



TRI-NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ACCORD
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35th Annual Tri-National Agricultural Accord Communiqué

Provincial and state agricultural leaders from Canada, the United States (U.S.) and Mexico assembled in Calgary, Alberta, Canada for the 35th Annual Tri-National Agricultural Accord (Accord). The Honourable Tara Sawyer, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, proudly welcomed the largest delegation in Accord history to Alberta, underscoring the value of the Accord and the critical importance of agriculture to North American economies, food systems, and rural communities.

The Accord remains an unrivaled forum for senior agricultural officials from state and provincial governments to forge stronger relationships, advance collaboration and address challenges and opportunities in a rapidly evolving global environment. The Accord continues to serve as a formal mechanism by which provincial and state agricultural leaders consult with federal partners on matters of significance, as enshrined in Article 3.8 of the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA)/U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)/Tratado entre México, Estados Unidos y Canadá (T-MEC). Delegates maintain the need for and importance of these structured and dedicated forums for engaging provinces and states.

Delegates met to discuss agricultural topics of mutual importance including the future of North American trade, preparedness to address threats to animal and plant health, and public trust in agriculture, and other topics of mutual interest. Cross-border collaboration in these areas remains a key priority in Accord discussions. Delegates amplified the benefits of the CUSMA/USMCA/T-MEC (the Agreement) and the Agreement's significance to farmers, ranchers, producers, processors and consumers. Delegates affirm that food security is national security, and it is in the best interest of North America to leverage the strength of the integrated market to ensure food security at home and abroad.

Delegates reaffirmed their united support for the long-term renewal of the Agreement. The Agreement has provided a foundation for reducing tariff and non-tariff barriers, which has been instrumental to creating and strengthening the competitiveness of North America in the global economy. Delegates call on federal partners to work together to formally extend the Agreement for an additional 16 years. Delegates also affirmed that government, industry, academia, and certified professionals have a role to educate, advocate for, and convey science and evidence-based policies.

Preparedness in the face of pest and disease threats to animal and plant health remains a foundational discussion at the Accord. Delegates formally requested that the Canadian, U.S. and Mexican federal governments jointly organize regular trilateral agricultural pests and diseases tabletop exercises within the next two years, building on the success and key learnings of the first Accord tabletop exercise that was funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and hosted by Johns Hopkins University in Maryland, U.S. in August 2025. The tabletop should again include states, provinces, federal governments and industry participation.

The Accord welcomed a large contingency of industry representatives from across the North American agricultural sectors. Industry provided perspectives on trade, the Agreement, new technologies and innovation, and workforce attraction and development. Industry participants also shared advice on how government and industry can better collaborate on maintaining sector resiliency and addressing emerging challenges and opportunities that affect producers, processors, exporters, and rural communities across the continent.

As 2026 is the International Year of the Woman Farmer, the Accord recognized North American women in agriculture, celebrating their immense contributions to the agricultural sector. Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was also acknowledged during this year's Accord.

Federal delegates included Lawrence Hanson, Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), Daniel Whitley, Foreign Agricultural Service Administrator, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Evelyn Vera Barreto, Head Consul/Consul Titular of Mexico in Calgary.

To maintain momentum for future Accords and to continue to build and strengthen our trilateral relationship, Director Derek Sandison, Washington State Department of Agriculture, extended an invitation to Canada, the U.S. and Mexico to attend the 36th meeting of the Tri-National Agricultural Accord in Baltimore, Maryland, October 17-20, 2027.



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