

# Let's Grow Canada

In 2024, the Agriculture and Agri-Food system:



Employed 2.3 million people and provided 1 in 9 jobs in Canada.



Generated \$149.2 billion (around 7%) of Canada's gross domestic product.

With the right investments in domestic production, value-added processing, productivity and exports, the agri-food sector has the potential to drive upwards of an additional \$100 billion in GDP growth over the next 10 years, totalling up to \$250 billion by 2035.

## Pan-industry recommendations

The following recommendations are put forth by the Let's Grow Canada Initiative, a group comprised of dozens of agri-food industry organizations dedicated to advancing Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector and to help it improve its position and impact in global and domestic markets.

### Make Agriculture a National Priority

Create a focused plan for economic growth in the agriculture sector to support food security with clear targets for production growth, investment in innovation, value-added processing, exports and a stable labour supply



### Ensure regulations support a growth agenda

Align the mandate of key government regulators with Canada's food security and agricultural competitiveness goals. Reduce regulatory burden and making Canada a top destination for investment and innovation.



### Prioritize transportation and trade infrastructure that support agriculture

Rural, rail, port and cold chain infrastructure investments are needed to reach national corridors, while at the same time ensuring the reliability of service needed to maintain Canada's reputation as a reliable supplier of agriculture products.



### Modernize risk management tools

Ensure Business Risk Management programs are inclusive and responsive to current climate and market conditions as well as to ensure adequate mitigation measures are in place to support the sector in the face of ongoing trade and climate disruptions.



# CFA Recommendations

## Align regulatory frameworks with a growth-oriented agenda

Mandate key regulators to support food security and competitiveness objectives. Recognize trusted international reviews to accelerate access to new products.



## Ensure critical farm inputs are protected from future tariff countermeasures



Fertilizer, farm equipment, seed, feed ingredients and veterinary products must not be subject to Canadian tariffs.

## Permanently increase interest free portion of Advanced Payments Program to \$350,000

Streamline administration of the program; reverse recent changes that classify all clients as “high risk” for first four years.

## Ensure the Trade Diversification Corridor Fund prioritizes the agri-food sector

Consult with industry to ensure projects support the ability to reach new markets both at home and abroad.



## Ensure that the Temporary Foreign Worker Program is maintained for agriculture and reinstate the Agri-Food Pilot

Maintain agriculture’s access to TFWs and support pathways to permanent residency through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada by making the Agri-Food Pilot permanent and inclusive of all sectors.

## Address the root causes of labour disruptions

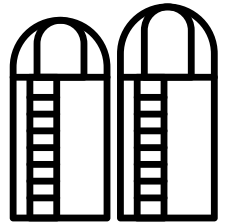
Modernize labour laws to establish a clear, transparent and expedited process to resolve labour disputes, as they undermine Canada’s reliability as a trade partner.

## Introduce a permanent Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance across all classes of farm equipment

Allow producers to depreciate 100% of their capital allocated to purchases of farm equipment in the first year to incentivize the adoption innovative technologies.

## Commit to modernizing the Canada Grain Act (CGA) in consultation with producers

Priorities under CGA modernization should include increased export sales market transparency, grain contract modernization, and strengthening producer payment protection.



## Protect Canadian farmland for future generations

Mandate Agricultural Impact Assessments for all federal infrastructure projects, including defence-related projects, and federal land claim decisions that may affect the quality or availability of agricultural land in Canada.



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