



# Developing the Next Policy Framework

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# Overview of the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Sustainable CAP aims to strengthen and grow Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector. This FPT partnership includes a \$3.5 billion over five-year (2023-2028) investment in strategic initiatives as well as funding for BRM programs.

## Strategic Initiatives for the 5 Priority Areas of:

Climate Change and the Environment  
Science Research and Innovation  
Market Development & Trade  
Building Sector Capacity,  
Competitiveness and Growth  
Resiliency & Public Trust

## Business Risk Management Programs

- More than \$1 billion in federal programs and activities that are national in scope and are funded and delivered by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

- **\$2.5 billion** in cost-shared programs that are funded 60:40 (F:PT) and delivered by provincial and territorial governments (PTs)

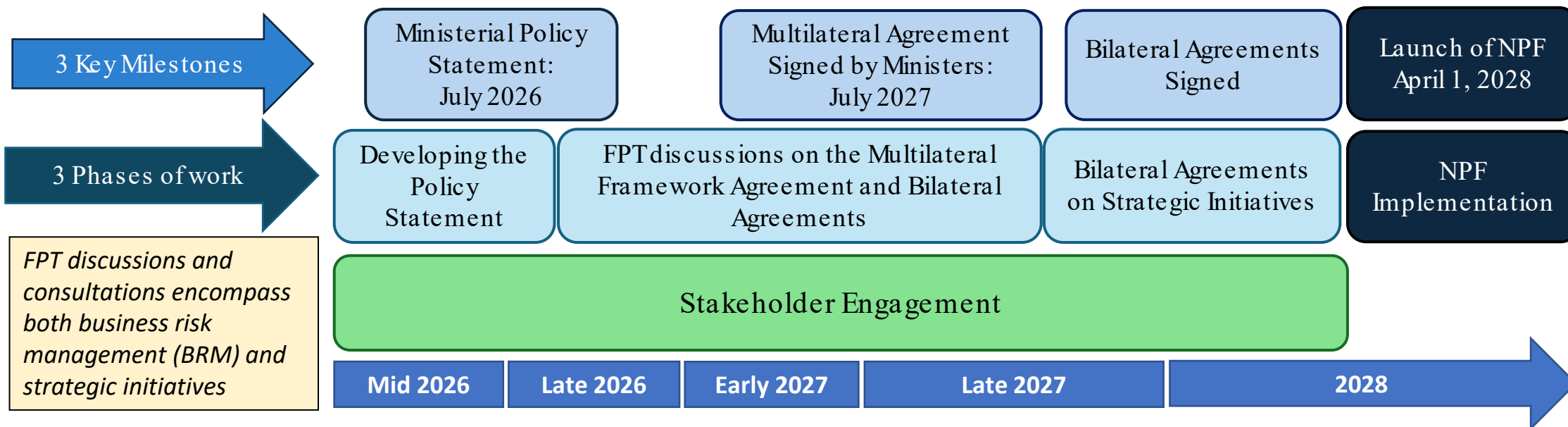
- An average of \$1.98 billion annually for demand-driven BRM programs, cost shared 60:40 (F:PT), to assist producers in managing significant risks that threaten the viability of their farm and are beyond their capacity to manage

# Establishing a vision for the Next Policy Framework

- The Policy Statement for the Next Policy Framework (NPF) will look to establish a vision for the sector and to outline the priorities and other considerations to achieve that vision
- The policy direction should consider a range of factors and influences:
  - Global economic uncertainty and price fluctuations
  - FPT Priorities as outlined in ministerial mandates, priorities, and strategies
- Consider stakeholder views
  - The agriculture and agri-food sector has a wide range of interests reflecting regional and sectoral diversity and strengths
  - While FPT governments are in frequent dialogue with industry to address key issues, it is critical to receive their insights on the future of the sector and where governments should focus their efforts, between now and 2033 and beyond
- Look to build off past frameworks
  - A need for continuity between frameworks while advancing a renewed approach that addresses those influences listed above

# Charting a course for the NPF

- Given the extensive discussions with provinces and territories and sector consultations required, development of the NPF takes over two years - from Fall 2025 to March 2028
- Developing the NPF consists of 3 phases – the Policy Statement, Multilateral Framework Agreement (MFA) and bilateral agreements (BAs) – with the following key milestones:



# Seeking your Input on Priorities for the NPF

- We are hearing that stakeholders would like increased focus on areas such as markets and trade, growth and competitiveness, science and innovation, and resiliency. Do you agree with these priorities, or are there others?
  - In your view, what should be the top priorities for the Next Policy Framework?
- We are nearing the halfway point of Sustainable CAP. What is working well in your view, and where is there room for improvement?
  - What are the lessons learned that should be considered in the NPF?

