

# Ag Matters

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## Bank of Canada Governor Tiff Maclem Engages Saskatchewan Leaders



APAS was honored to receive an invitation to an exclusive dinner roundtable in Saskatoon, hosted by Bank of Canada Governor Tiff Maclem.

The event assembled key leaders from multiple sectors, including representatives from Young's Farm Equipment, Orano Canada, Colburn Farms, Conexus Credit Union, Farm and Food Care Saskatchewan, Redhead Equipment, and March

Consulting to share insights with one of Canada's foremost economic policymakers.

Governor Macklem engaged in open discussions on urgent challenges facing the agricultural economy, drawing directly from those experiencing significant economic strain. Issues highlighted by participants included the effects of low commodity prices, the complexities of tariffs and strained trade relationships, the burden of high input costs, supplychain disruptions, and severe drought conditions impacting many farm operations.

This exchange was crucial in shaping the Bank's future policy direction and emphasized the integral link between the health of the national economy and the sustainability of the agricultural sector.

The roundtable demonstrated the Bank of Canada's dedication to incorporating diverse, firsthand perspectives into developing inclusive and pragmatic economic policies. Events like this highlight the indispensable contribution of the agricultural community to Canada's economy and the importance of direct engagement between policymakers and the sectors they impact.

In addition to addressing broad economic concerns, the roundtable served as an important venue to effectively communicate to Governor Macklem the immense pressures farm families are currently enduring, reinforcing the urgency for policy solutions that reflect the complexities of today's farm family challenges.

**How much more can they take?**



***They are the backbone of our food system, but they're bearing the weight of economic pressures, policy hurdles, and environmental challenges.***



APAS has submitted recommendations to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on the proposal to modernize Seed Regulations, highlighting the central role of Saskatchewan agriculture in this transformative phase.

APAS's suggestions aim to strike a balance between innovation and maintaining quality standards, ensuring that Canadian farmers remain competitive on a global scale.

**APAS:  
ADVOCATING  
FOR YOUR  
SEED SUCCESS**

Attention Saskatchewan farmers! APAS is actively contributing to the Seed Regulation Modernization with the CFIA.

We are fighting for:

- ✓ Faster access to new seed genetics
- ✓ Fair competition in the seed market
- ✓ High-quality standards for seeds

Your success starts with quality and choice. We're here to ensure regulations grow with you!

**Key Recommendations Include:**

- **Fast-Tracking Variety Registration** - Proposing measures to speed up the registration of new seed varieties without compromising on safety or market needs.
- **Regulatory Flexibility** - Emphasizing that CFIA should maintain control over regulatory changes and arguing against the shift of the Weed Seeds Order to an Incorporation by Reference (IbR) model.
- **Improved Seed Quality Information** - Advocating for earlier access to seed quality data to assist farmers in making informed decisions before purchasing.
- **Market Accessibility** - Opposing restrictions that could limit the use of Common Grade Names and suggesting that promoting education on seed quality could be more beneficial than mandating accredited graders.
- **Fostering a Future-Ready Agriculture Sector** - APAS also suggested forming an Advisory Committee for ongoing industry feedback and encourages the digital transformation of the seed system to enhance efficiency.

These strategic perspectives by APAS aim to support the growth and sustainability of agriculture in Saskatchewan and across Canada.

## Grocery Code of Conduct Survey



Participate in the 2025 Canada Grocery Code of Conduct Industry Survey

The Office of the Grocery Sector Code of Conduct (OGSCC), in collaboration with Advantage Custom Solutions, invites you to participate in a pivotal industry survey aimed at shaping the future of grocery sector practices.

This comprehensive survey is essential for assessing sector readiness, pinpointing needed support areas, and understanding industry priorities in alignment with the Grocery Code of Conduct.

Your confidential feedback will significantly influence OGSCC's strategic initiatives for 2026. We strongly encourage sharing this survey with producers in your networks to ensure a wide range of insights.

For any inquiries, contact the OGSCC team at [info@canadacode.org](mailto:info@canadacode.org) or Advantage's research team at [gemma@agfeedback.com](mailto:gemma@agfeedback.com).

