



2021 Federal Election Commitments

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Agriculture/ Rural Development	<p>Develop a sector-specific Agricultural Labour Strategy with employers and unions to address persistent labour shortages.</p> <p>Work with supply-managed sectors to determine compensation within the first year of a new mandate.</p> <p>Continue to strengthen Canada's Regional Development Agencies, so that rural and small communities have the support they need right where they are.</p> <p>Triple funding for cleantech on farms, including for renewable energy, precision agriculture, and energy efficiency.</p> <p>Increase support to farmers to develop and adopt</p>	<p>Respect and defend supply management for our dairy and poultry farms and ensure that farming families are engaged in any trade negotiations or programs impacting the sector and that the Minister of Agriculture is at the table for those negotiations.</p> <p>Open new markets for our livestock, grain, and oilseed producers in our free trade negotiations. Finalize compensation program for supply managed processors under CPTPP and CETA.</p> <p>Work with the US Administration to remove the CUSMA limits on Canadian exports of powdered milk to third party countries and establish reciprocal norms to ensure that our quality</p>	<p>Implement a Canadian Food Strategy that will take a whole -of - government approach to address regional needs and priorities by investing in our agricultural, communities, supporting young and new farmers and taking steps to ensure that rural livelihoods are good and sustainable.</p> <p>Fully protecting supply management and ensuring reciprocity in all trade negotiations, and supporting our supply managed sectors as they innovate and grow. Introduce a payment protection program for produce growers and take immediate steps to restore protection for growers selling to the United States under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.</p>	<p>Provide affordable and accessible internet services across Canada, including rural areas.</p> <p>Restructure the \$3 billion Next Policy Framework (NPF- 2023-2028) to shift program dollars from supporting corporate-controlled industrial agriculture to supporting agriculture that is based on ecological and animal welfare principles, including organic and regenerative practices, permaculture, localized food systems, higher welfare farming systems and short value chains.</p> <p>Recognize and act on the enormous potential of carbon sequestration in soil and by implementing policies and programs that provide incentives for sustainably increasing organic matter (carbon capture) in the soil through regenerative practices while ensuring that these</p>

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	<p>agricultural management practices to reduce emissions, store carbon in healthy soil, and enhance resiliency. Cover cropping, rotational grazing and nitrogen management are all part of a green farming plan for Canada.</p> <p>Strengthen the Pest Control Products Act to better protect our health, wildlife, and the environment.</p> <p>Align with world-leading approaches to transparency when reassessing pesticides already on the market and increase opportunities for independent scientists to have input into the decision-making process.</p> <p>Invest in further government and independent science, including on water and soil monitoring and on the cumulative effects of multiple pesticides on health and the environment.</p>	<p>standards are respected.</p> <p>Work towards greater Harmonization of farm product regulations with our trading partners.</p> <p>Improve payment security for farmers and food processors by creating a statutory deemed trust for suppliers of perishable produce in bankruptcy and harmonize our regime with that of the US to regain reciprocal protection under the U.S. Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA). Ensure our farm safety net programs are predictable, bankable, and manageable.</p> <p>Work with the provinces to adopt a grocery supply code to deal with retailers' abusive pricing and contracting practices against farmers, producers, and processors.</p> <p>Implement a food security strategy. Including redirecting some federal agriculture research funding to partnering with</p>	<p>Recognizing that a shortage of workers is a major barrier for many small businesses operating in rural areas, we'll make important new investments in training Canadians and boost support to traditionally underemployed groups, ensuring that they can access good jobs that pay a fair wage.</p> <p>New Democrats will make sure that high-speed broadband and cell phone infrastructure is available to connect our farmers and rural communities to the services and tools they need, no matter where in the country they are.</p> <p>New Democrats will introduce a payment protection program for produce growers and take immediate steps to restore protection for growers selling to the United States under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.</p>	<p>incentives are equitable, inclusive, and do not disadvantage small farmers. Restructure business risk management programs to make them more equitable, inclusive, and responsive in helping farmers cope with climate risk.</p> <p>Reallocate research and development priorities, as well as investments in infrastructure to further strengthen support for local and regional value chains by the National Food Policy.</p> <p>Invest in science, infrastructure, and business development that supports farming practices which both mitigate climate impacts and improve adaptation.</p> <p>Invest in supporting a shift to farming systems based on ecological principles, which work with nature and not against it.</p> <p>Work with the provinces to fund the research and development of environmental farm plans to help farmers protect wildlife habitat areas and marginal lands, maintain water quality in streams, lakes and aquifers, and retain and improve soil</p>

