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Veal Farmers of Ontario announces leadership for 2026

Re-election of Kroesbergen as Chair, Yantzi, Vice Chair

Guelph, Ontario (March 19, 2026) – Veal Farmers of Ontario (VFO) is pleased to announce the re-election of Middlesex County veal producer Philip Kroesbergen as Chair and Dylan Yantzi (Tavistock) as Vice Chair, at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors.

Kroesbergen, who joined the VFO Board in 2017, farms full-time with his father and brother near Strathroy. Their family operation, Creekside Acres, has been raising veal cattle exclusively for over 30 years. Kroesbergen previously served as Vice Chair in 2020, returning to the Executive in the fall of 2022.

Yantzi was acclaimed to the VFO Board at the 2026 Annual General Meeting held on March 18 in Elora, Ontario and will serve a three-year term. He was appointed to the VFO Board in 2021 and has served as Vice Chair since 2023.

Joining the VFO Board of Directors is Kevin Bowman, an experienced veal cattle producer from Fordwich. Bowman was appointed to a two-year term by VFO to fill a vacancy left by Cory Streicher who stepped down from the Board in December 2025.

Also returning to the eight member VFO Board of Directors are Judy Dirksen (Harriston), Aaron Keunen (Palmerston), Kyle Roes (Millbank), and Tom Oudshoorn (Auburn). One seat remains vacant from retiring VFO Director Kurtis Moesker and will be filled by VFO through an appointment.

“On behalf of the VFO Board of Directors, I would like to thank Kurtis for his leadership and dedicated service to the Ontario veal industry,” says Kroesbergen. “We are pleased to welcome Kevin to the Board and look forward to the fresh perspective he will bring to our discussions. Our strength remains in our collaborative approach and shared commitment to a sustainable, thriving dairy calf and veal cattle sector.”

Veal Farmers of Ontario is a farmer-run organization that represents the interests of Ontario veal and dairy calf farmers, providing leadership to promote industry development through collaboration and communications.

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