

NEWS FROM THE Hill

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DOWNTOWN DINER... On Thursday, June 1, 2017 Chicken Farmers of Canada, along with the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers, Egg Farmers of Canada, Dairy Farmers of Canada and Turkey Farmers of Canada, teamed up to host a pop-up diner on Sparks Street in downtown Ottawa. The event celebrated Canadian food and the benefits of the system of supply management.

Farmers from all over the country were on-hand to share how the stability provided by supply management allows them to deliver a stable supply of high-quality food products and to answer questions about farming.

Breakfast and lunch sandwiches made with fresh, local ingredients were served to Members of Parliament, Senators, Hill staffers and the public. Over 2,500 sandwiches were given out between 7:30 am and 2:00 pm.

Visitors also received a copy of *The Farmers' Times* — our take on the popular Ottawa newspaper, *The Hill Times*. The publication featured articles from the different sectors, further educating visitors about Canadian agriculture.



1. CFC Chair, Benoît Fontaine, greets Governor General David Johnston at the Canada Day celebration held July 1st on Parliament Hill.
2. CFC Director Dennis Steinwand welcomes Alberta MP Bob Benzen to the Great Canadian Chicken BBQ held at Major's Hill Park on Canada Day.
3. CFC Chair, Benoît Fontaine, poses alongside fellow farmers, Leader of the Official Opposition Andrew Scheer and Quebec MP, Luc Berthold, at the Downtown Diner.
4. Ontario MPs Kyle Peterson and Francis Drouin check out *The Farmers' Times* publication at the Downtown Diner held June 1st on Sparks Street.
5. CFC Executive Director, Mike Dungate, shows Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Lawrence MacAulay a copy of *The Farmers' Times* at the Downtown Diner.

COMING UP... Chicken Farmers of Canada will participate in the Standing Committee on Finance's 2017 pre-budget consultations. Keep an eye out for Chicken Month, coming September 2017!

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