



Ottawa Valley FARM SHOW

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SEED GROWERS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT 4-H AT FARM SHOW

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At its regular meeting Feb. 22, the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association firmed up its continued support of 4-H programs in Eastern Ontario by finalizing participation of the rural youth organization in the 2010 Ottawa Valley Farm Show. Sponsored by the Seed Growers for the past 83 years, this year's edition of the farm show will be held March 16-18 at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa. More than 340 exhibitors will be on hand, the largest OVFS ever and one of the largest trade shows held in Ottawa.

Special guest at the 2010 official opening March 16 at 12 noon will be Jessie Groniger, 21, of Carlsbad Springs, serving this year as one of five provincial 4-H ambassadors.

Annually during the show, the association provides on the Concourse level about \$1,000 worth of free booth space, drapes and lighting to 4-H for displaying the projects of its members. That's on top of several donations made during the year to various 4-H programs.

Returning this year, Seed Growers director Barry Dean is coordinating a contest at the west end of the Concourse with proceeds going to 4-H. The contest area will be easily located thanks to the presence of a full-sized fiberglass dairy cow and a full-sized bull.

In the dairy segment, after sizing up the cow, purchasers of a \$2 ticket will be asked to suggest which Eastern Breeders Inc. sire would be best suited to her characteristics. The top winner, as determined by EBI, will win five semen doses from an up-and-coming sire; 2nd place will get an EBI logo jacket; 3rd will take home an EBI duffle bag.

For another \$2 ticket, participants can guess how much Ivomec product would be required to treat a bull of similar size to the plastic one on display. First prize is 2.5 litres of Ivomec, 2nd prize is \$100, and 3rd prize is one litre of the product.

“To a large extent, 4-H members are the farmers of the future,” said Seed Growers president Jim Arbuckle. “Our association has always seen support of 4-H programs as a priority.

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