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	<p>Ensure that the impacts of pesticides on wildlife are fully considered, and support food producers who choose alternative pest management approaches that reduce the need for chemical pesticides.</p>	<p>the private sector to develop methods to grow more crops in Canada year-round in greenhouses.</p> <p>Develop a national strategy to deal with a possible outbreak of African swine fever. Reform Business Risk Management programs, particularly AgriInvest and AgriRecovery.</p> <p>Bring agricultural stakeholders together with the Minister of Agriculture to develop a way forward on insurance programs like AgriStability.</p> <p>Implement an Agriculture and Agri-Food Labour Strategy: Recognize the need for international farm workers and facilitate their timely entrance into Canada to work on.</p> <p>Ensuring that Canada's tourism strategy supports rural tourism and encourages Canadians and visitors from around the world to explore remote</p>		<p>quality, increase carbon sequestration and decrease water requirements. Establish climate change emission targets for all components of the food system, including nitrogen fertilizer use, livestock production and transportation, and food procurement in federal institutions.</p> <p>Re-establish the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration measures to support adaptation to drought conditions.</p> <p>Assist farmers and support small and medium enterprises to transition away from the industrial model controlled by large agri-business and toward locally and regionally based, ecologically sound and humane agriculture and food systems</p> <p>Work with the provinces in creating land trusts to set-aside arable land across Canada to help control the price of land and protect it from being permanently removed as viable farmland.</p> <p>Support research, development and investments in local</p>

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		<p>parts of the country, including the hidden gems that are off the beaten path.</p>		<p>markets and urban agriculture to increase access to local food</p> <p>Protect supply management systems while allowing small scale production for local markets outside this system</p> <p>Support the development of a food waste strategy</p> <p>Protect food sovereignty, the right of farmers to save their own seed, and fund and promote seed banks, seed exchange programs, and agrobiodiversity conservation</p> <p>Support mandatory labelling of genetically modified foods</p> <p>Address disparities in delivery, access, and funding for rural services</p> <p>Establish a parliamentary committee to collect information on place-based needs in rural and remote communities, including the state of funding for rural services in the context of the economic/social realities faced by those communities, and develop recommendations on how these gaps can be closed in ways that work at the local level.</p>

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				<p>Assist farmers with transitioning away from the industrial model controlled by large agri-business and toward locally and regionally based food systems</p> <p>The Green Party of Canada supports the goal of replacing one-third of Canada's food imports with domestic production. This would bring \$15 billion food dollars back into our economy to foster economic diversification and rural revitalization.</p> <p>Promote the creation of land trusts to set-aside arable land across Canada to help control the price.</p>
Taxes	<p>Develop an investment tax credit of up to 30% for a range of clean technologies including low carbon and net-zero technologies with input from external experts on what technologies should be covered.</p> <p>Advance green industrial strategies and continue investing funds from the Net Zero Accelerator in</p>	<p>Eliminate the escalator tax on alcohol.</p> <p>Implement a month-long GST holiday this fall. All purchases made at retail stores will be tax free for this month.</p> <p>Make Canada a low tax jurisdiction for innovation and new product development by</p>	<p>Ensure that the wealthiest individuals are paying their fair share, we will increase the capital gains inclusion rate to 75 percent. A New Democrat government will also boost the top marginal tax rate two points, put in place a luxury goods tax on things like yachts and private jets, and ask the very richest multi-millionaires to pay a bit</p>	<p>Apply a corporate tax on transnational e-commerce companies doing business in Canada by requiring the foreign vendor to register, collect and remit taxes where the product or service is consumed. The e-commerce sector – giants like Netflix, Facebook, Amazon, and Google - command a significant share of the Canadian market but pay virtually no tax.</p>

