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Ontario and Québec farmers and processors sign Agreement to improve provincial allocation systems.

January 27, 2011: After more than a year of consultation and collaboration among the Ontario and Québec farmer and processor representatives and having worked through a variety of complex issues, all parties have agreed to new systems designed to counter the adverse impact caused to their provincial processor allocation systems by high levels of interprovincial movement of live chicken.

The Agreement emphasizes the core objective of delivering chicken grown in a province to processors operating in that province.

"We are very pleased to have arrived at a solution that addresses this critical industry issue," says Murray Booy, Chair,

Chicken Farmers of Ontario. "The Agreement meets the needs of the marketplace and strengthens the supply management system," adds Reg Cliche, Chair, Association of Ontario Chicken Processors.

We recognize farmers, processors and the balance of the Ontario and Québec chicken industries are interested in understanding the specifics of the agreement, which was signed today. That information will be available once the details regarding the implementation are resolved.

The Agreement is subject to the review and approval in Québec by the Régie des marchés agricoles et alimentaires du Québec. In Ontario, the agreement is subject to the

development of appropriate policies and regulations by the Chicken Farmers of Ontario Board.

The industry committed in September 2009 to work together to address high levels of interprovincial movement of chicken.

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