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NEWS RELEASE

Subject: **CFFO appreciates federal-provincial commitment to farmers**

Guelph, March 2005. The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario is pleased with recent announcements from the federal and Ontario governments regarding new financial assistance for cash-strapped farmers.

The federal government announced that \$1 billion in new funding would be available immediately for Canadian farmers. The Ontario government added \$129 million in assistance, targeted especially at grain, oilseed and tobacco growers.

“We are pleased with the announcements from the federal and provincial ministers of agriculture,” said John Kikkert, the president of the CFFO. “Grains and oilseed farmers, plus cattle, ruminant and tobacco producers, will especially benefit from the new funding.”

Kikkert noted that the CFFO especially appreciates comments from government leaders regarding commitments to the long-term security and prosperity of agriculture. The CFFO has long advocated the need for a long-term vision of agriculture that builds rural communities, protects the environment and delivers safe, nutritious food with adequate financial returns for farmers.

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