



AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYMPOSIUM

Pollinators in Agriculture

Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Bruce Station Hall (Bruce Mines)

Agenda

8:30 a.m. - Light breakfast & Registration

9:15 a.m. - Introductions

9:30 a.m. - **Susan Chan:** *Overview of main native pollinators available to provide pollination services on farms, and the impacts (economic, social, environmental) of their contributions to various farm systems (livestock pastures, market gardens, fruit). Management of farm systems to maximize pollination contribution from wild, native pollinators; including ways to attract bees on marginal lands.*

10:45 a.m. - Break

11:00 a.m. - **Dave Kreutzweiser:** *Neonics, honeybees, the forestry connection and a worldwide integrated assessment, including principles of IPM applicable to agricultural or horticultural situations.*

12:00 p.m. - Lunch provided by Red Door Catering

1:30 p.m. - **Mary Eaton:** *History of beekeeping in Algoma District.*

2:30 p.m. - Break

2:45 p.m. - **Jordan Winter:** *Present preliminary results regarding strategies for overwintering honey bees in Algoma District; seeking survey respondents to complete research.*

3:15 p.m. - **Susan Chan:** *Effects of pesticides or neonicotinoids on native pollinators and alternative IPM strategies.*

4:00 p.m. - Thank yous

About the Speakers




Susan Chan is an advocate for native pollinators and author of *A Landowner's Guide to Conserving Native Pollinators in*


Ontario. She has made presentations across Ontario to a wide variety of audiences on the subject of pollinator conservation. Susan has an academic background in agriculture (McGill University) and education (U.W.O.), including a Master of Science degree in pollination biology from Guelph University. Susan manages the Native Pollinator Program and the Farming Mentorship Program for Farms at Work. She is also an active ecological beekeeper, executive member of the Central Ontario Beekeepers Association, lecturer at Trent University and Fleming College's Sustainable Agriculture Program, co-founder of the Lakefield Farmers' Market and owner of Ten for Joy Farm.

David Kreutzweiser - *Natural Resources Canada*

Mary Eaton - *Algoma Beekeepers' Association and Local Beekeeper*

Jordan Winter - *Informal Researcher*

 Jonathan Stewart
Broker, Sutton Group Real Estate

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