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Chicken Farmers of Canada and the CUSMA

Canada's chicken farmers were disappointed that additional access to the domestic chicken market was given in the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA). Through the CUSMA, the U.S. has secured 62.9 million kg (Mkg) of country-specific access to the Canadian chicken market. This is a significant gain for the U.S. chicken industry. Once fully implemented, Canada will provide a further 12.7 Mkg of CUSMA market access, in addition to the current level of 90.1 Mkg. The CUSMA will increase our current access of 7.5% of Canadian production to 8.5%.

Along with the concessions granted in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), Canada's total new market access will be 129.6 Mkg, which represents 10.7% of Canadian production (2017).

These concessions are expected to result in annual losses of 3,100 jobs and \$240 million in GDP contributions to the Canadian economy and will overwhelmingly impact rural communities.

For more information on our government relations program, please contact Lauren Kennedy at lkennedy@chicken.ca.

Chicken Farmers of Canada wishes you, your families, and your constituents all the joy of the holiday season, and a successful 2019!



MPs Wayne Easter (P.E.I.), Francis Drouin (ON), Robert Kitchen (SK), and Luc Berthold (QC) visit the Bourdon-Vallance farm in eastern Ontario.



Olympians Hilary Caldwell and Brittany MacLean smile alongside Manitoba MP Ted Falk and Chicken Farmers of Canada (CFC) 1st Vice-Chair Derek Janzen at the CFC Industry Showcase held in late November.



CFC Chair, Benoît Fontaine, poses with Minister of Tourism, Official Languages and La Francophonie, Mélanie Joly, on Parliament Hill in November.



British Columbia MP, Alistair MacGregor, chats with B.C. representatives Bill Vanderspek and Robin Smith at the CFC Industry Showcase.