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MP KRAMP WELCOMES GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT TO BENEFIT MEAT PROCESSORS

Belleville, Ontario – Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings, welcomes today's news that the Government of Canada will invest up to \$3 million for a series of pilot projects that will investigate and help better position provincial meat processors to move their safe, high quality product across the nation while meeting Canada's high federal food safety standards.

"Canadian meat is top-notch in quality and extremely safe so I am very pleased to see investments which will help meat processors move their products more easily across provincial borders", said Mr. Kramp.

These pilot projects are part of a roadmap worked on by federal and provincial Ministers which will expand interprovincial trade in meat. Officials will work with industry to validate new inspection procedures, collect samples and information, and determine what technical procedures could be adapted to better reflect the operating environments of meat processors of all sizes.

Facilities interested in participating in the pilot project are invited to submit their application by January 7th to their respective province. [Information about this project, including the list of participating provinces/territories, and how to apply](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/meavia/interprov/interprove.shtml), is available at the following website: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/meavia/interprov/interprove.shtml>

This federal investment is being delivered through the Agricultural Flexibility Fund. The Agricultural Flexibility Fund provides up to \$500-million to implement new initiatives that will help the agriculture sector adapt to pressures and improve its competitiveness by funding projects that reduce production costs, improve environmental sustainability, promote innovation and respond to market challenges.

Provincial governments and industry will be invited to contribute to those selected pilot projects.

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