



*Long-Term Thinking  
for Today's Issues*

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The Honourable Dalton McGuinty,  
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The Honourable Leona Dombrowski,  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
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Dear Hon. Dalton McGuinty and the Hon Leona Dombrowski

### **Re: Support for New Entrants**

The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario continues to be concerned with the Ontario government's refusal to take action concerning new entrants that did not receive payment from the Ontario Beef, Pork and Horticulture Payment of last year.

New entrants involved in our organization are leaving the beef and pork industry. They tend to be the most heavily leveraged producers in a given sector, with little equity to fall back on when economic hardship strikes.

New Entrants are the future of any industry. They are innovative and competitive, and are willing to take risks in order to be successful. It is fundamentally unjust that others in the industry have received specialized government support while new producers have not been provided with the same support that established (and, in some instances, retired) producers have received.

We strongly recommend that an appeal process be set up and new money be found so that these new entrants, the future of the industry, are able to receive support in a measure that is equal to those producers who have been in business for a greater period of time.

We further recommend that a standard mechanism be developed that will take new entrants into account whenever an emergency payment plan or a long term plan is developed.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. Stevens', with a large loop and a horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Henry Stevens, President  
Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario