



CSGA Update

Branch Meetings
Winter 2025-2026

Strong Foundation.

Bright Future.



*Celebrating
120 years together!*

Fondations solides.

Avenir prometteur.



*Célébrons
ensemble 120 ans!*





Who We Are

CSGA is Canada's national seed crop certification authority and Canada's largest seed organization, with over **3,000 members** and **2,500 seed-growing businesses** across 8 provinces.

Our membership is now as **diverse** as the crop kinds we certify, with our membership now including:

- Crop Inspectors & Inspection Services
- Seed Analysts & Seed Laboratories
- Seed Companies of all Sizes
- Industry & Commodity Associations



THE 12TH ANNUAL EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE AWARDS

**ORGANIZATIONAL
GOVERNANCE
WINNER**



CSGA

Canadian Seed
Growers' Association

ACPS

Association canadienne
des producteurs de semences

CANADIAN SEED GROWERS' ASSOCIATION





What We Do

We **certify seed crops** and **set seed crop standards** with strong grassroots participation from the seed sector value chain, independent experts, and our open and transparent public consultations.

+2,008

Different
Varieties

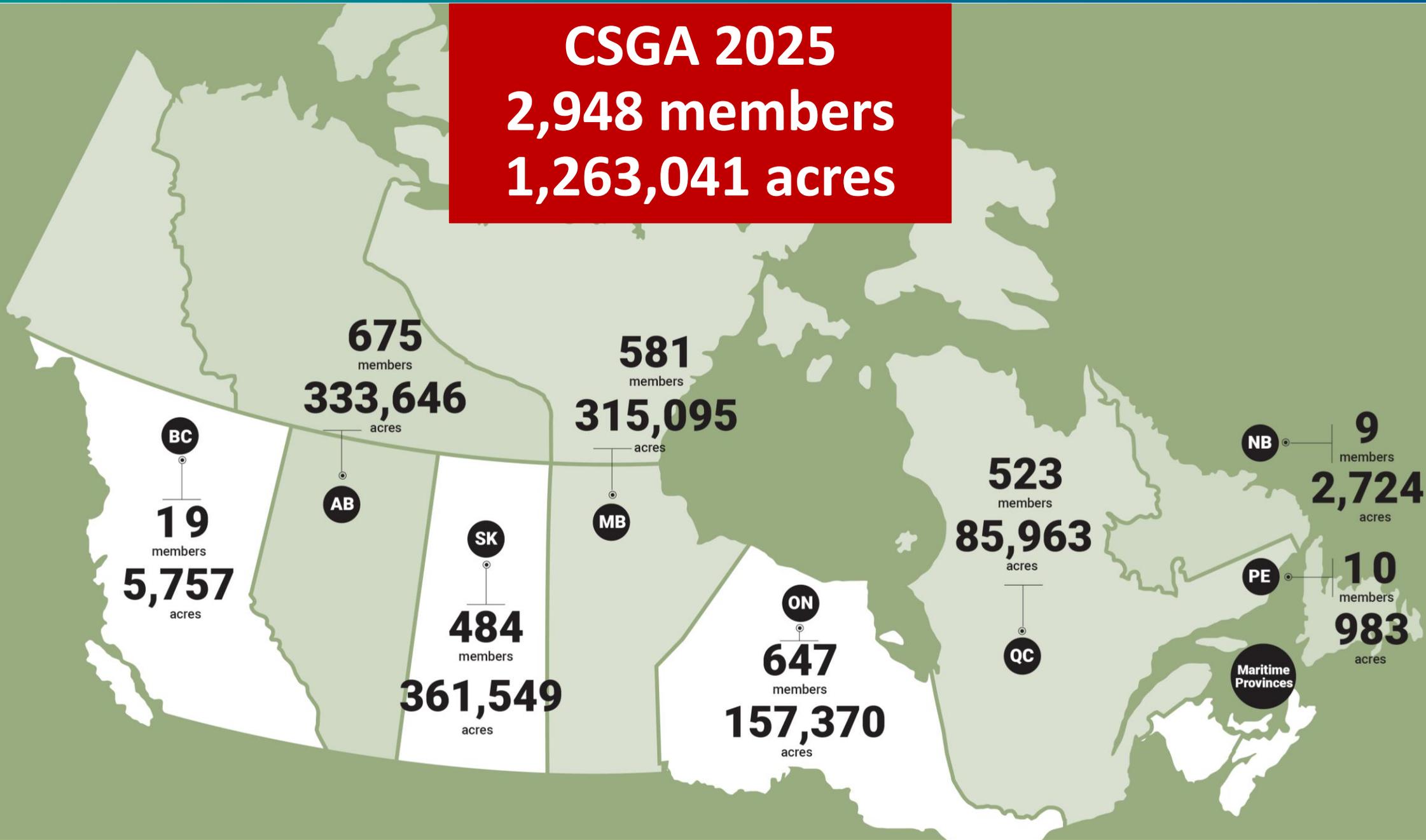
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Different
Crop Kinds

