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NEWS RELEASE

Subject: CFFO Convention to focus on farmers taking control of their destiny

Guelph, November 2005. The 2005 convention of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario will explore how farmers can successfully take control of their destinies through creative activity in the marketplace.

This year's CFFO Convention will be held on November 25 in Markham. An annual event for several decades, CFFO conventions draw together farm families from across the province to renew their commitment to family farming and to decide upon the Federation's leadership and budget for the following year.

This year's morning session will feature a presentation by Peter Apedaile, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Rural Economy at the University of Alberta and a farmer. He will speak on the topic of "What Does it Take for Farmers to Take Control of Their Destiny?"

This year's afternoon session will feature a panel presentation on the topic of "Taking Control Beyond the Farm Gate." Presenters will include Gib Drury, of Quebec's UPA, discussing "How Quebec Farmers took over the Levinoff Beef Plant". Lori Stahlbrand, Author, Food Policy Consultant, Founder of Local Flavour will speak about "Creating Formal Alliances between Farmers and Consumers." Finally, Jim Judge of Farm Fresh Poultry Co-op, will speak about how farmers can gain revenue through cooperative action.

At the evening banquet, Eleanor Clitheroe, President of Prison Fellowship Canada will discuss "Restorative Justice: The Power of Forgiveness and Healing in Prison Ministry." Providing musical entertainment for the evening event will be Jay Calder, solo guitarist.

The CFFO Convention will be held at the Markham Holiday Inn & Suites, Friday, November 25, 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit the CFFO website at www.christianfarmers.org.

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