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OTTAWA — MP, Pierre Lemieux is delivering important financial support for the Union des Cultivateurs Franco-Ontariens (UCFO) by supporting a \$25,000 funding agreement that will assist the local farming Association with their ongoing mandate to help build stronger and more prosperous farming communities across Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. The federal government has created programs through Heritage Canada and Official Languages that are allowing local agricultural organizations and festivals alike to take part in activities that provides assistance to farmer, showcase culture and history, and celebrate their agricultural roots.

Member of Parliament, Pierre Lemieux, is delighted with this funding agreement stating, “As the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, I am particularly proud of the support our government has been giving to local farming groups and organizations.” He continued, “I keep in close contact with local agricultural groups by visiting area farms, attending events, and taking meetings at my offices. The UCFO is a major strength in our rural community, and I rely on their valuable input and feedback when making important decisions that pertain to agricultural policy.”

UCFO signed the funding agreement through the Official-Language Communities Program which is designed to foster the vitality of Canada’s French and English-speaking minority communities. The Program enhances the capacity of official-language minority communities to have a greater access to different programs and services in their language in their communities.

"We are committed to helping agricultural groups address their financial needs," Mr. Lemieux said. "This funding agreement not only reaffirms our government’s dedication to UCFO and agriculture, but it is also another step toward the long-term sustainability of the hard-working farming communities across our riding."



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The Conservative government is also providing other local farming groups and organizations with the financial resources they need to thrive and be successful. Mr. Lemieux has announced funding for the following organizations:

- Cumberland Township Agricultural Society
- St-Albert Curd Festival
- Vankleek Hill Agricultural Society

Mr. Lemieux commented, “These local agricultural fairs and activities are extremely important our rural way of life and they have my full support.” He added, “Our government continues to champion the cause of farmers and provide the kind of support that these decent, hard-working people of integrity deserve.”