

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) is invested in the concerns of Alberta's agriculture businesses.

We understand the unique and integral role agribusiness plays in the success of our Province and its communities. On behalf of the 24,000 businesses represented by 125 community chambers of commerce in our chamber network, ACC is working to improve the success and support the growth of agribusiness through by advocating on the following issues.



ACC has continued its work to see the creation of a fallback fund for landowners who are unable to pursue damages for seismic work on their land and, thus have damaged water tables and leaking seismic holes.



We recently prepared a letter to the Minister of Agriculture to discuss Alberta's Land-Use Framework and property rights regime. ACC is seeking to ensure considerations and protections for Alberta's prime agricultural lands are incorporated into Regional Plans. In addition, we are seeking changes to legislation which ensure adequate and fair compensation for property owners who are affected by government actions which affect land values, result in procurement of lands, or other actions

Working with Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Agriculture & Forestry, ACC is ensuring that effective, consistent, reporting of noxious pest plants, especially Clubroot, are properly reported, not only by landowners, but by utility developers and energy exploration companies who may come across and detect these damaging weeds.



While Bill 202, Alberta Local Food Act, recently failed to pass the Alberta legislation in 2016, the ACC is working with the Government to develop new supports to encourage the development of local food markets.



Improving access to trade is critical aspect of Alberta's agricultural future. Barriers developed by competing and redundant regulatory systems at the federal level and in each province restricts Alberta's ability to export food products within our own country. Alignment, harmonization, and cooperation is needed to develop a food safety and inspection process that is more conducive to trade in agri-products.



On the topic of trade, ACC joins the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in supporting the development of a Grown-in-Canada Label. Canadian food products are known globally for their quality, nutrition, and safety. A cohesive marketing strategy with a recognized labelling scheme would support the sales of Canadian agri-food products.

