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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.

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COVID-19 Resources

Accredited Farm Organizations Resources

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO),

and National Farmers Union (NFU) have various resources available regarding COVID-19 and the agriculture industry. Please follow the links below to the various organizations resource pages.

[OFA COVID-19 Resources](#)

[CFFO COVID-19 Resources](#)

[NFU COVID-19 Resources](#)

COVID-19 and the Agriculture Workforce

Keeping up to date with COVID-19 details and recommended protocols is challenging for everyone at this time. CAHRC has created a dedicated webpage with the latest information, recommendations, employee management tips, tools (posters, policies) and links to authorities. These details will help you respond and limit the impact and spread of COVID-19 within your business.

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Government Resources and Updates

Both the Ontario and Canadian Governments have useful information for farmers and agribusiness owners about COVID-19. Please click on the below links to find out more information.

[Government of Ontario](#)

[Government of Canada](#)

Supporting Farmers in Challenging Times

Agricorp continues to help Ontario farmers with the programs we deliver. Farmers can continue to contact Agricorp's Customer Care, but during contingency and remote operation, calls and claims related to financial distress will be top priority. Farmers can go to agricorp.com for the latest information on operations and programs.

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Farming in the Era of COVID-19

We are experiencing unprecedented disruption to normal life and commerce in order to flatten the pandemic curve due to COVID-19. Farmers, as the foundation of the food supply chain, are used to dealing with uncertainty from weather and market volatility but COVID-19 means additional risks. In this Food Focus blog post, Mike von Massow and Alfons Weersink discuss what farming may look like in these unprecedented times.

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Financial Management

2019 FCC Farm Land Values Report

The FCC Farmland Values Report provides an annual look at the regional land value trends across Canada in price per acre. Find land values on our interactive map, download the report and get big picture analysis from our Ag Economics team.

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Bank of Canada maintains overnight rate target and unveils new market operations

The Bank of Canada announced its target for the overnight rate at ¼ percent, which the Bank considers its effective lower bound. The necessary efforts to contain COVID-19 have caused a sudden and deep contraction in economic activity and employment worldwide. In financial markets, this has driven a flight to safety and a sharp repricing of a wide range of assets.

<https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2020/04/fad-press-release-2020-04-15/>



Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

OMAFRA Dateline:

OMAFRA Dateline is an online resource for use by interested individuals and organizations across Ontario. Events may be hosted by OMAFRA or other groups. The events posted on this site are aimed at sharing information of interest to agriculture and regional economic development clients. Please check the calendar regularly for upcoming events, workshops, conferences and meetings.

CAP Workshops & Webinars

A variety of excellent workshops and webinars are offered at no cost by OSCIA as part of Canadian Agricultural Partnership to assist Ontario farm businesses in identifying strengths and weaknesses in a variety of areas that influence the farm's profitability, productivity and sustainability. The workshops and webinars each have a different focus and different goals.

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FCC Events

Make the most of your farm business

Practical tools, new perspectives and breakthrough moments - expand your ag knowledge at a free FCC learning event. We bring the best minds in agriculture to communities across Canada to inform, inspire and help you get the most from your business.

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CAFA's Farm Management Update

Thursday, June 4, 2020, Elmhurst Inn, Ingersoll

Leading edge farm business management tools and insight.

Watch for details at www.cafanet.ca.

CAFA's Focus on Women in Farming

Thursday, April 23, 2020 Ivey Spencer, London

A day focusing on what women in farming want and need to know.

Watch for details at www.cafanet.ca.

CAFA's Focus on Women in Farming event is Postponed till November 26, 2020

Ag Excellence Conference
Prosperity with Purpose
December 15-17, 2020 Canmore Alberta

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