Federal Election 2025 - What Canadian Farmers Want to see in Party Platforms



As Canada gears up for the next federal election, farmers across the country have a clear message for policymakers: agriculture matters to all of us. Whether its food affordability, food security amidst global trade uncertainty, or the sector's significant potential to create prosperity in communities all across Canada, Canadian agriculture is critical to Canadians' quality of life. Now more than ever we need to focus on supporting the resilience and growth of our agriculture sector. The people who grow our food are looking for strong commitments from political leaders to address key challenges in the industry. Here are the top issues farmers want to see included in party platforms.

Investing in Better Trade and Transportation



Farmers rely on roads, railways, and ports to move their products efficiently. If Canadian agriculture is to seize future opportunities, Canada must invest in upgrading Canada's aging transportation infrastructure to keep trade flowing smoothly. This means continuing and expanding the National Trade

Corridor Fund to ensure Canadian goods reach markets on time, especially when Canada is looking to diversify markets due to growing uncertainty in trade relationships with the United States.

Canada’s transportation sector has also seen more and more frequent labour disruptions, which have huge impacts on farmers and their ability to get their products to market. Farmers, like many other Canadian industries, needto see a true long-term solution for these consistent labour disruptions to help protect our reputation as a reliable trade partner.



Protecting and Managing Soil for the Future

Healthy soil is the foundation of agriculture, and Canadian farmers want a national plan to protect it for generations to come. A National Soil Strategy would help preserve farmland while ensuring it supports continued productivity growth. This is key to maintaining Canada's food security and making sure farms can withstand the challenges of climate change.

Removing Barriers to Interprovincial Trade

Farmers face unnecessary hurdles when selling their products across provincial borders. Differences in packaging, labeling, meat inspection rules, and transportation requirements create huge inefficiencies when trying to sell products between provinces. Aligning these regulations would make it easier for farmers to do business and help the entire industry grow. A government-led working group to identify and address these inconsistencies would be a good first step to ensure industry expertise can help inform potential solutions.

Ensuring Fair Trade Agreements

Canadian farmers depend on open and predictable trade to stay competitive. They want the government to ensure that international trade partners stick to the rules, while prioritizing removal of unfair restrictions or retaliatory measures. At the same time, Canada must retain its ability to set its own agricultural policies without outside interference.

Fixing the Veterinarian Shortage

There is a serious shortage of veterinarians who specialize in farm animals and food safety. These veterinarians are crucial for animal welfare and the smooth functioning of supply

chains. Farmers need government to invest in veterinary colleges and streamline the process for foreign-trained veterinarians to work in Canada.

Why Farmers Matter

Supporting farmers isn’t just about helping agriculture—it’s about ensuring Canadians have access to safe, affordable, and high-quality food. Investing in better infrastructure, soil health, trade fairness, and veterinary services benefits everyone.

As election season approaches, these issues should be front and center for any party looking to support Canada's food system.

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