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It is now time for Chapter 2 in this fine tradition. **Farms.com Canada Inc.** announced earlier this year that Farms.com had acquired a majority interest in AgMedia. We congratulate retiring editors, **Robert Irwin** and **Don Stoneman**, on the quality content that their editorial team has filed over the years. We thank them for their assistance through the transition and wish them well.

As with any good book – Chapter 2 builds upon the seeds set in the first chapter. Publisher and editorial director **Paul Nolan** will continue in his earlier role and is based out of the Farms.com offices in Guelph. Field editor **Mary Baxter** will continue working out of her London office.

At Farms.com, we strive to provide valuable information-based products and services to the ag and food industry. Our offerings include *AgCareers.com*, *CareersInFood.com*, **PigCHAMP** software, *Ag Buyer's Guide*, as well as the core website of *Farms.com*.

We are also farmers ourselves. As owners of a 2,000-acre farm in Port Dover, Ontario, we believe we have a solid understanding of the issues facing farmers today.

Our promise to the loyal readers of *Better Pork* is to continue to make this magazine the leading publication for our province's pork producers. Please contact Paul at paul.nolan@betterfarming.com with any ideas or questions. And thank you all for your continued loyalty and support. **BP**

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But farmers and builders worry that changes to the Ontario building code will not recognize the unique characteristics of farm buildings and reclassify them as industrial buildings. They want a more pragmatic approach

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