

THE CACKLER

THE LATEST EFO NEWS



get cracking®
Egg Farmers of Ontario

Publication Agr. No: 40068941



EFO SPRINGS FORWARD WITH TASTY OFFERINGS

March was blooming with fresh new recipes and Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO) was happy to share them with Ontario.

The delicious Greek pastry, *Spanakopita*, was featured in *edible Toronto*, a free publication with 450,000 copies distributed at quality grocery stores, specialty food stores, farmers' markets, Lee Valley stores and other retail venues in the GTA, Guelph, Niagara, Windsor, London, Waterloo,

Burlington, Wellington County and cottage country. The magazine is also offered online at <https://edibletoronto.ediblecommunities.com/about-us/digital-editions-O>.

EFO's *Baked Egg Bruschetta* recipe along with the Laver Family was featured in *Escapism Magazine* in the March-June Culinary edition. To view a digital copy of the magazine, please visit <https://escapism.to/magazine/>.

IN THIS ISSUE

- Comments from the Coop, by Scott Graham, EFO Chair
- Exciting new look coming for The Cackler
- Cancellations due to COVID-19

UPCOMING CONTRIBUTIONS BY:

To be announced

UPCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS:

March 31
(by video conference)

COMMENTS FROM THE COOP

WORKING TO CONTINUE OUR SUCCESS

by Scott Graham, EFO Chair

As I write my last column for our Cackler newsletter, we are all facing a world that none of us could have likely even imagined a few months ago.

My thoughts are with you all for the health and safety of everyone's friends, family and loved ones during the COVID-19 crisis.

In the most serious way, the whole world has to think about bio-security in a way that we egg and pullet farmers have adopted on our farms over the last few years as a way of life to protect the birds we care for every day.

In the upcoming annual report, I wrote about Egg Farmers of Ontario's (EFO) activities during the last year but for this column I thought I would look back through a longer lens at some of the highlights from the eight years that I have been privileged to serve as Chair.

If I chose three things that might stand out the most to me during that time, it would be setting up the *Quota Transfer System* (QTS), our proactive stand on hen housing and the development of the *Egg Quality Assurance*[™] (EQA[™]) program.

The QTS established a different and new way to transfer a quota in the province. It was a bit divisive at the time but it was a real turning point for the Board to take control of how quota is transferred.

In terms of the future of hen housing, the decision that we made in 2015 to begin to phase out conventional hen housing was really critical for farmers from coast to coast.

It has been a huge benefit to Canadian egg production to be able to have a consistent adoption of the new *Code of Practice* across the country.

With EQA[™], that was originally developed in Ontario and is now a national program, I think it is a powerful way for us as a country to market eggs. It gave our consumers' choice and gave our farmers' choice.

All three of these milestones formed critical turning points and I was very proud to have been involved with on the Board as we continued to work to build a strong foundation for the future of egg and pullet farm families.



On the personal side, I feel privileged and proud to have three generations of the Graham family on our farm in St. Marys as well as remembering the one that came before.

This whole business is about what we do to maintain it for future generations. I'm really proud with what we have accomplished for farmers to date and know there will always be more to do.

I have always believed it's important to be responsible and transparent about what we do in this business so our future egg and pullet farm families can continue to enjoy the success that we have today.

WITH THIS ISSUE

- JD Williamson - Big Dutchman Notice
- OAHN Poultry AI Industry Update

COVID-19 UPDATES:

To stay informed on farm related COVID-19 agri-workforce resources and information, the Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council offers great information. Visit <https://cahrc-ccrha.ca/programs/emerging-agriworkforce-issues/information-and-updates-coronavirus-covid-19>.

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

A number of events were scheduled for March and April. However, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many have either been postponed or cancelled. This includes:

- EFO's 55th Annual Meeting
- Algonquin College plaque unveiling (as part of our multi-year partnership)
- Ontario Minor Hockey Association Playdowns
- Players championships and Grand Slam events for Team Homan
- Sport and Social Group league and tournament play (EFO sponsorship)
- Ontario AA Provincial Ringette Championship (EFO

- sponsorship)
- Toronto Leaside Wildcats Tournament (EFO sponsorship)
- Ottawa Valley Farm Show (Sponsorship)
- Ontario Home Economics Association Conference (sponsorship)
- 4-H Ontario Conference and Annual Meeting (sponsorship)

In addition to these cancellations, no upcoming fairs have been scheduled for the Egg Education Trailer.

Updates to these events will be provided once the situation becomes stable and public events are authorized.



2016

2019

NEW DECADE, NEW SEASON, NEW LOOK!

Sometimes something as simple as the onset of spring can be an inspiration to make changes. When it comes to *The Cackler*, this motivation for renewal still applies. Spring cleaning does apply to publications!

With that in mind, look forward to a newly updated *Cackler* in April. Not only will there be an updated look - other changes have been made to bring the newsletter in line with 2020.

Keep an eye out for *The Cackler* in April to see what's new!



4-H members need your help!

Two members of Ontario 4-H are conducting a study regarding the effects herd/flock management can have on the well-being of farmers for the 4-H Canada Science Fair. A large portion of their project is based on a survey that they have created and the responses they get from it. They need as many farmers as possible to take part in the survey. To participate in the survey, please click on the link: <https://forms.gle/B2vbhDb5RY3HME4q8>.

NOTICE: Requirement for Changes in Housing

Effective March 4, 2020, Egg Farmers of Ontario requires all egg farmers to provide one year's notice about any changes in housing system type or capacity.

This information is necessary to support EFO budgeting for enriched egg price payment or other adjustments and the management of the egg supply.

Failing to provide the required notice will result in egg and pullet farmers no longer being "in good standing" under EFO policies. To be in good standing a producer must be in conformity with all EFO Regulations, Policies, Orders and Directions, including housing density.

