

Women's conference

the domestic market is more important to Ontario than international trade, although export markets for beef and pork are increasingly important.

Dianne Harkin, founder and past president of Women for the Survival of Agriculture, gave a talk on lobbying. She said she sees many changes over the past few years in farm women. They no longer say, "I'm just a farm woman", now they say, "I'm a farmer". A national farm women's network is an important tool because nothing is achieved in isolation, Dianne said. "We need cooperation and collaboration. We

need to conduct studies, present briefs and make contacts," she added.

Other speakers included Brigid Pyke, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture; Grant Divine, Premier of Saskatchewan; Shirley Cripps, Alberta Associate Minister of Agriculture; Dr. Ellen McLean, President of Associated Country Women of the World; Dr. Andy Schmitz, an agricultural economist; and Dr. Isabelle Anderson, a professor of economics.

NEW ONTARIO COORDINATOR

While at the conference, the Ontario delegation selected Rennie

Feddema as the new Ontario representative on the National Farm Women's Network. Rennie is a member of the Christian Farmers Federation and can be reached at R.R. #2, Strathroy, N7G 3H4 519 289-5756. The alternate Ontario representative is Donna Lunn of Elgin Women for the Support of Agriculture. Donna can be reached at R.R. #1, Belmont, N0L 1B0 519 644-0316.

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