After changes in government services to the local agricultural industry in the year 2000, the need for a support system for agricultural organizations and the farming community became apparent.
• With the aide of local agricultural organizations, individual farmers, and Grey County Council, Grey Ag Services, a “grass-roots”, “farmer-driven” initiative, “not-for-profit” organization was created to service and fulfill the needs of the local farm community.
Grey County Agricultural Services has become a central resource centre for the local farming community, by providing agricultural information, referral services, and educational events.
Grey Ag provides meeting space to local rural organizations including after-hours usage.

- Meeting rooms were used 322 times in 2017.
- 55% of the rooms were used after-hours.
Grey Ag Services has successfully delivered on its vision and all aspects of the original mandate.

It has become an integral thread of the rural fabric of Grey County, serving the needs of the area farmers, rural community, and organizations.
• This service has a strong visibility, trust, and familiarity in this county and beyond.
• The quality and quantity of the programs delivered by Grey Ag Services is recognized across the county, region and on the provincial level.
• The office is extremely busy and successful!
Projects We Co-ordinate

• Grey County Rural Guide – *Information Resource for Grey County Rural Organizations, Municipalities, Elected Officials and Media*

• Ag Courses Brochure – *Sent to 9,400 Rural Households in Grey Bruce*
• **Winter Courses** – 14 conducted in 2017, 13 planned for 2018.

• Courses in 2017 were attended by 316 people. 65% participants were from Grey County, 10% from Bruce County, 25% from Other Counties.
• GBFW is a 7 day agricultural conference featuring a program dedicated to each of the major commodity groups in Grey and Bruce counties and beyond.

• It has an excellent track record of being a well organized, well attended, informative conference.
• Interest in GBFW continues to grow, and the reach is extending well beyond the borders of our counties.
• Most years there are about 1300 people in attendance over the course of the 7 day event.
• In 2018 we celebrated 52 years of producer education.
• There were a total of 124 sponsors/exhibitors at the 2018 conference.
• 50 Major Sponsors (Premier to Silver), supported the conference.
• 52 speakers/panelists presented at #GBFW18.
• **New in 2018** – Live Streaming on all 7 days!
• Timing was tight due to internet issues.
• Even with limited promotion due to the tight timing, there were 77 producers who used this online viewing option.