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Sustainability



Adapting to a changing environment

Background

Climate change adaptation strategies such as water conservation measures and adjustment of planting and harvesting dates could play a critical role for the future of the agriculture sector. Other adaptation options include the introduction of new species and hybrids that are more resistant to drought and heat, and the development of policies and practices to increase the flexibility of agricultural systems.

Sustainability in Canada's horticulture sector will rely on the commitment and contribution of our governments as well as our own ingenuity, leadership and succession planning.



Sustainability is simply another word for the future of horticulture.

Opportunity

Global warming is projected to have significant impacts on conditions affecting agriculture and at the same time future demographics point to the need to double global food production by 2050, if not sooner.

Within this context, the horticulture sector plays a paramount role in ensuring a sustainable agriculture sector and a secure food supply in Canada.

Our producers have and will continue to adapt. In turn, government policy and programs will need to evolve to reflect the changing realities for the agriculture industry.

Action

The CHC urges the government to provide adequate funding for agricultural adaptation to climate change. This adaptation must include technological developments, government programs and insurance, farm production practices and farm financial management.

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