

The View...

From Huron County Farmers, Drainage and Conservation Experts

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Ontario Farmers tour Huronview Demo Farm

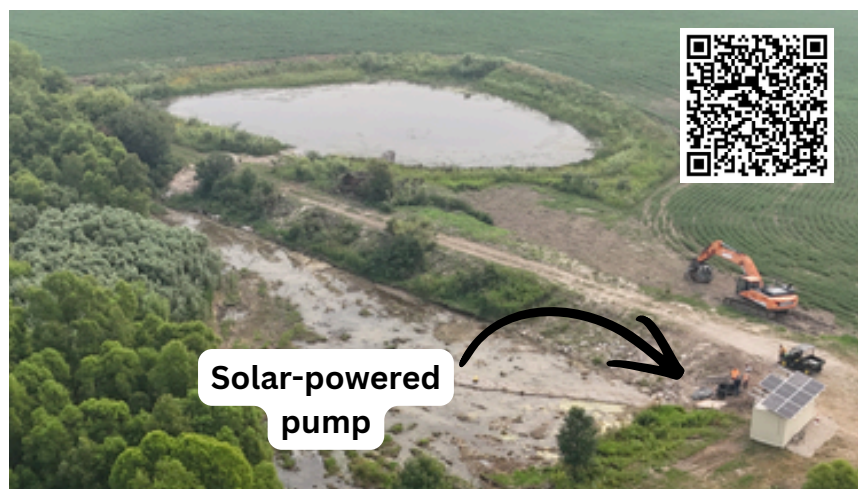


Aerial view of Huronview Demo Farm on August 14 during OSCIA Summer Farm Day

One hundred people toured Huronview Demonstration Farm on August 14, as part of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) Summer Farm Day and Tour. Producers learned about best management practices (BMPs) and innovative drainage techniques used at the farm. The newest technique was installed earlier this summer, which includes a solar-powered sub-irrigation system (photo at right). Farmers from Huron Soil and Crop Improvement Association (HSCIA) continue to work

with Ausable Bayfield Conservation to demonstrate BMPs. The new sub-irrigation project leverages existing wetland areas along the Bayfield River and 22 control gates. Stormwater runoff from nearby roads, parking lots

and roofs will be directed into the subsurface tile system, and ultimately the wetlands. During periods of dry weather, water from the wetlands will be pumped back into the tile system to irrigate the crops. Scan QR code below for 3D tour.



Cover the ground? Let us help you cover the cost

For the 2026/2027 cropping year, producers in the Main Bayfield watershed (area southwest of Clinton and Vanastra) will once again be eligible for an enhanced cost-share program offering \$40/acre, or \$50/acre for new applicants, up to 100 acres. Existing applicants can refer a new applicant and also receive \$50/acre.

Funding is limited and some restrictions apply. First-time adopters are encouraged to apply.

Please contact Brooklyn Rau (brau@abca.ca or 519-235-2610) at Ausable Bayfield Conservation for more information about the incentive program. Applying is simple, and we can help. Forms can be found at abca.ca or by scanning



the QR code below with a mobile device.



Funding is also available to producers throughout Huron County for planting late-season

cover crops (i.e., rye after corn or oats after soybeans) using a drone. Huron Soil and Crop offers this funding through their on-going cover crop trial at a rate of \$15/acre up to 125 acres. For more information, please contact Hope Brock (hbrock@abca.ca) at Ausable Bayfield Conservation.

Upcoming Events



Owl Prowl - November 6 - Walk with local guides, listen for calls, and learn how healthy forests, fields, and wetlands support owls and other wildlife. Wild Ontario will be on hand to showcase some local species. Two options available: 5:30-7:00pm and 7:30-9:00pm at Morrison Dam Conservation Area (71108 Morrison Line). Event is free, but registration required. **Please visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/2026-owl-prowl> or scan QR code to register.**



World Soil Day - December 5 - Many thanks to all the producers planting cover crops, limiting tillage, planting diverse crops and adding organic amendments. Let us know what you do for soil! **@AusableBayfield #WorldSoilDay**

