

PLANT *and* ANIMAL HEALTH STRATEGY *for* CANADA

Creation of a Plant and Animal Health Strategy for Canada - What we Heard

In April 2017, a draft version of the Plant and Animal Health Strategy was made available for consultation allowing anyone interested to provide feedback through a variety of methods including:

Answering a questionnaire

Submitting edits

Signing up to help implement

Attending a webinar

Do-it-yourself kits

Social media

During the consultation, over 250 partners were engaged, including over 100 provincial partners and representatives of more than 130 different organizations.



What we heard:

Strong overall support for the draft strategy, which was perceived to have many strengths to keep Canadian plants and animals healthy.

There will be a need to allocate sufficient focus and resources on preventive activities while maintaining resources for response and recovery.

Risks will need to be prioritized – it is impossible to control all risks simultaneously.

Views on what shared accountability means:

Each partner is responsible for contributing to the greater system and shares the responsibility for system outcomes.

All partners participate in decision-making and work toward common goals.

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Much of the proposed health strategy is very much aligned with our members' interests and we are genuinely supportive of the initiative.

- Plant industry association

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[We] would encourage the government to approach the [Strategy] in the best interest of Canadian agriculture, providing good quality expertise and sufficient, stable long term funding to allow the system to operate in an efficient and effective manner in pursuit of the public good.

- Animal industry association

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Strong focus on setting a sound foundation for implementation, with much discussion of:

- Resourcing
- Roles & responsibilities
- Timing/Prioritization of activities
- Measuring success

