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Dear Mr. Duben:

I am writing to let you know about a new Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) targeted cost-share initiative of up to \$700,000 aimed at increasing deadstock management capacity throughout the province. The application intake will be open from November 18, 2021 to December 13, 2021. You can find additional information, including how to apply, on the OMAFRA website at www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/cap/index.htm.

In light of the recent loss of on-farm deadstock pickup services in certain areas of the province, my ministry, in partnership with the government of Canada, is launching this CAP initiative to support livestock producers, waste management facilities, municipalities and other agri-businesses such as livestock auction barns, assembly yards, deadstock transporters, collectors, renderers, and veterinary clinics in increasing capacity for deadstock management. Given these increased pressures, this initiative offers a higher cost-share rate than our usual deadstock funding, that being 50% reimbursement of eligible expenses as opposed to 35%, up to a maximum of \$25,000 per applicant.

The initiative provides cost-share funding, to support planning, establishing, and/or managing deadstock to increase capacity for deadstock management. Specifically expenses eligible for cost-share reimbursement include:

Assessments and Planning

- Qualified third-party services to provide an initial operational plan or assessment of an applicant's deadstock capacity (e.g., deadstock management plan, environmental plan/assessment).

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Deadstock Facility Upgrades and Equipment

- Establishment of an on-site facility to handle and store deadstock efficiently and securely as a preventive measure to reduce the risk of introduction and spread of disease to animals and humans, including, but not limited to:
 - Purchase, modification, or construction of a deadstock management system (e.g., composter, digester, incinerator [**subject to regulatory requirements and restrictions**], in-ground vessel, waste management bins) and associated runoff management equipment/systems,
 - Digester modifications or components that enable the taking of deadstock (e.g. pretreatment equipment)
 - New construction or modifications to structures or buildings to facilitate the handling, storage and removal of deadstock, or to securely store deadstock in a manner that prevents access or scavenging by wildlife and vermin, and;
 - New freezer or cooler systems for the temporary storage of deadstock and parts thereof, or specified risk materials.

Please note that expenses must meet the requirements of the [Ontario Regulation 105/09](#), under the *Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001* (FSQA), and [Ontario Regulation 106/09](#) under the *Nutrient Management Act, 2002* (NMA), (or any applicable requirements under the Safe Food for Canadians Act for federally registered plants) and be suitable for use. The undertaking of these activities for cost-share funding may still be subject to regulatory approvals.

Our government is committed to supporting the agri-food sector and rural communities in Ontario.

I encourage you to take advantage of this funding opportunity and submit an application for your project. Together, we can ensure Ontario's communities thrive.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of Agriculture
and Agri-Food Canada



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