

**CSGA National and Regional Branch Affiliation Agreement**  
*Seven Seed Grower Organizations Connected, Communicating, Collaborating*

**OTTAWA, ON (November 17, 2022)** – The Canadian Seed Growers’ Association today announced a new affiliation agreement with its regional branches, the Alberta-British Columbia Seed Growers Association, the Saskatchewan Seed Growers’ Association, the Manitoba Seed Growers’ Association, the Ontario Seed Growers’ Association, les Producteurs de semences du Québec and the Maritime CSGA Branch.

CSGA and its branches have worked together for decades on behalf of Canadian seed growers and the national seed certification system. The affiliation agreement is the first to establish clear roles and responsibilities for all and formalize the arrangements as an inclusive and service-oriented approach. It aims to ensure stakeholder engagement in a next-generation seed certification system that is professional, resilient and meets the diverse needs of Canada’s agri-food economy.

“This agreement brings together the national and provincial CSGA associations for joint work planning, education, advocacy, and communication. Through close coordination, communication, and issue awareness, at both provincial and national levels, we can continue to build a strong Canadian seed certification system,” says Executive Director Doug Miller. “Standing together from coast to coast, we are better positioned to support the seed certification system and ensure grassroots participation from every seed-producing province in our organization.”

Under the affiliation agreement, CSGA national assumes the lead role on national interest issues, any work related to national and international seed bodies, and other national associations aligned with CSGA’s national mandate. The branches will develop and strengthen relationships with their relevant provincial government and regulatory bodies, provincial value chain associations, and other regional stakeholder groups to create and promote a forum of exchange on relevant issues and policies.

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**About Canadian Seed Growers' Association**

*The Canadian Seed Growers' Association (CSGA) is a respected, science-based, digitally driven global leader in seed quality assurance and genetic traceability committed to growing an innovative, profitable, and internationally competitive Canadian agricultural sector. CSGA is a national, not-for-profit organization designated in the federal Seeds Act as the standard-setting and seed certification body for all Canadian seed crop kinds, except potatoes. Each year, we certify the seed crops of over 3,100 seed growers and 2,500 seed growing businesses covering 1.3 million acres of over 60 different crop kinds and over 2,000 different varieties from coast to coast. Learn more at [seedgrowers.ca](http://seedgrowers.ca).*

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