# Next Steps

- Continue to engage with stakeholders to support the development of the vision, principles, and priorities for the 2026 Ministerial Policy Statement
- Following the release of the 2026 Ministerial Policy Statement, FPT governments will begin discussions on the multilateral framework agreement (MFA)
- The MFA is expected to be finalized in July 2027, with bilateral agreements between Canada and provinces and territories to be completed and implemented by April 1, 2028
- FPT governments will continue to seek the sector's insights to help shape the programs and activities to be implemented under the NPF

# Annex

# The Guelph Statement

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### A Vision to 2028

Canada is recognized as a world leader in sustainable agriculture and agri-food production and drives forward to 2028 from a solid foundation of regional strengths and diversity, as well as the strong leadership of the Provinces and Territories, in order to rise to the climate change challenge, to expand new markets and trade while meeting the expectations of consumers, and to feed Canadians and a growing global population.



### The Priorities

- ◆ Tackling **climate change and environmental protection** to support GHG emission reductions and the long-term vitality of the sector while positioning producers and processors to seize economic opportunities from evolving consumer demands
- ◆ Continued and targeted investments in **science, research and innovation** to address key challenges and opportunities
- ◆ Enhancing **resiliency** to anticipate, mitigate and respond to risks, including a robust suite of Business Risk Management programs
- ◆ Supporting sustainable agriculture and economic growth by creating the conditions for Canadian businesses to meet evolving challenges of the interconnected **domestic and global marketplace**
- ◆ Building **sector capacity and growth** through realizing the potential of value added agri-food and agri-products



### Guiding Principles

- ◆ Lead on **ensuring a sustainable agriculture and agri-food sector**, by addressing climate risks and creating conditions for industry **to succeed and compete globally**
- ◆ **Shared jurisdiction of agriculture and international trade obligations** are respected
- ◆ **Collaboration** among stakeholders to leverage innovation, regional strengths and diversity
- ◆ Work to address barriers to participation and consider the needs of **underrepresented groups** such as youth and women, and **strengthen relationships with Indigenous Peoples** to better support sector participation
- ◆ Programs respond to the **realities of producers** and participants, and seek to **reduce red tape**
- ◆ In order to maximize shared investments and contribute to **collective outcomes**, governments will deliver **measurable results**, while maintaining flexibility in the design, delivery and management of programs across provinces and territories

