

Farmers invited to dispose of obsolete pesticides and livestock medications

Ontario farmers are invited to safely and responsibly dispose of their unwanted or obsolete pesticides and livestock (including equine) medications from Sept. 20 to 30.

This collection program is offered at no cost to farmers.

CleanFARMS, an industry-led, national not-for-profit agricultural waste management organization partnered with the Canadian Animal Health Institute (CAHI) and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to co-fund the disposal program with support from CropLife Canada, Ontario Agri Business Association, Farm and Food Care Ontario, and the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association.

Obsolete pesticides and livestock/equine medications will be accepted at Alliance Agri-Turf, 8112 King St. West in Bolton, Sept. 29, and at Holmes Agro, 473088 County Road 11, North of Highway 9 in Orangeville Sept. 30. The service will be running at both locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ontario farmers are environmentally conscious and are pleased to partner with CleanFARMS to safely dispose of obsolete pesticides and livestock medications, commented Craig Hunter from the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association. The CleanFARMS collection program provides an excellent one-stop service for Ontario farmers to continue to protect the land. Farmers in Ontario have a long history of good stewardship practices. Since 1998, Ontario farmers have turned in more than 500,000 kilograms of obsolete pesticides.

Ontario has a history of successful collections, says CleanFARMS General Manager Barry Friesen. The participation of Ontario farmers shows they are good stewards of their land and committed to protecting the environment.

After collection, the pesticides and livestock medications are taken to a licensed waste management facility where they are disposed of through high temperature incineration.