

### Welcome

#### Welcome to The AgMag 2015

Bring on the warm weather! That seems to be the consensus of everyone with whom we talk to lately. Seems like we've had one of those old fashioned winters two years in a row now, but, as with most things, time helps us to forget and all we see and feel now is sunshine and warmth. Welcome Spring!

We hope that you enjoy the articles within this publication and learn more about the businesses and services we have available right here in Chatham-Kent. The cover shot on this issue shows us the miracle of the seed and the lush green colour attests to the great soil we have to work with in this area. We are really fortunate to be able to live amongst the beauty of the rising fields and the bonus is the bounty we all enjoy in the fall.

As you read through this publication we hope that you learn something new about our area and when you're finished reading this you can honestly say, "I didn't know that about Chatham-Kent!"

Thank-you to all of our advertisers, our editorial contributors, and our cover photographer; it is with their support that we bring you this issue of The AgMag.

We hope you enjoy this publication; once again it has been a pleasure to put together and we wish everyone a safe, healthy, and bountiful season.

On your mark, get set.....GROW!

Sincerely,

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#### **About the Cover** Family, Farming, and Photography

This year's cover shows a crop of white beans gracing a field on the Chatham/Dresden border, flourishing under sunny skies...every farmers dream! The cover shows just one of the many vigorous fields you will find during our growing season here in Chatham-Kent. We are extremely fortunate to live amongst such a wonderful backdrop that not only captures our eyes but ultimately feeds our bellies too!

The cover picture was taken by Krystle VanRoboys, of Krystle VanRoboys Photography. When we asked Krystle how her passion for agriculture photography started, here is what she told us!

"I have been exposed to agriculture my whole life. I grew up and continue to be actively involved in my family's progressive cash crop and processing vegetable business located in the heart of Chatham-Kent. Being from a farm myself I can appreciate this great industry; I understand that it is a way of life, and am very grateful to be a part of it not only as a farmer, but also as an agriculture photographer.

I took a few steps away from the farm (leaving the dirt for the pavement) and attended Sheridan College in Oakville, ON. There I majored in commercial photography. I loved the program, but realized that the big city just wasn't for me.

Having an opportunity to remove something from my bucket list, after graduating I moved out west. It wasn't until I worked for a company based out of Calgary, AB that focused on livestock photography that really opened my eyes to how important it is to pair up what you love in life to what you photograph. With that company, I had the opportunity to photograph large shows such as the Calgary Stampede, various livestock shows, and rodeos which took me all around the United States.

Over the three years of living there, I made it a priority to make it home every summer to help on the farm, whether it was in the factory at The Pickle Station or in the field with my Dad. Farming has always been a strong passion of mine and like any "country kid" would say, it's just in my blood.



"I try not to limit myself as to what I shoot, but more to what my focus is; 'Anything Rural goes'." -Krystle VanRoboys

In 2010 I made the move back home to be able to focus more on my own photography business, and be closer to my family and to our farm... There was no doubt in my mind and nothing more fitting for me than to specialize in agriculture and western photography, and no better place to focus on this than right here at home in Chatham-Kent. I feel fortunate to live here with the wide diversity of crops grown here, and I appreciate how much opportunity there is in the Ag industry!





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Above Image: Dave & Norah Neely, Thamesville

From the desk of: Mr. Kim Cooper, Economic Development Officer Agriculture Specialist, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

# What will agriculture look like in Chatham-Kent? If we could jump 10-20 years into the future...

**Agriculture** is a diverse, innovative, and quickly changing sector. Chatham-Kent's agriculture sector is a \$3 billion plus economic driver. Our producers are continually implementing ways to innovate and improve their farming operations. If we could jump 10-20 years into the future, what might agriculture look like in Chatham-Kent? How might those changes affect how we now see agriculture? No one knows these answers, but for a much better insight I have asked a number of our agri-stakeholders how they see the future of agriculture in Chatham-Kent.

# Hector Delanghe (Delhaven Orchards)

"The future of agriculture in Chatham-Kent is unlimited, but we need sensible government locally, provincially, and federally so we can compete with other countries. We have the best soil in Canada. We also have the knowledge to do a better job of telling our story of the food we eat because we are losing our communication with our consumers. When it comes to consumers, we as farmers and governing bodies have to tell the story of how their food is grown. It's not magic; it's just good business."



