

Crispin Colvin elected Chair of FFCO

Farm & Food Care Ontario elects 2023-2024 Board of Directors

(Guelph) April 18, 2023 – Farm & Food Care Ontario’s (FFCO) 2023-2024 board executive was chosen today, following last week’s successful annual conference.

Crispin Colvin, representing the Ontario Federation of Agriculture on the FFCO board, has been elected chair for a one-year term. Janelle Cardiff, nominated by Egg Farmers of Ontario, will serve as first vice chair, and Jennifer Mitchell, nominated by Ontario Canola Growers, as second vice chair. John Taylor, nominated by the Ontario Mutual Insurance Association, has been re-elected as treasurer. Bonnie den Haan steps into the role of past chair.

This meeting follows the board elections that took place at the organization’s annual conference on April 13, 2023. Newly elected or re-elected directors in the board’s Livestock, Crop/Horticultural and At Large categories include:

- **Janelle Cardiff**, Egg Farmers of Ontario
- **Crispin Colvin**, Ontario Federation of Agriculture
- **Bonnie den Haan**, Sheldon Creek Dairy
- **Mark Hamel**, Dairy Farmers of Ontario
- **Joe Hickson**, Ontario Seed Growers’ Association
- **Steve Lake**, Grain Farmers of Ontario
- **Quintin McEwen**, Ontario Sheep Farmers
- **Jennifer Mitchell**, Ontario Canola Growers
- **Nicki Scott**, Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers’ Association and Ontario Potato Board
- **John Taylor**, Ontario Mutual Insurance Association
- **Andrea Veldhuizen**, Chicken Farmers of Ontario
- **Jason Leblond**, Beef Farmers of Ontario (Ex Officio)

Retiring director **Brian Gilroy**, who served on the board for the last ten years, and as the board’s chair from 2016 to 2018, was thanked for his years of service and commitment to the organization.

Chair Crispin Colvin said, “I am excited for the future of FFCO and honoured to have been chosen by the board as chair. We have a lot of work to do for and with agriculture in Ontario, and I look forward to a busy year of spreading agriculture awareness across the province.”

Vice Chair Janelle Cardiff added, “Farm & Food Care Ontario does such important work to raise agriculture awareness amongst our urban and suburban neighbours in Ontario, and I am so pleased to be a part of that. As we continue to build on our past work, the future looks bright.”

Farm & Food Care Ontario is a coalition of farmers and food partners proactively working together to build public trust and consumer confidence in our food and farming systems. For more information visit: www.FarmFoodCareON.org.

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