

# Making the farm vote count

Canadian farmers are calling on all political parties to make agriculture a priority in their policy platforms leading up to the Oct. 14 federal election. Farmers make up a large contingent of the rural vote and they want to discuss a number of issues with candidates, including:

**Business Risk Management:** farmers need responsive and flexible programs such as the CFA-proposed AgriFlex initiative, which would meet regional and commodity-specific needs.

**Public Goods and Services:** From environmental stewardship to food safety, farmers should be recognized and compensated for their many contributions that benefit Canadian society as a whole.

**Strategic Growth:** Ensuring the strategic growth of the sector requires action on a range of issues such as food labeling, research and development, grain transportation regulations, taxation, and measures to support cooperatives.

**Trade:** While WTO negotiations are on hold, farmers require governments to pursue Canada's balanced trade position in bilateral and multilateral agreements. Trade-distorting levels of domestic support in the U.S. and other countries are also a major concern.

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