



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, June 2, 2026  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry met this day at 6:35 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, Hébert, Martin, McBean, 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:

#### *Vive Crop Protection:*

Darren Anderson, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder.

#### *Haven Greens:*

Jay Willmot, Founder and Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

#### *AgriTech North:*

Benjamin Feagin Jr., Chief Executive Officer;

Fabian Velez, Chief Operating Officer.

#### *Territorial Agrifood Association:*

Janet Dean, Executive Director (*by videoconference*).

Darren Anderson and Jay Willmot each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:38 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:43 p.m., the committee resumed.

Benjamin Feagin Jr. and Janet Dean each made a statement answered questions.

At 8:30 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 8:32 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda.

At 8:35 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Andrea Mugny

*Clerk of the Committee*