+1.26

Million
Acres

CSGA 2025
2,948 members
1,263,041 acres



CSGA continues to operate one of the world's largest seed crop certification systems

Key 2025 Insights



CERTIFICATION METRICS

IN 2025

Million Acres Inspected

+1.263

Seed Growers

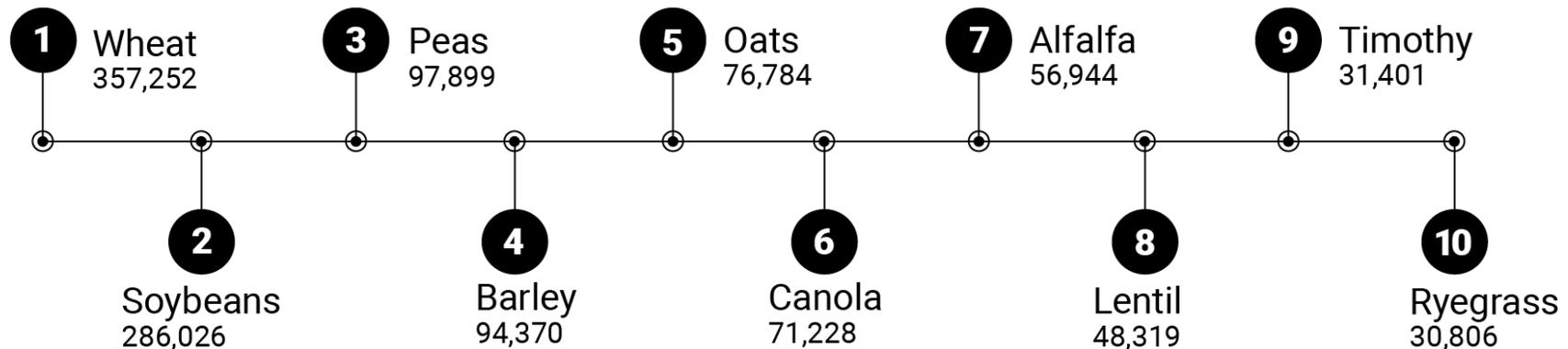
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Plots Inspected

2,551

TOP 10

IN 2025



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Key 2025 Insights

Increased Acreage Over 2024

Ryegrass +97% to 30,806	Clover +66% to 3,910
Flax +66% to 18,214	Minor Crops +46% to 1,237
Alfalfa +29% to 56,944	Chickpea +29% to 12,785



Decreased Acreage Over 2024

Mustard -31% to 2,478	Buckwheat -28% to 1,032
Barley -9% to 94,370	Wheatgrass -5% to 5,461
Soybeans -3% to 286,026	No Other Decreases!





