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Pettapiece recognizes IPM organizers and volunteers

(Queen's Park) – Following the successful 2016 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) in Wellington County, Perth-Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece today delivered a statement in the Ontario legislature. He thanked the event organizers and volunteers and spoke about some of the event's highlights.

The following is the text of his remarks:

"I am pleased to recognize the success of IPM 2016 – the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo.

"The Town of Minto, in the County of Wellington, was home to this year's Plowing Match. Tens of thousands of people – including MPPs of all parties – saw the importance of agriculture and our rural communities.

"This year's theme was 'A Fresh Taste of Farming.' There were many highlights: the parade; the plowing competitions; the Queen of the Furrow competition; and the zip line, to name just a few.

"There was also plenty of food, including a Farmers' Market, food demonstrations and samples.

"The Tented City covered over 100 acres and 500 exhibitors.

"For pulling off such a successful event, many people deserve our thanks: Chairman Ron Faulkner and the IPM Executive for their tireless dedication—and years of planning and preparation; the Ontario Plowmen's Association; Anne and Earl Schneider, for welcoming us to their farm and hosting the IPM; other land owners who donated 1,200 acres to be used for the match; and finally, the countless volunteers, whose work make this event possible.

"Dave Adsett, Publisher of the Wellington Advertiser, put it this way:

"Although agriculture remains a vital facet of Ontario's economy, most residents are far enough removed from farm life that such an exhibition helps re-establish the connection between rural and urban residents.'

"I totally agree. It's what makes the IPM such an important event for all of us."

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