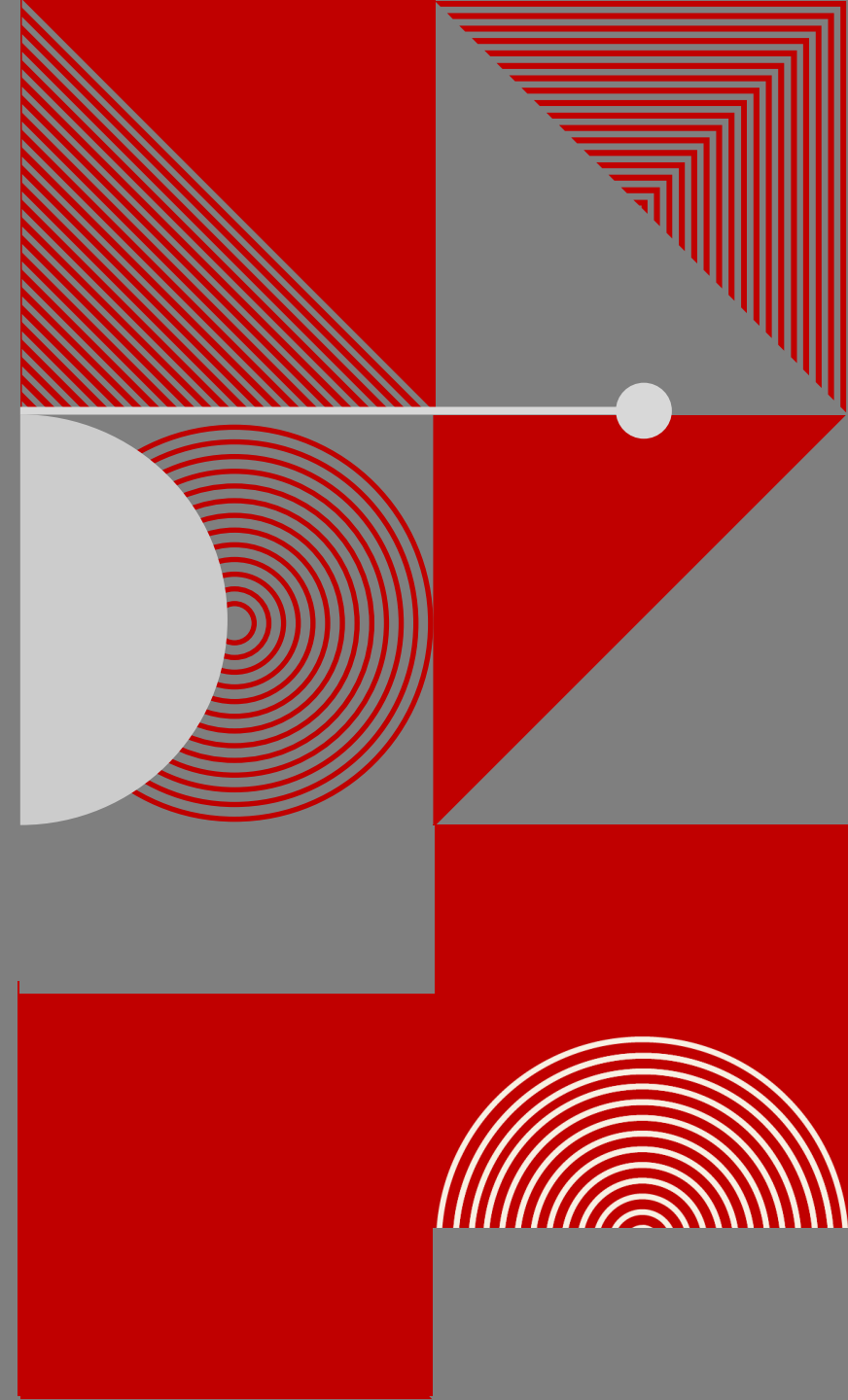
