



Another piece of the puzzle

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Ontario farmers were recently issued another piece of the income puzzle that we've been trying to complete for many months. Premier Dalton McGuinty, speaking at the 2006 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo near Peterborough, announced \$110 million for agriculture

along with \$75 million for infrastructure in rural Ontario.

These were both welcome additions to the funding puzzle we've been designing for our farmers and our rural communities. The additional investment adds to the federal contributions to address a serious

shortcoming of the CAIS program - the inventory valuation problem identified by farmers when CAIS was first introduced.

This correction certainly works to address income support issues for the livestock sectors. But as a margin-based program, even a repaired CAIS does not work well for grain and oilseed farmers.

We must now turn our attention again to the federal government for the next critical piece of the funding puzzle. Our federal politicians have acknowledged the importance of the domestic agriculture sector to the Canadian economy, and have made funding commitments, but we're still in desperate need of long-term agricultural policy.

Working with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the OFA is launching a campaign to remind the federal government of what farmers need to succeed in the future. Part of the campaign involves farmers signing

and sending post cards to Prime Minister Harper, Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Strahl, and their MPs.

The clear message on the post cards describes the farm income crisis and how it is destroying farm families across the country, and presents solutions - solutions that aren't astoundingly new. We're telling the politicians that Canadian agriculture needs a new and improved CAIS program, and a NISA-like program that separates disaster from stabilization programming.

Ontario farm organizations have worked hard to develop the programs needed to protect the future of farm incomes. Large subsidies being paid to our international competitors have sucked the profitability out of our farming operations,

and the programs we need will respond to such situations and provide a respectable income to our farm families.

The post card describes a 'predictable and bankable program' for farmers. This is essential if farmers are going to be able to plan for the future - and we believe our farmers have proven over the decades they have the skills and resources to yield a strong future in agriculture, given a level playing field.

Another key ingredient to what we want the federal government to incorporate into a new agricultural policy is flexibility - the flexibility needed to allow provinces to recognize and respond to regional difference that exist across Canada.

Premier McGuinty indi-

cated during his plowing match announcement that his government wants to be part of the partnership that includes farmers and the federal government.

OFA and the farmers of Ontario are anxious to secure an even greater role for agriculture in the future of the province's economy. Hearing our premier state his willingness to play a meaningful role in such a partnership is the leadership needed for the development of strong agricultural policy.

We encourage all Ontario farmers to get copies of the 'Solutions from the farm gate' post card from OFA's staff of Member Service Representatives, or on OFA's website - www.ofa.on.ca - sign and mail them immediately - no postage necessary.

ESTATE AUCTION SALE

A PUBLIC AUCTION FOR AN ESTATE (Windsor) PLUS OTHERS WILL BE HELD AT 567 QUEEN ST. (Walker Rd.) HARROW SATURDAY SEPT 30TH AT 9:30 AM

ANT & COLL: Oak wardrobe, dresser w/mustache pulls, gramophones, vanity dresser, chest drawers & dresser, dining table, 3 leaves & 6 chairs, odd chairs, radios, cups & saucers, china, glassware etc. enamel top table, scale, blow torch, records & much more. MODERN ETC: Washers, dryers, fridge, stove, sm. chest freezer, dishwasher, micros, sm. kit. appliances, round maple dining table, chairs & china/buffet (A-1) pine table & chairs, dressers, chests drawers, wardrobe, cane chairs, sofa, pine arm chair, wash stand, glass & brass coffee table, 32" & other TVs, VCRs, speakers, stereo, elect., base & other guitars, microscope, secretary desk & chair, file cabs., stacking chairs, vacuums, fans, wood bar stools, copper oil, table & floor lamps, pictures, nic nacs, wool rug, fabric, new 2 sided gas FP, wood stove, acorn FP, floral paper & cutter, craft items, clothes rack, walker, folding bike, X country skis, snowboard, BBQ, car top carrier, 3 wheel garden & baggage carts, animal traps, new vinyl windows 3 - 29 1/4" x 70 1/4", 1 - 43 3/4" x 36 1/2" & skylight, sheets plexiglass, 4x8 sheet S/steel, jewelry maker, 220 arc welder, 1 hp. single phase motor w/30 gal. & air reserve tanks, table saws, drill press, radial arm saw, sm. lathe, air compressors, bench grinder, arbor press, vacuum pump, circ. saws, shop vac., 2 rolls barbed wire, wheelbarrows, ext. ladder, elect. hacksaw, motor cycle jack, hand & lawn tools, chains, seeder, gas reel mower, Int. Cub Cadet 109 restored lawn tractor & much more. PREVIEW: Fri. 5-7 p.m. or Sat. 8:30 a.m.