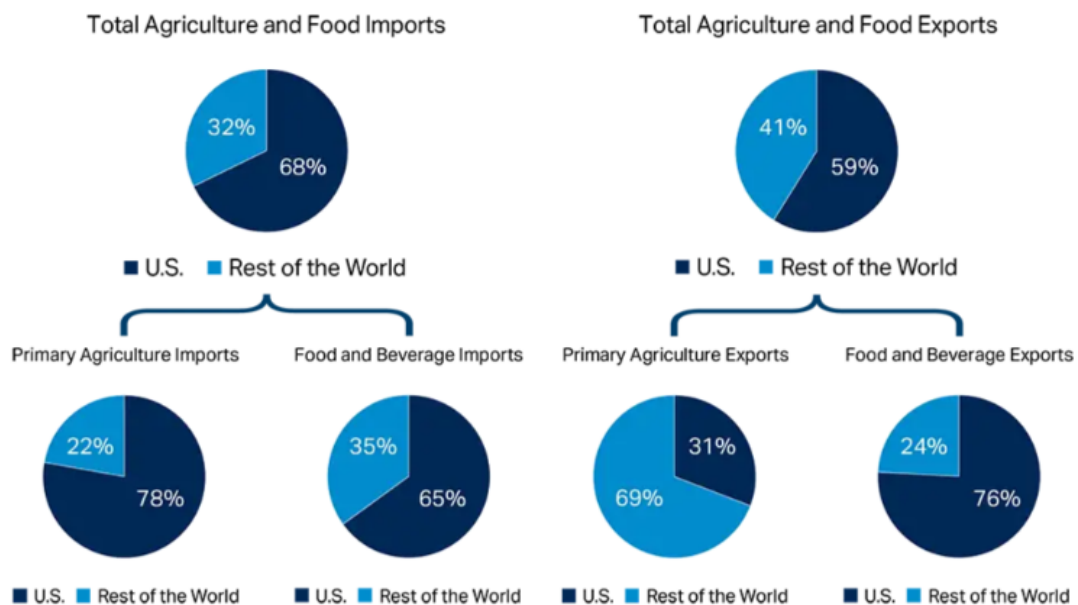
Don't miss this chance to impact the grocery sector's direction and standards. Your voice matters!

[Take the Survey](#)

## \$12 Billion Export Opportunity?

Canada's food export landscape is evolving, presenting farmers and producers with significant opportunities beyond the U.S. market. Farm Credit Canada's latest report, **The \$12-Billion Trade Shift: Canada's Opportunity to Diversify Food Exports Beyond the U.S.**, explores how global trade patterns are shifting, creating new possibilities to expand exports into emerging markets.

**Figure 1: Canada's agriculture and food import and export dependency on the U.S. in 2023**



Sources: Comtrade, FCC calculation

From navigating trade disruptions to highlighting promising regions for diversification, this insightful report provides actionable data and strategies for Canadian agriculture businesses looking to capitalize on export growth.

Don't miss the chance to learn how diversification could shape the future of Canadian food exports.

[Read FCC's Report](#)

## Shout Out to Harvest 2025





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## LAST CALL FOR PROPOSALS - Enhancing Farmland Ownership Policy in Saskatchewan

APAS is reaching out to researchers and consultants for a critical analysis on farmland ownership policy in Saskatchewan. This initiative aims to bolster public trust in the regulations safeguarding farmland for the benefit of producers and their communities.

This initiative seeks to identify and recommend policy improvements that address farmland ownership concerns but also bolster the success of Saskatchewan farmers and their local communities.

### **Project Goals and Objectives**

The purpose of this project is multifaceted, focusing on:

1. Developing practical enhancements to laws and regulations that safeguard farmland ownership, ensuring they support the needs of our local farmers and rural communities.
2. Investigating the forces that shape local land markets and formulating policies to enhance transparency in land ownership. This includes ensuring fair competition and mitigating undue influences from external investors, such as corporate entities and foreign buyers.
3. Learning from global best practices on regulating foreign land ownership, the project aims to restore and enhance trust in the rules that govern farmland purchases.
4. Making information on land titles, prices, and market trends more understandable and readily available to local farmers and the community, thus enabling better decision-making.
5. Conducting risk analyses to determine the sustainability and competitiveness of family farms in the face of current investment patterns.
6. Delivering clear, evidence-based recommendations to improve transparency, boost regulatory oversight, and maintain equitable and sustainable farmland ownership in Saskatchewan.

By enhancing Saskatchewan's policy framework and increasing market transparency, APAS aims to ensure that Saskatchewan remains an agriculture leader.

Proposals are welcomed from those who are passionate about propelling Saskatchewan's rural economy toward a prosperous future.

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## APAS in the News

[Tariffs and Combine Manufacturing -  
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