Grain Farmers of Ontario Districts

Schedule of Meetings

Provincial Local

January – January District Meeting As scheduled - 4 meetings per year

March – March Classic and Semi Annual Meeting of Delegates

September – Annual General Meeting

December – Delegate Policy Day

January District Meeting

All January District Meetings must be held between January 5 and February 15 per the regulations established by the Farm Products Marketing Commission. Grain Farmers of Ontario staff members schedule all meetings over a two week period in January, typically the second and third weeks.

January District Meetings are open to all farmer-members within the district. The meetings are held to provide updates on the activities of the organization, hear issues of concern, and vote for delegates.

March Classic

The March Classic is typically held the third week of March. It is a one day conference featuring speakers who address the broader issues within agriculture. The conference is a free event open to all. An evening banquet, paid ticket required, ends the conference day.

Semi-Annual Meeting of Delegates

The Semi-Annual Meeting of delegates is held the day after the March Classic. All Grain Farmers of Ontario delegates and alternates are invited to attend this meeting; however, the resolution portion of this meeting is a closed session for voting delegates only. Alternates who attend the semi-annual meeting, who are not replacing a delegate, will be asked to leave the meeting for this session.

Annual General Meeting

Grain Farmers of Ontario's Annual General Meeting is typically held on the Tuesday of the second week of September, the opening day of Canada's Outdoor Farm Show. This meeting is open to all farmer-members. The financial statements of the organization are presented at this meeting. Districts may also present resolutions at this meeting.

Delegate Policy Day

Delegate Policy Day is held in early December. This meeting is facilitated by the Government Relations department and is designed to gather feedback around current government policy issues and discuss policy strategies for the future of the Ontario grain industry. This meeting is open to all delegates and alternates.

<u>District Grain Committee Meetings</u>

As established under the Farm Products Marketing Act: Ontario Regulation 484/09 Grain – Plan, a District Grain Committee shall meet at least four times each year.

Delegate meetings are scheduled at the discretion of the district chair in collaboration with the district director.