



The Ontario Institute of Agrologists

Presentation to Employers and
Sector Associations in Agrology





Today's Discussion

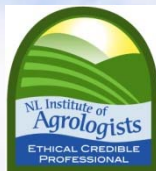
- What is Agrology?
- What is the Institute of Agrologists?
- What's in the Agrologists Act?
- Who is an Agrologist?
- What is it that the Ontario Institute of Agrologists does?
- Why should you know?
- How can we work together to enhance Agrology practice and public confidence?





What is Agrology?

- 10,000 registered/licensed Agrologists in Canada
- 10 provincial Institutes
- Agrologists Canada





What is Agrology?

- Agrology is a profession empowered by provincial legislation
- Agrology is self-regulated in most of Canada
- Activity independent of direct government involvement
- People: providing expert advice – understand consequences and risks of the advice they give





What is Agrology?

- Food – Energy – Health – The Environment
- Scopes of Practice: Plant Science; Animal Science; Soil Science; Agri-Engineering, Environment & Ecology; Agri-Business, Communications, Economics, Finance & Services; Agri-food & Nutrition
- Adherence to a Code of Ethics and Professionalism and Ethics course curriculum and continuous learnings in this vital area
- More complex land stewardship and environmental concerns
- Legal liability and accountability concerns have increased





What is Agrology?

Certified and Registered Professional People: providing expert and accountable advice in.....

- Crop development & production management
- Livestock production & development
- Health & nutritional products (food safety)
- Soil science
- Plant science
- Agri-environment & ecology
- Bio fuels, fibre & energy
- Agronomy
- Biosystems engineering
- Ag economics & trade
- Irrigation planning
- Soil & land conservation & reclamation





What is the Ontario Institute of Agrologists?

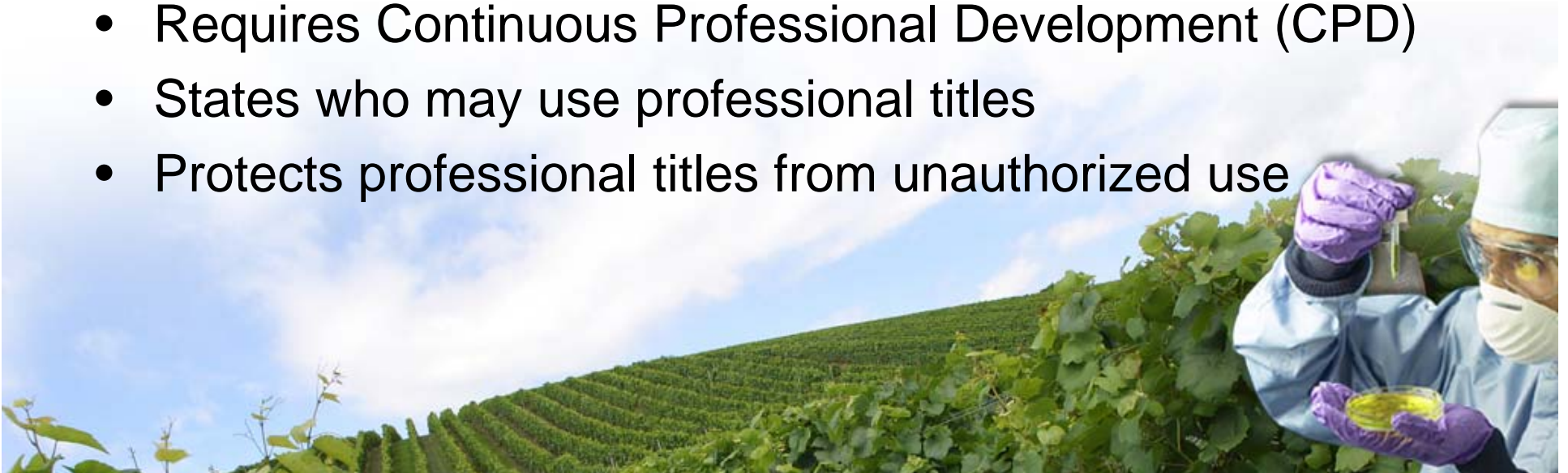
- A body legislated by the province through the Ontario Institute of Professional Agrologists Act, 1960; new Bill Pr15, December 12, 2013
- Ensures registered Agrologists are qualified, competent and meet national standards to achieve federal labour mobility requirements
- Governed by a Provincial Council or Board of Directors





What's In Our 2013 Act?

