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

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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...



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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



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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