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Beachburg, ON – Dave Mackay, President of the Renfrew County National Farmers Union reports; On Monday Corrections Canada defied the wishes of the vast majority of Canadians by going ahead and removing the well established herd of Holstein cows from the Frontenac Prison Institution near Kingston. The Save the Prison Farm campaign of which the NFU is a part as well as many other groups and consumers had overwhelmingly spoken in support of maintaining and revitalizing the farms which provided effective training and rehabilitation. Monday's action in forceably removing the dairy cows illustrates; our government's short-sighted policies on farming, food justice, locally grown healthy food and the loss of valuable agricultural lands. Truly they have failed to recognize the value of a restorative approach to justice and sustainable, local approach to the future of farming and food in rural Ontario and rural Canada.

It now appears all six prison farms will be closing their doors by the middle of next year. Total it all up! It is a huge amount of lost farm land and a large number of displaced prisoners, concluded Mackay.

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