Canadian Agriculture is Changing – So Is CSGA

Positioning CSGA to Meet the Needs of Tomorrow

1. Modernization of Core Programs and Functions
 - Refreshing certification program and standards to reflect science, technology, and market needs
 - Reducing red tape and increasing system agility
2. Expand & Engage Membership
 - Broadening participation across the seed value chain to build a more representative and inclusive Association
 - Advancing our public good mandate and other areas where CSGA can make a positive impact and provide value
3. Invest in Future Readiness
 - Advancing innovation and digital tools
 - Strengthening efficiency, traceability, transparency, and competitiveness in seed certification

CSGA's Vision for Seed Certification

Delegated Authority

Establish CSGA as the national authority to manage all seed certification functions on behalf of government, creating streamlined, agile processes and improved user experience.

Digital Single Window

Establish a Single-Window for seed certification services, enabling a digital-end-to-end certification system and new opportunities for industry oversight.



Seed Regulatory Modernization

- Strong alignment between CFIA's SRM policy proposals & CSGA's SRM vision
- Significant member & sector engagement around our "Green, Yellow, Red" campaign and our letter writing campaign
- Met with +25 Orgs during the consultation
- Opportunity to influence change prior to the Canada Gazette process
- Expect CFIA to release SRM proposals Winter 2026

GREEN LIGHT

Supports

40

YELLOW LIGHT

Supports

7

with refinements

RED LIGHT

Cannot support

5

as written



FINAL DAY!

Your voice matters!

TODAY is the final day to submit SRM feedback to the CFIA.

- Read our analysis
- Listen to our podcasts
- Use our one-click letter tool to send your support

Together, we can build a stronger Canadian seed sector.



Reinforcing Our SRM Message

Submitted a
Pre-Budget Submission to
Finance Committee &
Finance Canada

Submitted a
Red Tape Reduction
Submission to
Treasury Board, CFIA,
and AAFC

Met with
Secretary of State W. Long
& MPs on
our Pre-Budget Submission

Our Message: Let's Move on SRM outcomes ASAP to reduce Government resources & cut red-tape



Leveraging AI in Soybean Crop Inspection Report Appraisals

CSGA has launched an AI pilot project focused on more timely appraisals of soybean inspection reports.

- We've trained an AI model on CSGA's soybean standards and trained it to appraise crop inspection reports based on historical, anonymized crop inspection report data.
- CSGA appraises about 5,000 inspection reports in a one-month period, and decisions are extremely time sensitive.
- Pilot isn't about replacing people – it's about testing and improving the accuracy of the model.



AI Pilot Results

- 4,958 inspection reports reviewed by AI
- 91 flagged as 'Incorrect'
 - Issue with how data was being presented (95%)
 - Instructions to the AI model were not 'complete' enough (5%)
- Incorrect issues can be easily addressed
- Continuing Pilot in 2026 & may consider expanding to other Pulses



Blue Tag Solutions

- CSGA has launched a new subsidiary company
- Focused on advancing value-added opportunities around Certified seed
- Currently working with ZoomAgri to develop & validate image-based tools capable of verifying wheat varieties using AI & image analysis
- Our Goals:
 - Assist CSGA's certification work
 - Reduce testing costs (e.g., midge tolerant wheat testing)
 - Strengthen IP systems
 - Create new value-added opportunities

Update on CSGA's Regulatory Services Committee

We are committed to managing an efficient, transparent and inclusive seed crop certification system and standards development process.

Recently Closed Consultations

- Hemp: Isolation requirements
- Removing Form 50 Requirement
- Provisional Standards Policy

Upcoming Work

- Hybrid Hemp Standards
- Select Working Group (WG)
- Hybrid Wheat WG
- Source Identified Seed WG
- Cereal Previous Land Use

A wide-angle landscape photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a calm lake with turquoise water reflects the surrounding scenery. The middle ground features steep, rocky mountainsides with patches of snow and sparse green vegetation. In the background, more snow-capped mountain peaks rise against a bright blue sky filled with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

Join Us!

Whitehorse, Yukon

July 3-5, 2026

Thank You to our Staff, Board, Branches and Members!

It is your dedication, hard work,
and commitment that truly drive
CSGA's success!

We appreciate everything
you do!

