



Sent to the Office of Premier Ford on March 31st, 2020 via the online portal:

Hello Premier Ford,

The Canadian Farm Builders Association believes that the (Agricultural Construction) service provided by our members is included in the government's recently released list of [Essential Workplaces](#) as the government typically classifies Agricultural Construction as Commercial Construction (#28) but this is somewhat unclear as our Agricultural Construction industry is not specifically named. We believe that it was likely the government's intent to include Agricultural Construction as an essential workplace due to the potential for significant negative impact on food production in the province of Ontario, and we anticipate that there was no intent for Agricultural Construction to be excluded. The Canadian Farm Builders Association is requesting clarification.

Many farm building projects are nearing completion, livestock is ordered, and animal housing will be required. We have new farm buildings scheduled well in advance with a hard completion date due to livestock needs. We have unfinished livestock buildings, with livestock scheduled to arrive in the near future. A halt in Agricultural Construction would pose a huge problem to Ontario's farming community, and to food production in the Province of Ontario.

Agricultural building sites have decidedly lower worker densities than commercial or industrial building sites, and construction firms who operate on Agricultural building sites have a wealth of experience working with biosecurity protocols as this is an everyday part of livestock and poultry production in Ontario.

We request clarification and confirmation that Agricultural Construction can continue to operate, and suggest/recommend that Agricultural Construction be added to the list of Essential Workplaces (Construction #28) to eliminate any confusion around the fact we are an essential workplace.

We thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

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