The Guelph Statement



Canada is recognized as a world leader in sustainable agriculture and agri-food production and drives forward to 2028 from a solid foundation of regional strengths and diversity, as well as the strong leadership of the Provinces and Territories, in order to rise to the climate change challenge, to expand new markets and trade while meeting the expectations of consumers, and to feed Canadians and a growing global population.



The **Priorities**

- Tackling climate change and environmental protection to support GHG emission reductions and the long-term vitality of the sector while positioning producers and processors to seize economic opportunities from evolving consumer demands
- Continued and targeted investments in science, research and innovation to address key challenges and opportunities
 - the potential of value added agri-food and agri-products • Enhancing **resiliency** to anticipate, mitigate and respond to risks, including a robust suite of Business Risk Management programs



- Lead on ensuring a sustainable agriculture and agri-food sector, by addressing climate risks and creating conditions for industry to succeed and compete globally
- Shared jurisdiction of agriculture and international trade obligations are respected
- **Collaboration** among stakeholders to leverage innovation, regional strengths and diversity
- Work to address barriers to participation and consider the needs of **underrepresented groups** such as youth and women, and strengthen relationships with Indigenous Peoples to better support sector participation

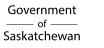


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Supporting sustainable agriculture

and economic growth by creating the

conditions for Canadian businesses

interconnected domestic and global

to meet evolving challenges of the

Building sector capacity

and **growth** through realizing

marketplace

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Programs respond to the **realities of** producers and participants, and seek to reduce red tape

In order to maximize shared investments and contribute to collective outcomes. governments will deliver measurable results, while maintaining flexibility in the design, delivery and management of programs across provinces and territories







Priorities and Focus Areas for the Next Policy Framework

Advancing Sustainable Agriculture and Agri-Food

The next policy framework will reflect the principles of sustainable development allowing the agriculture and agri-food sector to meet the needs of today, and grow for tomorrow, without compromising the needs of future generations.

Environment

& Environment

Prepare for and respond to a

Beneficial Management

technological adoption

Reduce GHG emissions, and

Protect and regenerate soil,

protect sensitive habitats

water and air quality

Improve biodiversity and

improve carbon sequestration

Practices and accelerating

changing climate by supporting

Building Sector Capacity, Growth & Competitiveness

- Support new or emerging primary, valueadded and processing opportunities
- Improve productivity through the development and adoption of technology, digitization and artificial intelligence
- Enhance **labour** attraction and retention, training, and automation
- Foster the next generation of farmers, considering economic, training and other barriers to entry
- Pursue economic opportunities through efficiency improvements, reducing and recovering food and other wastes, and growing the bioeconomy

Economic



Development & Trade

- Collaborate to pursue and defend Canadian trade interests and advance science-based trade rules
- Support market diversification and efforts to remove barriers to interprovincial trade
- Support export readiness and identify and pursue market development opportunities abroad and domestically such as buy local
- Meet domestic and international **demand** for sustainable primary production and processing practices



Science. Research & Innovation

- Address challenges such as climate change and pursue opportunities such as new markets
- Support research in primary agriculture, agronomy, and value-added
- Accelerate the development and **adoption of new** technologies and finding energy efficiencies
- Supporting pre-commercialization and start-ups in such areas as innovative labour solutions and bioproducts
- Enhance data collection, extension activities, performance measures, knowledge exchange and transfer

Resiliency & Public Trust

- Build the resiliency of the entire food chain
- Provide BRM programs that are timely, equitable, and easy to understand
- Encourage and support proactive risk management, including climate risk
- Protect and enhance plant and animal health and animal welfare, through a "One Health" perspective
- Support the sector to develop, adopt, and enhance assurance systems
- Fostering awareness of sector commitment to the sustainable production of safe, high-quality food and building public trust while increasing sector awareness of the expectations of consumers
- Support and empower producers and agri-food workers to take care of their mental health
- Support worker health and safety



Social