

Province Looking At Sales Regulations Facing Small-Scale Producers

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WINNIPEG - A Manitoba working group will look at how to cut red tape preventing some farmers from selling their products directly to consumers.

Agriculture Minister Ron Kostyshyn (KUH'-stish-ehn) says more residents want local food and the province wants to help this growing market.

He says the group will also ensure any changes don't jeopardize food safety and quality.

The move comes after the province came under fire for restricting how farmers can sell their eggs, poultry and homemade jams.

Provincial inspectors told some farmers they can sell their products from their front door or at a farmer's market but not through a website.

The group will hold consultations and make recommendations to the government on how to better support farmers while ensuring food safety.

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