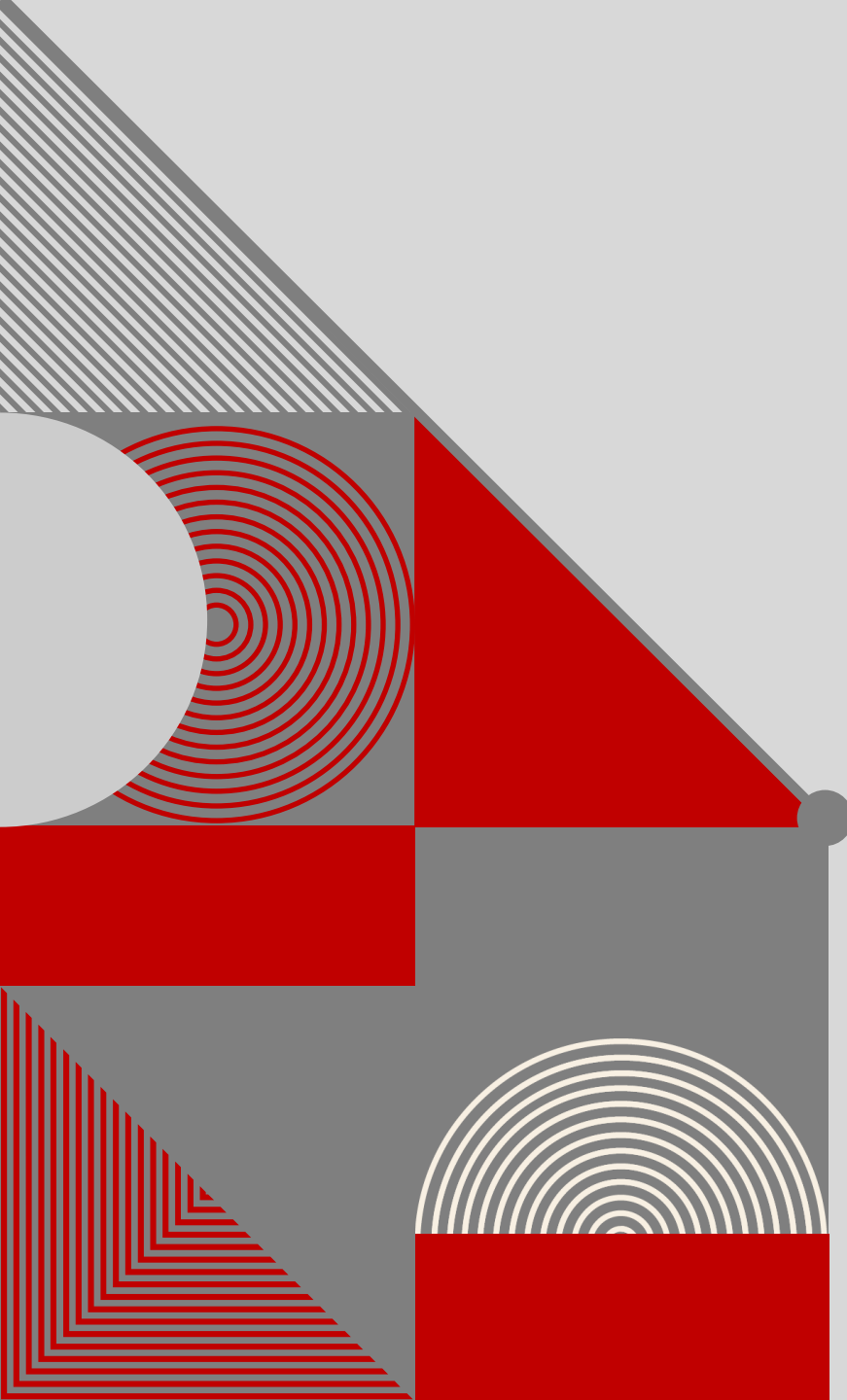