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	<p>strategic opportunities and make sure that Canada claims more than our fair share of growing clean growth opportunities.</p> <p>Raise corporate income taxes on the largest, most profitable banks and insurance companies who earn more than \$1 billion per year and introduce a temporary Canada Recovery Dividend that these companies would pay in recognition of the fact they have recovered faster and stronger than many other industries.</p> <p>Create a minimum tax rule so that everyone who earns enough to qualify for the top bracket pays at least 15 % each year (the tax rate paid by people earning less than \$49,000), removing their ability to artificially pay no tax through excessive use of deductions and credits.</p> <p>Implement a tax on luxury cars, boats, and planes as outlined in Budget 2021.</p>	<p>introducing a “patent box” regime to cut the tax rate in half on income earned from patents on innovative products developed here.</p> <p>Make it easier for entrepreneurs to finance an innovative business and raise the funding necessary to create jobs including through exempting Canadian controlled start-ups headquartered and with at least 2/3 of their employees in Canada from the current plan to tax stock options.</p> <p>GST Holiday: Implement a month-long GST holiday this fall. All purchases made at retail stores will be tax free for this month. Eliminate the escalator tax on alcohol.</p> <p>Double the Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit for the next three years to help</p> <p>Ending tax havens for large corporations Economic development of</p>	<p>more towards our shared services with a wealth tax.</p> <p>Ensure that large, profitable corporations are contributing to the important services and infrastructure that make Canada such a good place to do business. We will roll back the Conservatives’ corporate income tax cuts by three percentage points to 2010 levels. We will also ensure that internet giants like Facebook, Google and Amazon pay their fair share of taxes,</p> <p>We will take measures to close loopholes that include eliminating bearer shares, compelling companies to prove the economic reason for their offshore transactions, and improving transparency on the taxes paid by large corporations. We will also boost compliance funding to Canada Revenue Agency’s enforcement section dealing with international and corporate taxation, to ensure that companies can’t evade new measures</p>	<p>Impose a financial transactions tax of 0.5 per cent in the finance sector as France has done since 2012.</p> <p>Increase the federal corporate tax rate from 15 to 21 per cent to bring it into line with the federal rate in the United States, our biggest trading partner. Mark Carney, former Governor of the Bank of Canada, said corporations are holding “hundreds of billions of dollars in their bank accounts,” rather than reinvesting in the economy. This dead money needs to be mobilized for the transition to a green, renewable economy.</p> <p>Charge a five per cent surtax on commercial bank profits. Commercial banks accumulate huge profits – \$43.15 billion for the five largest banks in 2018 alone. Credit unions, caisses populaires and co-ops will be exempt.</p> <p>Work with our international partners to implement a global minimum tax so that the biggest companies in the world are not able to escape the taxes they owe here in Canada.</p>

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		<p>Quebec's regions including support for a Quebec alternative to Air Canada outside the major centers create more places for apprentices.</p>		<p>Prohibit Canadian businesses from deducting the cost of advertising on foreign-owned sites such as Google and Facebook which now account for 80 per cent of all spending on advertising Canada.</p> <p>Eliminate the 50 per cent corporate meals and entertainment expense deduction, which includes season tickets and private boxes at sporting events.</p> <p>Establish an arm's length Federal Tax Commission to analyze the tax system for fairness and accessibility, based on the principle of progressive taxation. The last Tax Commission was in the 1960s, so reform is long overdue. This will include recommending an appropriate way to tax cryptocurrencies.</p>
<p>Small Business/ Innovation</p>	<p>Give micro-grants of up to \$2,400 to smaller Main Street businesses so they can afford the costs of new technology.</p> <p>Create training and work opportunities for as many</p>	<p>The Conservatives will pledge to recover the 1 million jobs lost during the pandemic within one year by (among many others) the following;</p> <p>Taking immediate action to help the hardest hit sectors,</p>	<p>New Democrats will make sure that small businesses wage and rent subsidies continue until small businesses are able to fully reopen. To help small businesses get people back to work, we'll put in place a long-term hiring bonus to</p>	<p>Extend wage and rent subsidies until COVID-19 pandemic-related restrictions are fully lifted.</p> <p>Hold the small business tax rate at no more than 9%.</p>