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#### **Stephen Denys** (Pride Seeds)

"Agriculture is evolving to feed 40% more people from fewer acres globally over the next 30 years. Between demographics and the capital costs required to farm today, there will be continued consolidation in the number of farmers and the supporting industry locally based on an evolution a century in the making, an evolution without which we would not have the standard of living we enjoy as a society today.

The promise of Chatham-Kent will be fulfilled as resource scarcity in other areas will make CK attractive for production. To succeed, we need to meet the tax and infrastructure needs of family and corporate farms and embrace technology that increases productivity while protecting the environment. We need provincial and federal policies that support agriculture based on sound science, not fear. We produce the safest food supply today in the history of mankind - so safe it allows well-intended people the opportunity to try and take us backwards. If they are successful in creating government restrictions to progress, we will fail."

What will our Agriculture look like in the years 2025-2035?

#### Jamie McGrail (McGrail Farm Equipment)

"Future farming in Chatham-Kent will see a partnership between producer and technology. These technologies, yet to come, are going to be a driving force in the evolution of agriculture. With conservation, accuracy, and time sensitive product application as some of the focal points, the roles of data management and product traceability, in order to ensure "healthy" standards and consumer awareness, will be greater than ever in bringing sufficient yields to feed the world, while ensuring food quality expectations are met. Chatham-Kent producers are in the position to be the progressive examples of the future worldwide."

#### **Paul Spence** (Lo Maximo Meats)

"Once farming was built on community and food; these days, it seems to be more and more about individuals and commodities. An older farming friend has reaffirmed in my mind the idea that for a few generations, we have told young farm children that there are more important jobs in society. As a result, many have left rural areas to pursue dreams in urban settings. My hope is that CK becomes a destination for agriculture and food where young or old pioneers who are returning us to what food was, can relocate and become part of our vibrant community! Entrepreneurs and a healthy community working together and valuing food as the essence of life will be returned to and embodied in Chatham Kent."



Above Image: Dave Studnicka, Dresden



Above Image: Taken in Chatham

#### **Mike Buis** (Buis Beef)

"When I was young my grandfather told me ... 'There is a great future in farming....everyone will always need to eat.' That statement holds as true today as it did many years ago. As I look into the future of agriculture here in Chatham-Kent, I can see so many opportunities. We are blessed with some of the best soil and growing conditions in Canada. The list of products we can raise here is almost limitless. We have a very diverse and resourceful farming community and agbusiness sector with many progressive and innovative producers. There are some challenges and areas we need to address. Land prices and start-up costs are prohibitive, forcing our young farmers to leave. We could also capture more value for our products by further packaging to market locally and beyond. After all, here in Chatham-Kent, we really do grow for the world!"

#### Ken McEwan (University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus)

"The future for Chatham-Kent agriculture remains very bright because it is globally focused, technology driven, and able to remain cost competitive in a sustainable and environmentally responsible way. Key trends that Chatham-Kent is likely to encounter include: (i) further consolidation of production agriculture into fewer, larger farms in order to remain efficient and optimize profitability; (ii) continued growth in the vegetable greenhouse sector driven by consumer demand for fresh produce; (iii) development of local food niches to serve new Canadians; (iv) retention of high valued specialty crops such as vegetables, seed corn, and tree fruits; and (v) greater awareness of techniques to improve the environmental health of farmland to produce high quality food."

#### **Joseph Grootenboer** (River Bell Market Garden)

"Small farms in CK are either growing large or they are disappearing to make way for the large players. The most influential local and provincial forces seem to be aligning with the global, industrial, and technologically-driven trends. There is a minority, but swiftly growing counter-current, that is driven by food consumers. It is at the overlap of the organic movement and the local food movement where health and true sustainability are the focus. A more healthy structure for rural society (smaller farms) is often either an aim or a by-product of this trend. This market trend is real and impressive, so if CK begins to churn out farmers who are attentive to this trend, smaller farms could begin to gain a toehold here again. Currently the actions of the influential are focusing growth and change on "bigger" solutions, so the future of CK, in my view, still holds ever larger farms and consolidation of farmland. The strong market trend exists, however, that will reward any good operators who desire to go in the other direction."

