

VEAL FARMERS OF ONTARIO PROVINCIAL ELECTION PRIORITIES

When speaking with your local candidates, please share with them VFO's election priorities.

INCREASE RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING BY \$100 MILLION

An investment in a stronger Risk Management Program (RMP), a critical tool for veal farmers, will allow the industry to remain competitive and build domestic food security amidst supply chain disruptions, inflationary pressure, and rising input costs.

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC MARKETING INITIATIVES

Grow Ontario's share of the grocery aisle, through increased domestic marketing funding to highlight the diversity of made-in-Ontario food. Investing in local food strengthens food security, creates jobs, and ensures that our province is self-sufficient.

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Recognize the role Ontario farmers play in carbon sequestration and ensure that farms receive sufficient support in any carbon pricing program. Work with federal counterparts to remove the carbon tax on grain drying.

Create additional financial supports to help farmers adapt new technologies and environmental practices.

Preserve farmland through adopting new provincial land use policies that will recognize the value of agricultural lands to all Ontarians and will ensure that Ontario farms will continue for generations to come.

ENHANCE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

Farmers and those living in rural communities face high levels of stress and isolation, and often lack local support networks. Commit to expanding mental health supports, resources, and services for farmers and rural Ontarians.

EXPAND ONTARIO'S MEAT PROCESSING CAPACITY

Work with the agriculture industry to recruit and train workers across the meat value chain.

Invest in new infrastructure projects at provincial facilities to expand processing capacity. This will reduce wait times, create competition, and secure domestic food supply.



Ontario's veal farmers generate over \$475 million in economic activity: creating employment opportunities and building stronger rural communities for all Ontarians.

