A FOOD POLICY FOR CANADA
Consulting with Canadians

Food matters. The decisions we make as individuals and as a country about food have a direct impact on our health, environment, economy, and communities. Working together, we can put more affordable, safe, healthy, food on tables across the country, while protecting the environment.

The Government of Canada is asking Canadians for their views on what should be included in A Food Policy for Canada.

WHAT IS A FOOD POLICY?
A Food Policy for Canada will set a long-term vision for the health, environmental, social, and economic goals related to food, while identifying actions we can take in the short-term. A food policy is a way to address issues related to the production, processing, distributing, and consumption of food.

WHAT AREAS COULD THE FOOD POLICY COVER?
In order to make healthy eating choices, Canadians depend on sufficient access to affordable, nutritious, and safe food, and require information to make healthy food choices. In turn, having a reliable supply of affordable, nutritious, and safe food, depends on maintaining Canada’s natural resources in a way that supports and grows our agriculture and food sector.

The federal government is consulting Canadians on four closely connected themes that have a direct impact on the food they eat:
• increasing access to affordable food;
• improving health and food safety;
• conserving our soil, water, and air; and,
• growing more high-quality food.

As we develop A Food Policy for Canada, the Government of Canada is exploring how best to align and coordinate current and future federal initiatives strongly linked to agriculture and food.

WHY IS COLLABORATION IMPORTANT?
There are many actors in Canada’s food system, including farmers, processors, retailers, consumers, academia, non-government organizations, and all orders of government. Collaboration that draws from a variety of experiences and perspectives among Canadians and stakeholders will be critical to the success of developing and implementing A Food Policy for Canada.

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