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Upcoming Meetings

OLPC Membership Meetings

- August 10, 2012
- October 12, 2012
- December 14, 2012

New Member

The OLPC welcomes Angus GeoSolutions Inc. (AGSI) as the newest OLPC member. AGSI was chosen by OMAFRA to operate and expand the Provincial Premises Registry (PPR), the official registry for obtaining an Ontario Premises Identification Number.

A Premises Identification Number is a unique identifying number assigned to a parcel of land that is associated with agri-food activities.

The new PPR was officially available March 30, 2012 at www.OntarioPPR.ca. Agri-food business owners and operators can register their premises securely online. Registrations are also available by calling the toll free number: 1-855-MY PPR ID (1-855-697-7743). The website and call centre services are available in English and French.

Leeds– Grenville Municipal Emergency Management Session

On June 1st, the united counties of Leeds and Grenville hosted a livestock disease emergency response workshop for local municipalities and emergency response workers. The Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council (OLPC), OMAFRA, CFIA, Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, and the County of Wellington were invited to give presentations in the morning focusing on agricultural emergency response. In the afternoon, the participants worked through a Foot and Mouth Disease table top scenario. There were approximately 125 people in attendance.

Small Ruminant Foreign Animal Disease Workshop

The OLPC, with the support of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Animal Health Lab at the University of Guelph, is holding a Small Ruminant Foreign Animal Disease Workshop on Tuesday, October 16th in Guelph. This is a by-invitation-only event with a speaker program in the morning followed by an afternoon table top simulation.

The objective of this workshop is to improve the preparedness of the small ruminant industry for a foreign animal disease (FAD) outbreak. We also hope it will assist participants develop a better understanding of what CFIA, OMAFRA and the AHL will do if there is a FAD in Ontario and also what is expected/needed from the small ruminant industry.

On–Farm Biosecurity Resources

As noted in our last newsletter, the OLPC, with the support of OMAFRA, is developing four biosecurity educational pieces: a biosecurity binder/workbook (one for livestock and one for plants), a video, a biosecurity poster targeting farm workers and contractors, and on-farm biosecurity signs. The on-farm signs have been produced and the other resources are in various stages of completion.

The print manuals are in the final draft stage and are also being translated into French. Hard copies of the English versions will be available in August. The video will also be finished during August. All material, except for the signs, will also be available in electronic format via the OLPC website. The target launch date for the revamped website is August 1st.

Incident Command System Training

The OLPC Board, with the support of OMAFRA and the University of Guelph, is investigating holding a one-day session on the Incident Command System (ICS) for industry leaders, service and supply groups. The session will increase the understanding of the ICS among livestock and poultry industry members and improve their capacity to respond effectively in a coordinated emergency response situation. It also ties into the outreach activities the OLPC has been conducting over the past two years with municipalities urging them to consider agriculture events in their emergency management plans. Many of them have moved to an ICS format for emergency response so agricultural groups should likewise be familiar with the response model.

More information on this initiative will be included in our next newsletter scheduled for the end of September.



Our Mission

Provide a forum to facilitate the development and coordination of an Ontario strategy to deal with foreign animal disease and other transmissible livestock and poultry diseases.