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Upcoming Meetings

OLPC Membership Meetings

- o February 22, 2013
- o April 12, 2013
- o June 14, 2013
- o August 9, 2013
- o October 11, 2013
- o December 13, 2013

New Member

Innovative Management Services Group (IMSG) is the newest member of the Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council. IMSG has three partners, Ralph Shaw, Bob Kalbfleisch and Jim Pettit, and three associates (Susan Sabatini DVM, Jim Paterson, and Charles Lalonde) who work with them on some projects.

On-Farm Biosecurity Resources

The revamped OLPC website is now fully operational and all of the on-farm biosecurity materials have been posted on-line, www.ontlpc.ca. Posters, manuals and signs have been distributed to the commodity groups and individual orders are also being received from producers. An OLPC biosecurity leaflet has been mailed out with Grain Farmers of Ontario magazine, the Ontario Livestock Alliance magazine, Ontario Sheep News and Ontario Beef.

The final item to be produced is a visitor log book which will have four pages of biosecurity information plus a biosecurity tip at the bottom of each page. These will be available in early January.

Small Ruminant Foreign Animal Disease Workshop

Forty-two people attended the Small Ruminant Foreign Animal Disease Workshop on October 16th. Based on the feedback sheet results, everyone found it to be a very beneficial day which helped them to gain a better understanding of what CFIA, OMAFRA and the AHL will do if there is a FAD in Ontario and also what is expected from the small ruminant industry by way of a response. A workshop summary report was sent to everyone who attended the day or who was invited but unable to attend.

Incident Command System Training

The Incident Command System training will take place on March 5th. The funding was provided by the Emergency Management KTT funds and is being organized in conjunction with University of Guelph (David Kelton) and OMAFRA (Paul Innes and Lou D'Onofrio). An invitation letter, agenda and registration form was sent out in mid-December to the General Managers of the targeted groups. Invited groups were asked to designate someone who would be directly involved in the operational aspect of an emergency response involving their sector.

Because the federal, provincial and municipal governments in Ontario follow the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency management, it is important for all participants in the response to be familiar with ICS in order to manage the emergency in an efficient and coordinated manner.

The objective of this workshop is to:

- explain the concepts of ICS,
- outline the roles and responsibilities of government and agricultural stakeholders within a provincial response, and,
- improve the preparedness of the agriculture industry to respond to an emergency.

Poultry Simulation – June 2013

The OLPC Board approved a request by OMAFRA, the Animal Health Lab and the Feather Board Command Centre to provide coordination support for a June 2013 poultry simulation. The poultry simulation will have an emphasis on illustrating the Incident Command System.

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.