

CFIA SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH STRATEGY 2018-2021



GOAL: *Advancing science and innovation to support evidence-based decision-making by providing timely and meaningful scientific research outputs to inform the design and delivery of regulatory policies and programs.*

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Advance science and innovative scientific research
- ✓ Enable evidence-based decision-making
- ✓ Strengthen collaborative opportunities and partnerships
- ✓ Maximize the impact and value of research investments

TRENDS AND DRIVERS

New threats, pressures and emerging issues

Rapid advances in Science and Technology

“One Health” Approach, and
Canada’s Plant and Animal Health Strategy

Open Science commitments and
Open Government requirements

“One Agency” Approach

STRATEGIC ENABLERS

- 1 Integrated multi-disciplinary scientific research teams with international and national networks
- 2 Engaged FPT relationships
- 3 Enhanced human resource capacity
- 4 Optimized IM/IT and scientific equipment
- 5 Modernized financial approaches

CFIA PRIORITIES



Modern
Regulatory
Toolkit



Integrated
Risk
Management



Consistent
& Efficient
Inspections



Digital First
Tools &
Services



Global
Leader

RESEARCH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Generate new knowledge and technology

Provide seminal knowledge that will support the design and implementation of the modern regulatory toolkit to anticipate and respond to emerging risks.

Enhance risk intelligence capacity

Generate data and information through the CFIA's integrated network to enhance program reviews and policy updates to better measure, monitor, mitigate and manage risks.

Provide robust processes and tools

Deliver new science-based methods, tools, standards, and innovative approaches to respond to emerging risks and enhance responsiveness to existing issues.

Facilitate open and transparent knowledge transfer

Support sharing of information and knowledge through open access digital tools to foster relationships between the CFIA and its partners.

Encourage research collaborations and partnerships

Leverage multi-disciplinary scientific research collaborations, partnerships and networks to enhance capability and capacity to address new challenges and opportunities.

The CFIA Scientific Research Strategy is to be used by the CFIA and its stakeholders to support decision-making during scientific research engagement, prioritization, planning, delivery, reporting, and evaluation activities.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

CFIA applies scientific research knowledge and technology to support the Agency's legislative framework.

CFIA efficiently and effectively deploys resources to enhance the Agency's surveillance, risk analysis and foresight capacity.

CFIA supports the application of science-based process and tools focused on regulatory outcomes.

CFIA contributes to knowledge of food safety, animal and plant health through the sharing of information on open, digital platforms.

CFIA maintains a leadership position on the international stage and influences international standards, improves safety and environmental outcomes, and supports market access.

TARGETS

APPLICATION

The use and integration of scientific research data, information and knowledge in the areas of:

- Policy making
- Program design
- Risk intelligence
- International standard setting

INNOVATION

The advancement of creative and novel ways to:

- Develop new science-based tools, technology, methods and processes
- Integrate science in knowledge application
- Share information and data to advance scientific research
- Provide global leadership in regulatory scientific research

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Research Excellence



Increased Focus on Prevention



Global Collaboration and Partnerships



Openness and Transparency



Canadian Food
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne
d'inspection des aliments

Canada