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Dear Warden Burdhardt-Jesson:

We are pleased to announce that the governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1.5 million over two years to help improve the removal, handling, and disposal of deadstock across the province. The Increasing Deadstock Capacity Initiative application intake will be open from September 21, 2023, to February 1, 2024. All approved projects must be completed by February 1, 2025. You can find additional information, including how to apply, on the Agricultural Adaptation Council Website at info@adaptcouncil.org.

This program is being offered through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP). The cost-share funding initiative will help address some of the gaps identified in a Livestock Research Innovation Corporation (LRIC) report released this year and will provide opportunities for the deadstock industry to streamline operations and improve accessibility by increasing capacities and establishing new service standards.

Please note that expenses, where applicable, must meet regulatory requirements, including [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 governments are committed to supporting the agri-food sector and rural communities in Ontario.

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We encourage you to take advantage of this funding opportunity and submit an application. Together, we can ensure that Ontario's agricultural communities can continue to operate sustainably and without interruption.

Sincerely,



Lawrence MacAulay
Minister of Agriculture
and Agri-Food



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