



## Agriculture needs rapid response

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Once again the federal government has demonstrated how quickly it can move on some financial issues. In this case it was the threat of losing major dollars in corporate taxes through the income trust regulations.

Meanwhile, Canadian farmers have been waiting for more than three years for government action to correct a situation that has cost them billions of dollars in lost income. These farmers and their organizations have presented proposals to both federal and provincial governments for programs that would reduce or eliminate the risk of lost income due to efforts by foreign governments to support

their farmers.

Citing potential high costs for such programs, both levels of government have declined to act on the proposals. They say it would be too costly to fund the programs as proposed by farmers. Without those programs, an increasing number of farmers will be forced out of business setting off a ripple effect throughout rural Canada that has the potential to cost governments much more in social programs and lost tax revenue.

Canadian agriculture makes a tremendous contribution to Canada's Gross Domestic Product figure – 8.3 percent of the nation's total or \$83.9 billion – and

is a major factor in the country's positive trade balance position. What's so difficult for our elected government leaders to see about the link between having a strong, healthy agricultural economy and a strong national economy?

Governments have devised ad hoc programs to put some money into the hands of farmers and their families. These and the recent CAIS adjustments have certainly been helpful in improving farm incomes, but there is still a need for the programs proposed by farmers and their organizations, particularly in the grains, oilseeds, and horticulture sectors.

A primary reason farmers need these programs is stability and predictability. Farming is a capital intensive industry requiring a lot of financial planning and skills to deal with the uncertainties presented by weath-

er and global markets. There are programs that help with the weather-related risks, but our governments have failed to adjust their thinking and responses to world market situations.

Now, with federal coffers overflowing, it would be an ideal time for our government to step forward and show its support for the industry. An investment in agriculture is a direct investment in rural communities.

Our farmers have the knowledge and land resources to compete with the rest of the world, but when our governments back away from matching the subsidies paid by the governments of our major competitors, it puts our farmers' futures in jeopardy – we can't compete with the treasuries of the U.S. and E.U.

OFA, working with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and partner

farm organizations, have carried out major lobby efforts in the past to improve the understanding of elected and staff government people of Canadian agriculture's situation. We have seen some success, but our governments have come up short of what's ultimately needed.

As the urgency for solutions to the income crisis grows, we are preparing for another campaign to take

details of Canadian agriculture's economic potential and economic needs to our governments.

Because the economic problems experienced by farmers have a direct impact on the economic health of rural communities, our request for support will be spread far and wide. We hope our government will react as quickly to agriculture's needs as it did to the income trust threat.

## Nominations called for 2006 Conservation Awards

Do you know someone who has contributed to environmental improvements in the past year? The Essex Region Conservation Authority is calling for nominations for its 2006 Conservation Awards, which honour those who have made outstanding contributions towards improving our natural environment.

The awards will be presented in three categories:

- The Education Award – For excellence in conservation education programs or projects in schools, organizations, companies, youth groups.
- The Volunteer Awards – For outstanding effort in volunteering time and services for conservation programs and projects.
- The Environmental Achievement Award – For programs or projects under-

taken that have enhanced the region's renewable natural resources. In addition to individuals and organizations, municipalities can also be nominated for environmental achievements.

To submit a nomination, contact ERCA to obtain a nomination form. Nominations close on Friday, Dec. 15, 2006. The awards, presented since 1992, will be presented at ERCA's annual meeting on Jan. 18, 2007.

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**TO BE SOLD AT 1:00 P.M. Important Vintage Guitar Collection:** 1963 Fender Stratocaster (Custom Colour), 1966 Fender Telecaster, 1969 Martin D1220 string Acoustic Guitar, 1972 Gibson ES340TD, 1991 Gibson ES135, 1940's Kay Acoustic, 1990's Fender Precision Bass, other guitars; Original 1971 Fender Bassman 50 amplifier, other amps, clarinets, Electric Violin, Selmer saxophone, 2 banjos, etc.

**ART from a Doctor's Estate:** Important Original Oil on canvas by Albert Malet, many other oils, prints, lithos and pictures.

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**Collectibles:** Quantity of Coca Cola collectibles, old cast iron Boxer and Terrier, blue flowered crock, brown stoneware pitcher signed J.G. Hillborn General Merchant South Woodslee, Singer featherweight unique Deco ash-tray, 1924 7 1/2 inch wooden Felix The Cat, oak wall phone, Marx HO train set, 5 ft. 1940's Santa (lights up), old wax doll, 1947 Bireley's pop tin thermometer, die cast cars, Nascar collectibles, some stamps, Gingerbread clock and others, some old coins, wooden bowls and wood turnings, Pepsi cooler, Lone Ranger guitar, etc.

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Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 P.M.

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## Auction Sale

Antiques, Collectibles, Garden Statuary, etc.  
Saturday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m.

For Peter VanDenBerg and Monica Reynolds at 1528 Deer Run Road, Leamington. From Erie St. S. take Oak St. east to Deer Run Rd. Or from Hwy. 3 east of Leamington take Cty. Rd. 15 south to Deer Run Rd. Watch for auction signs.

This is a large sale with many unusual items.

**Garden Statuary:** pair of lions; urns; cherub bird bath; cast iron and wood benches; other cement garden items. **Clocks:** gingerbread, quartz, mantle and wall clocks; clock parts. **Antiques & Collectibles:** Stieff fawn; teddy bear collection; slot machine; traffic lights; brass port-hole; ship radar; compass; cream separator; hand cultivators; plows; planters; water pumps; copper and brass items; horse collar w/mirror; wooden wagon wheels; milk cans; Coca Cola items; Ikea stool; oak table and other furniture; depression glass; large selection of china including cups and saucers; irons; dolls; crocks; button collection; Dansk cookware and coffee set; Singer sewing machines - portable and treadle; costume jewelry; old post cards; 4 albums of mint and used Canadian stamps. **Cars:** 1991 Cadillac in good condition; 1988 Berretta parts. **Tools:** large selection of misc. tools. **Box Lots:** large number of assorted box lots.

**No Reserve.**

**Terms:** cash or personalized cheque day of sale. Owner or auctioneer not responsible for accidents day of sale. Lunch available.

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