



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, June 9, 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, McNair, Muggli, Oudar and Robinson (6).

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:

Qajuqturvik Community Food Centre:

Joseph Murdoch-Flowers, Executive Director.

Unemployed Help Centre of Windsor Inc.:

June Muir, Chief Executive Officer, Leamington Regional Food Hub (*by videoconference*).

Food Banks Canada:

Kirstin Beardsley, Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

4-H Canada:

Chris Franc, Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

As an individual:

Dean Orr, Farmer and Graduate Student OAC.

Joseph Murdoch-Flowers, June Muir and Kirstin Beardsley each made a statement and answered questions.

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

At 7:36 p.m., the committee resumed.

Dean Orr and Chris Franc each made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:27 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Caroline Woodward

Clerk of the Committee