

2024 ONFARM Forum

Agenda

February 8, 2024 via Zoom Videoconference

The Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association looks forward to welcoming you to the 2024 On-Farm Applied Research and Monitoring (ONFARM) Forum! Since 2019, the ONFARM program has completed extensive soil health and water quality analysis on farms across Ontario to build a stronger understanding of beneficial management practices (BMPs) and their effect on soil health and water quality. Originally a four-year program, ONFARM was recently renewed until 2028! During the Forum, we will reflect on what we have learned so far and look forward to the exciting research priorities that the next phase of the program has in store.

Time	Activity
9:00 am	Welcome & setting the stage Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wilton Consulting Group (WCG)• Dr. Angela Straathof, Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA)• Cale Selby, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
9:25 am	How BMPs improve aggregate stability & Slake Test app demo Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elizabeth (Liz) Rieke, Soil Health Institute Linking soil health and water runoff: insights from monitoring agricultural best practices Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donna Small, Lower Thames River Conservation Authority• Mari Veliz, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority• Tatianna Lozier, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
10:25 am	Break
10:40 am	Panel: Managing the limiting factor of water in crop production Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Norm Lamothe, Woodleigh Farms & ONFARM Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dan Saurette, OMAFRA• Kevin McKague, OMAFRA• Marty Vermey, Grain Farmers of Ontario• Ted Taylor, Soil Resource Group

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11:10 am	<p>Practical tools to share agricultural research data and results Dr. Correndo will explore some interactive and open-access tools to improve the accessibility of data and results in agriculture, including tools he developed while at Kansas State University. Dr. Correndo will also present some potential tools to be developed at the University of Guelph to enhance knowledge mobilization and open data sharing, which aligns with the core objectives of ONFARM.</p> <p>Dr. Adrian Correndo, University of Guelph</p>
11:50 am	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gord Speksnijder, OSCIA