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Happy Holidays from ODC!
The ODC office will be closed
December 23rd beginning at noon
and will re-open Tuesday, January 3rd.
We wish you and yours a fabulous holiday season
and all the best for the new year!

Member and Associate Fees

The ODC Board has approved a change to the Member and Associate fee schedule for the period April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Fees for the period will be adjusted using the 12-month rolling change in total CPI as of December 31, 2023 to a maximum of 3.4%. Once the actual percentage change is confirmed (approximately mid-January), ODC will advise Members and Associates. The non-bovine fee will increase to \$900 and the introductory new Member offer will not change.

Welcome New Member



**ORGANIC
MEADOW®**

ODC is pleased to welcome its newest member - [Organic Meadow Limited Partnership](#). They are located in Guelph and make organic and conventional grass fed dairy products across the following categories: fluid milk, cream, butter, yogurt, kefir, cream cheese, sour cream, cottage cheese and cheese.

PMCG Refresher Sessions

If you or one of your employees' Plant Milk Grader (PMG) certification is up for renewal on March 31, 2023, you should book one of the following refresher courses as soon as possible as sessions fill up quickly.

January 25, 26, 27, 2023

February 7 and 9, 2023

New sessions will be added if necessary.

Please contact the office at info@ontariodairies.ca for more information.

ODC Convention June 7-9, 2023



SAVE THE DATE!

The ODC Convention will take place on June 7-9, 2023 in Niagara Falls at the Marriott Fallsview and will include two and half days of networking, exceptional speakers, food and fun! Details coming soon.

Funding

[Canada Summer Jobs](#) - This fund provides a non-repayable grant for businesses to hire new employees 15-30 years of age. The employment must be between 30 and 40 hours per week and last between 6-16 weeks beginning at the earliest April 24th and not last beyond September 2nd. The deadline to apply is January 12, 2023.

[Supply Chain Stability and Adaptability Program](#) - The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) is investing \$10 million to address supply chain issues, reduce agri-food sector vulnerabilities, increase resilience and strengthen the food supply chain. More information will be provided at a [webinar](#) on January 10, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

[FPSC Student Work Placement](#) - This funding provides up to \$7,000 in wage reimbursements to employers (per student and per academic term) and can be combined with other non-federal funding programs.

Canadian Grand Prix New Product Awards

The Retail Council of Canada is accepting submissions for the [Canadian Grand Prix New Product Awards](#) until December 31, 2023. Finalists will be announced in April and winners announced in May. More details can be found [here](#).

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Whitepaper on How to Implement an Effective Traceability System

A whitepaper has been released to help organizations prepare for and manage product recalls. According to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), approximately 220 recall incidents occur each year with annual increases of over 10%. This whitepaper will provide information on how to prepare for a recall situation, recent product recall trends and causes, a checklist to create a traceability system and steps to manage product recalls. It can be downloaded [here](#).

National Workforce Strategic Framework Released

The Canadian Agriculture Human Resource Council (CAHRC) along with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and Food and Beverage Canada have released the National Workforce Strategic Framework that outlines the root causes of industry's labour shortages and skills gaps, identifies concrete actions to address these issues and sets meaningful goals and timelines to measure progress. The interim report can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- [Dairy Farmers of Ontario – Annual General Meeting](#) - January 18, 2023
- [International Dairy Foods Association Dairy Forum](#) - January 22-25, 2023
- [Dairy Farmers of Canada Annual Policy Conference](#) - February 13-16, 2023
- [The Future of Food Conference](#) - February 15, 2023

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