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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**REVIEW OF SPECIALTY PRODUCTION AND NEW ENTRANT PROGRAMS –
IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

With this letter I am pleased to attach the outcome of the British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board (“FIRB”) review of specialty production and marketing in the regulated marketing system. The review incorporates FIRB’s August 2004 statement of policy principles which followed FIRB’s initial review commencing in September 2003 and FIRB’s more recent and extensive process of consultation and study undertaken since January 2005.

FIRB was greatly assisted in undertaking its analysis by George Leroux and Kathleen Gibson. They were retained by FIRB to prepare summaries and policy assessment guidelines which flowed from the submissions received. Following careful deliberation by FIRB on the issues raised in this review, FIRB issues this letter and attached report as reflecting FIRB’s conclusions and instructions as to the appropriate policy framework necessary to move to the next stage of the review, namely, the drafting of Orders by the commodity boards.

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As will be seen in the report, the analysis and policy directions outlined in the main document are supplemented by five appendices which set out policy directions respecting each of the commodity sectors subject to this review. These directions are to govern each commodity sector in the drafting of their Orders. FIRB recognizes that implementation questions will arise as the drafting process proceeds and expects ongoing discussion with the commodity boards during the drafting process.

Commodity board Orders are to be submitted to FIRB in draft form no later than the end of October 2005, simultaneously copied to industry stakeholders, and posted on the commodity board's website. Industry stakeholders and other interested persons will then have two weeks after a commodity board posts its draft Orders to make written submissions to FIRB regarding those Orders. FIRB will subsequently issue its final directions in respect of each commodity board's Orders.

I look forward to receiving the full and constructive cooperation of all boards and stakeholder groups as we move to implement the very significant systemic policy reforms reflected in the attached FIRB document.

Yours truly,



Chair

Attachment

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George Leroux
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Council of Marketing Boards of BC
BC Poultry Association
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers Association
BC Chicken Growers' Association
BC Egg Producers Association
BC Milk Producers Association
BC Turkey Association
BC Egg Hatchery Association
Certified Organic Associations of BC
Pro-Cert Canada Inc.
Primary Poultry Processors Association of BC
Lilydale Co-operative Ltd.

Fairline Developments Ltd.
Wingtat Game Bird Packers Ltd.
Bradner Farms Ltd.
Farmcrest Foods Ltd.
Avalon Dairy Ltd.
BC Egg Processors Council
BC Dairy Council
BC Specialty Egg Producers Association
BC Specialty Bird Association
Small Lot Agriculture Initiative
 c/o Fraser Valley Direct Marketing Association
Island Farmers Alliance
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Other Interested Persons