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Government of Canada Working with Egg Producers to Strengthen Traceability

Belleville, ON – Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings welcomes a recent Government investment which will give Canadian Egg Farmers a set of national traceability standards

The Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food announced the investment of over \$800,000 in funding for Egg Farmers of Canada earlier this week during their Annual General Meeting.

“A national traceability system assists farmers by giving them a competitive edge”, said Mr. Kramp. “It makes clear our commitment to quality and safety and will help build on the excellent reputation our farmers have for producing high quality premium eggs.”

This funding will support the development of the Canadian Egg Industry Traceability System (CEITS), which will include processes and operating procedures for tracing the movement of eggs, pullets and eggs laying birds.

The funds will also help establish database requirements for egg and bird traceability information required by government. This will help support the progressive approach taken by the Egg Farmers of Canada (EFC) in taking traceability beyond the livestock industry.

EFC is the first organisation of the poultry industry to move forward with the development of a traceability system.

This investment is provided through the Canadian Integrated Food Safety Initiative (CIFS) which helps the sector respond to growing consumer demands for improved on-farm food safety assurance and proactively manage risks.

Agriculture is a core economic driver in Canada, and that is why the Government of Canada is making investments like today’s as well as others for the agriculture sector through Canada’s Economic Action Plan. For more information, visit www.actionplan.gc.ca.