



CFA PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW OF 2019 LIBERAL PARTY PLATFORM

SUMMARY NOTES:

In terms of risk management, the Liberal platform notes a willingness to increase federal support to farmers to help them manage risks beyond their control. However, this commitment lacks detail and the platform as a whole does not explicitly address the wide range of trade disruptions currently frustrating many farmers across Canada.

Other measures include a commitment to continue working with farmers on tax policies that are more conducive to intergenerational farm transfers, building on work CFA undertook with Finance Canada in 2018, while expanding the mandate and lending capacity of Farm Credit Canada to include the food processing sector as well.

On trade, the platform commits to full and fair support for all Supply Managed sectors affected by recently concluded trade agreements such as CETA, CPTPP, and CUSMA, but makes no reference to the possibility of concessions in future trade negotiations, nor any commitments regarding regulatory alignment to address ongoing non-tariff barriers to trade. Instead, much of the focus is on providing a tribunal to adjudicate on internal trade disputes, the seeking out of new markets, and provision of services to support businesses looking to access new markets.

With regard to aquaculture, the Liberals commit to moving forward with a new Canada Water Agency, which could potentially collect national water data to better inform PMRA decision making. The platform also commits to introducing an Aquaculture Act and supports transitioning to closed containment systems by 2025.

	Liberal Party of Canada - 2019 Platform	CFA Notes
<u>Agriculture</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will expand support for farmers facing major environmental and business risks. To ensure that farmers have access to the help they need when they need it, we will move forward with a collaborative review of Canada’s business risk management programs, with a special focus on Agri-Stability, and <u>are prepared to increase federal support to farmers to help them manage risks beyond their control.</u> • We will also continue to work with farmers on tax measures to facilitate the intergenerational transfer of farms, making it easier for farmers to transfer or sell family farms to family members or others. • We will streamline services and boost investments to help Canada’s food producers and processors succeed and grow. • We will merge existing financial and advisory services currently scattered between several agencies into Farm Credit Canada, whose mandate will be expanded and enhanced. The new entity, Farm and Food Development Canada, will serve as a single point of service to help all parts of Canada’s food economy develop, grow, and export to new markets. • To help more food businesses access the capital and support they need to succeed and grow, we will also move forward with increasing Farm and Food Development Canada’s capital lending capability by up to \$5 billion per year, on top of the existing support delivered by Farm Credit Canada. • We will make sure that farmers in supply managed sectors get the help they need to succeed. To date we have concluded arrangements with dairy producers and processors with respect to CETA, and have recently announced supports for dairy farmers relating to CPTPP. We will move forward to finish this work for all supply managed sectors, including processors, so they receive full and fair support. As CUSMA is ratified, we will take the same approach. Going forward, we will 	<p>The Liberal party has stated that they “are prepared to increase federal support to farmers to help them manage risks beyond their control.”</p> <p>While this statement lacks specifics, it does suggest a willingness to explore additional support for Business Risk Management programs. Further clarity is needed on this point. The Liberal platform on intergenerational farm transfers lacks detail and needs further clarification. However, it likely builds upon previous work suggests building on work CFA has undertaken with Finance Canada to address barriers to farm transition, such as Section 84.1 of the Income Tax Act. The platform commits to the defense of supply management, which must mean conceding no more access beyond current established TRQs, and no reduction in over quota tariffs. As PM Trudeau has stated: no further concessions. Mitigation for past concessions is welcome, however, access concessions coupled with</p>

	<p>continue to defend supply management – and will work with all supply managed sectors to develop a vision for the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will help our natural resources producers succeed and grow. To help producers get the technology and infrastructure they need to scale up and create more good jobs, we will move forward with a new technology and commercial support fund, administered through Western Economic Diversification. This fund will help connect farmers, researchers, agribusinesses, and energy companies, and help give producers an advantage in the clean economy. • To protect more of Canada for our kids and grandkids to enjoy, we will move forward with an ambitious plan to conserve 25 per cent of Canada’s land and 25 per cent of Canada’s oceans by 2025, working toward 30 per cent in each by 2030. 	<p>mitigation subsidies is nothing more than slowly buying out SM over time.</p>
<p><u>Trade</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will take bold steps to make free trade within Canada a reality. • We will actively assert federal jurisdiction where needed, to help move forward with free trade within Canada, and will create a Canada Free Trade Tribunal to hear, investigate, and help resolve cases where domestic trade barriers may exist. • We will seek out more opportunities for exporting companies to succeed, grow, and create more good jobs. • To help create more opportunities and more good jobs, we will move forward with new investments to promote Canada’s global brand and make sure that our companies have the support they need to break into new markets. • We will also look for opportunities for increased collaboration between our talented scientists, researchers, and innovators and those in other G7 countries and advanced economies. • To make sure that Canadian exporters have the help they need when they need it, we will give Canadian companies facing commercial or trade disputes abroad 	<p>The platform commits to a Canada Free Trade Tribunal, which could be a complementary process to the current Regulatory Reconciliation and Cooperation Table (RRC). The RRC is already in place but it needs to have a more ambitious agenda and increased impetus for provinces to engage.</p> <p>The platform commits to seeking export opportunities, promoting Canada’s global brand and providing support to companies breaking into new markets, which are generally positive. Helping industries exploit opportunities in new trade agreements in a timelier manner would help to gain market advantage in front of other potential country agreements. However, there was no specific</p>

