

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Mary Brander named new Fergus Fall Fair ambassador**

**Fergus, ON** – Mary Brander, 17, of Rockwood, has been named the 2023/2024 Fergus Fall Fair Ambassador. She was one of three competitors who participated in the Fergus Agricultural Society’s 43<sup>rd</sup> ambassador program held on September 10, 2023 at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex.

“I am honoured to be selected as this year’s fair ambassador and I’m very excited to get involved in the fair this weekend,” she says.

Brander is in her first year of studies at the University of Guelph’s Ontario Agricultural College in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program. She is actively involved in her family’s dairy farm, Branderlea Farms.

As an active member of Wellington County 4-H, Brander has completed over 60 projects and serves as a youth leader. She is passionate about educating the public about agriculture and food, and would like to work in the large animal health field in the future.

In the year-long ambassador role, Brander will represent the Fergus Agricultural Society at the Fergus Fall Fair and other community events. She will participate in the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) convention and Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) ambassador program in 2024.

Other competitors were Rachel Driedger, of Alma, and McKenna Hulse, of Marsville. All participants prepared a poster board display, completed an interview with a panel of judges, presented a speech and answered an impromptu question.

The Fergus Fall Fair is an annual showcase of local agriculture, food, talent and rural fun. The 186<sup>th</sup> Fergus Fall Fair themed “Country Fun for Everyone” runs September 15 to 17, 2023 at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex. Visit [fergusfallfair.ca](http://fergusfallfair.ca) for the complete schedule of events.

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