

Let's talk about **SOIL** ...

Odette Ménard's Soil Caravan & Strip Till Demo

Tues Sept 4 — 2018 — near St Isidore, Ontario (1 hour east of Ottawa)

4402 Regional Rd 10 — Fournier — Exit 51 North on Route 9, turn East on Route 10

- Featuring one of the most knowledgeable, dedicated and entertaining soil advocates you'll find — Odette Ménard with her travelling Soil Caravan.
- Multiple stations on:
 - understanding your soil — it's profile, how water filters through it, how your farming practices effect it
 - tractor weight and tire balancing,
 - soil drainage solutions,
 - soil compaction.
- Strip till demo by Soil Warrior.
- Hands-on participation.
- Wind up chat with Cassel Brewery samples provided by AGro100. Talk to the experts or shoot the breeze with other farmers about experiences and challenges with strip till or anything farming.



"Odette Ménard is passionate in her drive to demonstrate how farmers profit by valuing soil as the most important resource on their farms."



Register early ... limited space

Register online at www.ifao.com

Early Bird price — \$25

includes barbeque lunch and beverages

Early Bird ends Aug 24 — price is \$50 after Aug 24

Complete Agenda



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AGENDA

Tuesday, September 4, 2017

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9:00 am	Registration, welcome and introduction of speakers and sponsors.
	Speakers: Odette Ménard, Louis Robert and Bruno Gagnon — MAPAQ*, Sebastian Belliard — OMAFRA**, Mike Eaton — ETS and Mike Verdonck — experienced strip tiller.
9:30 am to 3:30 pm	<p>Soil Health and Life</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding physical and biological characteristics of soil. 2. Understanding water movement in soil. 3. Soil evolution and change from farming practices. 4. Earth worms — excellent indicators of healthy soil. 5. Top conservation farming practices —no-till/strip till, cover crops. <p>How to Analyse and Understand Your Soil</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Degrading soil structure is easier than building it. 2. Why soil profiling? 3. Color, smell, structures and root systems observations. 4. Recognize compaction. 5. Improve overall field water infiltration. 6. Preventive measures to adopt. <p>Tractor Weight and Tire Balancing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tractor tire pressure balancing. 2. Measuring soil pressure from equipment traffic. 3. Demonstration in depth of soil compaction caused by machinery traffic. <p>Soil Drainage Problems</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What influences drainage efficiency (soil type, compaction, roots, drainage placement) 2. Finding the right strategy to improve water management. 3. Soil permeability test. <p>Soil Compaction</p> <p>Soil damage caused by farm machinery. Learn what causes the most damage and how to reduce it.</p>
3:30 pm	Soil Warrior Strip Till Demonstration by ETS
4:30 pm	<p>Wind Up Chat Time — Agro100 is providing tasty samples from Cassel Brewery. You provide the conversation.</p> <p>A great opportunity to talk with the presenters and other farmers.</p>

*MAPAQ — Quebec Ministry of Agriculture

** OMAFRA — Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food & Rural Affairs

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