford

October 26, 2004 - Kemptville

October 26, 2004 - Chatham

October 27, 2004 - Belleville

October 27, 2004 - London

October 28, 2004 - Peterborough

October 28, 2004 - Hamilton

NOTE: Program has been assessed 5.25 Advocis CE credits

Early bird registration fee is **\$140/person** on or before October 8, 2004. Regular registration fee is **\$170/person** after October 8, 2004.

For complete agenda, speaker and registration information, including a registration form, visit the website at <http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/busdev/conference/04farmtax.htm> or call the **OMAF Contact Centre at 1-877-424-1300**

REDDI - Information right at your fingertips

Whether you are a producer or a farm business advisor, you know that successful business planning is built on sound analysis of the local economy.

www.reddi.gov.on.ca provides one-window access to tools and resources designed to help businesses, business advisors and organizations develop strategies to address needs and priorities and planning for the future.

A key feature of REDDI is a set of interactive analysis tools to help identify the competitive economic advantages of your community or region. The tools can provide a profile of businesses by sector in your community or identify the distribution of different business sectors across Ontario. This can be very useful for example, if you are considering a retail operation of your own farm products, or doing your own on-farm processing or perhaps diversifying into new products or ways of production into your neighbouring region or community or city.

For more information contact Erin Panek, Client Account Officer, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Woodstock, Regional Economic Development at 519-537-3537 or visit the Reddi website at: www.reddi.gov.on.ca

Publications

Programs and Services for Ontario Farmers - This concise listing and contact information on government programs for Ontario farmers has been newly updated for 2004. Covering both federal and provincial programs and services - this is an invaluable quick resource for farmers and farm business advisors. You can view and print this publication free of charge by clicking on the link <http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/busdev/facts/04-051.htm>

Thanks for reading the OMAF Business Update. If you have any questions or comments about this email update contact the editor, Rob Gamble at rob.gamble@omaf.gov.on.ca.

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