

Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario

Annual Report 2014



Ecological Farmers
OF ONTARIO

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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People Attended

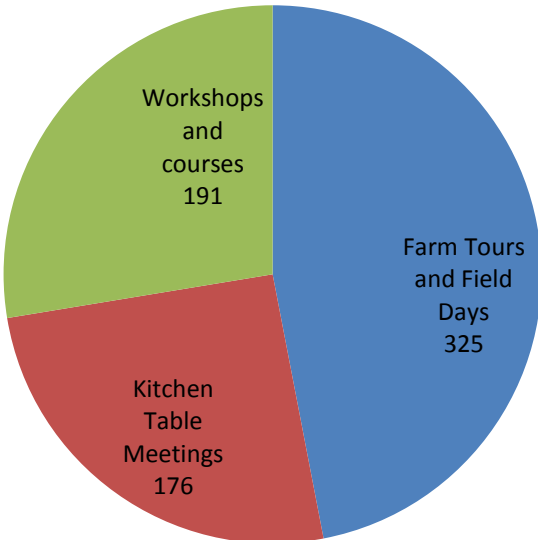
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Events

10 KTMs, 10 WORKSHOPS, 19 FARM TOURS AND FIELD DAYS

- 2 Regional tours coordinated by the West Committee
- 10 seed saving tours in partnership with the *Bauta Family Initiative for Canadian Seed Security*
- 3 tours held in the East
- 1 hands-on *Poultry Processing Event*
- 10 Kitchen Table Meetings (9 in the West and 1 the East)
- 1 Free School Event
- 4 workshops at the *Guelph Organic Conference* with 141 attendees
- A four part series on Ecological Fruit Production with Lorne Jaimeson
- Weekend workshop series held in Northeastern Ontario in partnership with *FarmStart*
- Record –keeping workshop held in partnership with *Eco Farm Day*
- Supported *Carving Our Niche* with *Sustain Ontario*

ATTENDANCE BY EVENT TYPE



535

**MEMBERS
ACROSS
ONTARIO**

ACTIVE COMMITTEES

The **West Committee** met regularly this year and planned a number of KTM, farm tours, and Field Days. Thank you to Committee Chair *Cathy Hansen* who will step down after many years of volunteer service to EFAO.

The **Genetic Engineering (GE) Committee** has played a vital role in keeping the EFAO community informed about changing regulations related to genetically modified alfalfa. Thanks you to GE Committee Chair *Ann Slater* for compiling and distributing updated information.

The **Energy Committee** encouraged discussing the role of energy in sustainable farming practice.

Our newest Committee is **the Northeast Regional Committee** starting in the Sudbury area.

REPORTS

- *Getting into Retail and Restaurant Sales: Guidelines for Ecological Producers*
- *Towards Wholesale Success: Stories and Strategies from Producers, Distributors and Retailers who are Growing Ontario's Local Food Economy*
- *Exploring Cooperative and Social Enterprises as Potential Retail Outlets for Ecological Farmers: Lessons Learned from Three Community Enterprises in the U.S*

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Organizational Partnerships

We are grateful to have worked in close partnership with numerous organizations and individuals across the province.

