

The Crop Sector Working Group

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The Crop Sector Working Group is an inclusive partnership of crop sector commissions and associations who have come together to consider and discuss environmental issues relating to the crop sector.

Vision

The Alberta Crop Sector will produce safe, high quality food, fuel and fibre ingredients competitively in an environmentally sustainable manner.

Mission

The mission of Crop Sector Working Group is to build a forum for discussion of common areas of environmental policy and to develop specific key messages on behalf of the crop sector to be delivered to specific target audiences.

Objectives in the Business Plan of the CSWG support the following goals:

1. Healthy agricultural landscapes that maintain or increase both their agricultural productivity and ecological integrity.
2. Maintain a safe and secure water supply for agricultural production.
3. Agriculture producer use of technology and nutrients is optimal by adding value, saving costs and minimizing negative impacts on air, land and water.
4. Farming systems are energy efficient, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and maximize profitability and productivity.
5. Albertans recognize agriculture producers as environmental stewards.

The CSWG is currently made up of:

- AB Canola Producers Commission
- AB Wheat Commission
- AB Barley Commission
- AB Pulse Growers
- AB Potato Growers
- AB Sugar Beet Growers
- AB Seed Growers
- Alfalfa Seed Commission Alberta
- AB Beekeepers Commission

Member organizations generally provide the expertise and time commitment of management and one producer member to the CSWG. The CSWG generally meets every 2 months, and has conference calls as needed.

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