Protecting Canadian agrifood workers and building a stronger agrifood sector

President Trump's tariffs threaten Canadian industry, jobs, and our economy at large. This is particularly true in the agrifood sector.

Mark Carney has announced a new Liberal plan to protect workers and businesses in Canada's agrifood sector:

- → Protect Canada's commitment to supply management and supply-managed sectors including dairy, poultry, and eggs. This will protect Canadian jobs, insulate these segments of our food supply from fluctuations in production cost, and guarantee Canadian farmers a minimum price for their products.
- → Make permanent the doubling of revenue protection for farmers under the AgriStability Program, from \$3 million to \$6 million per farm, in the case of significant revenue drops in revenue caused by the impacts of tariffs, extreme weather events, and other external shocks;
- Build more domestic processing capacity, including food processing capacity in rural and remote areas, with a new \$200 million Domestic Food Processing Fund.
- → Increase support for farmers, ranchers, and producers to access new markets for their food products with an additional \$30 million in the AgriMarketing Program. This will expand on recent successes, including the recent opening of new Agri-Food Offices abroad.

- → Increase the support for farmers and ranchers to buy new, more efficient farm equipment with an additional \$30 million to the Agriculture Clean Technology Program. This will support farmers in growing their businesses and hiring more workers, while reducing emissions.
- → Double the loan guarantee limit, from \$500,000 to \$1 million, of the Canadian Agricultural Loans Act program and expand terms to 20 years. This will help the next generation of young farmers start their own farms by facilitating the purchase of land, construction or improvement of farm infrastructure, purchase or repair of equipment, and more.
- → Work with the Canada School Food Program and provinces and territories to prioritize the purchasing of Canadian food products as much as possible, supporting our farmers and ensuring Canadian kids have access to local, fresh food grown right here in Canada.
- → Work with the Canada Food Inspection Agency to ensure mutual recognition of food safety standards with reliable trading partners. This will cut red tape to accelerate access to new technology approvals without compromising health and safety.

These measures build on the \$1B in lending available to farmers and ranchers through Farm Credit Canada.



Quick Facts

- → Canada's agri-food system supports 2.3 million jobs, and provides 1 in 9 Canadian jobs, and generates 7% of our GDP, or \$150 billion.
 - » Primary agriculture (farms, nurseries, and greenhouses) supports 247,500 jobs and \$31.7 billion of GDP.
- → There are 189,874 farms in Canada.
 - » In 2021, there were 29,830 farms in Quebec.

- \rightarrow There are 9,400 dairy farms in Canada.
 - » There are 4,333 dairy farms in Quebec, representing 25% of Quebec's agricultural revenues (\$3.3 billion).
- → In 2023, Canada exported nearly \$100 billion in agricultural products. 60% of these goods went to the United States.
- ➔ In 2023, Canada's agriculture and agrifood exports to the Indo-Pacific region reached \$22.8 billion.

