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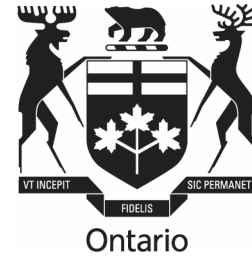
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Keith Robbins  
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Dear Keith Robbins:

I want to take this opportunity during Agriculture Week to express my gratitude and admiration for the work you do. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our communities by bringing high quality food to our tables.

The last year and a half have been challenging and I want to commend all the agri-food heroes across our province who have continued to grow, raise, process and distribute Ontario foods and have done incredible work keeping our food supply chain operating.

As Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs and a farmer myself, I am proud to support our sector by focusing on creating the opportunities that ensure rural communities and agriculture businesses are competitive at home and abroad, and that rural economies, of which agriculture is key, are respected and protected.

I believe that our sector should be proud of what we contribute to the province – not just the great food that we produce, but to the hundreds of thousands of jobs we create and the billions of dollars we contribute to the provincial economy.

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Your dedication deserves our thanks every day, not just during Agriculture Week. Please know that I am as passionate as you are about our sector and I will continue to listen to your needs and concerns as we build on our successes together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" being particularly prominent.

Lisa M. Thompson  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

**COVID-19 Reminders**

- For vaccination booking details visit: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>
- Follow your local public health/safety measures: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions>
- Practice physical distancing – stay 2 metres away from others in public
- Get the facts - [www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-stop-spread](http://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-stop-spread)