Climate Variation and Ontario Livestock & Poultry
Presentations & Discussion
17 September Delta Guelph, 7:00pm

Ever wondered what the impact of a changing climate might look like for the Ontario Livestock and Poultry Sectors in 20 years time? Is there a problem and are we ready?

Ontario’s recent (unusual) weather:

- Summer 2012: Drought
- Winter 2013/14: Long with extreme (record) cold snaps
- Summer 2014: What summer? Lukewarm days and cool nights leaving crops little or no time to mature.

Does climate variation mean decreased crop yields, reduced grazing productivity, increased operating costs, new diseases and pests, less water, serious interruptions to business continuity from severe weather events? Or none of the above?

One thing is for sure, some things will change and now is the time to be thinking about what those things will be and how to adapt to the change.

Hear from the experts about the science behind climate predictions and get involved in the discussion on what it all might mean for Livestock and Poultry production in Ontario.

Ian Smith – “The science of climate change”
Ian Smith is Director, Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Branch Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

The RSI Climate Group - “Adapting to change”
RSI has supported or led risk assessments of other agricultural sectors, and delivered climate information services to numerous segments of the agricultural community.

Alfons Weersink – “Example from Ontario Agriculture”
Alfons Weersink is a Professor, Agri-environmental Policy; Farm Structure; Production Economics at Food, Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of Guelph

Join facilitator Dr John Kelly and the LRIC team
When? 17 September 2014
Starts: 7:00 pm
Where? Delta Guelph
(Free Parking & Light supper provided)