- Not interfere with any other certification or group
- Specifies what Agrology is
- Sets standards for registration and practice
- Defines Agrology practice
- Requires Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- States who may use professional titles
- Protects professional titles from unauthorized use





Who is a Designated/Licensed Agrologist?

- A registered professional who provides science-based advice to the agricultural and agri-environmental sectors
- Has met an education standard
- Meets continuing education standards
- Is accountable to the public for advice and conduct





What does the Ontario Institute of Agrologists do?

- Provides designations to those that meet national entry to the profession standards
- Regulates the practice of members through the setting of strict standards:
 - Standards of Practice
 - Continuous Professional Development
- Takes action when standards are not met





Why Should You Know About The Institute?

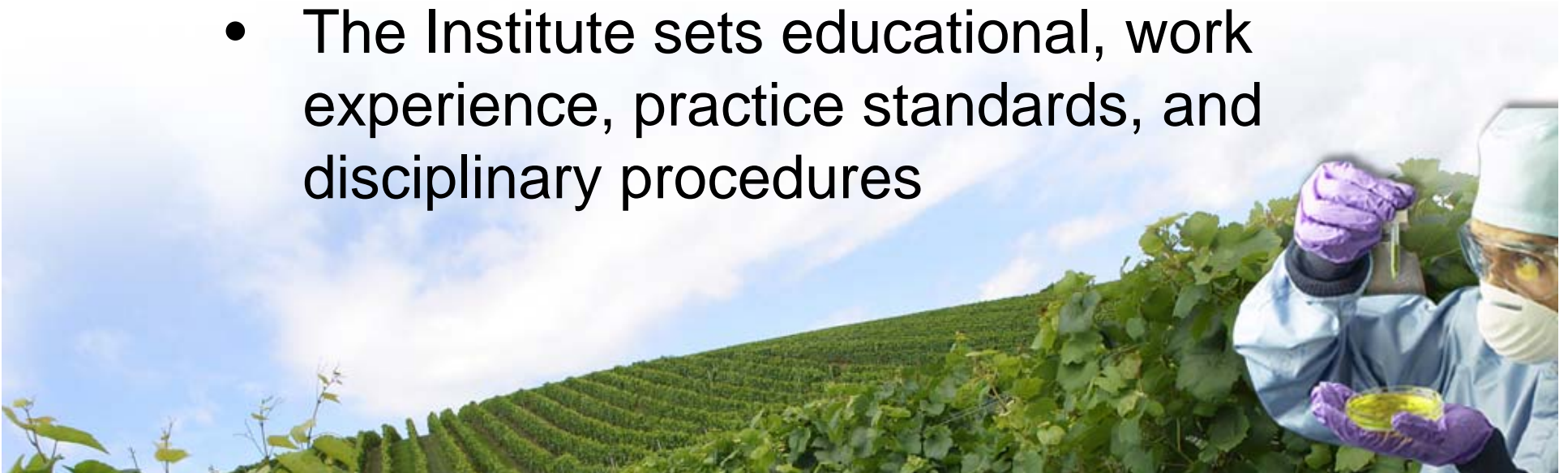
- Any of your employees or colleagues within another Agrology association or group practicing agrology must be registered and licensed to work outside of Ontario/Newfoundland
- Agrology Institutes becoming vigilant in applying their legislation to protect public interest from unlicensed practitioners
- Registration provides visible assurance to customers, clients and the public representing a clear marketing advantage
- Help to manage a mobile workforce environment





Summary

- Agrology is a diverse profession falling under provincial legislation
- The Institute is responsible for regulating designated members who serve in the public interest
- The Institute sets educational, work experience, practice standards, and disciplinary procedures





We are here to help in any way that we can....

- **DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS?**

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