#### **Jeff VanRoboys** (The Pickle Station)

"We will see agriculture discussed, debated, and collaborated more than ever between farmers, the public, and government. I believe we'll see increased pressures to intensely farm and maximize the profitability of the ground we work to avoid land corrections. Steep land prices and higher rents will force our C-K growers to drive revenues and squeeze expenses from every square foot worked. This will force the industry to diplomatically work with government and the public to develop a sustainable framework to ensure both environmental health and profitability.

We need to understand on both sides that agriculture is the main economic driver that links every town in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, but profit cannot lead to weakening the ecology and ecosystem we live in. I see opportunities in refocusing our attention to specialty or vegetable crops to drive profits on less



Above Image: Ed Janssens Greenhouse, Dresden



Above Image: Jan Zonderland, Dresden

acres. More land isn't always the answer – it's what we do on that land that will grow our farms. Chatham-Kent's fresh market and processing vegetable production has been decreasing and there's opportunity to re-establish C-K as a leader in this area."

Agriculture in Chatham-Kent will continue to grow, innovate, and change. What those changes look like is yet to be determined, but I believe our farmers are not going to sit back and let the sector change around them.

In the future, our agricultural sector will continue to play an integral role in our economy, in our daily lives, and in moving our community forward.

Our Chatham-Kent producers and agri-businesses are going to be instrumental in bringing change not only to our community, but also to our province, our country, and our world.

You can follow Kim Cooper on

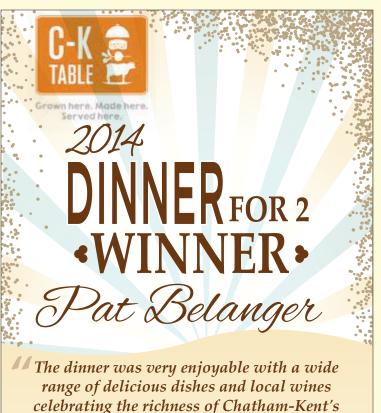


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Below Image: Taken in Chatham





agricultural bounty. -Pat Belanger

For info on Chatham-Kent Table 2015 go to:

www.cktable.ca



#### About the Lloyd Bag Company... Did You Know?

The Lloyd Bag Company, located at 114 St. Clair Street right here in Chatham, has been manufacturing bags for the agricultural industry since 1939. That's 75 PLUS years! With Lloyd Bag's experience, location, and reputation, they have become one of Canada's leading suppliers of bags and other packaging products.

Lloyd Bag offers a variety of applications and fabric options to provide a broad range of flexible packaging solutions to meet their customer's requirements. The packaging options they offer are almost unlimited with the traditional materials they use in the bag manufacturing process which include cotton, canvas, leno mesh, burlap, woven polypropylene, and paper.

Operating in a 30,000 square foot plant, Lloyd Bag maintains a large inventory of packaging materials so they can provide quick turnaround for their customers. With over twenty sewing stations and a printing facility under their roof, they are ready to design and deliver.

This company extends a real family atmosphere. When you walk through the door into the office of Lloyd Bag you're greeted by a friendly receptionist, and if you look behind the door you'll find documented milestones showing the growth of many of the children and grandchildren of the staff, showing you again how family orientated they are.

In summary, Lloyd Bag Company continues to grow, provides packaging for what you grow, and keeps a close eye on the growth of their potential future staff.

For more information on the uses and applications of their products visit: www.lloydbag.com





The Ontario Sugarbeet Growers' Association was happy to present for the first time in July 2014, The Brian Fox Memorial Agriculture Scholarship awards to Paige L. Handsor and Grace E. Mullen. Both girls were thankful and accepted their awards while presenting a youthful, intelligent face for the future of agriculture. Both candidates have been attending the University of Guelph, Guelph Campus, during this 2014-2015 school year.

The Selection Committee of **The Brian Fox Memorial Agriculture Scholarships** were greatly impressed with all of the applications received last year and thankful to all of the applicants. They are now busy selecting the two recipients for the 2015 awards. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded again this year to two more Lambton and/or Kent Public or Separate School Board students who will be furthering their education in agriculture.

This year's winners will be announced at the 3rd Annual BARnBQ to raise money for the perpetual fund for **The Brian Fox Memorial** Agriculture Scholarship to be held on June 27, 2015 at the Fox Family Drive Shed, 26528 Baldoon Road, Dover Centre, Ontario. These awards are achieved through the generosity of sponsors and donations of auction items. An ENORMOUS thank you for all donations!



