

WHO WE ARE

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) was created in 1935 to bring farmers together under one national voice. Today, we're a farmer-funded organization that brings together provincial farm groups and national and interprovincial commodity organizations. Our members include farmers from every province, across all types of commodities and farm sizes. Through this network, we represent about 190,000 farm families from coast to coast.

AGRICULTURE IS MORE THAN FOOD, IT'S AN ECONOMIC ENGINE



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



With the right investments the sector can drive upwards of an additional \$100 billion in GDP growth over the next 10 years, to \$250 billion by 2035.

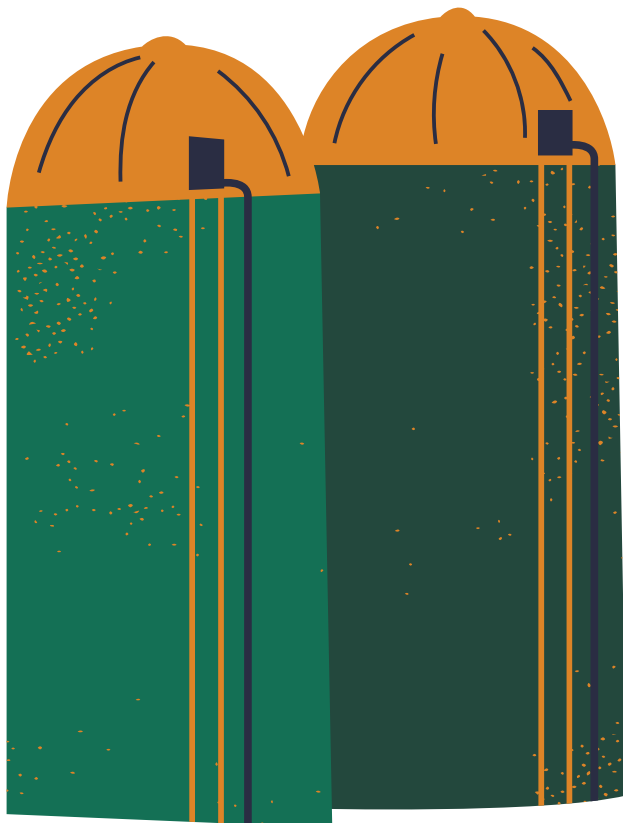


Generated \$149.2 billion (around 7%) of Canada's gross domestic product.



Agriculture was identified as a high-potential sector with tremendous growth potential in the 2017 Barton Report.

Breaking Down Silos: Agriculture Does Not Operate in Isolation



Canada's agri-food sector is shaped by decisions made across government, beyond Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada—including departments responsible for immigration, transportation, the environment, trade, and more.

To truly unlock agriculture's economic potential, Canada needs a whole-of-government approach that treats agriculture as a shared priority.

This approach would:

- Strengthen domestic and global food security
- Build resilience against supply chain disruptions
- Drive economic growth at home while expanding Canada's international influence

When agriculture thrives, Canada is better positioned at home and on the world stage.

CFA Recommendations

Permanently increase the interest-free portion of the Advanced Payments Program (APP) to \$350,000.

Producers are facing sustained financial pressure from rising input costs and increasing debt levels. The current interest-free limit no longer reflects the scale and cost structure of modern farm operations.

Develop a Critical Farm Input Strategy in consultation with industry

Increasing volatility in global supply chains, rising input costs, transportation disruptions, and regulatory barriers are creating uncertainty and limiting producers' ability to plan and invest. Reliable access to critical farm inputs is fundamental to agricultural production.

Support pathways to permanent residency by reinstating the Agri-Food Pilot and making it permanent.

Labour shortages continue to constrain agricultural production, driving up costs and threatening Canada's food security and competitiveness. While the TFWP helps meet seasonal needs, many agri-food operations require a reliable, year-round workforce.

Extend immediate expensing to agricultural buildings and make the Accelerated Investment Incentive permanent with 100% depreciation for machinery and equipment

Agriculture is highly capital-intensive, requiring continual investment in buildings, equipment, and technology to remain competitive. Rising costs and tight margins are limiting producers' ability to invest.

Increase investment in animal and plant disease prevention, surveillance, and response

Canada's agriculture sector is vulnerable to fast-spreading animal and plant diseases that can disrupt farm operations, domestic supply chains, and export markets. Without proactive measures outbreaks can delay responses, increase producer losses, and weaken Canada's global competitiveness.

Expand farm rollover provisions to support intergenerational transfers.

Canada's farm population is aging rapidly, with over 60% of operators aged 55 and older. Expanding eligibility for farm rollover provisions to include a broader range of family members would help facilitate intergenerational farm transfers, reduce tax barriers, and ensure continued investment in farm operations.

Streamline approvals by leveraging trusted jurisdictions' risk and science-based decisions

Canadian producers often face delays of 2-5 years in accessing crop protection products and other technologies already approved in jurisdictions such as the US and EU, placing Canadian producers at a competitive disadvantage.

Establish a dedicated agriculture and agri-food infrastructure stream

Agriculture and agri-food projects are often multi-partner, regionally distributed, and span multiple infrastructure categories, making them difficult to advance within current program structures.



Mandate Agricultural Impact Assessments for all federal infrastructure and natural resource management initiatives

Federal decision-making processes do not consistently assess the impacts of major projects development on the agricultural system. As pressures from infrastructure expansion and land and water use continue to grow, the absence of a clear and coordinated approach increases the risk of permanent loss of high-quality agricultural capacity.



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