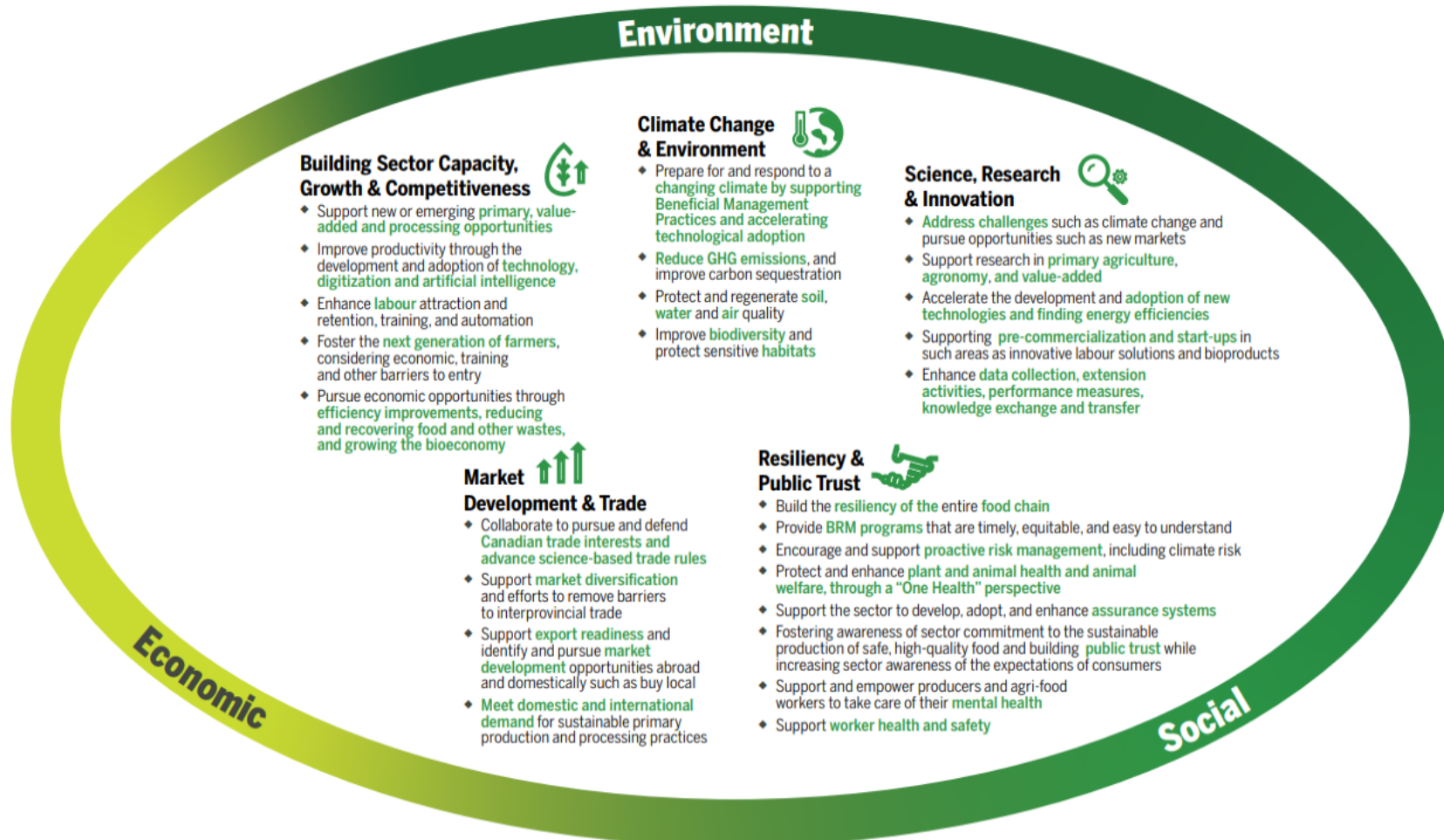


# The Guelph Statement

## Priorities and Focus Areas for the Next Policy Framework

### Advancing Sustainable Agriculture and Agri-Food

The next policy framework will reflect the principles of sustainable development allowing the agriculture and agri-food sector to meet the needs of today, and grow for tomorrow, without compromising the needs of future generations.



# Sustainable CAP federal and cost-shared programming

SUSTAINABLE CAP: SCIENCE, RESEARCH, & INNOVATION
<p><b>AgriScience   \$325M</b> 5-year program (end date 03/31/2028) Supports leading-edge innovation and applied science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AgriScience Clusters</b> Partnerships to address priorities that are national in scope</li> <li>• <b>AgriScience Projects</b> Support to short-term projects</li> </ul>
<p><b>AgriInnovate   \$77.7M</b> 5-year program (end date 03/31/2028) Supports the commercialization, adoption, and/or demonstration of commercial-ready innovative agri-based technologies and processes</p>

SUSTAINABLE CAP: MARKET DEVELOPMENT & TRADE
<p><b>AgriMarketing   \$129.97M</b> 5-year program (end date 03/31/2028) Helps industry grow and diversify exports to international markets and seize domestic market opportunities</p>

SUSTAINABLE CAP: RESILIENCY & PUBLIC TRUST
<p><b>AgriAssurance   \$64.05M</b> 5-year program (end date 03/31/2028) Supports industry to develop and adopt systems, standards and tools related to the health and safety of Canadian agri-food products and how they are produced</p>

SUSTAINABLE CAP: BUILDING SECTOR CAPACITY, GROWTH, & COMPETITIVENESS
<p><b>AgriCompetitiveness   \$25.7M</b> 5-year program (end date 03/31/2028) Assists industry to build capacity and enhance sector development through information-sharing activities</p>
<p><b>AgriDiversity   \$5M</b> 5-year program (end date 03/31/2028) Helps underrepresented and marginalized groups participate in the sector</p>

SUSTAINABLE CAP: COST-SHARED
<p><b>FPT Cost-Shared Programs   \$2.5B (SI + RALP)</b> <i>Designed &amp; delivered by PTs, tailored to meet region-specific needs</i></p>
<p><b>Strategic Initiatives (SI)   \$2.25B</b> 5-year program (end date 03/31/2028) Programs are developed to meet Sustainable CAP priorities across science, research and innovation; climate change and environment; building sector capacity, growth, and competitiveness; market development and trade; and resiliency and public trust</p>
<p><b>Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP)   \$250M</b> 5-year program (end date 03/31/2028) Supports the adoption of on-farm land use and management practices that prioritize climate resilience</p>
<p><b>Regional Collaborative Partnerships Program   \$3M</b> 5-year program (end date 03/31/2028) Federal-only funding that supports, enables and encourages PTs to work together in addressing shared challenges and/or priorities, and further encourages regional collaboration based on the five priority areas</p>

SUSTAINABLE CAP: RISK MANAGEMENT
<p><b>AgriInvest</b> Ongoing program renews every 5 years Self-managed producer-government savings account designed to help producers manage small income declines</p>
<p><b>AgriRecovery Framework</b> Ongoing framework renews every 5 years Delivers disaster recovery relief following natural disaster events</p>
<p><b>AgriInsurance</b> Ongoing program renews every 5 years Offers cost-shared insurance against natural hazards to reduce the financial impact of production or asset losses</p>
<p><b>AgriStability</b> Ongoing program renews every 5 years Provides support when producers experience a large margin decline</p>