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#### The Armoury Banquet & Conference Centre:

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 pm Tickets: \$10.00

Saddle up and ride over to the ZC Jamboree, for the 1st western themed fund-raising event being held by the Zonta Club of Chatham-Kent. Take the opportunity to view and purchase many home-made and handcrafted items for sale. Watch the square dancers, try line-dancing, get your photo taken in a few items of our western clothing, stroll around the bales of straw and enjoy the live and interactive atmosphere.

WANT TO DRESS THE PART? Then why not enter one of the 2 contests for Best Dressed Cowboy & Cowgirl: 10:00 am for children under 10 yrs. and 2:00 pm for 11yrs. & up. Contest entrance fee \$5.00 cash at door, includes a free photo. Prizes will be awarded for top 3 winners!

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Time: 8:00 pm

**Tickets: \$35.00** 

Headliner: SnakeBite.

Opening Act: Shania Twain Tribute Artist, Nancy Tromm.

For more information on this event go to: www.zontachathamkent.org (under events)

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 Email us your name/address/phone number at: info@athielmarketing.com (Please enter in the subject line: ZC Contest)

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**Heritage Conservation Award (2011)** Green for Life ~ Park Award (2011)



#### **CK Communities in Bloom Proud of Our Agricultural Diversity**

As home to one of the most diverse agricultural communities in the country, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent (CK) is once again honoured to be entered in the 2015 International Communities in Bloom (CiB) competition. It is CK's opportunity to brag to the world of our cornucopia of crops and varietal landscapes that are distinctively unique to us.

Maintaining a top 5 Bloom rating since we first entered the international level shows how deeply committed we are; to be as successful as we have been requires exceptional involvement across all sectors of our community. Whether it is CK's citizens, municipal staff, elected officials, students and teachers, service groups, industries or businesses, each and every person can easily contribute to the improvement of our community. There are six areas we are judged upon:

- 1. Tidiness
- 2. Environmental Action
- 3. Heritage Conservation
- 4. Urban Forestry
- 5. Landscape (which includes 500,000+ acres farmland)
- 6. Floral Displays

With 84% of CK used for farming purposes, our agricultural community not only impresses judges with the variety of crops which serve as "beautiful ground cover," but with the "high level of roadside maintenance in the vast rural area." They are always pleased to see "how seriously" those in the "agricultural industry" take "being good stewards of the land" and we are always complimented for having "an extremely tidy municipality."

CK CiB would like to thank all those who present an aesthetically pleasing farm, home, or business front. This positive image is exactly what the CiB judges are looking for. The competition's ultimate goal is for its participants to be able to promote themselves as exceptionally appealing to visitors, investors, and very importantly, to its own residents.

This year CiB has added a new twist to its Fabulous Front Yard promotion. We will be looking to specifically highlight gardens that creatively use CK CiB's 2015 Flower of the Year, the Bonanza Yellow Marigold (or any yellow marigold) in their display.

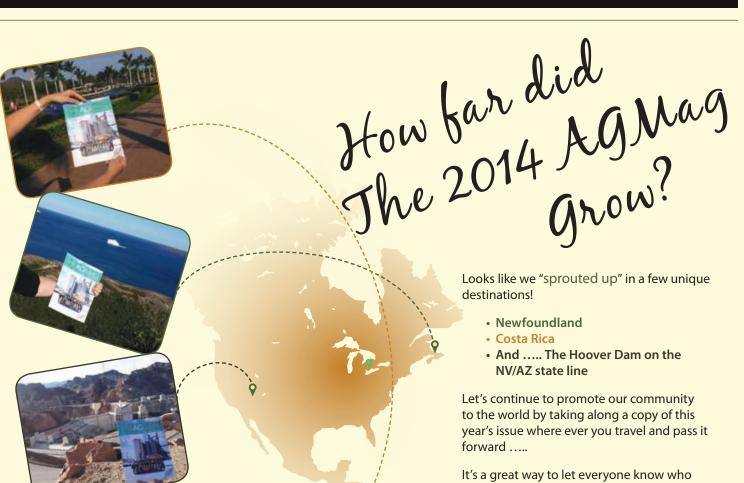
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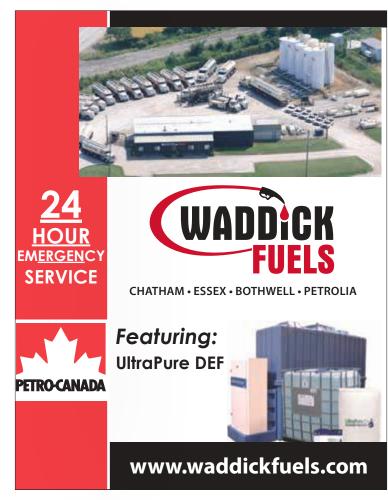
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Waddick Fuels has chosen to continue to partner with a premium nationwide DEF supplier in North America. Our supplier recently replaced the name - TerraCair UltraPure DEF with - UltraPure DEF Delivered Nationwide. This new name will be noticeable on all the package products and also on the side of our dedicated tri axle bulk DEF truck that was on the road in April 2014. Waddick Fuels is proud to carry and deliver the following UltraPure DEF products in:

