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### **KRAMP PLEASSED TO ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT TO REOPEN CHINESE MARKET TO CANADIAN PORK**

**Daryl Kramp, MP for Prince Edward-Hastings**, is pleased to announce China's decision to reopen their lucrative markets to Canadian pork exporters.

Daryl Kramp, at the request of Prime Minister Harper, is in China with Minister Ritz and Minister Day meeting with their Chinese counterparts as part of a mission to create and expand new market opportunities for Canadian producers.

Earlier this year, China banned imports of Canadian pork due to concerns about H1N1.

"Canadian farmers are a top priority of our Government to ensure their place in global markets," said Daryl Kramp. "We are making progress with our international counterparts ensuring our producers remain competitive and profitable."

China indicates that they will lift the A/H1N1 2009-related ban on Canadian pork and pork products from Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta. Daryl Kramp stated, "We will seek to ensure that Canadian pork producers gain access to Chinese markets as soon as possible."

Bans on imports of pork and swine from countries with human or animal cases of H1N1 do not comply with international standards. The World Health Organization (WHO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) have stated that no additional trade restrictions should be imposed on pork that has passed veterinary inspection; that influenza viruses do not affect the safety of properly cooked pork and that influenza is not a food-borne disease.

China is an important market for Canadian exporters and Chinese importers of pork. Pork exports were valued at \$47 million in 2008.