

Ag Matters

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The announcement for the new federal cabinet is expected to take place on **Monday, May 12**. This marks Prime Minister Mark Carney's first full cabinet since his election victory.

Reports indicate that the new lineup may include fresh faces alongside seasoned leaders, with an emphasis on advancing key priorities like sustainability, rural development, and innovation.

The announcement aligns with the PM's plans to promptly swear in the cabinet, demonstrating an urgency to implement his government's agenda.

Stay tuned for updates as we look forward to seeing how this reshuffle shapes the direction of federal policies moving forward - especially for agriculture.



The Need for Government Clarity on the Merger Decision Amidst Growing Competition Concerns

The proposed merger between Bunge Ltd. and Viterra is raising concerns in China.

Key issues include:

1. **Market Dominance:** decreased negotiation power with a consolidated agribusiness giant.
2. **Supply Chain Stability:** Consolidation may heighten risks and access.
3. **Price Volatility:** A dominant entity could impact commodity prices.

Do these sound familiar?

Given the concerns raised by China, APAS, and other stakeholders regarding the merger, it is crucial for the government to transparently communicate the rationale behind its decision to affected stakeholders, particularly in light of opposition from bodies such as the Canadian Competition Bureau.

Transparent communication is vital to maintain trust amongst industry players and help producers understand how the government aims to balance the potential benefits of the merger with the need to maintain a competitive market landscape.

APAS invited the former Minister of Transport Canada to Saskatchewan to explain the approval decision. The same invite will be extended to the new Minister.

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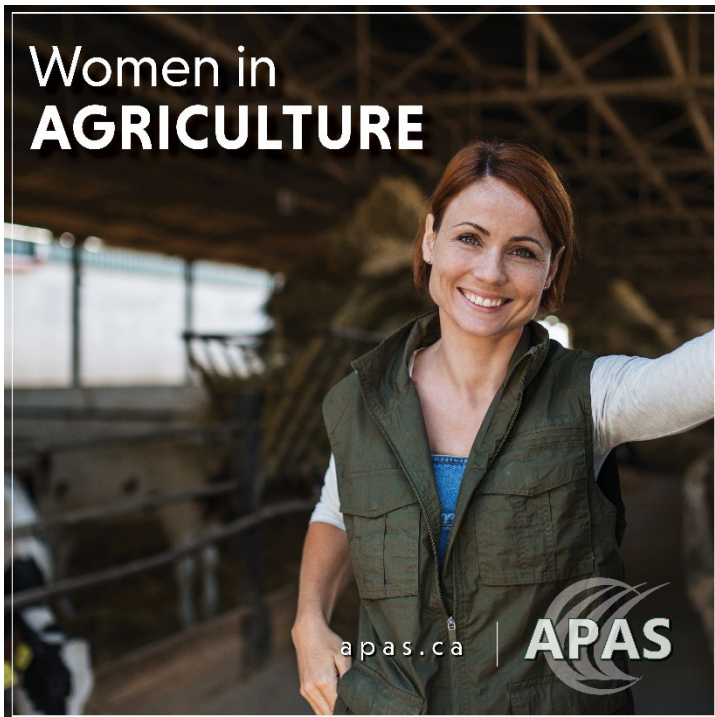
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