	<p>immediate, on-the-ground help through a Canada Commercial Counsellor Service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large corporations may have the resources to resolve these challenges in court, but the same isn't always true for small or medium-sized businesses, especially those who are new to international trade. Just as our embassies support people when they get into challenging circumstances abroad, we need to protect the interests of Canadian companies. To help Canadian companies who encounter significant trade disputes around the world, we will move forward with a Canada Commercial Consular Service to help connect companies with local legal assistance and support. 	<p>commitment to eliminate non-tariff trade barriers or elimination of the manipulation of trade rules that currently impedes market access.</p> <p>There is also no commitment to regulatory alignment inside current agreements, or regulatory alignment in future trade negotiations.</p>
<p><u>Aquaculture</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will help boost confidence in Canadian fish and seafood products, with new rules for tracing and labelling. Because of illegal fishing and complex international supply chains, it's estimated that more than 40 per cent of the fish and seafood products sold in Canadian stores and restaurants are mislabelled. This makes it difficult for people to know what they are eating, and undermines confidence in Canada's own fishing industries. To combat this type of fraud and help Canadian fishers better market their high-quality products, we will move forward with a "boat-to-plate" traceability program, developed in partnership with industry and environmental leaders. • We will keep Canada's fresh water safe and clean, even in a changing climate. • To ensure that Canada is better prepared to protect and manage our fresh water in a changing climate, we will move forward with a new Canada Water Agency. The Agency will work together with the provinces and territories, Indigenous communities, local authorities, scientists, and others to find the best ways to keep our water safe, clean, and well-managed. • We will also continue to move forward with greater protection for the Great Lakes – the largest body of fresh water on Earth – and other large lakes like Lake Winnipeg. 	<p>Similar to the NDP, the Liberals commit to implementing new labelling rules and a boat-to-plate traceability program to combat boater fraud and boost confidence in Canadian seafood products.</p> <p>They will also move forward with a new Canada Water Agency. There is hope that this agency will collect national water data to better inform PMRA decision making.</p> <p>The platform also commits to introducing an Aquaculture Act and supports transitioning to closed containment systems by 2025.</p> <p>Additionally, the Liberals also pledge to conserve 30 per cent of Canadian land by 2030. No specifics are provided, but</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To keep Canada’s oceans healthy, we will move forward with more investments in marine science and fighting invasive species, and will work with coastal communities, Indigenous communities, and others to better protect fish stocks and marine habitats from changes resulting from climate change. This will include introducing Canada’s first-ever Aquaculture Act. • In British Columbia, we will work with the province to develop a responsible plan to transition from open net pen salmon farming in coastal waters to closed containment systems by 2025. • To protect more of Canada for our kids and grandkids to enjoy, we will move forward with an ambitious plan to conserve 25 per cent of Canada’s land and 25 per cent of Canada’s oceans by 2025, working toward 30 per cent in each by 2030. 	<p>it is presumed this will incorporate Conservation Agreements under the Species at Risk Act.</p>
<p><u>Labour/ Immigration</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make sure that communities of all sizes are better able to attract and support new Canadians, we will move forward with a Municipal Nominee Program. This program will allow local communities, chambers of commerce, and local labour councils to directly sponsor permanent immigrants. To continue to support greater immigration and economic growth across Atlantic Canada, we will move forward with making the Atlantic Immigration Pilot permanent. A minimum of 5,000 of the new spaces will be dedicated to each of the Municipal Nominee Program and the Atlantic immigration stream. 	<p>Further details are required, in terms of eligibility for the Municipal Nominee Program, however this may provide an important pathway to permanent residency for communities facing year-round labour shortages.</p>