



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, May 26, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry met this day at 6:32 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, Martin, McBean, McNair, Muggli, Robinson and Sorensen (8).

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:

Egg Farmers of Canada:

Emmanuel Destrijker, 1st Vice-Chair.

Canadian Roots Farms Inc.:

Richard Leblanc, Chief Executive Officer.

Agri-Food Innovation Council:

Serge Buy, Chief Executive Officer.

Agriculture in the Classroom Canada:

Darcy Pawlik, Chairman (*by videoconference*);

Pamela Alexis, Board Member (*by videoconference*).

Coalition for Healthy School Food:

Sarah Keyes, Provincial Lead, Ontario Chapter.

Emmanuel Destrijker, Richard Leblanc and Serge Buy each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:30 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:35 p.m., the committee resumed.

Darcy Pawlik, Pamela Alexis and Sarah Keyes each made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:29 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sébastien Payet

Clerk of the Committee