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Government of Canada swearing-in ceremony

Daniel Gobeil welcomes the reappointment of Marie-Claude Bibeau as Minister of Agriculture

Daniel Gobeil, Chair of Les Producteurs de lait du Québec, welcomed the reappointment of Marie-Claude Bibeau as Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food during the Government of Canada swearing-in ceremony today. **“I would like once again to offer her our full cooperation, both mine and my organization’s, in all matters involving dairy production,”** stated Mr. Gobeil. **“As a Minister, Ms. Bibeau has been available and listened. She delivered the goods when it came to compensating milk producers for the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP),”** explained Mr. Gobeil.

The supply management system was a major issue in this electoral campaign, especially in regional areas of Quebec. In that regard, Mr. Gobeil was satisfied to see the renewed support for supply management from the Liberal Party of Canada as well as its promise that milk producers would not have to suffer more concessions in upcoming free trade agreements. **“This promise is appreciated and essential to our producers,”** he added.

“Naturally, we expect the promise made during the electoral campaign, which was that producers would be compensated for the damage done by CUSMA in the first year of the mandate, to be kept. We expect a very clear signal along these lines to be made soon,” emphasized Mr. Gobeil. He added that our dairy farms will have to absorb a major economic shock, which will practically cancel out all the market growth that they were in a position to fully sustain. Our farms cannot relocate abroad. The Chair of Les Producteurs de lait du Québec concluded by stating that the amounts of compensation to be paid will be spent and reinvested here and will benefit the Canadian economy and our food independence.

About Les Producteurs de lait du Québec

Les Producteurs de lait du Québec, affiliated with the UPA, represents Quebec’s 4,732 dairy farms, which deliver roughly 3.36 billion litres of milk, for a total of over \$2.75 billion in farm receipts. Milk production and processing create around 65,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs in Quebec and contribute as much as \$5.3 billion to the gross domestic product (GDP). Ultimately, they generate \$1 billion in tax receipts.

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