Our roadmap for a HEALTHIER and more SUSTAINABLE food system in Canada –

one that builds on our ambitious agenda to support the growth of our farmers and food businesses, as well as key federal initiatives like the Healthy Eating Strategy and the Poverty Reduction Strategy.
Food connects us all.
It brings us together.

Canadian-made foods are recognized worldwide for the highest standards of quality and food safety.

Responsible for 1 in 8 jobs across the country, our food sector is a powerhouse of the economy, particularly in our rural communities.

More needs to be done to improve our food system.

Too many Canadians aren’t able to reliably access sufficient amounts of healthy food.

Too many children at school are trying to learn on empty stomachs.

And we are wasting too much food – more than 11 million metric tons of food every year, worth nearly $50 billion.
More than 45,000 Canadians participated in the consultations on the Food Policy

This is why the Government of Canada is investing over $134 million with this vision:
All people in Canada are able to access a sufficient amount of safe, nutritious and culturally diverse food. Canada’s food system is resilient and innovative, sustains our environment, and supports our economy.

Together, we can strengthen our food system at every step — from how we produce and process food, to how we improve access to healthy food, and how we minimize food waste.

New and improved federal programs such as the Canada Child Benefit and the top-up to the Guaranteed Income Supplement are already helping the most vulnerable Canadians access healthy food.

Since 2015, more than 825,000 Canadians have been lifted out of poverty, and we met our target of reducing poverty by 20 percent — a full three years ahead of schedule.
Local Food Infrastructure Fund

$50 million
To support a wide range of community-led projects that improve access to safe, healthy, and culturally diverse food. These could include greenhouses, community kitchens, projects at food banks, and farmers’ markets.

Northern Isolated Community Initiatives Fund

$15 million
To support community-led projects like greenhouses, community freezers, and skills training to strengthen Indigenous food systems, and combat significant challenges in accessing healthy food in Canada’s North.

Buy Canadian Promotion Campaign

$25 million
Promote Canadian agricultural products thanks to a new Canada Brand, as well as through online and in-store Buy Canadian campaigns. Increase consumer pride and confidence in our food.
Reducing Food Waste
$26.3 million
Launching a challenge to fund the most innovative food waste reduction proposals in food processing, grocery retail, and food service – as well as leadership by the federal government to cut its own food waste.

Tackling Food Fraud
$24.4 million
Cracking down on mislabeling and misrepresentation of food products, helping to protect consumers from deception and companies from unfair competition.

National School Food Program
We are taking the first consultative steps alongside provinces and not-for-profit organizations towards the creation of a National School Food Program, to help improve the overall health of our children as they learn, leading to better futures for them, and ultimately for our country.
The Food Policy for Canada will help Canada meet its commitments under the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals, including to end hunger, promote good health, cut food waste and encourage a sustainable food system.

We are creating a Canadian Food Policy Advisory Council with expertise and diversity needed to sustain momentum and dialogue on food-related issues that matter to Canadians.

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