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# 2015 Rural Urban Awards Open for nominations



Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce over the years has presented awards for the Agriculturist of the Year and the Agriculture Innovator of the Year to those nominated for these titles. Being nominated in itself is an honour, and those that achieve the title go down in history.

# AND THE WINNERS WERE... Agriculturists of the Year

We thank-you for your contributions!

#### 2015 - Open for nominations!

2014 - Clara & Louis Roesch 2013 - Stephen Denys	2001 - Bill Parks 2000 - Bob Chapple	1988 - Bill Shanks 1987 - Stan Wannacott
2012 - Bill Weaver	1999 - Wes Thompson Sr.	1986 - Murray Jack
2011 - Alice Uher	1998 - Barry Fraser	1985 - Robert Butler
2010 - John Lugtigheid	1997 - Ron Cameron	1984 - Bev Easton
2009 - Phil & Janet Richards	1996 - Jim McGuigan	1983 - Alden McLean
2008 - Ken Bee	1995 - Hector Delanghe	1982 - Frank Archibald
2007 - Dr. Gary Ablett	1994 - Lewis Sherman	1981 - Lawrence Kerr
2006 - Brian Fox	1993 - Neil McGeachy	1980 - George Morris
2005 - Dennis Jack	1992 - Otis McGregor	1979 - Ian Maynard
2004 - Bert Rammelaere	1991 - Joe Richer	1978 - Napoleon King
2003 - Jack Rigby	1990 - George Higgs	1977 - Frank Parry
2002 - Andy Watson	1989 - Harold Smith	1976 - G. Harry Willson

### Agriculture Innovators of the Year

We thank-you for your vision!

#### 2015 - Open for nominations

2014 - Kearney Planters	2010 - Kejay Investments	2006 - John & Claudia Jaques
2013- Greenfield Ethanol Inc.	2009 - Ken & Ingrid Dieleman	2005 - Dave & Brenda Baute
2012 - Dave VanSegbrook	2008 - Bill & Diane Parks	2004 - Bob & Moira Kerr
2011 - Leon Leclair	2007 - Jean-Marie & Lucille Laprise	

# Announcing New Award to be awarded... Friend of Agriculture

We thank you for your support!

2015 - Open for nominations

This year's nominations are now being accepted until June 24 @ 12:00 PM and winners will be honoured at this year's 69th Annual Rural Urban Dinner on Wednesday, November 25, 2015.

For more information or to make a nomination please visit

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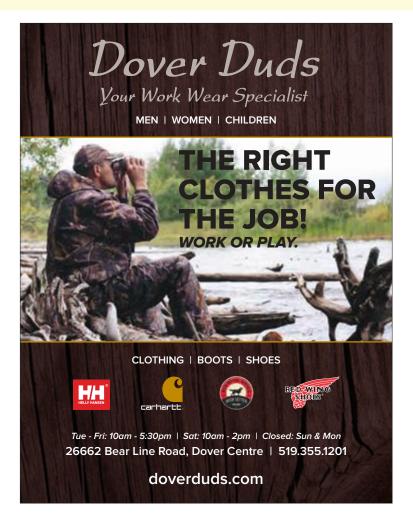
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If you are looking for outdoor work wear clothing, then look no further than Dover Duds - your Chatham-Kent work wear specialist! Dover Duds is a family owned and run business located at 26662 Bear Line Road in Dover Centre. Judy and her staff carry the finest in outdoor work wear for the whole family. You'll get a great reception upon entering this country store and feel extremely comfortable as you browse around.

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# J.R. Carey Enterprises Excavating... Finding It and Fixing It!

