

Loaves and Fishes growing project results for 2014

Dear editor:

Fields of good crops and many generous donors results in a successful year for The Loaves and Fishes Growing Project.

The Loaves and Fishes Growing project of South Simcoe had another good year in 2014! From 294 acres of crops, we raised \$150,000, which was sent to the Canada Food Grains Bank (CFGB). Yield of wheat, soybeans and corn were good and our selling prices were average in comparison to other years.

The following people, organizations and businesses helped with the crop production by donating land, inputs, farming equipment, grain handling and marketing: Wayne Benjamins, Doug Dykstra, Bill & Bob Bowman, Paul Wardlaw, John & Sally Borland, James Borland, Norm Cook, Jim Patton, Len Duckworth, Andy VanNiekiek, Nick & Ruth Ploeg, Peter & Kate VanderZaag, Steve & Sue Hall, Peter & Karen Harvey, Warren Jackson, Walter Weening, Jeff & Monica Wohlgemuth, Harry & Willy Eisses, Kevin Eisses, Glenn Brethet, Doug & Donna Reynolds, Ian Campbell, Stephen & Bonnie Kell, Manfred & Marilyn Gratz, John, Jason, Steve, Roger, Larry & Anne Kell, William King, Jim Williams, Clifford Loeb, Robert, Jean & Matthew Keffer, Rick, Kevin, Scott & Tim Horlings, Gail Badero, Ingrid Eurich, Lois Fallis, Maurizio Falsetta, Anna Marie li Preti, Ralph Lise, Daina, Ernie, Peter, & Thomas Wienecke, Dave & George Lucas, Kell Farms Ltd., Eisses Farm Ltd., Ridgeview Farms, Charwen, Dunkerron Elevators, Hewitt Creek Farms, Man-O-Sa Landscaping, St. Lawrence Grains, Pioneer Hi-Bred, Monsanto, Bradford Co-operative Storage, Dykstra Poultry Farms and FS Partners. Many churches, businesses and individuals also donated cash, which is also highly appreciated! This completes 17 years of activity for the Loaves and Fishes Growing Project! We have now sent a total of \$2,135,000 to the CFGB. It seems like a large sum, even more so after adding to it, the matching funds from the Federal Government (up to \$4 for every dollar we donate), yet the needs remain so great. Unfortunate situations persist in and around Syria with millions of Refugees being cared for. Then there is the Ebola outbreak creating food needs in West Africa. Problems persist in many East African countries, where CFGB partners are very active with food aid as well as development activities with food being paid in lieu of cash. It continues to be a privilege to serve with the many wonderful, generous people of South Simcoe, who make this all possible. Many people working together makes the task easy and enjoyable. I thank you all for your faithful support.

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Growing Project