

The **Food & Beverage Industry Innovation (FBII) Fund** has a second call for proposals. In the fall of 2008, the AAC Board approved \$1.3 million worth of FBII funding for 26 projects. The second call for proposals deadline is Monday February 23, 2009 at 4:30 pm sharp. For more information go to: http://www.adaptcouncil.org/current_programs/fbiif.asp



Ontario Cattlemen's Association
Committed to Cattlemen

The Ontario Cattlemen's Association has added a 'Vet On Call' feature to their website. Mac Littlejohn of Elgin County will take farmer questions via email regarding any aspect of beef cattle health. Go to their website at www.cattle.guelph.on.ca



At the AAC Board meeting on January 22, 2009, eight CanAdvance projects were approved for a total funding of \$312,172.38. Federal funding is scheduled to end on March 31st. Thus, funding will continue on a first-come, first-served basis until all remaining funds are allocated.

Ontario Research & Development Program

- At the January 22nd meeting, the Board also approved \$351,099.51 for 12 projects from the Ontario Research and Development (ORD) Program (four Livestock-\$200,622.24; seven Horticulture - \$130,977.27; and one Field Crops - \$19,500.00).



The winners of the 2008 Canadian Agri-Food Award of Excellence for Environmental Stewardship are Norfolk farmers Cathy and Bryan Gilvesy who have transformed their former tobacco fields into an eco-conscious farm where Texas Longhorn cattle now roam. They have taken a 'whole farm' approach to the environment that has led to numerous innovations. Their farm is an official Alternative Land Use Service (ALUS) demonstration farm, which is a farmer-led pilot project that leads to stewardship efforts and was funded in part by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the Agricultural Adaptation Council's CanAdvance Program.

AAC's **CanAdvance Speaker Investment (CSI)** Initiative has been a very popular program that has already supported 189 applications for top quality speakers that may not have been possible without the allocation of up to \$5,000 per request. However, this program has limited funds remaining... and these will be distributed to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.



The Agricultural Adaptation Council's annual summer meeting will take place on June 25, 2009 in Windsor/Essex. *Details soon!*

Agricultural Adaptation Council (AAC) is a non-profit coalition of 73 Ontario agricultural, agri-food and rural organizations. The diverse membership of the AAC represents the agriculture and agri-food industry both regionally and by sector.

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