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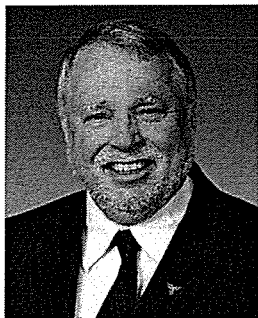


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A Message from the Honourable Ted McMeekin

On behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, I am pleased to welcome you to Canada's Fruit and Veg Tech X-Change, the country's largest horticultural trade show.

This event is a great opportunity to see the diversity of Ontario's edible horticulture products, and to see the latest in technology and equipment. It is also an excellent forum for sharing information and expertise, and to help businesses connect with each other.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ontario's dedicated growers. I appreciate your commitment to Ontario's agri-food industry and to making this province stronger.

We all know how important it is to support local growers and bring more of the good things you grow to Ontario tables. Our government is pleased to support buying local, and we've made significant investments in support of local food. When we buy local, everyone wins, especially our farmers, businesses and the local economy.

I trust you will enjoy the Fruit and Veg Tech X-Change and wish you all the best for the future.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted McMeekin".

Ted McMeekin
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs