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Dear Friends;

Since the emergence of COVID-19, I have been using every opportunity to highlight the critical nature of the businesses that support the agri-food sector and the continuity of the food supply chain, from farm to fork.

I am writing to update you on a change to the list of businesses classified as essential. Upon further review, Ontario has amended the emergency order to include:

29.1 Construction projects that are due to be completed before October 4, 2020 and that would provide additional capacity in the production, processing, manufacturing or distribution of food, beverages or agricultural products.

The above amendment is effective immediately. The updated order is available at the following link: www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20136

If you require further information, please contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre at ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca or 1-877-424-1300.

I want to thank everyone who is working hard to support the agriculture and food sectors during this critical time.

I wish you all the best.

Original signed by

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