Canadian Farmers: Feeding Canada and the World



Canada’s agriculture industry is one of the country’s most vital and dynamic sectors, contributing significantly to our economy, food security, and global food supply. From vast wheat fields in the Prairies to dairy farms in Quebec and fruit orchards in British Columbia, Canadian farmers work tirelessly to feed our nation and the world, and there is a lot to be proud of.

A Pillar of the Canadian Economy

Agriculture generates billions of dollars annually and provides employment for hundreds of thousands of people. In 2023, Canada’s agri-food sector contributed over $140 billion to the national GDP and employed more than 2.3 million Canadians, making it one of the country's largest industries.

Canada is a top global exporter of foods such as wheat, canola, pulses, and beef. Our farmers produce high-quality products that meet rigorous safety and sustainability standards, ensuring that Canadian goods are in demand worldwide.

Feeding Canadians with Sustainable Practices

Beyond its economic contributions, agriculture plays a critical role in ensuring Canadian households have access to safe, nutritious, and affordable food. Farmers are at the

forefront of innovation, employing precision farming techniques, soil conservation methods, and sustainable water management to enhance productivity while protecting the environment. Investments in research and technology help farmers reduce their carbon footprint, increase efficiency, and adapt to climate challenges.

Supporting Rural Communities and Beyond

Agriculture is the lifeblood of many rural communities across Canada. Family farms, cooperatives, and agribusinesses provide essential jobs and contribute to local economies. A successful Canadian agriculture sector supports infrastructure, schools, healthcare services, and small businesses in rural areas, ensuring vibrant communities thrive.



Canada's Role in Global Food Security

With a rapidly growing global population, food security is a pressing issue. Canada is blessed to have an abundance of natural resources and land, making us one of the few countries that can grow far more food than we can consume.

Due to this, Canada is uniquely positioned to be a leader in addressing global hunger now and in the future. By supporting Canadian farmers we don't just help ourselves, we help millions of people across the globe with food security and availability.

The Challenges of Farming

Farming can be a rewarding, but difficult career, with many factors outside of your control. Climate change, labor shortages and trade issues have all been squeezing farmers from multiple angles.

Increasing prices for critical inputs like fuel and fertilizer have led to an increase in the overall risk factor of Canadian agriculture, with the 2022 season being labelled as the "Riskiest crop season in Canadian history".

At the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, we continue to advocate for policies that support farmers, ensuring they have the resources needed to adapt and grow. Investments in agri-tech, support for young farmers, and strengthened trade agreements will help secure a prosperous future for Canadian agriculture.

Canadian farmers work hard to bring food to our tables while driving economic growth and environmental sustainability. As consumers, supporting local farmers, choosing Canadian-made products, and advocating for policies that strengthen the agricultural sector all contribute to the industry's success.

By recognizing the essential role of Canadian agriculture, we can ensure its continued growth and its ability to feed our nation and the world for generations to come. The CFA remains committed to supporting farmers and fostering a thriving, sustainable agricultural sector that benefits all Canadians.

If you want to learn more about the policies that farmers want to see in the next election, click here.