



Agriculture Economist Interim Director at Ridgetown Campus

Effective January 1, 2012 Ken McEwan, College Professor at the Ridgetown Campus became the Interim Campus Director for a one year term.

“I am excited that Ken has stepped forward in this leadership capacity. His diversified professional and rural/agricultural background will be a key asset as he works to help meet OAC’s goals for the Ridgetown Campus in 2012,” says Dean Rob Gordon.

McEwan brings an extensive knowledge of both farm production and agribusiness to his new role. Having been an OMAFRA Farm Management Specialist from 1981 – 1990, Ken worked in field offices in Petrolia, Brampton, Milton, and Stratford where he had the opportunity to learn about many farm issues during ‘kitchen table meetings’ with Ontario producers.

From 1990 to current, Ken’s economics research focus has been in the areas of swine production benchmarking, human resources, crop price inputs, and industry competitiveness. For several years during this period Ken also provided administrative talent to the campus as the Research Program Co-ordinator, and a member of the Campus Executive Committee. Ken has been an expert witness, and has completed international trade missions with various agricultural organizations. As a guest speaker, Ken has traveled to several Canadian provinces and the U.S.A.

“In my new role, I’m keen to work with our excellent team to move teaching, research and capital priorities forward as best I can,” says McEwan.

Ken was born and raised on a beef and cash crop farm in Bruce County. He completed his undergraduate studies in agricultural mechanization and his masters in agricultural economics at OAC. Ken is married to Marian and they have two busy teenagers - Brett and James.

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