

Title:	Ontario Commodity Council Fonds, 1973-1976		
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Dates of Material:	1973-1976	Record Group Number:	RG 75-54
Summary of Contents:	<p>Correspondence, 1974-1976</p> <p>1.1 Correspondence contains information on the Ontario Wheat Producers, 1974</p> <p>1.2-1.4 Correspondence regarding the rising cost of food is included as well as a statement to the legislature by the Honourable John P. Macbeth, Minister of Labour regarding agricultural workers and the new legislation under the Employment Standards Act. Basic information on the Ontario Commodity Council is also included. There is an address to the Hamilton Rotary Club by Eric Alderson of the Ontario Commodity Council and correspondence regarding egg wastage. Included are 3 b&w photos and 2 b&w negatives, 1975</p> <p>1.5-1.6 There was a meeting with the Ontario Cream Producers Marketing Board. Food pricing (particularly egg pricing) policies are discussed. Included is 1 b&w photo and 1 b&w negative, 1976</p> <p>Press Releases, 1974-1976</p> <p>1.7 Many of the press releases for this year focus on the Wheat Producers' Marketing Board and include an address by Fergus Young, Chairman of the Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board, an address by K.A. Standing, General Manager of the Wheat Producers' Marketing Board and an address by Otis McGregor, Marketing Manager. There is a paper on farm marketing agencies and an address by Harry A. Parker, Chairman of the Ontario Commodity Council. Kenneth McLeod was elected Chairman of the Ontario Commodity Council replacing Harry A. Parker. Also included is the Secretary's Report from the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Marketing Board 31st Annual Convention, 1974</p> <p>1.8 Includes a paper entitled <i>Why do we need Farm Products Marketing Boards, 1975</i>. A digest of a paper by Mr. M.D. Booty of Westfair Foods is also included. Ken McLeod, Chairman of the Ontario Commodity Council gave a speech. Eric Alderson, Director of the Ontario Pork Producers' Marketing Board gave a talk. Phil Durand of the Bean Producers' Market gave a talk entitled <i>Food for Thought</i>. Sam Piott of the Ontario Tender Fruit Growers' Marketing Board also gave a talk, 1975</p> <p>1.9 Includes <i>An Investigation under section 4 (1) (b) of the Farm Products Marketing Act into the Conduct of the Members of the Ontario Egg Producers' Marketing Board; Why do we Need Farm Products Marketing</i></p>		

	<p><i>Boards 1976</i>; a speech by the Honourable William G. Newman to the York Soil and Crop Improvement Association and another speech by William G. Newman to the Middlesex Federation of Agriculture. There is also a press release stating that Canada must bring its import duty structure into line with present day needs, 1976</p> <p>1.10 Included are talks by: Sid Fraleigh of the Ontario Pork Producers', Gerry Long of the Ontario Egg Producers' Marketing Board and Phil Andrewes of the Ontario Fresh Fruit Growers' Marketing Board. Also within this file are comments by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the Ontario Commodity Council to the Ministry of Industry and Tourism regarding sector analysis on the food processing industry, 1976</p> <p>Clippings, 1974-1976</p> <p>1.11 Clippings are primarily about the marketing boards being defended as food prices increase, 1974</p> <p>1.12 There are more articles in defence of marketing boards. The bean board chairman claims that food in Canada is too cheap. Egg farmer, Clarence Hopman had his quota cancelled by the marketing board after refusing to cut his egg production, 1975</p> <p>1.13 Ontario wheat producers call for increased acreage. An editorial from <i>Radio Noon</i> by E.J. Alderson is included, 1976</p> <p>Publications and Flyers, 1973-1976</p> <p>1.14 Included are: <i>Can Crop Newsletter</i>, <i>Seed Scoop</i>, <i>Canadian Farm Economics</i>, <i>The Ontario Chicken Producers' Marketing Board 1973 Annual Report</i> and <i>A Strategy for Ontario Farmland</i>, 1973-1976</p>
<p>Physical Description / Condition:</p>	<p>17 cm, (1/2 box) containing correspondence, press releases, clippings, photos and publications.</p>

Administrative/ Biographical Sketch	<p>The Ontario Commodity Council represents the interests of member Farm Product Marketing Boards through a framework in which mutually beneficial operational reviews and development programs are initiated. It provides a centralized voice to comment on matters of concern to the agricultural industry.</p> <p>Farm Products Marketing Boards are organized under provincial jurisdiction and some of these boards are members of the Council. Delegates from the member boards form the executive body of the Council. The principle of marketing boards was intended to provide a system of correcting hardships prevalent in the agricultural industry. The marketing board industry system has been criticized by some consumers who claim that they operate for the prime benefit of farmers or producers, at the expense of consumers. The consumers benefit by: elimination of duplication of marketing and supply services, development of coordinated supply systems for the major retail chains through which farm products are distributed, encouraging a continuity of farm products by encouraging farmers to stay in the business, providing leadership in enforcing quality standards, providing leadership in promoting improved agricultural and operational practices, seeking out additional markets and market uses, making long term planning possible for farm operators through consistency in marketing and returns and establishing uniform price levels for all sales.</p>
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