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Online Resources and Publications

[Beekeeping and Honey Production – Business Information Bundle](#)

The Beekeeping and Honey Production Business Information Bundle is your resource centre for information on beekeeping and honey production in Ontario. Whether you are new to the industry, have a long-standing operation or are looking for an interesting hobby, this site offers helpful links to production information, regulatory requirements, business and marketing tips and more.

[Developing a Marketing Plan](#) (Order No. 10-029) [PDF](#)

[Goods and Services Tax \(GST\) on the Sale or Transfer of Land](#), (Order No 10-017) [PDF](#)

Ontario has introduced the harmonized sale tax (HST), to be effective July 1, 2010. It is anticipated that the rules noted in this bulletin will continue to apply under the HST.

Developing an Agri-Tourism Operation in Ontario, Order No. 10-027, Agdex 842 (will be posted online shortly)

Farm Corporations, Order No.10-031, Agdex 812 (will be posted online shortly)

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[Young and Beginning Farmers – Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada](#)

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada have launched the Young and Beginning Farmers (YBF) section - your one-stop business information site on farming. This new section responds to the issues raised at the five roundtables held by Minister of Veterans Affairs and Minister of State (Agriculture) Jean-Pierre Blackburn last fall with young farmers, agricultural students, academics and other industry stakeholders to attain a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing young and beginning farmers. The website section will provide better access to information on tools, programs and services available to young farmers.

Minister Blackburn also announced that he will hold a National Future Farmers Network in the fall to bring together young and beginning farmers as well as industry leaders and provincial and federal government representatives. Its aim will be to bring their voices to the fore and put their ideas into

action. The National Future Farmers Network is in keeping with the Minister's promise to develop a "young farmers lens" to get government bodies to systematically take young farmers' concerns into consideration when planning their actions and developing policies and programs.

[Choices Magazine](#)

Choices is an online peer-reviewed magazine published by the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association for readers interested in the policy and management of agriculture, the food industry, natural resources, rural communities, and the environment. The 1st quarter 2010 issue is now online with the [Local Food—Perceptions, Prospects, and Policies](#) theme.

Articles in the current issue include:

- Just What Does Local Mean?
- Local Food Consumers: How Motivations and Perceptions Translate to Buying Behavior
- Filling in the Gaps: Eight Things to Recognize about Farm-Direct Marketing
- Can Local Food Go Mainstream?
- Catching the "Local" Bug: A Look at State Agricultural Marketing Programs
- Do Government Policies Grow Local Food?
- Is Local Enough? Some Arguments for Regional Food Systems

Online subscriptions are free of charge.

Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence

[Innovative Ideas Thrive in Eastern Ontario - McGuinty Government Recognizes Outstanding Individuals in Agri-Food Sector](#)

Ontario's rural communities are growing innovative ideas that drive the local economy and advance Ontario's agri-food industry. These ideas were celebrated at a ceremony in Brighton honouring regional winners of the Premier's Awards for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence.

Small Farm Labour Survey

Do you operate a small-scale farm or have clients that do?

The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council is researching the labour needs on farms with less than \$100,000 in gross receipts. The responses will be used to better understand employment needs of smaller farms and will ensure that operations from Ontario are represented in the research. Go to www.cahrc-cerha.ca or call CAHRC at 1-866-430-7457 ext. 228 to complete the survey by phone. All respondents can enter for a chance to win \$100.

About CAHRC: The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) was created to address human resource issues facing agricultural businesses across Canada. CAHRC works with industry leaders, governments, and education stakeholders to research, develop and communicate solutions to the challenges in agriculture employment and skills development.

Conferences and Workshops



June 22-23 37th Annual Ontario Pork Congress, Stratford Rotary Complex. For complete congress schedule and details visit www.porkcongress.on.ca



2010 North American Consulting School

June 14, 15 and 16, 2010 at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino, Calgary, Alberta

The [North American Consulting School](#) brings together a continental network of private consultants working in diverse industries and disciplines to identify, learn and share the world's most effective consulting practices.



The 18th International Farm Management Congress is to be held in Christchurch New Zealand on March 20-25, 2011. The International Farm Management Association (IFMA) is an international body of about 400 members primarily academics, consultants, advisors, farmers, government, administrators and policy analysts. The common thread running through the membership is an interest in farm management. The 'Call for Papers' for the Congress has now been released. All the details are on the [IFMA18 Congress website](#), and the Call for Papers, Paper and Poster Specifications as well as MS Word templates can be downloaded from the '[Call for Papers Page](#)'.

Thanks for reading the OMAFRA Business Update.

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