



**CHRISTIAN FARMERS
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ACCREDITED FARM ORGANIZATION

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CFFO Responds to Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods

Ingersoll, Ontario — Tuesday January 14, 2025 - The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) is writing this statement today in response to the recent news and events leading up to the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump. His statement on November 25, 2024, threatening to impose a 25% tariff on Canadian goods entering the United States poses significant concerns for Ontario's agriculture sector, which relies heavily on stable and cooperative trade relations with the U.S.

Ontario farmers are integral to the province's economy and food security, and any disruption to cross-border trade threatens their livelihoods. We have heard from our members at grassroots meetings, through our district directors, and during Executive Board meetings that they are deeply concerned about the potential impact these proposed tariffs could have on their farms, livelihoods, and businesses. The CFFO recognizes that these proposed tariffs could have far-reaching implications for agricultural producers and the broader food supply chain in Ontario and Canada.

CFFO President Ed Scharringa expressed concern over the potential impact: "A 25% tariff is alarming for Ontario farmers who depend on access to U.S. markets. We are their largest trading partner, and any disruption could be detrimental to our agricultural economy. The CFFO is committed to ensuring that our members' voices are heard. Once an official government statement is released, we will respond boldly and advocate for practical solutions to protect Ontario farmers."

The CFFO has actively engaged in discussions about this issue during executive board meetings and with members across the province. We are evaluating proactive strategies to mitigate the impact of potential tariffs and ensure the continued strength of Ontario's agriculture industry. We urge the federal government to prioritize agricultural trade discussions and seek exemptions for all Canadian agricultural products.

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About the CFFO:

The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) is an Accredited Farm Organization representing the interests of over 4,000 farm families in Ontario who are called to the vocation of farming. CFFO policy promotes economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable farming, advocating that farmers receive fair returns for their production and stewardship efforts.

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