Producers must have all the paperwork filed with EFO's office as outlined in the EFO General Regulations and be up-to-date with all licence fees, levies and any other amounts owing to EFO and EFC.

Should you have any questions please contact Ray Hinton, Director of Policy and Quota Affairs, at rhinton@getcracking.ca.

PRODUCTION STATISTICS

(in boxes of 15 dozen)

Ontario Production (week ending #4)
2020 - 1,460,481
2019 - 1,416,254

Ontario IP (week ending #4)
2020 - 325,151
2019 - 324,792

Ontario EFP (week ending #4)
2020 - 104,280
2019 - 91,200

US Shell Egg Imports to Ontario (week ending February 15, 2020 - #7)
2020 - 74,667
2019 - 200,230



Notice: Egg Team Update

Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO) currently has two staff members on maternity leave.

In EFO's Quota Department, Jenelle Budhram (Quota Transfer System Coordinator) has recently taken her maternity leave. For quota related enquiries, please contact Julie Cangiano via email at jcangiano@getcracking.ca.

In Public Affairs, Sarah Brien (Digital Media Coordinator) will be starting her maternity leave on March 27, 2020. Eva Witek has been hired on contract to cover Sarah while she is on leave. For any volunteer requests, please contact ewitek@getcracking.ca.

We wish both Jenelle and Sarah all the best.



EGGS IN THE NEWS

Cooking in the time of coronavirus

Delhi News Record
March 19
by Rita Demontis

Well, now that you've stocked your pantry with canned goods and stuffed your freezer with frozen fruits, vegetables and meats, what do you do now? Get creative as you wait out the COVID-19 storm.

You'd be surprised at how nutritional and fresh your food is from the freezer, or a can. From a nutrition perspective, frozen fruit and vegetables, and canned fish, are as good as fresh. Consider canned or frozen as the original convenience food – everything from asparagus, corn, peas, beans and string beans to favourite fruits – you can enjoy great meals. Consider making a second batch and sharing with neighbours, friends, seniors and anyone else self-isolating while we all ride out this pandemic.

Canned Peas Frittata

It's amazing what a couple of cans of peas will give you!

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil

- ½ Tbsp. butter
- 2 spring onions, whites only, minced
- 2 cans peas, drained
- 6 eggs
- Salt/pepper
- Sprinkle garlic powder (optional)

Spray an 8-inch glass pie pan or square brownie pan with oil. Set aside. Heat olive oil and butter in a large fry pan.

Saute onion 2-3 minutes. Add peas and heat through several minutes. Remove from heat, cool slightly. Break eggs into a large bowl and beat. Add salt and pepper and garlic powder, if using. Carefully pour pea mixture into egg mixture and blend immediately.

Pour mixture into prepared pan and place in 350°F (180°C) oven for 25-30 minutes, or until mixture is puffy and cooked through. Remove, let cool slightly, then slice and serve with side salad. (Serves 4)

- NOTE: You can use canned mixed vegetables to add colour to this dish. Eggs always make an excellent base for many dishes, including egg-drop soup.

How to contact EFO Zone Directors

Your Directors are available to address any questions and comments you may have pertaining to your industry.

ZONE	DIRECTOR	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE
1	Scott Helps	shelps@ymail.com	519-464-2744
2	Lorne Benedict	lbenedict@eastlink.ca	519-281-3321
3	Dan Veldman	dveldd@gmail.com	519-801-5216
4	Roger Pelissero	rpelisseroeggs@gmail.com	905-984-0279
5	Brian Miller	bwmiller@quadro.net	519-521-1325
6	Scott Graham	scottgraham06@gmail.com	519-284-1300
7	Scott Brookshaw	sbrookshaw@sympatico.ca	519-671-7568
8	George Pilgrim	georgepilgrim@hotmail.com	905-376-6869
9	Craig Hunter	chunter@burnbraefarms.com	613-341-2006
10	Marc Bourdon	marc@bourdon.ca	613-551-5071
Pullet	Andy DeWeerd	abdeweerd@hsfx.ca	519-502-5385

Egg Farmers of Ontario Mission Statement Egg Farmers of Ontario is a farmer-run organization that manages the supply and orderly marketing of eggs so customers can enjoy fresh, safe, high-quality protein at a fair price.

THE CACKLER
THE LATEST EFO NEWS



7195 Millcreek Drive,
Mississauga, ON L5N 4H1

FARMER NOTICES

FOR SALE

Complete system, Farmer Automatic, 22,000 bird capacity, 4 tier, all parts available (free). Contact Peter Van Zeeland, 519-392-8448.

One Sanovo Staalkat FP40 farm-packer, 80 cases per hour, all stainless steel. Brand new with full one-year warranty. Installed and delivered in southwestern Ontario, \$30,000. If interested, please call Meller Poultry Equipment, 519-587-2667.

EFO POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES ONLINE

Reminder: New policies and procedures will be updated and posted on EFO's farmer website at www.getcracking.ca/members/operations-quota as they come into effect.

Policies, procedures and documents posted on EFO's farmer website contain the most up-to-date versions and should be used for all policy interpretation and quota transactions. Please check this site frequently.

If further information or clarification on any matter is required, farmers should contact EFO's office.

NOTICE: EGG AMBASSADOR TRAINING

With the postponement of the Annual Meeting, Egg Ambassador training is also on hold.

Training will be rescheduled at a later date which will be advertised in *The Cackler*.

SRED CLAIM 2019

Ontario egg farmers will be receiving a letter for your Scientific Research and Experimental Development Expenditures relating to 2019.

Please follow the instructions provided in the letter. Note, the SRED for 2019 needs to be filed with your 2019 tax return.

Please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html> to view changes related to taxation and COVID-19.