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A Message from the Honourable Ernie Hardeman

On behalf of the Ontario government and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, I am pleased to welcome you to the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association's (OSCIA's) 2021 Annual Report, in this year's innovative online format.

This past year has held significant challenges for all of us and I want you to know our government is focused on helping the agriculture and food sector - which is crucial to our economy - become stronger, even as we continue to navigate the uncertainties of this pandemic.

The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association has been a strong advocate and partner for growers in Ontario by continuing to support delivery of educational programming, administering funding programs and advancing the understanding of soil health and water quality. With a strong collaborative approach, the OSCIA plays a valuable role in providing up-to-date information on the latest in cropping research and best management practices to Ontario's producers.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the hard work and dedication shown by the OSCIA to continue your important work for the agriculture sector of Ontario's agri-food industry during this challenging time.

Best wishes for a successful meeting as you make plans and continue with this important work.

Sincerely,

Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs



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