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Dear Producer :

In February and March 2007, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), in partnership with Statistics Canada (STC), will be conducting the second *Farm Environmental Management Survey* (FEMS), contacting approximately 20,000 farms across Canada. We are asking for cooperation from crop and livestock producers across Canada to gather accurate information on a suite of agricultural management practices that are known to impact the environmental performance of farm operations. This questionnaire is designed to help AAFC and other partners learn what is happening on the ground on farms across Canada to better focus efforts on developing programs that help producers enhance environmental benefits and reduce risk to the environment. The survey questions revolve around manure management, land management, water management, hazardous materials management, fertilizer management and pesticide management practices (where applicable).

While recognizing the already heavy burden placed on producers to complete numerous surveys, the organizations identified below have expressed their support for this initiative, and they strongly encourage each producer who will be contacted to take the time to participate in this important survey.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



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