

## West Nipissing-Sudbury East



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### **Portable Cattle Squeeze Available for Farmers in West Nipissing/Sudbury**

Sturgeon Falls, ON - The West Nipissing-Sudbury East Federation of Agriculture has purchased a TUFF portable cattle squeeze for use by local farmers, in a collaboration with Springer Animal Hospital and Creative Meats. This squeeze will facilitate tagging of livestock on-farm, will enable a veterinarian to administer medication or treatment and could also be used for emergencies such as livestock truck rollovers or wildfires.

The use of this squeeze will reduce animal stress and improve overall animal welfare. Farmers will be able to tag livestock on-site, which will reduce the environmental impact of transporting livestock to a tagging station. The squeeze will also create a safer working environment for the local veterinarian and will decrease the amount of time necessary to complete Herd Health or other procedures. By reducing animal stress and facilitating more effective livestock management on farm, the local abattoir will be able to process higher quality meat and may experience higher throughput.

The WN-SE Federation is proud to contribute to this legacy investment and through the unique collaboration with Springer Animal Hospital and Creative Meats, will ensure that farmers have readily available access to the squeeze at all points of the livestock value chain. By providing this service, farmers in the area can access equipment that is likely to expensive to own individually.

The portable cattle squeeze will be displayed at the WN-SE Federation booth at the International Plowing Match in Verner in September 2019. Further information regarding rental rates and availability will be available shortly. Funding for this squeeze was made available by the WN-SE Federation and through the SNAPP program.

“With the squeeze, the handling of livestock would be done in a safe and efficient manner. If the farmer has the essential tools required to safely manage their herds, we expect that they would consider increasing their herds, further growing Northern agriculture”

*Madeleine Beaudry, President WN-SE Federation*

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The West Nipissing – Sudbury East Federation of Agriculture represents over 200 farmers in the district and advocates on behalf of their needs. Recently, the Federation has been actively working on the Farm 911 project, accessing 911 numbers for farm field entrances. The WN-SE Federation is a part of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, which represents over 38,000 farmers across the province. Website: <https://ofa.on.ca/>

Springer Animal Hospital, located in Sturgeon Falls, offers small and large animal vaccination, surgery and medicine. IT services West Nipissing, French River, Markstay-Warren and North Bay and has been in operation since 1987. It is the only veterinary clinic in the area that handles large animals. Website: <https://springeranimalhospital.ca/>

Create Meats is a locally owned butcher and processing plant that works in collaboration with the Sudbury West Nipissing Meat Producer Group to promote and provide quality and ethically raised local beef to consumers.

Website: <http://www.meatproducers.ca/creative.html>