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**NFU CONGRATULATES NEW ONTARIO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE,  
FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

The National Farmers Union (NFU) in Ontario congratulates Carol Mitchell, the MPP from Huron-Bruce, on her appointment as Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

“On behalf of the members of the NFU, congratulations to Minister Mitchell,” said NFU Ontario Coordinator Grant Robertson. “I know her to be a hard-working and supportive advocate of farmers. We look forward to working with Minister Mitchell.”

The National Farmers Union is concerned about a number of issues facing farmers of all commodities, but believes that the two most pressing issues for the new Minister will be the negative state of farm income, and the growing issue of too few young farmers to be able to meet the needs of Ontarians in the future.

“The NFU has mapped out the data and solutions to many of the problems facing Ontario’s farmers in a way that no other farm organization has, or is capable of,” said Robertson. “The NFU looks forward to working on real solutions with Minister Mitchell and we hope her appointment marks a positive change in direction for the provincial government.”

The NFU also thanks outgoing Minister Leona Dombrowsky for the work she has done on behalf of farmers and Ontarians. Her personal commitment to the well-being of farmers was never in question. The NFU sincerely wishes Minister Dombrowsky well as she takes up her new challenge.

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