



Jason and Christina Pyke, Wolfe Island, Ontario

Pykeview Meadows is located on Wolfe Island, the largest of The Thousand Islands, and is home to Jason and Christina Pyke's cash crop farm. From 1996-2012, the Pyke's raised approximately 160 head of North American bison and marketed the lean, healthy red meat to stores, restaurants, and farmer's markets in Kingston and Ottawa. In 2012 a change was in the works, so the bison were sold, pastures were worked and tilled, and the couple (with help from family), expanded their crop production. Today they crop approximately 1000 acres of soybeans, corn and wheat. In 2009 the Pyke's entered into an agreement with a wind farm developer and four 2.3 mega-watt turbines were built on the property. This was part of an 86 turbine wind project developed on Wolfe Island. In 2010 they entered Ontario's MicroFit program and invested in four 10kw solar systems on the farm. With the addition of solar and wind projects to the cash crop farm, the family has stayed well diversified. In 2013 they built their new home which they enjoy with their children, Jack (15) and Chloe (13).

Jason and Christina have been involved in community and agricultural organizations over the years. Organizations represented include the Ontario Bison Association, The Ottawa Rideau & Frontenac Soil and Crop Improvement Associations, The Frontenac Federation of Agriculture, and the Marysville Public School Parent Council.