
Financial Protection for Produce Sellers

Conservative Party

- Improve payment security for farmers and food processors by creating a statutory deemed trust for suppliers of perishable produce in bankruptcy and harmonize our regime with that of the US to regain reciprocal protection under the U.S. Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA)

NDP

- Introduce a payment protection program for produce growers and take immediate steps to restore protection for growers selling to the U.S. under the *Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act*

Crop Protection

Liberal Party

- Strengthen the Pest Control Products Act to better protect our health, wildlife, and the environment
- Align with world-leading approaches to transparency when reassessing pesticides already on the market and increase opportunities for independent scientists to have input into the decision-making process
- Ensure that the impacts of pesticides on wildlife are fully considered, and support food producers who choose alternative pest management approaches that reduce the need for chemical pesticides

Bloc Québécois

- The Bloc Québécois strongly denounces the federal government's deference to the multinational pesticide companies and opposes the decision to postpone the increase in pesticide residues to 2022
 - Proposes an investigation into the links between Health Canada and multinational corporations such as Bayer and Syngenta
- Seek to eliminate the neonicotinoid family, rather than increase their use
- \$300 million to be invested in research for alternative solutions and to support agricultural producers during transition

Need for Canadian Data

Liberal Party

- Investing in independent science on pesticides
- Invest in further government and independent science, including on water and soil monitoring and on the cumulative effects of multiple pesticides on health and the environment

Conservative Party

- Redirecting some federal agricultural research funding to partnering with the private sector to develop methods to grow more crops in Canada year-round in greenhouses

NDP

- Invest in public agricultural research and data collection

Green Party

- Support research, development and investments in local markets and urban agriculture to increase access to local food

Labour

Liberal Party

- Reform economic immigration programs to expand pathways to Permanent Residence for temporary foreign workers and former international students through the Express Entry points system
- Build on the Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot and work with employers and communities across Canada to welcome 2,000 skilled refugees to fill labour shortages in in-demand sectors
- Establish a Trusted Employer system to streamline application process for Canadian companies hiring temporary foreign workers to fill labour shortages that cannot be filled by Canadian workers
- Develop a sector-specific Agricultural Labour Strategy with employers and unions to address persistent labour shortages

Conservative Party

- Implement an Agriculture and Agri-Food Labour Strategy to allow Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector to reach its potential as it is an economic powerhouse with a global reputation for safe, high-quality products
 - Recognize the need for international farm workers and facilitate their timely entrance into Canada to work on Canadian farms
 - Develop a long-term strategy to attract skilled workers to the meat processing sector, which is currently facing a 30,000-worker deficit that is putting Canada's supply chains at risk and harming our long-term competitiveness
- Canada's Conservatives will rework the Temporary Foreign Workers Program to better align it with domestic needs and to protect workers - both those already living in Canada and those wishing to come here to work
 - Create a trusted employer system so that companies do not have to constantly re-apply to the program
 - Harmonize federal and provincial systems, making life simpler for businesses.
 - Establish clear standards and timelines for Labour Market Impact Assessment processes, including options for fee-based expedited visas when necessary
- Canada's Conservatives will create pathways to permanence for those already living and working in Canada, so long as they are prepared to work hard, contribute to the growth and productivity of Canada, and strengthen our democracy

- Continue to monitor the Temporary Foreign Workers Program to ensure that it achieves its intended results and is resistant to abuse

NDP

- New Democrats believe that if someone is good enough to come and work here, then there should be a path for them to stay permanently

Business Risk Management

Liberal Party

- Work with provinces, territories, and farmers— including Indigenous and young farmers—to update business risk management agriculture programs to fully integrate climate risk management, environmental practices, and climate readiness

Conservative Party

- Reform Business Risk Management programs, particularly AgriInvest and AgriRecovery
 - Bring agricultural stakeholders together for a summit-like meeting with the Minister of Agriculture to develop a way forward on insurance programs like AgriStability
- Ensure our farm safety net programs are predictable, bankable, and manageable

Green Party

- Restructure business risk management programs to make them more equitable, inclusive, and responsive in helping farmers cope with climate risk

Sustainability

Liberal Party

- Require that all plastic packaging in Canada contain at least 50% recycled content by 2030
- Accelerate the implementation of our zero plastic waste action plan, in partnership with provinces and territories, and ensure Canada's actions are consistent with other leading jurisdictions
- Continue to work with provinces and territories to ensure that it's producers, not taxpayers, who are responsible for the cost of managing their plastic waste
- Increase support to farmers to develop and adopt agricultural management practices to reduce emissions, store carbon in healthy soil, and enhance resiliency
 - Cover cropping, rotational grazing and nitrogen management are all part of a green farming plan for Canada

Conservative Party

- Amend existing laws to allow livestock owners to use local abattoirs, reducing both stress to the animals and the production of greenhouse gas emissions resulting from transportation to distant facilities
- Make permanent the temporary measures that allowed provincial authorities to enable collaboration across provinces to use their provincial abattoirs for products that would move across provincial borders

