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Dear Murray,

This letter is to notify you, so that you in turn can inform your membership that the Food Safety and Traceability Initiative will be accepting applications for 2011, beginning April 5, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. CST).

The Food Safety and Traceability Initiative (FSTI) provides cost-share funding to a maximum of \$25,000 per operation to assist agri-food producers and processors to:

- support the implementation of written food safety programs;
- support the implementation of a working traceability system;
- assist in the purchase and installation of equipment to improve food safety or traceability; or
- train staff increasing the adoption of food safety and traceability.

The updated Application Form and Application Guidebook version 3.0 are now available on the Growing Forward website: www.ontario.ca/foodsafety. Applicants can also request these documents by emailing the Agricultural Information Contact Centre at growingforward@ontario.ca or by calling 1-888-479-3931.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their complete Application Form version 3.0 on-time, as annual funding is limited and applications will be reviewed on a first come first served basis. Applications may be submitted by email, fax, mail or in-person. In-person applications may be submitted at most OMAFRA offices [see website for locations]. Applicants can only submit one application at a time. Group or batch submission of applications (by email, fax, in-person or mail) will not be accepted nor considered.

If applicants have any questions when completing their application, they can contact the Growing Forward Contact Line at 1-888-479-3931.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Food Safety and Traceability Initiative.

Sincerely,

Dermod Mark
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