



Moving to positive times

by Geri Kamenz, President
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It is the dawn of a new day, the dawn of a new era.

For too long Ontario farmers have seen their industry sink deeper and deeper into economic darkness. As the new president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, I will work tirelessly to restore positive economic times for agriculture.

Ontario farmers have always been proud of their

abilities to produce and succeed. They have built their industry to where it is Ontario's second largest economic contributor. They have built a reputation for production excellence in the world. They want to maintain those strengths and I want to bring the industry together to restore the pride and enthusiasm farmers and their families used to know.

Our industry needs to restore the strength and confidence necessary to attract young farmers. Without that strength and confidence, the young people Ontario agriculture needs to survive and succeed will look elsewhere. We need to turn things around to restore faith in the future.

As I told my fellow farmers attending the OFA convention, we need to be consistent in our policies, but we need to embrace new approaches and strategies to achieve our goals.

For this to happen, we must have everyone pulling together. For that to happen, there will have to be compromise to allow for the partnering that will restore strength -- the strength necessary to convince our governments to work with us to restore agriculture to the economic greatness it is capable of achieving.

To find and restore greatness to our industry, we need to seek solutions together. OFA has always found its strength in its members. Our talented staff is another source of strength for OFA, and I

intend to draw on the resources of that staff to help in the restoration of agriculture's greatness.

Over the past year, OFA and its partner organizations in Ontario agriculture have succeeded in developing the programs our farmers need to succeed and protect their future. Now we have to work harder to convince our governments to support those programs.

We must also ensure our governments continue to support and protect the programs that have found much success over the years -- marketing programs so critical to the economic success and future we want for all agriculture

in Ontario.

Society tells us that safe, healthy food is vital. We also know how vital a safe and healthy environment is to the future. Ontario farmers are in tune with those issues. We are leaders in the production of safe and healthy food for our fellow citizens and for citizens of other countries. Our Environmental Farm Plan program has put Ontario agriculture in the lead at protecting our environment.

We want to continue our leadership in those areas, but to be able to do that, we must have economic success. We must have profitability to achieve that suc-

cess. We call on our governments to work with us. Our governments must move now to protect Canada's food security -- Canadians need to tell our governments they want a continued supply of domestically-produced food for the safety of their families.

Our farmers and the future farmers we need to attract to the industry require a commitment from the people of Canada. They need to see their governments move to restore pride, confidence and profitability to agriculture. OFA wants to work with its partners to achieve these things for Ontario farm families.

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Old-fashioned good time - Members of the Perth County Junior Farmers show their moves during a square-dancing competition in Cottam Nov. 25. The event was part of the Sing Swing 2006, which drew Junior Farmers from across the province. More than 70 competitors attended, participating in a variety of contests such as line dancing, singing and waltzing. The event, which was hosted by the Essex-Kent Junior Farmers, also featured a banquet and dance at the Comber Community Centre.

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