

Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario

Annual Report 2015



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ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

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504 MEMBERS ACROSS ONTARIO

438	Family/Farm
37	Associate
10	Sustaining
19	Business

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

1058 People Attended

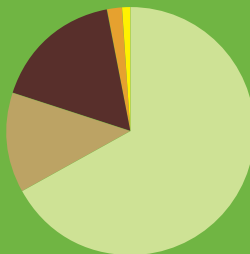
52 Events

**11 workshops, 32 field days and farm tours,
7 Kitchen Table Meetings (KTMs)**

- **14 seed saving tours** in partnership with the Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security
- **9 farm tours** organized in partnership with FarmStart
- **1 Free School Event** organized by the West Committee
- **2 day soil workshop** in partnership with the Local Organic Food Co-ops Network
- **1 tour and 2 workshops** in the East
- **3 workshops** before the Guelph Organic Conference
- **3 KTMs and 5 Field Days** organized by the West Committee
- **2 KTMs** organized by the Northeast Committee
- **3 field crop events** in Chatham Kent and Essex
- **Bring Food Home Farmer Training Day** in Sudbury in partnership with FarmStart

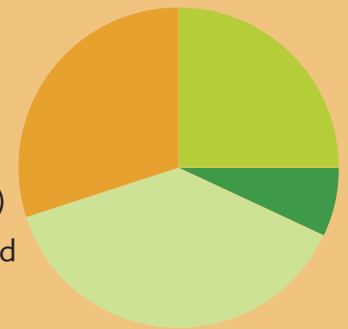
REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION

West (67%)
Central (13%)
East (17%)
North (2%)
Other (1%)



ATTENDANCE BY EVENT TYPE

Workshops and courses (268)
Kitchen Table Meetings (75)
Field Days and Farm Tours (403)
Conferences (312)



FIRST ANNUAL ECOLOGICAL FARMERS OF ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Dec 4-6, 2014, Geneva Park YMCA, Orillia
In partnership with FarmStart, Farms at Work, Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security and Everdale

283	participants
31	sessions
33	bursaries
19	Trade Show Exhibitors
\$12,800 in grants and sponsorship	

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

- Conference Silent Auction - \$1,700
- 14th Concession Tour - \$2,000

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ACTIVE COMMITTEES

The West Region Committee met regularly this year and planned a number of KTMs, field days and a Free School. The Northeast Region Committee organized held their first meeting at the EFAO Conference and organized several KTMs.

New "Member of EFAO" logo that is available digitally and as a sticker!



FUNDING PARTNERS

Thank you to our funding partners for making it possible for EFAO to continue to serve members and to offer practical training opportunities in ecological farming.



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ISSUES

EFAO members have been involved in raising awareness and circulating information about pressing issues affecting ecological farming across the province, including CBAN's GMO Inquiry Project, OMAFRA's Pollinator Health Proposal, the new Canadian Organic Standards and options for small scale certification.

ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

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

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