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	<p>as 28,000 young people so they can assist small and medium-sized businesses in adopting new technology.</p> <p>Increase the maximum loan amount from \$350,000 to \$500,000 and extend loan coverage from 10 to 15 years for equipment and leasehold Improvements.</p> <p>Offer zero-interest loans to small and medium-sized businesses so they can finance larger technology adoption projects.</p> <p>Introduce a new line of credit.</p> <p>Expand loan class eligibility to include lending against intellectual property as well as start-up assets and expenses</p> <p>Keep moving forward with our plan to boost business investment by allowing privately owned, Canadian-controlled businesses to immediately expense up to \$1.5 million of growth-enhancing</p>	<p>helping those – including women and young Canadians who have suffered the most and</p> <p>Providing loans of up to \$200,000 to help small and medium businesses in hospitality, retail, and tourism get back on their feet, with up to 25% forgiven.</p> <p>Providing a 25% tax credit on amounts of up to \$100,000 that Canadians personally invest in a small business over the next two years, to get money flowing into main street businesses and create jobs.</p> <p>Making the first \$25,000 of our Canada Investment Accelerator refundable for small business, providing a 5% investment tax credit for any capital investment made in 2022 and 2023.</p>	<p>pay the employer portion of EI and CPP for new or rehired staff.</p> <p>New Democrats will keep working hard for small businesses to tackle issues that impact their bottom line. As more and more small businesses rely on credit card and virtual transactions, we'll put an end to gouging by capping high credit card merchant fees at a maximum of 1%.</p> <p>provide small- and medium-sized businesses with a single point of contact to help ease regulatory processes and support compliance - freeing up time for entrepreneurs to invest in growing their business.</p> <p>Develop comprehensive industrial strategies to incubate and expand critical domestic manufacturing capacity and supply chain infrastructure including for auto, aerospace, shipbuilding, construction materials, pharmaceuticals and personal protective equipment.</p>	<p>Reduce the paperwork burden on small businesses by eliminating duplicative tax filings and red tape. Ensure all new legislation considers the impact on small businesses.</p> <p>Reduce bureaucracy and streamline approvals for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to adopt technologies.</p> <p>Promote entrepreneurship training and business support, especially for women, young, racialized and Indigenous entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Establish a federally funded Green Venture Capital Fund of \$1 billion to support viable small local green business start-ups.</p> <p>Subsidize the implementation of new clean technologies across all SMEs</p>

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	<p>investments, including in areas like software, patents, and machinery.</p> <p>Reform the Scientific Research and Experimental Development Program to reduce red tape and the need for consultants, better align eligible expenses to today's innovation and R&D and make the program more generous for those companies who take the biggest risks, promoting productivity, new inventions, and the creation of good jobs.</p> <p>Reform economic immigration programs to expand pathways to Permanent Residence for temporary foreign workers and former international students through the Express Entry points system.</p>		<p>Develop a national industrial strategy to build an advanced low carbon manufacturing economy in Canada that will provide good middle-class jobs to Canadian workers. We will also take measures to grow the domestic market for Canadian manufactured goods, and provide strategic supports to our long-neglected steel and aluminum industries to attract and retain jobs and investments in communities across the country.</p>	
Tourism/ Hospitality	<p>Provide Canada's hard hit tourism industry with temporary wage and rent support of up to 75% of their expenses;</p>	<p>To support the hospitality and tourism sectors and help ensure that women and young workers share in the recovery, Canada's Conservatives will introduce</p>	<p>A New Democrat government will step up as a partner to foster entrepreneurship, including through dedicated support to</p>	

