

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Appointment of Amy Cronin as Chair of the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission

Ernie Hardeman, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, is pleased to announce the appointment of Amy Cronin as chair of the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission for a two-year term, effective May 7, 2020.

Ms. Cronin served as chair of the Ontario Pork Producers Marketing Board (Ontario Pork) for five years and served on the board for eight years. She is the past chair of the Ontario Agricultural Sustainability Council, a former member of President's Council and currently represents the province of Ontario on the National Program Advisory Committee, advising government on business risk management programs. Ms. Cronin is also the current vice chair for the University of Saskatchewan's Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization and vice chair of both Ontario's and Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers Executive. Ms. Cronin and her husband have owned and operated Cronin Family Farms for over 20 years and have grown their business from a single, 600 sow farm to a 22,000 sow operation in multiple jurisdictions that employ over 120 people. She is a passionate leader with a focus on collaboration.

"I am pleased to appoint Amy Cronin as chair of the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission. Her broad agricultural knowledge and extensive expertise in the livestock industry, along with her considerable experience working with groups at both the provincial and the national level, make her an outstanding choice as the new chair."

- Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

On behalf of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs wants to thank the outgoing chair, James Clark, for his steadfast leadership of the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission. Mr. Clark's commitment to the agri-food industry has contributed to the continued success of this critical sector and we are thankful for his dedication to Ontario agriculture.

The Minister also wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to Vice Chair Valerie Gilvesy for serving as interim chair since November. Ms. Gilvesy diligently steered the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission over the past several

months as the search for a new chair was conducted and we are thankful for her efforts.

[The Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission](#) is the central agency in Ontario's regulated marketing system and ensures that individual commodity systems operate in an effective and responsible manner. FPMC provides leadership in the form of advice, facilitation and direction to Ontario's marketing boards.

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