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### 'Tis The Season For Giving! [1]

Did you know that Farms at Work is a charitable project?

You can make a tax-deductible donation to support our work as fast as you can click a button!

Click [HERE](#) [2] to make a secure donation right now!

It was our pleasure to serve the farming community across east central Ontario through a wide range of activities throughout 2017! Here is a sample of what we have been up to...



## Farms at Work: 2017 IN REVIEW

### Local Food Networking Events



Farms At Work organized two business-to-business local food networking events, bringing together local farmers with local restaurants, stores and caterers to get more local food onto local plates!



**130**

Number of new buyer/seller business connections made



**70**

Number of businesses that attended



**100%**

Percentage of people who found the event valuable and would like more of them

### Workshops & Courses



**6 WORKSHOPS** – including Artisanal Chicken production, vegetable farming and easements



**FARM BUSINESS PLANNING PROGRAM**  
This program supported 5 farms to produce business plans, and know how to do it in the future!



**SHEEP FARMING FIELD COURSE**  
This 6-day course offered 7 participants an introduction to sheep handling & flock management

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH



FAW was represented at 6 outreach events this year, such as farm shows.



FAW made 6 informative presentations to regional groups this year!

### LOCAL FOOD MONTH 2017



The 2017 Local Food Month has been the most successful yet, engaging over 10,000 people. With Increased promotion led to increases in followers on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter.



Check out the increase in Local Food Month Events. 38 community events promoted in 2017!

## RESEARCH & POLICY

### 2016 Census Analysis



Farm land in production in East Central Ontario



# of Farmers in East Central Ontario



Farmers in East Central Ontario reaching Retirement

### WE ACTIVELY SUPPORT FARMS THROUGH POLICY CHANGE!

In 2017, Farms at Work participated in a wide range of consultations to support and advocate for our local farming communities:

- ❖ OMAFRA Farms Forever
- ❖ A Food Policy for Canada
- ❖ Ontario Food Security Strategy
- ❖ Ontario Agricultural System
- ❖ Proposed Strategy on the Status of Women and Girls in Rural Canada



### Egg Grading for the Community: A Feasibility Study

Completed in 2017 by Farms at Work

### East Central Farm Stewardship Collaborative

Farms at Work coordinates the ECFSC, renamed in 2017 after 7 years of helping farmers achieve environmental improvements on farms. Regional organizations invested over \$230,000 to help farmers in 2016. [ecfarmstewardship.org](http://ecfarmstewardship.org)



### FLINTCORN COMMUNITY PROJECT: 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Increased awareness and education of project in 12 events reaching over 560 people!
- Flint corn project featured on CHEXTV Morning show
- Successful Fundraiser Dinner, attracted over 75 people



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