

Farmers hold Hwy. 401 convoy in funding protest

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Farmers held rallies of protest across Ontario Wednesday — including a Hwy. 401 convoy through Milton — to demonstrate their frustration with the federal government for what they say is a shortage of agricultural funds.

Planning for the 'Day of Action' began almost immediately after Agricultural Minister Lyle Vanclief announced \$500 million in additional funding for the country's agricultural safety nets program — \$400 million short of what farmers and their organizations had shown government officials was needed to get them through the current slump in commodity prices.

"We're hoping to draw attention to what farmers face," said Neil Currie, general manager of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA).

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Farmers in trucks, cars and other vehicles gathered in Windsor at 7 a.m. and drove toward Guelph along Hwy. 401 where a rally took place at noon at the Agricultural Canada building.

The farmers then continued along Hwy. 401 to Pickering for another rally at the Metro East Trade Centre at 2 p.m.

Meanwhile, buses loaded with

farmers and their supporters from Quebec and eastern Ontario attended a rally in Ottawa at Lansdowne Park at 12:30 p.m.

"The Day of Action is intended to demonstrate to the federal cabinet just how serious the financial crisis is for so many farmers and their families and how determined Canadian farmers are to ensure their industry survives," said Jack Wilkinson, president of the OFA.

"Farmers are angry and frustrated with the federal government's failure to recognize the importance of the industry as an economic contributor to the country and the value of rural Canada. Our politicians have to realize how much farmers and their families contribute to the country and that we aren't going to give up until we get what is needed to get our industry through this difficult time."

Peter Lambrick, former president of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, was hopeful the farmers accomplished what they're after.

"We've certainly caught the eye of everyone across Ontario," he said. "We gave the federal government a very good sound figure and we basically ended up with half of what we're looking for. We hope (the protest) will have our desired affect. We're trying to get the ear of the federal government."

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