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GERRY RITZ (Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food): Well, this announcement today is a good news announcement for beginning farmers, especially. This will allow them the cash flow and the access to credit that they require to get a good, solid bottom line, to give them the backing to move forward with their enterprises.

Well, farmers like any business rely on cash flow to buy that new piece of equipment, to expand that barn, to buy more land, to grow their business.

Well, it's exceptionally important. When you see gaps and an aging farm sector, you have to have programs that will entice new and beginning farmers into the enterprises. Of course, that maintains or is predicated on a good, solid bottom line. And cash flow like any business will tell you, is the life blood of an enterprise.