

## Petition to the Government of Canada

**WHEREAS** On January 23, 2026 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) announced plans to cut 665 positions, primarily scientific, technical and support staff carrying out agricultural research, and close 7 research facilities: the Lacombe, Guelph, and Quebec City Research and Development Centres and the Indian Head, Scott, Portage la Prairie, and Nappan Research Farms, as well as the Organic and Regenerative Research Program at the Swift Current R&D Center;

**AND WHEREAS** The affected positions and facilities are essential to Canadian agriculture, representing an irreplaceable investment in facilities, equipment and highly educated personnel, an irreplaceable knowledge base, essential infrastructure for public plant breeding needed to address critical production challenges to provide ongoing success for farmers and our agricultural economy, and a strategic asset to safeguard Canada's ability to feed ourselves

**THEREFORE** We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to reverse the planned cuts of 665 AAFC staff and closure of the Organic and Regenerative Research Program at Swift Current, and the Lacombe, Guelph, Quebec City, Indian Head, Scott, Portage la Prairie, and Nappan research facilities.

<b>Signatures</b> (Canadian citizens or residents only) (Please sign your name, do not print)	<b>Addresses</b> Any address format which establishes the signatory resides in Canada is acceptable (city, province, or postal code)

Hand deliver or mail petitions with **25 or more signatures** to a Member of Parliament and request that they present the Petition in the House of Commons as soon as possible. Mail may be sent postage-free to any Member of Parliament.

The address is **House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6**