NDP

- Support sustainable agriculture, working with Canadian farmers to promote sustainable land-management techniques and methods to reduce GHG emissions
- Work with the agricultural sector to help them access low carbon tools and technology, and adapt to climate-induced weather changes and other impacts of the climate crisis
 - Includes the associated increase in pests and invasive species

Green Party

- Recognize and act on the enormous potential of carbon sequestration in soil and by implementing policies and programs that provide incentives for sustainably increasing organic matter (carbon capture) in the soil through regenerative practices while ensuring that these incentives are equitable, inclusive, and do not disadvantage small farmers
- Invest in science, infrastructure, and business development that supports farming practices which both mitigate climate impacts and improve adaptation
- Work with the provinces to fund the research and development of environmental farm plans to help farmers protect wildlife habitat areas and marginal lands, maintain water quality in streams, lakes and aquifers, and retain and improve soil quality, increase carbon sequestration and decrease water requirements
- Establish climate change emission targets for all components of the food system, including nitrogen fertilizer use, livestock production and transportation, and food procurement in federal institutions
- To support humane and sustainable food systems, promote more plant-based eating and reduced consumption of animal-source foods to levels the ecosystem can sustain, which is consistent with the dietary recommendations of the Canada Food Guide

International Trade

Liberal Party

- Establish a new federal hub to help Canadian businesses and entrepreneurs take full advantage of the opportunities created by CUSMA, CETA, CPTPP, and other trade agreements
- Launch a new comprehensive Asia-Pacific strategy to deepen diplomatic, economic, and defence partnerships in the region, including by negotiating new bilateral trade agreements, expanding FIPAs, and building stronger economic linkages
- Reinforce economic cooperation in our hemisphere, including by continuing trade negotiations with the Pacific Alliance and pursuing bilateral trade agreements with key partners
- Develop a strategy for economic cooperation across Africa, including support for the African Continental Free Trade Agreement

Conservative Party

- Work towards greater harmonization of farm product regulations with our trading partners, especially the United States
- Work with the provinces to adopt a grocery supply code to deal with retailers' abusive pricing and contracting practices against farmers, producers, and processors
 - Certain grocery retail giants have imposed special fees and fines on suppliers
 - A code of conduct will guarantee Canadian consumers a reliable, affordable supply of food on their local grocers' shelves

NDP

- New Democrats support fair trade that broadens opportunity in all areas of the country, while protecting our industries and upholding labour standards, environmental protections and human rights around the world
- Improve transparency during trade negotiations
- Trade agreements should have enforceable labour, human rights and environmental protections
- Modernize Canada's trade remedy system

Bloc Quebecois

- Ensure farmers and processors are fully compensated in free trade agreements with Europe, the Pacific Rim and North America.

Miscellaneous

Liberal Party

- Require those that have purchased the rights to build broadband actually do so
 - Canada's large national carriers will be required to accelerate the roll-out of wireless and high-speed internet in rural and northern Canada by progressively meeting broadband access milestones between now and 2025
- Work with our provincial, territorial, municipal, Indigenous partners, and stakeholders to develop a National School Food Policy and work towards a national school nutritious meal program with a \$1 billion dollar investment over five years
- Create a new No-Waste Food Fund to help build a circular food economy in Canada where no food is wasted, from farm to table
 - The fund will help all players along the food supply chain to commercialize and adopt ways to eliminate, reduce, or repurpose food waste
- Continuing to support the Harvester Support Grant, and amending the Nutrition North Canada program to make the program more transparent and responsive to Inuit needs

Conservative Party

- Protect family farms by ending unfair tax treatment
 - The Liberals defied Parliament by delaying the implementation of Bill C-208, despite it passing with broad support
 - We will ensure that the sale of a family farm to a family member is not taxed at a higher rate than a sale to a stranger
- Protect our food supply by implementing a food security strategy including
 - Redirecting some federal agricultural research funding to partnering with the private sector to develop methods to grow more crops in Canada year-round in greenhouses

NDP

- Develop a Canadian Food Strategy that will take a whole-of-government approach to address regional needs and priorities by investing in our agricultural communities, supporting young and new farmers and taking steps to ensure that rural livelihoods are good and sustainable
- Connect Canadians to farmers with initiatives like local food hubs, community supported agriculture, and networks to increase the amount of food that is sold, processed and consumed in local and regional markets

- A National Food Policy to making our food systems stronger all across the country – including food labelling and traceability, so that Canadians can be confident in what they're purchasing to put on their family's plate
- Implement a food waste strategy to reduce the huge amounts of food that currently go to waste in Canada

Green Party

- Restructure the \$3 billion Next Policy Framework (NPF- 2023-2028) to shift program dollars from supporting corporate-controlled industrial agriculture to supporting agriculture that is based on ecological and animal welfare principles, including organic and regenerative practices, permaculture, localized food systems, higher welfare farming systems and short value chains
- Reallocate research and development priorities, as well as investments in infrastructure to further strengthen support for local and regional value chains by the National Food Policy
- Support the development of a food waste strategy