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FarmGate5 Members
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Dear FarmGate5 Members:

I am delighted to offer my congratulations to all of you on the resounding success of FarmGate5. The naming of the Honourable Eugene Whelan and the Honourable John Wise as honorary co-chairs is indicative of the recognition given to the tremendous progress you have made since your inception less than a year ago.

I am very grateful to Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Chicken Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Egg Producers, Ontario Turkey Producers' Marketing Board, and the Ontario Broiler Hatching Egg and Chick Commission for their co-ordinated efforts to build support for Ontario's farming industries and for making FarmGate5 so successful. I appreciate your strong commitment to agriculture and the leadership you continue to demonstrate in representing the farming community, especially with respect to supply management — an area our government is proud to support.

Ontario's agriculture and food industry is a vitally important sector of our economy — a sector our government deeply values. I am indebted to our hard-working farmers and to others in the industry for helping to make it a world leader. I am confident that, by working with partners like FarmGate5, we will ensure our agri-food industry thrives.

Again, I offer you my sincere thanks for your invaluable contributions to Ontario's economy and our rural communities. The future of our rural economy, and that of our province, depends on Ontarians like you. My colleagues and I look forward to continuing to work with you to strengthen this great province.

Yours truly,


Dalton McGuinty
Premier