



PROGRESSIVE DAIRY OPERATORS

The Progressive Dairy Operators' Youth Business Management Workshop series sponsored by Alltech and the Ontario Dairy Youth Trust Fund was very successful. The 5-session course through Jan/Feb 2023 held at The GrandWay in Elora was attended by 16 keen young producers. Over the 5 sessions they heard from industry speakers regarding: financial statements, human resources, debt servicing, business structures, succession planning and more. In addition, 5 local producers shared how they apply the learned concepts to their own operations. PDO would also like to thank OMAFRA for their in-kind support. Below are the participants with the top 3 presentations during the last session. Pictured are Bruan Mion (Alltech), Anita Heeg (OMAFRA), Matthew Bowman, Robert Kiers, Mark Hutchison, Cees Haanstra (PDO Chair).



1st place

Robert Kiers – Tower silos, cost and benefit

2nd place

Matthew Bowman – Energrow Soybean Press

3rd place

Mark Hutchison – Building a satellite farm as a new entrant

