



**Joint Central and Hamilton
Branches Meeting
Thursday, 25 March, 2010**

Speaker: George Brinkman. Dr. George L. Brinkman is Professor Emeritus of the University of Guelph. He is a retired professor and former Chair in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business. His areas of specialization are farm viability, agricultural and trade policy, farm structure, rural development, and evaluation of public programs. He has 33 years of experience working with agricultural policy issues in Canada and 4 years of experience in the U.S. He spoke to the Hamilton and Central Branches in November 2006 on the Financial Plight of Ontario Farmers. In light of recent shifts in the economy, Dr. Brinkman has agreed to update his data and present them to us. George says that "The most interesting finding is that the situation in recent years has been getting worse for Canadian farmers, rather than better" .

Time: 6:15 pm gather for dinner 7:45 pm speaker

Location: **King's Court Banquet Centre**, 1159 King Rd., Burlington.
Phone 905 632 0125 .

Standing rib of Beef. \$30. Bring cash please. *Cash Bar extra.*

DIRECTIONS to King's Court:

From the West: On #403 going East down the long hill past the Hamilton exit , or down #6 and joining #403 toward Toronto, proceed to take exit 78 Waterdown Rd. Turn Left toward Waterdown, and cross over #403 to the North Service Rd. Turn right and go to the next bridge over #403, King Road. Turn right (S) over #403, and drive .6 km. to King's Court on your left. (also Maitre d' Catering)

From Toronto: On QEW travelling toward Hamilton, pass Guelph line to exit 101, Brant St. Turn right on to Brant St. (N) then only 30 m. up the hill get into the left lane and turn left on to the North service Rd. Proceed beside 403 to the next bridge over 403, King Rd. At that light turn left (S) over 403 and proceed .6 km. down the hill and find King's Court on your left. (also Maitre d' Catering)

From Niagara: On QEW toward Toronto over the Skyway, take exit 99 on to Plains Rd. Turn left on to Plains Rd. E. and drive 1 km. toward Hamilton and find King Rd. on your right. Turn right and drive about 2 blocks and find King's Court on your right. (also Maitre d' Catering)

We hope that **spouses, guest, and friends** will accompany members to hear the address, and discuss it afterwards.

Niagara, and Guelph members are encouraged to join us. Please call Doug Walters P. Ag. at 905 637 8843 or email at dwalters@iprimus.ca to give us a head count for dinner. The venue has been selected to provide easy access for members from other branches.