



Ottawa Valley FARM SHOW

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OTTAWA VALLEY FARM SHOW GATE AUCTION SET FOR OCTOBER 5

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Several Eastern Ontario agricultural societies are expected to be among parties represented when the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers, who sponsor the Ottawa Valley Farm Show, disperse 80-90 good quality livestock gates Oct. 5.

In lengths of 10, 12, and 16 feet, the control gates are no longer needed as part of the annual show. They'll be auctioned off the Monday after the 2009 Metcalfe Fair, Oct. 1-4, beginning at 2pm, at Metcalfe Fairgrounds.

One gate of each length will be put on the block, with the buyer expected to take all gates of that size. A few damaged gates will be sold separately. Also to be sold "as-is" is a trailer used to transport the gates. Terms are cash or cheque with proper ID.

The yellow Smale gates were purchased about 15 years ago to use in livestock displays at the annual Farm Show. However, the Lansdowne Park building used for livestock was removed about five years ago, eliminating the primary need for the gates.

"As much as we'd like to, we don't anticipate bringing back livestock exhibits and cattle auctions to the current Lansdowne site," said Farm Show manager Tom Van Dusen. "There simply isn't the space for them."

In recent years, they've been rented out to a few local fairs, including Metcalfe. With the recent passing of long-time OVSG director Ed Findlay who hauled the gates to the fairs, a decision was made to sell them.

For further information on the sale, prospective buyers are asked to contact OVSG secretary-treasurer Mary Joynt at 613-283-5971.

Meanwhile, Van Dusen noted, preparations for the 2010 Ottawa Valley Farm Show at Landowne March 16-18 are underway, with renewal letters to existing exhibitors to be mailed out before the end of this month.

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