**SETTING THE TABLE:
AGRICULTURE AS A STRATEGIC SECTOR
WHITEHORSE, JULY 4, 2026**





AGENDA

- **Today's Objectives**
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 - Spring Economic Statement
 - National Food Security Strategy
- **Big Plays & Opportunities**
- **Up Next: Panel**
 - *Positioning Agriculture as a Strategic Sector*

Federal Political Context



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- **Fast-Tracking Big Changes:** Utilizing a majority government to rapidly reshape and modernize the economy.
- **Business-Minded Inner Circle:** Led by a risk-tolerant team willing to make tough, decisive choices.
- **Pragmatic, Not Partisan:** Focused on practical solutions over political games.
- **Result-Driven Growth:** Prioritizing concrete, timely actions that expand the economy.
- **Strong Global Standing:** Positioning Canada as a steady, influential leader in an unstable global market.
- **Shifting to the Centre-Right:** Expanding the party's appeal across traditional political lines.
- **Independent Leadership:** Carney's personal support outpaces the party, giving him immense independence.
- **Economic Focus:** Prioritizing trade diversification, regulatory reform, and strategic domestic industry investments.

CARNEY'S UNIFIED 7 PRIORITY FRAMEWORK

1. **Establishing a new economic and security relationship with the United States and strengthening our collaboration with reliable trading partners and allies around the world.**
2. **Building one Canadian economy by removing barriers to interprovincial trade** and identifying and expediting nation-building projects that will connect and transform our country.
3. **Bringing down costs for Canadians** and helping them to get ahead.
4. Making housing more affordable by unleashing the power of public-private cooperation, catalysing a modern housing industry, and creating new careers in the skilled trades.
5. **Protecting Canadian sovereignty** and keeping Canadians safe by strengthening the Canadian Armed Forces, securing our borders, and reinforcing law enforcement.
6. Attracting the best talent in the world to help build our economy, while returning our overall immigration rates to sustainable levels.
7. **Spending less on government operations** so that Canadians can invest more in the people and businesses that will build the strongest economy in the G7.

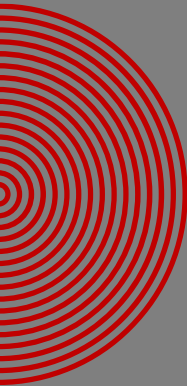
2025 FEDERAL BUDGET

- Budget 2025 prioritized resilience, domestic production, and trade diversification.
- **Agriculture is recognized as a strategic industry.**
- **Agriculture and agri-food are explicitly cited as priorities in the government's new industrial and trade resilience strategies.**
- Acknowledgement that Canada has a comparative trade advantage in agriculture and food/ beverage processing.
- **Commitment to streamline and simplify regulation – key opportunity**
- *Next Budget: Fall 2026*