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	<p>For sectors like hotels, tour operators, convention centers and festivals experiencing a minimum of 40% revenue loss.</p> <p>Qualifying businesses in these sectors would be able to access a maximum subsidy rate of up to 75%, commensurate to their revenue loss, in order to help cover fixed costs like wages and rent.</p> <p>The subsidy would be available between September 2021 until May 31, 2022.</p> <p>Extend the Canada Recovery Hiring Program to March 31, 2022;</p> <p>Launch the Arts and Culture Recovery Program that will match ticket sales for performing arts, live theatres and other cultural venues to compensate for reduced capacity.</p>	<p>a Dine and Discover Program:</p> <p>Provide a 50% rebate for food and non-alcoholic drinks purchased for dine-in from Monday to Wednesday for one month once it is safe to do so, pumping nearly \$1 billion into this sector.</p> <p>Launch the Explore and Support Canada initiative with a 15% tax credit for vacation expenses of up to \$1,000 per person for Canadians to vacation in Canada in 2022, helping our tourism sector get back on its feet.</p>	<p>get the hard-hit tourism sector back on its feet.</p> <p>A New Democrat government will invest in regional economic development agencies and provide economic support for rural areas to invest in job creation in areas like tourism and community development.</p>	
Internal Trade		<p>Convene a First Ministers Meeting on interprovincial trade and provide federal leadership to help move negotiations forward;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the provinces to increase 		<p>Address interprovincial trade barriers that hinder the development of regionally based food systems and value chains</p>

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		<p>standardization and mutual recognition of credentials to increase labour mobility within Canada and smooth the trade in services between provinces; and</p> <p>Introduce an Admitted Free Act clarifying federal intention with respect to interprovincial trade and s.121 of the Constitution to provide modern context for the Supreme Court to consider.</p>		
International Trade	<p>Establish a new federal hub to help Canadian businesses and entrepreneurs take full advantage of the opportunities created by CUSMA, CETA, CPTPP, and other trade agreements.</p> <p>Launch a new comprehensive Asia-Pacific strategy to deepen diplomatic, economic, and defence partnerships in the region, including by negotiating</p>	<p>Will rule out free trade with China as the U.S., Australia and New Zealand has done</p> <p>Diversify Canada's trade toward emerging markets and reduce dependence on the US. We will engage the UK and the countries of Mercosur and ASEAN in negotiations toward free trade agreements</p>	<p>A New Democrat government will directly engage with Canadians on the expected costs and benefits of potential trade deals, as well as ensure that all trade agreements are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We will evaluate all potential trade deals for their social, environmental and gendered impact on Canadians.</p> <p>Modernize Canada's trade remedy system and make sure that trade unions have</p>	<p>Shift the direction of international trade away from "free trade" to "fair trade" in order to prioritize the protection of human rights, labour standards, cultural diversity, and ecosystems around the world.</p> <p>Support global calls for the reform of the World Trade Organization to ensure more equitable international mechanisms that can effectively tackle the ongoing pandemic and climate crisis.</p> <p>Strengthen the mandate and tools available to the Canadian</p>

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	<p>new bilateral trade agreements, expanding FIPAs, and building stronger economic linkages.</p> <p>Reinforce economic cooperation in our hemisphere, including by continuing trade negotiations with the Pacific Alliance and pursuing bilateral trade agreements with key partners</p>		<p>full standing in trade cases and the ability to initiate trade disputes, as is the case in other countries.</p> <p>Trade agreements should have enforceable labour, human rights and environmental protections – and New Democrats will always protect Canadians against measures that could increase the cost of pharmaceuticals, weaken our cultural protections, or undermine privacy rights. We will also protect Canadian businesses who are taking action to transition to a low-carbon future with a border carbon adjustment that will level the playing field on imports from areas without a carbon price.</p> <p>A New Democrat government will also do more to defend Canadian workers and communities from unfair trading practices. We will modernize Canada's trade remedy system and make sure that trade unions have full standing in trade cases and the ability to initiate trade disputes, as is the case in other countries.</p>	<p>Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE) to independently investigate Canadian companies operating abroad and report publicly on its findings.</p> <p>Develop and implement carbon border adjustments to ensure Canadian businesses do not face unfair competition from polluting jurisdictions.</p>