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1 MILLION Trees and Counting

IN JUNE, the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority, a conservation group in Ontario, planted its 1 millionth tree with a celebration at the Dan Patterson Conservation Area in St. Thomas, Ontario.

Since 2011, the task of planting has been made easier by a Massey Ferguson® 2650 HD. Jeff Lawrence, Forests and Soils Conservation Supervisor for the conservation authority, says they purchased a MF2650 HD in the spring of 2011. "So it just finished up its third spring planting season," says Lawrence, explaining that the MF2650 HD is used for a variety of tasks.

In each year since that purchase, the conservation group averaged planting about 60,000 seedlings using a machine planter.



Lawrence says the combination of the MF2650 HD and a machine planter makes that high number possible and leads to better survival rates.

"Most landowners plant their trees on marginal or fragile land that is often of poor soil quality or sloped land that is too difficult to farm," Lawrence continues. "This tractor provides sufficient power and stability to allow us to plant using the machine planter on some of these properties that we would have had to hand plant in the past."

The Kettle Creek Conservation Authority was incorporated in 1965 and encompasses approximately 520 square kilometers (approx. 320 miles). Its programs promote and further the conservation, restoration, development and management of the natural resources of Kettle Creek watershed. The area is sometimes termed "the banana belt" because it has the warmest average annual temperatures and the mildest winters in Ontario. —*Amy Bickers*

FarmLIFE FIVE

Quick cuts about life on the land.

THIS ISSUE: *Ag school enrollment, managing resources and growing demand for food.*

A GROWING FIELD. Agricultural programs are increasing at U.S. schools. For instance, at Iowa State University last year, the agriculture college surpassed an enrollment record set 35 years before; while at the University of Connecticut's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, enrollment has more than doubled since 2004.

MORE MOUTHS TO FEED. Perhaps that growth is due to predictions that agricultural productivity must increase 70% by 2050 in order to keep up with population growth.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPWORK. Tony Small with the FFA says it's easier than ever for students to start preparing in high school for college coursework and, ultimately, a career in agriculture. The National FFA Organization developed the Agriculture Career Network (AgCN) to help students determine interests, track progress and connect to career opportunities. The system is connected to resources such as CareerCruising.com and AgCareers.com that can help students identify internships.

OFF THE TRACTOR. Agriculture majors often have a heavy emphasis on science and math, yet at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, agricultural economics students also study international trade, product pricing and resource preservation. As demand for food grows, those working in the agri-food industry must understand management of agricultural resources.

FARM TO TABLE. At the University of New Hampshire, students can study all the steps along the way from farm to table and their ecological impact. The EcoGastronomy program emphasizes sustainability, hospitality management and nutrition. Sustainability and ecological impact also are a major part of the organic agriculture program at Ontario Agricultural College, where students learn about environmental health and livestock systems that are socially responsible. —*Amy Bickers*

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