

Canada Needs Farmers



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Supporting Farm Families

Farmers feed families. We all know that. I am incredibly proud of Canadian farmers who are the most advanced and productive in the world and provide food for our country and the world.

When you sent me to Ottawa in 2015 you told me that standing up for farms and farm families was a key priority. They are the heartbeat of Northern Alberta and every trip I make to Ottawa, I fight to defend this way of life.

We could have a thriving agriculture sector but the Liberals continue to implement policies that harm farm families. The Liberal Carbon tax put our farmers at a competitive disadvantage with farmers around the world.



**TRUDEAU PUSHES
AHEAD ON FERTILIZER
REDUCTION**
as provinces and farmers cry foul

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Now the Liberal are implementing an arbitrary fertilizer reduction policy

The Liberal's plan to require a 30% reduction in fertilizer use will set Canadian agriculture back decades. This policy is worse for the environment and the economy but will especially hurt Canadian farmers. It will make farming economically less sustainable and significantly increase the price of food for all Canadians.

Other countries have already made this mistake. After massive economic fallout, Sri Lanka is now abandoning the use of organic fertilizers. In the first 6 months of their experimental policy, domestic rice production dropped 20%. Tea production crashed with \$425 million in losses. Canada can learn from this costly mistake—not repeat it.

We need to stand with our hardworking farm families who are integral stewards of our land and water and are always finding ways to be more efficient - without the government telling them how to do so.

Conservatives will continue to fight Liberal attempts to undermine farm families. This past spring, we stopped the Liberals attempt to add front-of-package labeling to ground pork and beef.

We will stand with farmers in Canada and around the world.

Arnold Viersen, MP

Constituent Survey

Should the bio fuel mandates continue?

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Yes

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No

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Not sure

Do you support the Liberal fertilizer mandates?

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Yes

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No

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Not sure

As your MP, am I on the right track?

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Yes

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Not sure



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Conservatives Fighting for Farmers

Bill C-234

This Conservative Bill amends Trudeau’ Carbon Tax legislation to expand the definition of eligible farming machinery to include grain dryers and extend the exemption for qualifying farming fuel to marketable natural gas and propane.

While we are committed to eliminating the Carbon tax when we form government, we are taking steps now to help relieve farm families from the burden of the carbon tax.

Bill C-234 was adopted at Second Reading despite Liberal opposition. It is currently being studied by the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.



Bill C-275

This Bill amends the Health of Animals Act to protect biosecurity of food supply and to prevent people from trespassing onto farms and facilities. Trespassers could receive fines up to \$500,000, and or, jail time.

My colleague MP John Barlow originally introduced the Bill after protesters trespassed into a turkey barn in his riding in southern Alberta back in 2019 putting the animals at risk and endangering to the farm family.

This Bill would also protect the rights of whistleblowers and an individual’s right to peacefully protest on public property and most importantly protects farmers’ mental health.

Last time, this Bill received support from the Bloc and NDP and I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this Bill into law.

Food Security & Bio Fuels

Did you know that the federal government mandates that food be turned into diesel fuel. That right—the Canadian federal regulations require a bio fuel content of at least 5% on average for gasoline and 2 percent for diesel.

What does this mean? It means that acres of farmland that might be used to produce food are now being used to produce ethanol and biodiesel. This is causing increased food prices.

How does this affect food prices? First, when acres of farmland are used for something other than food production, it makes food more scarce, raising the price. Second, bio fuels are also more expensive than naturally occurring hydrocarbons and raise the price of diesel, which is a major cost input for farmers. When farmers have to pay more for fuel, they must sell their crops for more in order to survive.

In a world of increasing food scarcity and rising prices, the government could remove the biofuel mandates and ensure that the food farmers produce actually becomes food and is not diverted to become gasoline or diesel. This would increase the amount of food available and lower the price of gas and diesel making life more affordable.

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