



Beef Farmers of Ontario Announces New Leadership

Richard Horne named new Executive Director of BFO

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July 19, 2019 (Guelph, Ont.) – The Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) Board of Directors are pleased to announce that Richard Horne has accepted the position of BFO Executive Director following a broad, open, and competitive search for new leadership. Richard will assume the role effective July 22, 2019.

“Richard brings a deep network of agri-food contacts and a demonstrated ability to build relationships with a broad range of stakeholders across the beef industry,” says Joe Hill, BFO President. “I am confident that Richard’s experience within the Ontario beef industry and track record of successive personal growth will position him well for success in this new role.”

Richard began his BFO career in 2010 as a Policy Advisor, and has served as the association’s Manager of Policy and Issues since 2014. Prior to joining BFO, Richard worked as a research analyst for the University of Guelph, supporting the University’s Board of Governors, Board of Trustees, and Senate. Richard holds a bachelor’s degree in public policy and political science from the University of Guelph and a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Victoria.

“I’m excited to take on a new role with BFO as the association’s Executive Director,” says Richard Horne. “Serving the province’s beef producers for the past nine years has been both a privilege and an honour. I look forward to taking on the duties and responsibilities of Executive Director and continuing to represent, to the best of my abilities, the interests of beef producers across this great province with commitment and integrity.”

While Richard officially assumes the role on July 22nd, outgoing Executive Director Dave Stewart will remain employed by BFO in an advisory capacity until August 31, 2019 as part of the transition plan. BFO wishes to thank Dave for his outstanding leadership and dedication to the Ontario beef industry during his tenure as BFO’s Executive Director. His many accomplishments and steady management have left a lasting legacy on BFO, including having a strong team in place to continue moving BFO forward.

Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) is the leading organization in Ontario working with beef farmers to develop and support landmark achievements that move Ontario’s beef industry forward sustainably and profitably. BFO is involved in a wide range of issues and initiatives that are important to all stakeholders within Ontario’s beef industry, which include industry sustainability, market development, animal health and care, environment, and food safety.

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