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## **Farm Credit Canada gives back to the agriculture community**

**Regina, Saskatchewan, October 27, 2009** – In celebration of Farm Credit Canada's (FCC) 50th anniversary, FCC is extending its community investment support to the Bell Barn Society, for its work to preserve a barn that is recognized as a historical landmark located at the Bell Barn Farm in Indian Head, Saskatchewan. FCC is donating \$25,000 to the development of the Bell Barn's interpretive centre, which will educate visitors on the history of western Canadian agriculture.

"FCC's investment in the Bell Barn's interpretive centre provides an ideal opportunity to recognize our 50th year serving the agriculture industry and celebrate the history of agriculture in western Canada," said Mike Hoffort, Vice-President of Operations, FCC. "It also enables us to give back to the communities where our customers and employees live and work."

Schools and the public are encouraged to visit the Bell Barn to learn the history of agriculture and view artifacts from the past. "We recognize the value in educating our future leaders and the importance of the link between education and agriculture the Bell Barn interpretive centre creates," said Hoffort.

The Bell Barn Society was formed in 2006 to save the crumbling Bell Barn, a round, stone barn built in 1882. In 2006, the Bell Barn Farm was named in the top ten of Canada's most endangered spaces by Heritage Canada. The Bell Barn Society was established as a non-profit corporation to save the architecturally unique structure that will be a tribute to everyone who came west and worked in agriculture.

As Canada's leading provider of business and financial services to farms and agribusiness, FCC advances the business of agriculture. Operating out of 100 offices located primarily in rural Canada, FCC employees are passionate about the business of agriculture. A healthy portfolio of more than \$17 billion and 16 consecutive years of portfolio growth are a reflection of our customers' success. For more information, visit [www.fcc.ca](http://www.fcc.ca).

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