

Dear Ms. Simpson,

During the AGFO Hearings on “The status of soil health in Canada”, comments have been made that suggest the Prairies (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba), highly dominate agriculture in Canada. If acreage were the only measure of production capacity that would be true. However, we must look further.

Total farm cash receipts tell a very different story as it reflects the total value of production that originates from each acre of farmland.

Ontario production is five times greater than Saskatchewan. Should we invest five times more in protecting each acre of land in Ontario?

In fact, no one region is less important than another.

See attached 2021 Census data from Statistics Canada.

Best regards,

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