AGRICULTURE POLICY
PRIORITYs IN CANada

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• Building a competitive and innovative sector

• Ensuring the sector contributes to society's priorities

• Being proactive in managing risks
HEALTHY CANADIANS

• Nutrition:
  – Encourage positive health choices
  – Vegetables and fruit make up the largest arc of Canada's Food Guide rainbow
  – At least one vegetable or fruit at every meal + snacks

• Food Safety:
  – Minimize and manage public health risks associated with the food supply
  – Safe and sustainable plant and animal resource base
FOOD SECURITY

• Domestic:
  – Secure supply
  – Modern greenhouse industry
  – Seasonal fruit & vegetable imports

• International interests:
  – Concerns for developing countries
  – Opportunities for trade in developed countries
BIOFUELS

• Strategy for renewable fuels
  – Increasing the retail availability of renewable fuels through regulation
  – Supporting the expansion of Canadian production of renewable fuels
  – Assisting farmers to seize new opportunities in this sector
  – Accelerating the commercialization of new technologies
POLLINATORS

• Pollinators are integral to most issues in ag policy spectrum
• Nearly inconceivable that pollinators would not be around to support our farmers
• Taken for granted?
• NSERC/CANPOLIN
THANK YOU

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