The Careys have been in the sewer and drainage business in Chatham-Kent since 1910 which allows them to confidentially say... "we know the area very well!" Over the years, the family business has acquired and maintained thousands of sewer records to provide reference on numerous properties through the Chatham-Kent area.

Owner and operator Jim Carey explained the need for their service: "Seepage problems cannot be fixed from inside your basement. Inside work will only divert the issue and water will continue entering through your wall causing erosion and mold in your foundation."









Above are some photographic examples of what happens to foundations after an attempt to stop water from coming into your basement from the inside. This can result in having to raise the home and put in a new foundation. In this case (shown above) costs exceeded \$80,000.

Seepage problems become worse over time and, if left alone, could result in a very expensive foundation repair, requiring jacking and installation of a new foundation. The price for this can cost anywhere from \$60,000 plus. DON'T BE FOOLED into thinking the fix can be done from the inside!

"Only you can decide what you want your valued home to be like in the future. There is always a cause for the seepage. I CAN FIND IT and I CAN FIX IT. I have been at numerous homes that have had the "inside fix" and found homeowners frustrated with continued seepage. I aim to solve the problem the first time around with considerably less expense for you," said Jim Carey.

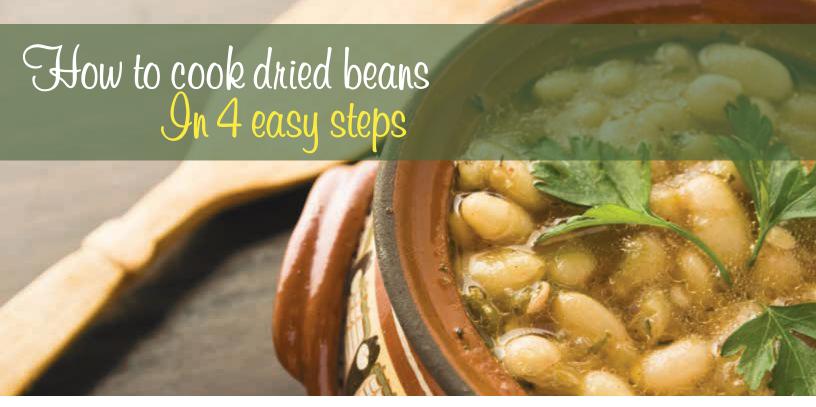
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### Sort-Clean-Soak-Cook

Beans are a great addition to any BBQ; they are full of vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and of course, fibre. Beans are actually a great low-fat side dish full of healthy benefits. Although it's easy to open a can and enjoy beans that way.....cooking dried beans from the fields are definitely worth the extra steps and additional effort.

#### **SORT THE BEANS:**

Put your beans in a colander and sort through discarding any debris or discoloured beans.

#### **CLEAN THE BEANS:**

Keeping them in the colander, wash them under cool running water for a minute or two.

#### **SOAK THE BEANS:**

Put your clean sorted beans into a large pot, fill with water, cover, and let them soak overnight. Your beans will at least double in size so allow room for that in your pot.

#### **COOK THE BEANS:**

In the morning rinse your beans thoroughly, then add enough water to cover them. Bring to a boil, then simmer on low to medium heat for approximately an hour. Depending on the variety of fresh bean you are working with, refer to the bag for cooking times. Once the beans are tender but not mushy they are ready. Now drain your beans but keep this water to one side as it is full of vitamins and nutrients.

Although some like to enjoy their white beans once they are at this stage, following is a simple recipe that can turn your white beans into tasty baked beans right in your slow cooker.

In your slow cooker (on low temp), add the following:

Line the bottom of your slow cooker with onion ring slices (enough to cover) In a separate bowl combine:

- ¼ cup molasses
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- ½ cup ketchup
- · Pinch of salt
- And for those who like a sweeter bean add ¼ cup maple syrup
- Add 6 cups of your cooked white beans

Stir until beans are covered in the ingredients, then pour on top of your onion slices.

Now pour the water that you have saved (when draining the cooked beans) on top of your beans, adding more water until beans are covered. For those of you who like to add bacon, now would be the time to add chopped bacon pieces on top of the water.

Cook covered for approximately 7 hours. Adjust heat to high for the last hour or so and if needed remove lid to evaporate some of the excess liquid.

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Enjoy and be sure to refrigerate any leftovers!

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