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representatives will administer the fund and determine the validity of claims for compensation.

Approximately 110 Ontario potato producers supply potatoes to 30 Ontario processors.



The first Children's Environmental Festival attracted more than 10,000 Metro Toronto school children to Harbourfront for a day of fun and learning. The OMAF exhibit, featured at the event, included free items for visitors — Ontario Empire apples and Agri-Food Week balloons and buttons.

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824-4120, ext. 3933.

Two people were recently appointed as members of the Milk Commission of Ontario. They are **Lois Hurst** of Ottawa, and **Edgar Wideman**, RR 3, Wallenstein.

**Allan Barbour** of Brampton and **Oliver Runnalls**, RR 2, Gore Bay, were recently

## Key dates in farming

**1884** — First separator installed in an Ontario creamery at Ameliasburg, near Bath.

**1892** — A 22,000 lb. cheese was made at Perth, Ont. and exhibited the following year at the World's Fair.

**1895** — George Day began the swine breeding program at the Ontario Agriculture College.

**1899** — First prototype of the gasoline-powered farm tractor made by Charles W. Hart and Charles H. Parr. Their first practical model was introduced in 1902 and the name "tractor" was adopted for the machine.

**1900** — City Dairy in Toronto began Canada's first modern milk handling and distribution facility, using glass bottles.

**1905** — W.H. Fisher of Ayton, Ont. was first to advertise and ship baby chicks: the first shipment of 15 went to Glace Bay, N.S., packed in a wooden crate with a burlap top and straw lining.

**1913** — First Royal Agricultural Winter Fair held in Toronto, May 22 to 29.

**1926** — First recorded use of combine-thresher in Ontario.

**1936** — Ontario Federation of Agriculture organized. Originally called Ontario Agricultural Conference, then the Ontario Chamber of Agriculture. Not incorporated until 1956.

**1940** — The self-propelled combine harvester made available in Canada.

**1954** — Introduction of transmissions, allowing for "shifting-on-the-move" in tractors.

**1973** — First rotary milking parlor installed in Canada on the farm of J. Die-ment, Mildmay, Ont.

visor of 4-H programs for children, a graduate of the University of Guelph with a degree in agricultural business. Wilson has worked as a farm management specialist in York Region since 1984.

## Centennial Selections

A monthly feature to test your knowledge of agricultural history.



Can you identify this person?  
The answer will appear in the January issue of *OMAF News*.

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