



Accomplishments in Agriculture 2006-2010 Putting Farmers First

SUCCESS IN THE MARKETPLACE

- Established the **Market Access Secretariat** to coordinate government and industry efforts to open and expand markets.
- **\$88 M** under AgriMarketing to help Canadian producers, processors and exporter associations develop and implement long-term strategies such as international market development, brand building and industry-to-industry trade advocacy.
- Reopened and expanded access for cattle, beef, beef products and/or bovine genetics in China, Hong Kong, Colombia, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Panama and Singapore.
- Reopened and expanded access for Canadian pork and/or swine in China, Malaysia, Mongolia, Russia, South Korea, the Philippines, Ukraine, Armenia, Moldova, Albania, Azerbaijan, Brunei, Croatia, Indonesia, Jordan and Thailand.
- Secured agreement with India to find a long-term solution on pulse fumigation while ensuring uninterrupted supply of pulses, safeguarding a market worth \$533 M (in 2009).
- Made historic progress on partnership with China enabling Canadian beef to be served there for the first time in almost a decade.
- Developed new opportunities in China for up to **\$500 M** in sales for pulses.
- Achieved transition measures that allow continued canola seed exports to China, safeguarding a market worth **\$1 B**.
- Gained access for Canadian animal product exporters to the Philippine market worth an estimated **\$20 M**.
- Signed agreement with Indonesia to pursue cooperation in various areas of agriculture, such as research and technology.
- **Free Trade Agreements** signed or concluded with:
 - EFTA (Switzerland / Liechtenstein / Iceland / Norway), Panama, Peru, Colombia and Jordan.
- **Ongoing Free Trade Agreement negotiations** with many trading partners, including:
 - The European Union, India, the Canada-Central America Four Countries (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua), South Korea, Ukraine, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Dominican Republic, and Singapore.
- **Exploratory Free Trade discussions** with:
 - Turkey and Morocco.
- Active participation in the **WTO agriculture negotiations** to: eliminate export subsidies, reduce trade-distorting domestic support, increase market access.
- Strongly supported supply management through:
 - action on Article 28 under GATT to limit imports of milk protein concentrates.
 - commitment to bring into force the **WTO Special Safeguard** and,
 - established cheese compositional standards to make sure real milk is an ingredient in Canadian cheese.
- Defended the interests of the cattle, hog and meat sectors by launching a **WTO dispute settlement** process over the U.S. mandatory country-of-origin labelling (COOL) legislation and Korea's ban on Canadian beef imports.

SUCCESS AT HOME – CANADA'S ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN

- Passed the **Canadian Agricultural Loans Act** to give an additional **\$1 B** in loans over the next five years to Canadian farm families and cooperatives.
 - There have been **2464 loans** registered for **\$132 M** versus 1704 loans registered for the same period in fiscal 2008, which represents an increase of 45% in loans registered and an increase of 76% in loan dollars registered.
- **\$500 M** for the AgriFlexibility Fund to proactively drive innovation, tap market opportunities, and to bring new products to market, and includes:
 - **\$50 M** for the AgriProcessing initiative to support new technologies and agriprocessing projects;
 - **\$32 M** for the Canada Brand initiative to help the Canadian agriculture and food industry to make further inroads and develop markets around the world, including Japan and Mexico.
 - **\$20 M** for the Livestock Auction Traceability Initiative to help track Canadian livestock from the grocery store back to the original farm gate.
 - **\$6 M** for strengthening the sheep and goat industry by helping to eradicate disease, enhance traceability and improve on-farm food safety practices.
 - **\$75 M** to ensure that Canadian cattle producers continue to have access to competitive domestic cattle processing operations:
 - **\$10 M** in additional funding for the Slaughter Improvement Program.
 - Up to **\$25 M** for the Abattoir Competitiveness Program to help federally, provincially and territorially registered cattle slaughter facilities address short-term competitiveness issues.

