



# Supporting Indigenous Economic Development Through Agriculture and Agri-Food

## **Indigenous Agriculture Summit**

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# AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD IMPACTING THE ECONOMY



CONTRIBUTES OVER  
**\$100 BILLION**  
annually to **CANADA'S ECONOMY.**



— **1** in **8** JOBS —

**AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD INDUSTRY  
EMPLOYS 2.3 MILLION  
CANADIANS.**

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**CANADA** is the  
**5TH LARGEST**  
**AGRICULTURAL EXPORTER** in the **WORLD.**



# Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

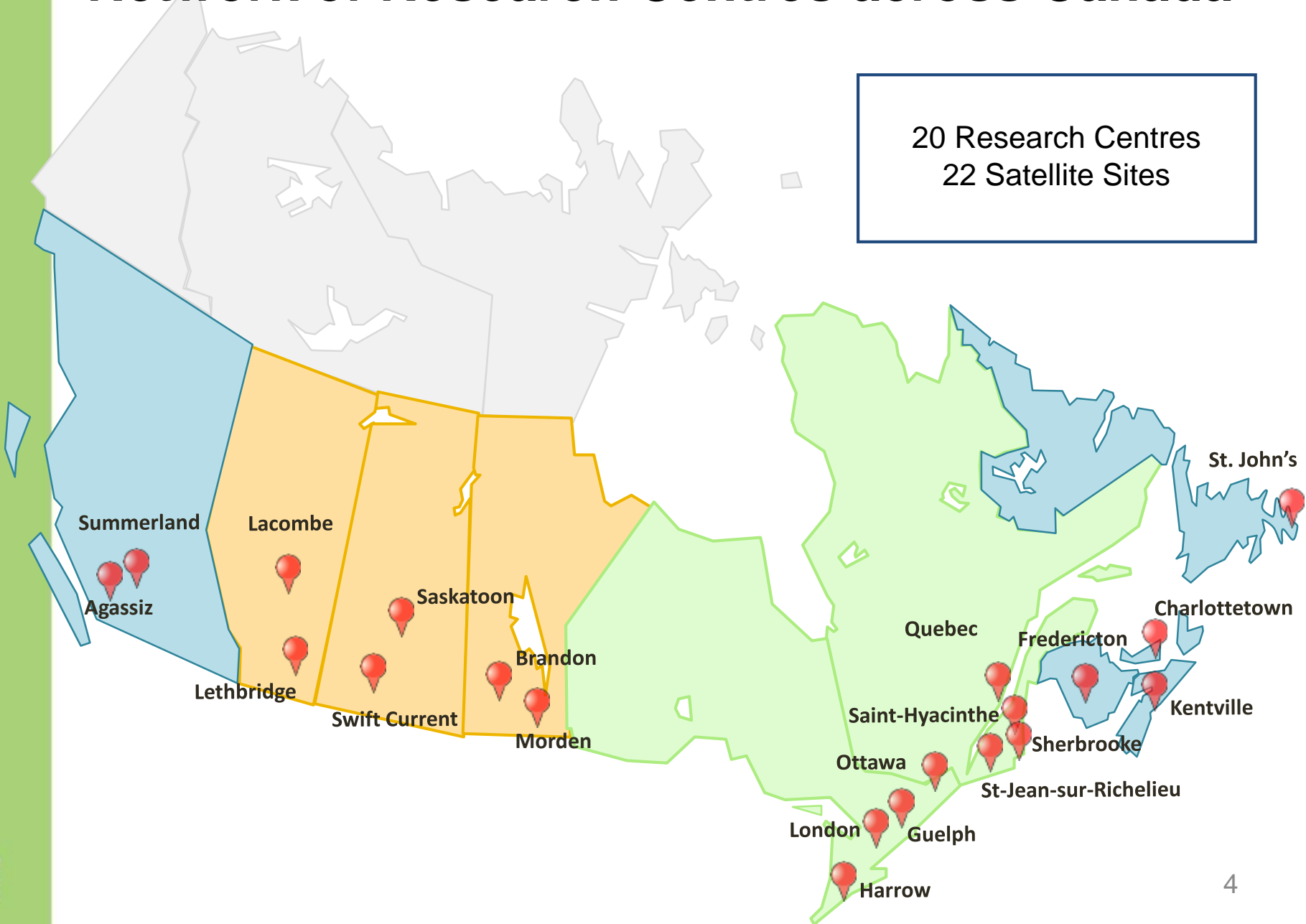
- Supports farmers, producers, and industry through programs (federal and cost-shared with provinces and territories)
- Supports market access and development, both domestically and internationally
- Undertakes research and development and knowledge transfer to enhance the sustainability and adaptability of the sector



**HELPING FARMERS INNOVATE AND EXPAND.**

# Network of Research Centres across Canada

20 Research Centres  
22 Satellite Sites



# The Department Works with “Portfolio” Organizations

## Canadian Dairy Commission

- Oversees pricing, policy coordination and marketing for the dairy sector

## Canadian Grain Commission

- Regulates Canada's grain handling industry; leader in grain quality research

## Farm Products Council of Canada

- National marketing and promotion-research agencies for chicken, turkey and eggs

## Farm Credit Canada

- Delivers financial services to all sectors of agriculture



# Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP)

Five-year, \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector



# Key Outcomes of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP)



# CAP: Six Priority Areas



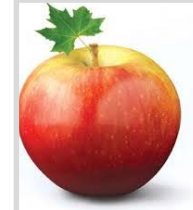
Science, Research and Innovation



Value-Added Agriculture, Agri-Food Processing



Markets and Trade



Public Trust



Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change



Risk Management



# Commitment to Advancing Reconciliation

Prime Minister committed to a renewed relationship with Indigenous Peoples, one based on the recognition of rights, respect, co-operation, and partnership

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's commitment to advancing reconciliation

- aligns with GoC priorities of reconciliation and renewed relationship with Indigenous peoples, and
- supports inclusive economic growth

# Indigenous Agricultural Producers are Diverse



# Key Messages from Indigenous Peoples

- Better communication of agriculture programs and greater government coordination
- Expectation for follow-through and concrete action
- Support for education/training to foster agriculture expertise and business skills
- Access to capital solutions
- Address food insecurity in Indigenous communities



# What Are We Doing?

## Canadian Agricultural Partnership

- Programming can support Indigenous peoples to take advantage of economic development opportunities in the sector

## Indigenous Recruitment and Collaboration

- Student recruitment initiative and science collaboration opportunities

## Food Policy for Canada

- Addressing food security, particularly for Indigenous peoples



# How Can Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Help You?

## Pathfinding Service

Helping Indigenous communities find support for agriculture and agri-food businesses

Protect against losses



Support trade & market development



Support sustainable farming



Support business development







AGRICULTURAL YOUTH  
GREEN JOBS INITIATIVE

# Agricultural Youth Green Jobs Initiative

Are you?

- ✓ A farming operation or an organization that works with the agriculture industry?
- ✓ Interested in hiring a student (15 to 30) to work on activities that benefit the environment?
- ✓ Examples of projects:
  - Eco-friendly activities on a farm (e.g.mulch, tree planting);
  - Expansion of a market garden;
  - Reducing contaminants in the composting process.



# Questions?

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