



TEAM ALBERTA CROPS

Team Alberta Crops is a collaboration between seven of Alberta's producer groups. We work together to advance grass-roots policy and advocate on behalf of Alberta's crop and beekeeping sectors.



Pillar 1: Strengthen Market Opportunities

Reliable access to stable and dependable markets is important to safeguard the livelihoods of Alberta producers.



Build resilience and diversity in the global market

Ask:

Continue to leverage trade offices in the US and globally to stress the importance of free and unfettered trade.



Create the environment to develop emerging domestic agri-food products

Ask 1:

Retain the Agri-Food Processing Investment Tax Credit.

Ask 2:

Increase the biofuel blend requirements under Alberta's Renewable Fuel Standard.



Improve transportation infrastructure

Ask 1:

Continue to improve and invest in local infrastructure to enhance efficiencies in economic corridors.

Ask 2:

Continue to advocate for the federal government to invest in modernizing rail and port infrastructure for agricultural products.



Pillar 2: Invest in Agricultural Innovation

Stable investment in agricultural research and innovation is critical to resilient production and domestic food security.



Maintain stable research capacity to underpin innovation and resilience

Ask:

- Commit to predictable, stable and long-term funding programs for crop and beekeeping research, avoiding cyclical funding reductions that result in loss of personnel and institutional knowledge.



Provide resilient and innovation-focused programming to offer a great return on investment for Alberta producers

Ask:

- Ensure the next Agricultural Framework is clearly focused on driving innovation and strengthening agricultural resilience, recognizing that domestic food production is a core strategic asset.



Ensure trusted data and decision tools enable on-farm adaptation

Ask:

- Support clear frameworks for agricultural data storage, ownership, and security, while retaining important agri-information programs like the AgroClimatic Information Service (ACIS).



Pillar 3: Streamline Regulation to Drive Competitiveness

Alberta producers operate in a high-risk, capital-intensive environment shaped by thin margins, unpredictable markets and weather. Transparency, consultation and accountability from all levels of government are essential to prevent regulatory decisions from undermining the ability of producers to operate and the competitiveness of the crop and beekeeping sectors.



Enshrine Right to Repair legislation

Ask:

- Amend Alberta's *Farm Implements and Dealership Act* alongside the *Consumer Protection Act* to enshrine producers' legal rights to interoperability, as well as access to repair tools and diagnostic software, so that producers have choice and access to timely repairs during the short growing window.



Advance Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) reform

Ask:

Alberta producers must retain timely access to safe, innovative bee health and crop protection tools to remain competitive. We look for provincial support to ask the federal government to:

- ▶ Amend the PMRA's mandate to focus on core functions and require food security and operational considerations in regulatory decisions.
- ▶ Change PMRA governance from Health Canada alone to shared with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), which is better aligned with agricultural realities.



Support rural economies

Ask:

- Provide a stable, predictable regulatory environment complemented by effective risk management tools and next-generation financing to ensure financially resilient farms and strong rural economies.



Pillar 4: Advance Resilient Stewardship

As stewards of the land, Alberta producers need effective policy to enable their continued protection of the environment for all Albertans while ensuring economic and social sustainability.



Modernize on-farm surface water management and wetland policy

Ask:

- Ability to manage excess rainfall and runoff through contouring and tile drainage, as well as construct dugouts where water will recharge.



Support reservoir development and irrigation

Ask:

- Continue to work on new reservoir projects and irrigation development in Alberta.



Protect biodiversity and species at risk

Ask:

- Continue to advance a made in Alberta nature strategy and provincial species at risk framework.

