

PRESS RELEASE

Third Annual Grey Bruce Farmers' Week Prize Awarded

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Grey Bruce Farmer's Week has been a main stay for the agricultural industry in Grey and Bruce Counties since 1966. The featured commodities have evolved as the area's agricultural focus has changed, but the mandate to educate local farmers and agribusiness has remained firm. Local farmers have supported our programming for 45 years, so the committee would like to give back to the community. With that mandate in mind, the Grey Bruce Farmers' Week Committee has established an annual \$1000 *Grey Bruce Farmers' Week Prize* in conjunction with the University of Guelph, Ontario Veterinary College (OVC), to recognize new veterinarians entering food animal practices serving producers in Grey and Bruce Counties. This award recognizes the individual's past accomplishments, but also encourages their future contributions, and commitment to our rural communities.

On June 15, 2011, at the Convocation Awards ceremony at OVC, Talia Gurwitz was the recipient of our award. This was one of two awards that Talia received that day. Talia grew up in Toronto, but enjoyed her summers at a farm with horses, a few cows and sheep. As a young girl she knew that she wanted to live in a rural setting. Since then she has lived in: a small rural town in Vermont, USA; worked at a dairy farm in Bruce County; and volunteered on various farms across Canada, including a cow/calf operation and a greenhouse. Talia will be working at the Arthur Veterinary Clinic and the North Wellington Animal Hospital in Mount Forest, and is currently residing in Arthur. The Mount Forest clinic serves many Grey County producers. Talia's areas of focus include: mastitis on dairy farms; pasture management on dairy, beef and sheep farms; and organic animal husbandry. She appreciates living and working in this rural area. The clients and producers of the clinic are friendly and thoughtful, and eager to help her feel at home. The Grey Bruce Farmers' Week Committee congratulates Talia Gurwitz, and wishes her all the best in her future endeavours.

For further information or interviews, please call Lorie Smith at Grey County Agricultural Services 519-986-3756, or email info@greyagservices.ca, or contact Talia at the Arthur Veterinary Clinic at 519-848-2536.



Representing the Grey Bruce Farmers' Week Committee, Bill Herron presents the Grey Bruce Farmers' Week award to Dr. Talia Gurwitz

Grey Bruce Farmers' Week 2012. Now expanding to 7 days!!

Dates: Beef Day Jan 4th, Dairy Day Jan 5th, Goat Day Jan 6th, Sheep Day Jan 7th, Horse Day (adult and youth) Jan 8th, Ecological Day Jan 9th, Crops Day Jan 10th