

Attention: Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada  
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**Re: Canadian Organic Growers and the Sustainable Agriculture Strategy Consultation**

Canadian Organic Growers (COG) commends the federal government for launching the Sustainable Agriculture Strategy (SAS) and thanks Minister Bibeau for inviting COG to be a member of the SAS Advisory Council. As the one organic sector representative on the Council we hold this role in the highest regard and will work collaboratively with our network to keep them informed, and to support the SAS initiatives.

To this end we have worked closely with our two other national organic sector organizations, the Organic Federation of Canada and the Canadian Organic Trade Association to produce a comprehensive joint document for submission to the Sustainable Agriculture Strategy consultation (attached). The Canadian Organic Growers fully supports this joint submission and please consider it as our submission to the public consultation process.

COG, established in 1976, envisions a regenerative and resilient organic food and farming system across Canada. COG was created by producers and is an established leader in providing extension services and resources to growers and urban gardeners to advance ecologically-based, climate friendly agriculture practices. COG's mission is to provide training, educational resources, networking opportunities, and leadership to help build an agricultural system that empowers farmers, enhances human health, builds community, and mitigates climate change while increasing Canadian food security.

There is no single greater challenge facing humanity today than climate change. Farmers are on the front lines managing the many climate related threats and they need support and guidance today to ensure their success for generations to come. Planning today for long term sustainable agriculture that prioritises zero carbon emissions, least harm, and long term soil health is critical to long term domestic supply chain stability and systems' adaptability.

Thank you for this opportunity,



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