

AAFC's approach to the Farm to Fork Strategy

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Targets

- a reduction by 50% of the use and risk of chemical and hazardous pesticides;
- a reduction of nutrient losses by at least 50% while ensuring that there is no deterioration in soil fertility. This will reduce the use of fertilizers by at least 30% by 2030;
- a reduction by 50% of the sales of antimicrobials for farmed animals and in aquaculture by 2030;
- And to grow organic produce on 25% of total EU agricultural land by 2030.

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Key considerations

- Implementing legislation to be rolled out over next seven years or so.
- F2F priorities to be incorporated in all interactions with third countries, bilaterally and multilaterally.
- Realistically need to expect regulatory implications for Canadian exports
- Public consultations will need to be proactively monitored by Government of Canada as well as industry that exports to the EU.

More details:

DG Agri presentation:

<https://vimeo.com/533938756>

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See PDF circulated by Susie for list of Farm to Fork Strategy initiatives:

Farms to Fork list of initiatives (shortlist)*

Column	Action	Indicative timeline for proposal	Indicative Timing of Public Consultation*	Key and content
1	Propose the legislative framework for sustainable food systems	2023	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/uri/lexUriViewServlet	To increase the resilience and ensure that of food placed on the EU market against increasing uncertainty, the Commission will issue a legislative proposal for a framework for a sustainable food system before the end of 2022. This will include a wide consultation in EU and national level, stakeholder consultations, in a horizontal process and proposals for sustainable food systems and food. The framework will also address the legal dimension of action in the food system.
2	EU Carbon Farming Initiative	2023	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/uri/lexUriViewServlet	Farming practices that remove CO2 from the atmosphere contribute to the climate resilience objectives and should be rewarded, either via the common agricultural policy (CAP) or other public or private initiatives. A new EU carbon farming initiative will be proposed that will promote the use of carbon sinks, which capture carbon from the atmosphere and store it in the soil and other carbon sinks. The Commission will develop a legislative framework for carbon farming based on robust and transparent carbon accounting to monitor and verify the authenticity of carbon sequestration.
3	Target on Sustainable Fisheries	Target for 2025, in evaluation in 2023	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/uri/lexUriViewServlet	Reduce sustainable fisheries by at least 20%, while ensuring no overfishing or no fishery.
4	Target on Organic Farming	Target for 2025, in evaluation in 2023	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/uri/lexUriViewServlet	The Commission will assess the development of EU organic farming with the aim of achieving 25% of total farmed land organic farming by 2025 and a significant increase in organic production.
5	Action Plan for the organic sector 2021-2028 (expected March 2021)	Approved in 2021	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/uri/lexUriViewServlet	Approved in 2021
6	EU will present a legislative proposal and other measures to boost resilience for poultry or products associated with deterioration of their appearance and quality	2021	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/uri/lexUriViewServlet	Approved in 2021
7	Proposal for a revision of the Farm Sustainability Data Indicator (FSDI) to include a new Sustainability Data Indicator (SDI) to contribute to a wider set of sustainable farming practices	2022	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/uri/lexUriViewServlet	The objective will enable the benchmarking of farm performance against regional, national or selected countries. Through various advisory services, it will provide feedback and guidance to farmers and the their members in the European Resilience Partnership and various projects. This will improve the sustainability of participating farmers, including their financial and operational performance to meet the needs and increasingly changing digital and environmental requirements.

