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Dear Ms. Lennon:

I wanted to share with you that Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) governments have agreed to extend the national deadline for AgriStability enrollment to June 30, 2022, for the 2022 program year. Ontario sought this extension to provide producers with additional time to assess evolving risks and consider how AgriStability can help them manage those risks.

AgriStability protects the income of the whole farm, helping to offset losses if there is a large decline in the farm's income. AgriStability is available for all farms, including those with supply-managed commodities. The ministry encourages participation every program year. Given the challenges to date in 2022 such as extraordinary input costs and animal disease outbreaks, we would encourage all producers to consider the coverage available under this program this year.

Recently the AgriStability program has had enhancements that improves coverage under the program.

- Nationally, FPT governments have agreed to remove the Reference Margin Limit starting the 2020 program year, which increases support to farms because less of a margin decline is now needed for a payment to be triggered.
- Additionally, Ontario is providing an increase to the compensation rate, meaning producers triggering AgriStability benefits will receive more support.

If there is anything we can do to support your membership while they consider their participation in AgriStability, please let us know. As an example, we would be happy to provide a webinar jointly with Agricorp about the details of the program over the coming weeks. If there is any messaging you need to support you in getting the word out to members, please reach out to Heather Cassidy, Director of my ministry's Farm Finance Branch.

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For further details about the program, please see [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com) or you can reach their call center at 1-888-247-4999. If it has been a while since producers have participated, Agricorp can provide support to producers re-enrolling.

If there's anything we can do to assist, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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

c: Heather Cassidy, OMAFRA