

# Ontario's Finest BUTCHER



## Who Made the Cut?

*Top three butchers moving on to Finals*

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**Guelph ON, September 13, 2016** - Four heats of three butchers each faced off yesterday in a showcase of extraordinary knife skills, demonstrating remarkable efficiency and productivity. The scores were calculated and the top three butchers move forward to the final round in Ontario's Finest Butcher competition.

Competitors had thirty minutes to transform a fresh pork bone-in leg, bone-in butt, and bone-in loin, into merchandisable cuts of their choice, and were judged on the degree of difficulty/efficiency and skill level in boning, trimming and cutting, primal cut utilization and financial performance.

The three moving on to the final round at The Meating Place, Saturday October 22, Deerhurst Resort, are (in no particular order):

Peter Baarda, [J & G Quality Meats](#), Burlington (Ontario's Finest Butcher 2014 & 2015)

Brent Herrington, [Herrington's Quality Butchers](#), Port Perry

Nicholas Matusiak, [Halenda's Meats](#), Oshawa

"We had ten new butchers competing this year which is great to see. Peter Baarda made the final cut once again and is joined by former competitor Nicholas Matusiak. Brent Herrington, a first time competitor finishes out the final three. All competitors should be extremely proud of their performance," noted Laurie Nicol, OIMP executive director. "It will be fun to see if Peter successfully defends his title in the 'black box' round!"

The elimination round took place at Halenda's - The Meat Store in Mississauga. The 672lbs of pork donated by Conestoga Meat Packers, Breslau, will be packaged by Halenda's and delivered to local food banks.

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Ontario Independent Meat Processors (OIMP) is the representative voice of the independent meat and poultry processor in Ontario, working closely with agricultural and commodity organizations and various levels of government for 35 years. The association's membership includes meat and poultry processors, retailers and wholesalers; industry suppliers, and not-for-profit organizations that support OIMP's objectives.

Ontario's meat and poultry sector:

- represents 23% (\$9 billion) of Ontario's \$39 billion food and beverage processing industry revenue;
- plays a critical role in the overall economic contribution of \$67 billion annually by food and beverage processors - the second largest manufacturing sector in Ontario; and
- employs 25% of Ontario's food and beverage processing industry - the single largest manufacturing employer in Ontario.

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