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Financial Protection Program Moves to Dairy Industry

The Financial Protection Fund for Milk and Cream Producers will be administered by Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) from now on. The \$3.9 million dollar fund administered by the Ontario government is in the process of being dissolved and the bulk of the proceeds transferred to DFO.

"This is an excellent example of industry taking care of its own business," according to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Noble Villeneuve. "We worked closely with producer and processor organizations on this transfer, and have arrived at an agreement that will benefit producers while reducing costs to taxpayers."

The fund was developed through contributions from producers and processors. It had its inception in Canada's centennial year, 1967. Through 32 years, the Fund remained stable and provided financial protection to producers in case dairy processors defaulted on payment.

The fund will be transferred in separate amounts to two parties: DFO and the Ontario Goat Milk Producers' Association. John Core, Chair of DFO, has said his organization "will continue to operate this fund for its original purpose of protecting farmers from default by processors." The goat milk producers will be using their small portion of the fund to promote goat milk products.

The fund was, and will remain, more than a pool of money. The primary responsibility of the fund is to avoid putting producers at risk by assessing the processors' ability to pay.

There have been 540 claims on the fund since 1967. Slightly more than \$2.5 million has been paid out in claims, but \$1.5 million of this has been recouped from the defaulting parties. The balance is in the process of being collected through the courts. It is a remarkable legacy when you realize that processors today buy \$120 million of milk every month.

As the Fund for Milk and Cream Producers prepares for a fresh start, so too does the man who capably administered the fund for the past decade, Mr. Bill Moore. After 31 years of dedication to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Bill Moore is set to retire.

The dairy industry has been a part of Bill's life since he could tie his shoes. He fondly recalls bottling Jersey milk on his uncle's farm, which they delivered door-to-door in the village of Snelgrove. His career in the industry started in 1955, with Woodbridge Dairy, then Findlay Dairy and eventually Silverwood Dairies.

On January 2, 1968, Bill joined the Department of Agriculture working as a dairy plant auditor for the Milk Commission of Ontario. During the next 20 years, in this capacity, he worked for the Milk Industry and Dairy Inspection Branches. On April 1, 1988, he joined the Farm Products Marketing Commission to administer the Fund for Milk and Cream Producers. As well, during this period he was secretary administrator to the Grain and Livestock Financial Protection Boards.

We wish him well and appreciate his long standing service to the agriculture industry in Ontario, as well as the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission.

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Dynamic, competitive agri-food sectors.

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To lead, supervise and direct Ontario's regulated marketing system to effectively adapt to change.

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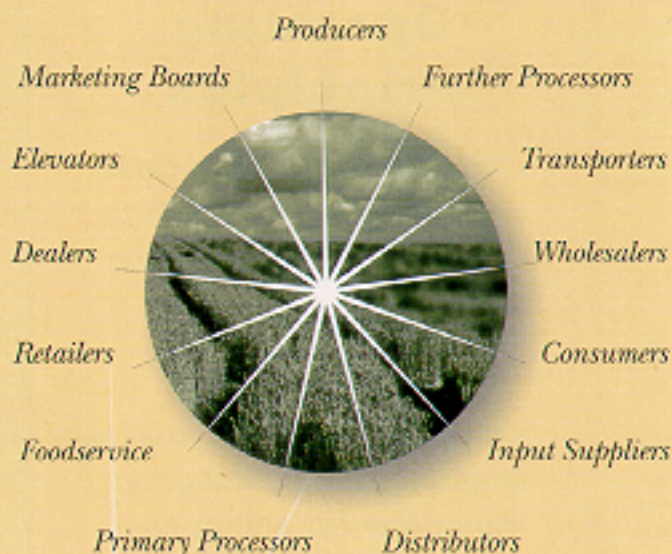
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STRATEGIC PLAN

2003-04



Vision

- Dynamic, competitive agri-food sectors.

Mission

- To lead, supervise and direct Ontario's regulated marketing system to effectively adapt to change.

Strategic Plan 2003/04

Strategic Focus

Ensure the effectiveness of marketing boards.

Foster enhanced stakeholder relations to achieve industry solutions.

Advance Ontario's interests on regulated marketing nationally and globally.

Operating Principles

- The Commission will provide leadership and direction to Ontario's regulated marketing sectors.
- Commission activities shall be characterized by integrity, transparency, and open-mindedness.
- Open consultation, participation and cooperation with all industry stakeholders are essential to resolving issues and developing opportunities.