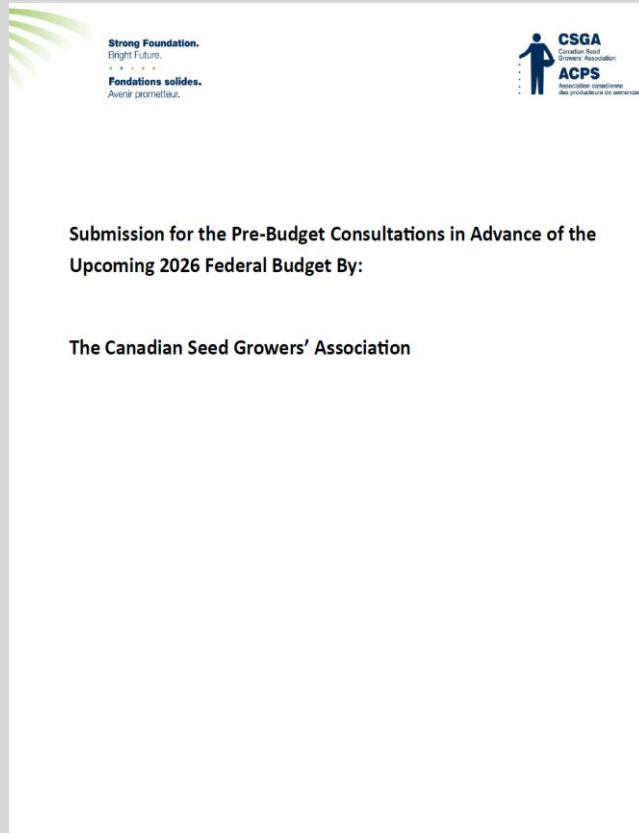


2025 FEDERAL BUDGET – CUTBACKS

- Announced a 15% savings targets over 3 years for most depts (AAFC, CFIA & HC).
- AAFC announced its decision to close federal research facilities. CSGA called for the govt to:
 - ✓ Reconsider its decision to close AAFC's federal research facilities and work with farmers and other stakeholders on a practical path forward that protects core research capacity.
- The House Ag Committee Report (following Lori Oatway's testimony and review of CSGA's documentation) recommended that the government:
 - ✓ "Pause and reverse the decision to close agricultural research centres and experimental farm sites and begin immediate consultations... to better understand the scientific and economic impact of the proposed closures."
- Recommendations are not binding and Government has 150 days to respond (Sept.3).
- The Minister's Office said that there were no plans to consult (despite CSGA's request).



CGSA'S 2026 BUDGET ASKS



1. **Prioritize the timely completion of CFIA's Seed Regulatory Modernization initiative in 2026** and ensure it incorporates recommendations that reduce public sector costs, improve efficiency, cut red tape, and drive digital innovation.
2. **Reconsider its decision to close AAFC's federal research facilities** and work with farmers and other stakeholders on a practical path forward that protects core research capacity.
3. **Structure Business Risk Management programs to incentivize farmers to invest in newer genetics** to lessen risk, increase productivity and reduce reliance on Government support.

SPRING ECONOMIC UPDATE

Commitment to Increase Food Security:

Develop a National Food Security Strategy that will make it easier for Canadians to access affordable and nutritious food and build Canada's resilience and capacity to meet domestic needs.

Amend the CFIA Act and the Pest Control Products Act to include consideration of food security and cost of food.

- ✓ Provides \$24 million over four years to enable Health Canada to expand economic analysis capacity and to optimise the review processes.



FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY

Launched on June 11, the Strategy has 4 objectives backed by more than \$3 billion in investments over ten years:

1. **Spur grocery store competition and create more choice for Canadians**
2. **Boost domestic food production across Canada**
3. **Grow fruits and vegetables year-round**
4. **Cut red tape across the agricultural supply chain**
 - Modernise key regulations; speed up approvals for seeds, feed, fertilizers, and veterinary products; and reduce backlogs that slow down the system to reduce the regulatory burden on farmers and producers.



More Choice. More Control.

More Canada:

The National Food Security Strategy

June 11, 2026

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- June 11- National Food Security Strategy
 - June 16 - G7 Joint Strategy on Global Fertilizer, Energy & Agriculture Inputs
 - June 18 - Legislation (C-30) passed to amend CFIA and PCPA to add food security and economic lens
 - July 1 – Soft CUSMA Timeline
 - July 15 - National Policy Framework discussion with Agriculture FPT Ministers in Halifax

Big Plays & Opportunities



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- Summer:
 - ✓ Continuation of Whole-of-government Red Tape Reduction Office & Regulatory Reform
 - ✓ Parliamentarians in ridings over the summer
 - ✓ Pre-Budget Stakeholder Consultations
- Fall:
 - ✓ Parliament returns; Committees resume
 - ✓ Food Security Studies at 2 Parliamentary Committees
 - ✓ New Federal Budget 2026



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