

A Declaration in Support of Maintaining and Strengthening Canadian Agriculture

WHEREAS agriculture and farmers are basic to feeding the world;

AND WHEREAS countries have the basic right to assure the food security of their citizens and the duty to provide fair treatment to those who produce the food;

I, **Elizabeth May**, Leader of the Green Party of Canada declare on behalf of all of our candidates that my party supports and recognizes:

- that an independent, sustainable and viable home-grown food supply is the cornerstone of Canada's economy;
- the need for government to continue its ongoing enabling role to fund industry-led initiatives that benefit the public good such as food safety programs and ecological goods and services;
- the need to invest and address issues in the infrastructure that currently impede competitive growth within the industry such as transportation, research, and tax issues;
- the need to maintain Canada's ability to operate orderly marketing systems and that farmers alone are responsible for the development of these marketing tools;
- and the legitimacy of duly elected farm organizations to work collectively with government in the development of agriculture policy.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth May, O.C., L.L.B., PhD (*Hon*)
Leader