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VFO STATEMENT: *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020:* Protecting Ontario Farms and the Food System

Guelph, Ontario (December 4, 2020) – Along with our commodity group partners, Veal Farmers of Ontario (VFO) was pleased to join Minister Ernie Hardeman and the Ontario government virtually today as they announced the proclamation of Bill 156, the *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020*. Beginning **December 5, 2020**, the *Act* will protect Ontario's food supply chain, from farm to table, without infringing on the right to peacefully protest and, in conjunction with the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act (PAWS), 2019*, ensure animals are protected and cared for properly.

"Thank you Minister Hardeman and the Ontario government for your commitment to protecting Ontario's agri-food sector. VFO welcomes today's announcement proclaiming Bill 156. VFO is committed to a safe and strong food supply and Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020* ensures that the entire agri-food industry can work together to protect the safety of our farms, businesses, families, and the livestock we care for," said Pascal Bouilly, VFO Chair.

VFO, along with Ontario's farm and commodity groups, have worked collaboratively on this issue and have released a [joint media statement](#) to applaud the efforts of the Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Ontario government in working diligently to support the needs of Ontario's food producers.

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