



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, April 28, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry met this day at 6:33 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Mary Robinson, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Black, Burey, McBean, McNair and Robinson (5).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senator Karetak-Lindell (1).

Participating in the meeting: Joanne Markle LaMontagne, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, the committee continued its study on the role of the agriculture and agri-food sector with regard to food security in Canada.

WITNESSES:

The Honourable Senator Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

Canadian Agri-Food Automation and Intelligence Network:

Darrell Petras, Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

Seeds Canada:

Lauren Comin, Director of Policy.

At 6:34 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:35 p.m., the committee resumed.

The Honourable Senator Karetak-Lindell made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:31 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:37 p.m., the committee resumed.

Darrell Petras and Lauren Comin each made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:23 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Caroline Woodward

Clerk of the Committee