Overview of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership: 2018-2023

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Purpose

• To present an overview of the Canadian federal–provincial–territorial (FPT) multilateral policy frameworks, including:
  – Evolution of agriculture policy
  – Examples of current programming
  – Priorities for future programming
Agriculture is a shared jurisdiction under the Canadian Constitution

- Federal, Provincial and Territorial (FPT) governments share responsibility for agriculture through:
  - Regulations
  - Programs
  - Advisory services
  - Strategic investments

- In 2001, FPT Ministers of Agriculture agreed that the agricultural sector needed a more sustainable, strategic and long-term approach

- Since 2003, FPT governments have collaborated on the development of three consecutive five-year policy frameworks for agriculture
Canadian Agriculture Policy Frameworks

- Serve to align FPT policy and program priorities, to coordinate approaches to addressing domestic and international challenges, and to enable the sustainable growth of the sector.

- The current framework, Growing Forward 2 expires on March 31, 2018.

- On July 21, 2017, FPT Ministers of Agriculture announced the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP), which will begin on April 1, 2018.
CAP priorities reflect extensive engagement with stakeholders and Canadians

- In-person engagement sessions with national and provincial industry associations
- Roundtable discussions with the federal Minister and several PT Ministers
- Engagement with diverse groups, including Indigenous Communities, Official Language Minority Communities, women and youth
- Online engagement and broad outreach with Canadians through social media, surveys, etc.
Key Priorities of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership

The CAP will focus on six priority areas:
1. Markets and Trade
2. Science, Research and Innovation
3. Risk Management
4. Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change
5. Value-Added Agriculture and Agri-Food Processing
6. Public Trust

Anticipated outcomes from the CAP:
- Increase competitiveness; productivity; profitability
- Increase environmental sustainability
- Expand domestic and international markets
- Improve the anticipation, mitigation and response to risks
Canadian Agricultural Partnership – Types of Programs and Services

• Business Risk Management programs: Demand driven
  – Help producers manage significant risks that threaten the viability of their farm and are beyond their capacity to manage
  – AgriStability, AgrilInvest, AgrilInsurance, AgriRecovery
  – Average approximately 1.5 billion CAD per year (since 2013)

• Strategic Initiatives: 3 billion CAD FPT investment
  – 1 billion CAD in federal programs that are funded and delivered by the federal government
  – 2 billion CAD in cost-shared programs that funded 60:40 (F:P/T) and delivered by provinces and territories
Business Risk Management programs

- The BRM suite of programs under *Growing Forward 2* consists of:
  - **AgriStability**: assistance in cases of large margin declines
  - **AgrilInvest**: encourages producer self-managed savings account
  - **AgrilInsurance**: protection for production losses due to disease natural hazards
  - **AgrilRecovery**: facilitates FPT coordination in assessing and responding to disasters

- Changes under the CAP will allow the BRM suite to better respond to the needs of producers:
  - **AgriStability** will treat participants equitably by guaranteeing all AgriStability participants at least 70 per cent of their Reference Margin;
  - A review of the BRM suite will assess program effectiveness and develop options to improve timeliness, simplicity and predictability of the programs.
Complementary Federal and Cost-shared strategic initiatives support sector growth

• Federal-only programs are large, national in scope and support the sector in areas of federal jurisdiction

• Program flexibility for FPT cost-shared strategic initiatives is a CAP principle, as long as activities align with national priorities

• Bilateral agreements between Canada and individual PTs ensure that duplication of policy and program space is avoided

• Each PT will outline CAP programs planned for the five years, with ability to adjust based on priorities and program uptake
1. Markets and Trade - Examples

Current Federal Initiatives:

• **Market Access Secretariat** – Works with partners to ensure and expand access of Canada’s agriculture and agri-food sector to international markets

• **AgriMarketing** – Supports breaking down trade barriers, building market success, market development, and development of assurance systems

• Produce and **disseminate market information** and trade reports

Current PT Cost-Shared Initiatives:

• Value-added product development, commercialization, **market development**, and export readiness

• Business development programming for **skills training and mentoring**
2. Science, Research and Innovation - Examples

*Current Federal Initiatives:*

- Projects that prepare for the **commercialization** of innovative technologies, processes or products
- Support for **science clusters** to foster collaboration and encourage industry to focus on national priorities and minimize duplication of efforts

*Current PT Cost-Shared Initiatives:*

- Investments in research and **knowledge transfer/adoption** (e.g. workshops)
- Support for farms or firms to **develop new products**, practices and processes
3. Risk Management - Examples

Current Federal Initiatives:

- **AgriRisk** – funding for new products or risk management tools
- **Advance Payment Program** – financial loan guarantee program for producers
- **Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Program** – increases availability of loans to farmers to establish, improve or develop their farms
4. Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change – Examples

**Current Federal Initiatives:**

- Research to develop on-farm beneficial management practices, more environmentally-sustainable crop varieties, etc.
- **Agri-geomatic** work (Drought Watch)

**Current PT Cost-Shared Initiatives:**

- Financial assistance to increase **environmental sustainability** and to implement on-farm beneficial management practices

Source: AAFC  
5. Value-Added Agriculture & Agri-Food Processing – Examples

Current Federal Initiatives:

• Support of the Food Processing Industry Roundtable
• Development of food safety and other assurance systems
• Helps processors adopt innovative technologies to modernize their operations and increase their competitiveness through AgrilInnovation

Current PT Cost-Shared Initiatives:

• Funding support to carry out food processing pilot projects
6. Public Trust - Examples

Current Federal Initiatives:
• Funding for development of Canadian national standards (e.g. codes of practice)

Current PT Cost-Shared Initiatives:
• Agricultural awareness and communications building activities
• Establishing P/T approaches for surveillance, diagnostic testing, and reporting/sharing of surveillance data
Status of Implementation – September 2017

- FPT multilateral discussions on overall framework direction and priorities completed
- Federal suite of programs under development and readying for launch
- Bilateral program discussions underway between the federal government and individual PTs on cost-shared programs
Questions?