

# Local farmer rebuts deforestation stance

## The Editor:

I am writing this letter following the concerns expressed about the clearing of bush and fencerows on farmland by Theresa Bergeron ("Deforestation affecting us all," *Winchester Press*, Wed., March 27) and Janice Atkey Videto ("Deforestation definitely is affecting us all," *Winchester Press*, Wed., April 10).

These two people have tunnel vision with respect to what is happening in agriculture today. Farming is a business, not a pastime. If they would look

at farmland in Canada, they would find out that there is less than five per cent devoted to agriculture in our country.

These two people have taken a one-sided stance on what is happening to farmland in our country. I hear no objections to the thousands of acres of farmland taken out of production by city dwellers that have built homes, industries, and highways on so many acres of prime farmland without concern or comments.

Without the clearing of farmland, our land base will continue to shrink,

and without the vision of our farmers to produce food in abundance and cheaply in Canada, we all would be like our forefathers, having to clear our own many acres of land.

I would like to say to the people who object to the way we farm today, remember when you pull up to the dinner table, thank the farmers in this country for what is on your plate. Repeat this today, tomorrow, and for years to come.

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