



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

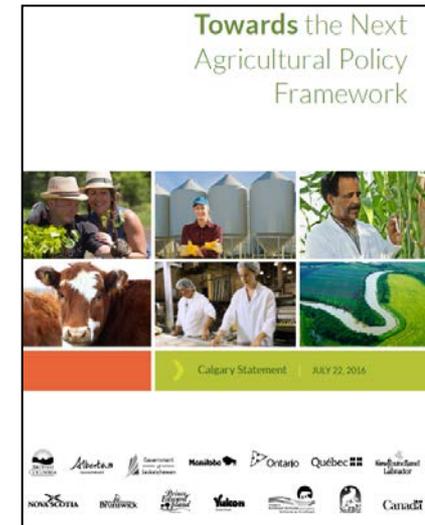
- Serve to align FPT policy and program priorities, to coordinate approaches to addressing domestic and international challenges, and to enable the sustainable growth of the sector
- The current framework, *Growing Forward 2* expires on March 31, 2018
- On July 21, 2017, FPT Ministers of Agriculture 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, AgriInvest, AgriInsurance, 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
 - **AgriInvest**: encourages producer self-managed savings account
 - **AgriInsurance**: protection for production losses due to disease natural hazards
 - **AgriRecovery**: 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

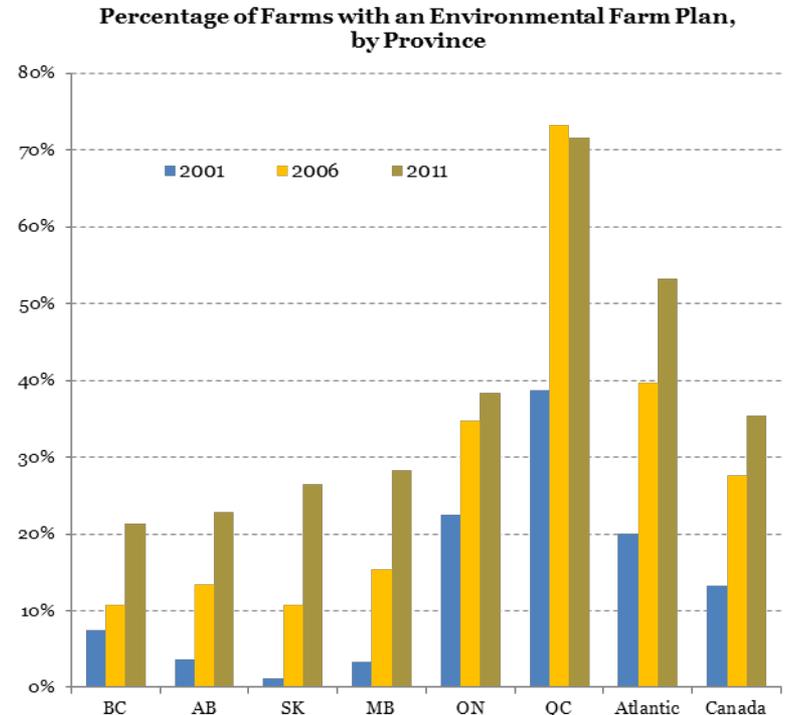
4. Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change – Examples

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
(with data from Statistics Canada, Farm Environmental Management Survey 2001, 2006 & 2011)

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 **AgriInnovation**

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?