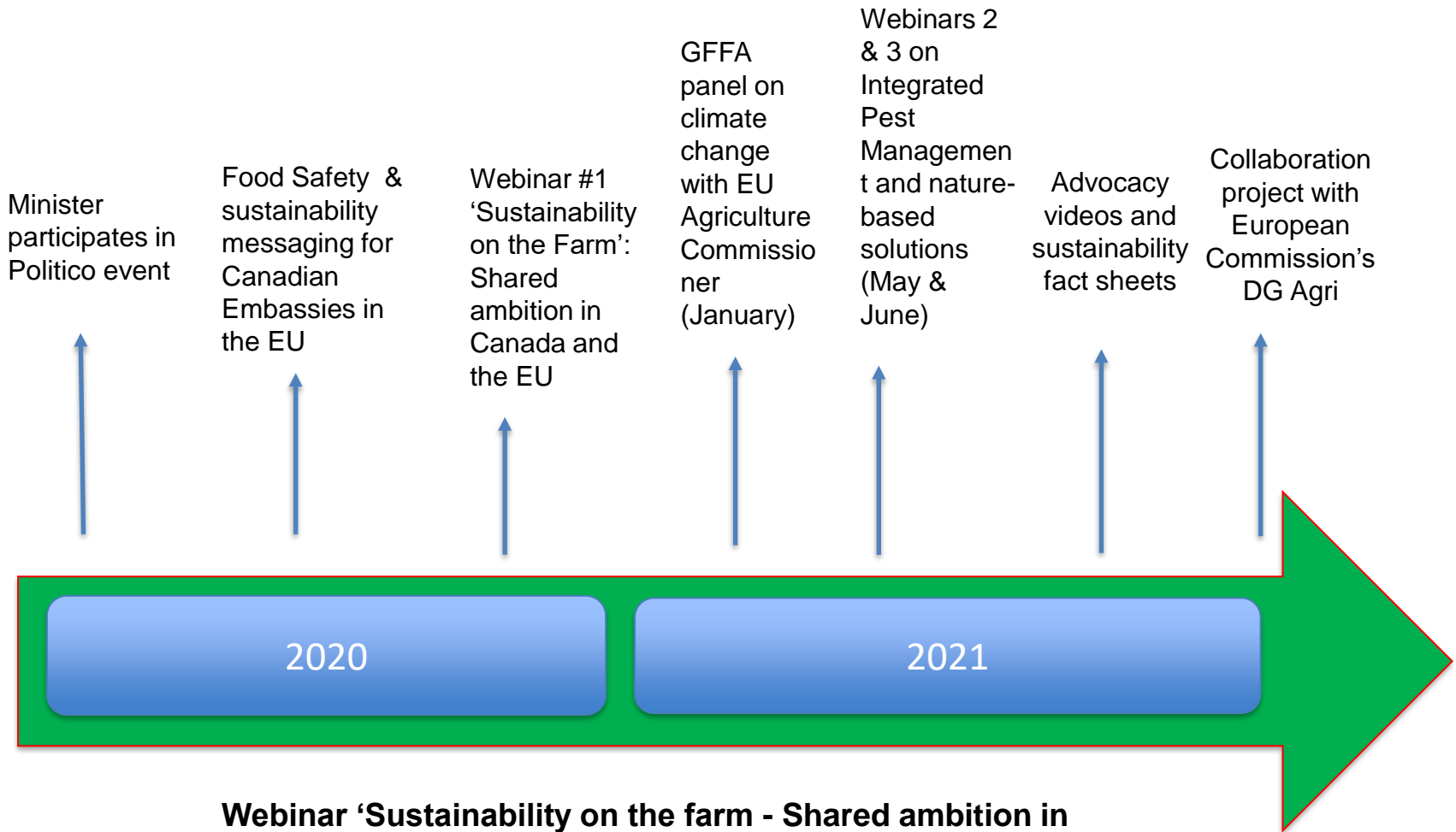
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EU Advocacy Strategy

- Aim to minimize impact to Canadian exports
- Broadly support the objectives of the F2F, which echo many priorities of the Food Policy for Canada and Gov. of Canada priorities
- Effort needed to combat misconceptions in Europe about Canadian agriculture
- Advocacy Strategy developed and initiatives underway

2020-2021 initiatives



Webinar 'Sustainability on the farm - Shared ambition in Canada and the EU': <https://ieep.eu/news/sustainability-on-the-farm-shared-ambition-in-canada-and-the-eu>

Collaboration project with European Commission



Workshops with DG Agri

- Information exchange on strategies relating to sustainability and discussion of priorities
- Plan is to learn, understand and debate best practices
- Hope to complete initial phase of project by 2022
- Ultimate aim: Position Canada as a trusted trading partner with a sustainable agriculture sector that takes environmental considerations very seriously