Terms: Cash - approved cheque - Visa & M/C
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738-3220 - email bidfive@jet2.net
Lunch Available - NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS

ERCA tree planting program underway

Thinking of planting trees on your property this year? The Essex Region Conservation Authority is ready to take orders for the Fall Large Stock Program. Order forms and species lists can viewed at their website at www.erca.org.

Purchase trees to plant on your own, or hire ERCA to plant them for you. Landowners who have planted large stands of ash species that are threatened by the Emerald Ash Borer should consider contacting ERCA's forester so that a species diversification plan can be developed.

In order to qualify to purchase trees through ERCA, you must own a minimum of two acres of property and purchase a minimum of 25 trees and shrubs. A variety of bareroot hardwoods, potted or balled-and-burlapped evergreens and potted

shrubs are available at prices starting at \$8.50 per tree. Some species are limited - order early so you are not disappointed.

There are also several

grant programs available to undertake natural areas restoration works. For more information, contact Forester Paul Giroux at 776-5209 ext. 377.

ANTIQUE FARM AUCTION

To be held at the Property of the late Andy Guilbeault,
R.R. #2, Belle River, Ontario

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14th, 2006 @ 10 a.m.
585 International 4 WD, front end loader; Ford Dexter; Landau Chisel Plow;
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Woodworking Equipment Auction Sale

Monday, October 2nd at 10:30 am

Auction will be held at 617 Talbot Trail (old Hwy. 3) just east of Wheatley. **Woodworking Tools & other Shop Equipment:** all of these items are either 110 or 220 single phase: 10" Toolex heavy duty tilting arbor saw; 10" Delta table saw; two Blum minidrill boring machines; 24" Craftex drum sander series #AA3322; Trademaster 14" band saw; Craftex 20" thickness planer model # TM13202; 31/2 HP Toolex spindle shaper with feeder; King 8" Industrial jointer planer; Toolex 3" edge sander; Delta mitre chop saw; 16 speed floor model drill press; 8" bench drill press; Eagle stationary air compressor; air nailers; hand tools; nails; screws; etc; **Two Three Phase 220 pieces of Equipment:** Delta 12 wood lathe and accessories; SCM overhead pin router with depth control and tilt table; **Paint Booth and Sprayer:** DeVilBliss paint booth approx. 10'; Cap spray HLV power cart with Cap Spray CS0199 compressor; various paints; holding racks; **Other Items:** work tables; shop carts; moldings; small amount of building materials for cabinets; etc.

Terms cash or personalized cheque day of sale. Owner or auctioneer not responsible for accidents day of sale.

Preview: starting at 9:00 am on sale day only.
Auctioneer: Jack Morris, 519-687-2530 or 1-800-462-3561
Photos and details at www.jackmorrisauctions.com

LAVIN AUCTIONS INC.

Under instructions from Southwestern Bailiff Service we have scheduled the auction at the former Brickhouse Tavern, 1444 Ottawa St., Windsor on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd at 10 A.M. (Preview 9 A.M.) Sale will consist of 13 TVs (both big screen and wall mount - Toshiba, Panasonic, Hitachi, Sharp), 3 door bar fridge, 2 safes, Scotsman ice maker, s/s serving warmers, Garland fryers, oven, 6 burner grill, Imperial flat griddle, salad prep w/cooler, s/s fridge, tables, sinks, stand up and chest freezers, dishwasher, meat slicer, pop dispensers, Star popcorn maker, coffee makers, true 2 door s/s fridge, Dell computer, fax, copier, office desk, file cabinets, etc., Dell computer screen and call register system, very lg. selection of tables, chair, benches, bar stools, kitchen utensils, pots, pans, dishes, glassware, bar inventory, o/s umbrellas (8), patio chairs, tables, stereo systems to include distribution units and satellite receivers, speakers, good selection of metal signs, glass lite-up beer signs, neon football helmets, pictures, prints, old phone booth, oak poker table, chips, plus much more. **Note:** This was a well known gathering spot, two complete floors of contents. **Terms:** Cash, Interac or Certified Funds. 10% Buyer Premium.

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735-3070 TECUMSEH

HISTORIC LANDMARK RESTAURANT AUCTION SALE

Saturday, October 7th at 12:00 noon
On site at 13 Russell Street, Leamington

We will be selling the Historic Restaurant known as "THIRTEEN RUSSELL" by Auction with all contents included. (Owners Retiring). This is an excellent business investment! This property would also make a fantastic bed and breakfast or professional offices.

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