

2025 PRE-ELECTION FARMER SURVEY

Canada's agriculture and agri-food sectors employ almost one in nine residents in Canada and contributed nearly 7% (\$150 billion) to the 2023 GDP.

Despite their importance, farmers feel that agricultural issues are often overlooked, and farming interests are not adequately represented.

To identify and communicate the farming community's priorities and preferences, the Simpson Centre surveyed 979 Canadian farmers before the 2025 federal election as part of our "Voices from the Field" project. The survey findings amplify the perspectives and concerns of Canadian farmers, which the Simpson Centre aspires to communicate to lawmakers, advocacy organizations, and the public.

The survey resulted in two [policy briefs](#) addressing **political alignment and policy preferences** and key ballot-box issues among farmers. These insights reveal how federal party platforms align with the priorities of Canadian agricultural producers.

The results showed high political engagement and voting tendencies across the farming community. A majority of Canadian farmers believe the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) best represents their interests (see Fig. 1), followed by the Liberal Party of Canada (LPC) and Bloc Québécois (exclusively in Quebec).

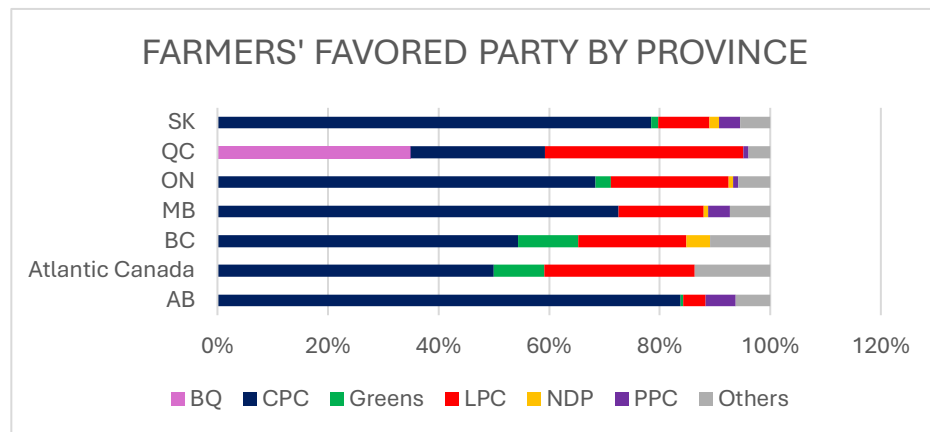


Fig.1

Survey respondents were also asked to pick their top three **policy priorities** (see Fig. 2), with farmers nationally most frequently selecting trade and market access. Other key issues reflected regional variation, such as programs for sectoral risk management in Atlantic Canada receiving 54.55% support and supply management protections in Quebec receiving 70.87% and British Columbia 43.48% backing in Quebec and British Columbia respectively. A detailed breakdown of farmer priorities by sector (dairy, field crops etc.) is available in the [policy briefs](#).

Top 3 Policy Priorities (National)*

*% of times a farmer mentioned a policy as one of their top three policy priorities

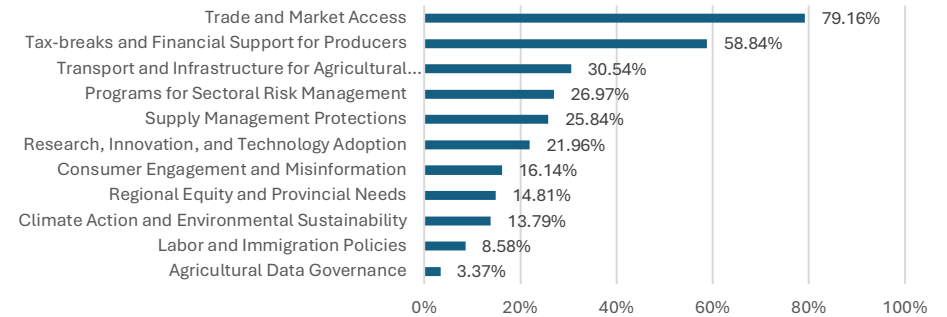


Fig. 2

Political inclinations varied with the size (revenue) of the farming operation. Farmers with less than \$100,000 in gross farm receipts (71.43%) favored the CPC. In contrast, support for the Liberal Party of Canada (LPC) was more prominent in the lower to mid-income ranges, peaking at 23.74% in the \$100,000–\$249,999 bracket.

These results highlight the value of examining political alignment through the lens of farm income. They reveal how economic scale may shape producers' policy priorities and partisan preferences, offering actionable insights for those engaging with Canada's agricultural community.

The findings reveal a diverse policy landscape that can support political parties and policymakers in aligning their platforms with agricultural producers' most pressing concerns while acknowledging the nuances across provinces and sectors. See the [policy briefs](#) for full details and analysis.