- Up to **\$40 M** for the Slaughter Waste Innovation Program to support research, development, and commercialization of innovative ways to remove, dispose, or use Specified Risk Material (SRM), reducing handling costs and creating potential sources of revenue.
- **\$60 M** for the Slaughter Improvement Program to improve competitiveness through investments in new technologies and processes (including \$10 M from the AgriFlexibility Fund).
- **\$51.7 M** over the next two years to support the operations of the Canadian Grain Commission.
- **\$25.9 M** to modernize eight federal laboratories, providing long-term economic benefits to farmers and immediate economic stimulus for local communities.

HELPING THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR

- Delivered a comprehensive restructuring plan for pork producers, which includes:
 - long-term loans with government-backed credit that financial institutions can offer to allow viable hog operations to restructure their businesses, and;
 - Up to **\$75 M** for the Hog Farm Transition Program to help producers who decide to exit the industry;
 - Increased emergency advances from **\$25,000** to **\$400,000**, with the first **\$100,000** interest free;
 - Faster access to payments to producers through the Targeted Advance Payments (AgriStability);
- **\$1.5 B** in cash payments for livestock producers through new and existing programs;
- **\$17 M** for the International Pork Marketing Fund;
- **\$6 M** to the Canadian Cattlemen's Association to lead a National Beef Research Cluster.

GROWING FORWARD

- **\$1.3 B** over 5 years in regional, flexible programs cost shared with federal, provincial, and territorial governments.
- Government of Canada is investing an additional **\$1 B** in federal-only programming.
- **\$158 M** for the AgriInnovations Program turning new ideas and technologies into viable market opportunities:
 - **\$66.1 M** under AgriScience Clusters to pull together scientific and industry expertise in the beef, swine, dairy, organics, horticulture, canola, flax, pulse and poultry sectors to drive research, towards enhancing profitability and efficiency.
 - **\$27.3 M** under Developing Innovative Agri-Products to support industry-led research projects in the pulse, grape, tree fruit, berry, flax, oilseed and maple syrup sectors to help farmers capitalize on opportunities to stay competitive.

BUSINESS RISK MANAGEMENT & OTHER ASSISTANCE

- **AgriInvest** – provides a matching government payment to a producer account.
- **AgriInvest Kickstart** – **\$562 M** in federal funds paid out to help producers start their accounts.
- **AgriStability** – provides payments when farmers experience large margin declines. **\$1.9 B** has been paid out since 2006.
- **AgriInsurance** – pays when a farmer experiences production losses.
- **AgriRecovery** – assistance for producers hit by regional disasters - **\$450 M** to help farmers protect and restore damaged cropland; **\$114 M** to livestock producers facing drought in Alberta and Saskatchewan, besides tax deferrals for all farmers affected by drought and flooding.
- Crop, durum, organic wheat and cranberry producers were given more time to repay cash advances under the Advance Payments Program.

FOOD SAFETY AND TRACEABILITY

- In 2010, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency received the biggest budgets ever, a 13% boost over the previous year.
- Since 2006, 538 net new inspection staff have been hired.
- **\$223 M** has been invested in the Food Safety Action Plan.
- Established Product of Canada / Made in Canada labels.
- **\$67 M** to support development of food safety and traceability systems, including **\$20 M** for the Livestock Auction Traceability Initiative.

SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND BIOFUELS

- Government of Canada published regulation to require renewable content in gasoline and began public consultation period.
- **\$200 M** to encourage farmer investment in renewable fuels facilities through the ecoAgriculture Biofuels Capital program.
- **\$134 M** for the AgriOpportunities Program bringing new products, processes and services to the marketplace.
- **\$13 M** for research to combat Wheat Stem Rust (Ug99).
- **\$27 M** for the Global Research Alliance to help develop new technologies and practices that Canadian farmers can use to improve their environmental performance and profitability.

LEGISLATION

- Introduced Bill C-27, the *Canadian Wheat Board Payments and Election Reform Act* to strengthen farmers' voice within the CWB and streamline the process required to deliver payments to producers.