

Supportive Quotes From Our Members

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

“As farmers often have no viable fuel alternatives for critical food production activities, the carbon tax creates a large financial burden without any potential for significant emission reductions. In order for farmers to make investments into technologies that enhance their efficiency and sustainability, they need access to the working capital. Bill C-234 would keep those funds in farmers’ hands and allow them to make the necessary investments that will allow our sector to unleash its potential as a natural climate solutions provider.” – Keith Currie, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture

Canadian Pork Council:

“Pork producers are at the forefront of sustainable efforts, raising the bar for environmental stewardship. However, due to a lack of alternatives, our journey towards a greener future faces a roadblock in the form of fossil fuel dependency. The transformation to energy efficiency requires more than just a technological adjustment; it demands a technological shift in the form of an investment of resources, knowledge, and partnerships. Bill C-234 will give us the time to take proper steps and, together with sector partners, the government, and the research community, harness sustainable energy solutions while remaining competitive on the world market.” – René Roy, Chair of the Canadian Pork Council

Grain Growers of Canada:

“Canada’s grain farmers welcome the introduction of this bill and appreciate the exemptions included for critical on-farm activities – including grain drying. Through this relief from the carbon tax, our farmer members would have additional capital to invest in innovative technologies and sustainable practices that reduce emissions.” – Andre Harpe, Chair of Grain Growers of Canada

Canadian Hatching Egg Producers:

“Canadas hatching egg farmers represent an important segment of the poultry industry. Our farmers work hard to be at the forefront of innovation for sustainability while striving for efficiency at every opportunity. Bill C-234 will provide necessary support on farms to help alleviate financial pressures and ensure capital is available to reinvest in our farm operations to continuously improve our sustainability.” – Brian Bilkes, Chair of Canadian Hatching Egg Producers

Canadian Canola Growers Association:

“Canola farmers are proud stewards of the land and are always looking to make improvements. However, to maintain the quality of our crop, grain drying has become an integral part of our operations and can cost thousands of dollars each year. Currently, there are no viable options other than natural gas or propane to dry canola. The exemption provided by Bill C-234 will be a huge relief for canola farmers like me, and will provide an opportunity to re-invest in the efficiency of our farms and support food security.” – Roger Chevraux, Chair of Canadian Canola Growers Association



Canadian Cattle Association:

“Beef farmers and ranchers continue to be leaders in sustainability and are continually making environmental improvements in managing their operations, which contribute towards the Canadian beef industry’s 2030 goals. Bill C-234 will aid these environmental goals by providing necessary exemptions for essential farm practices, including steam flaking and temperature regulation for livestock barns.” – Nathan Phinney, President of Canadian Cattle Association

Fruit & Vegetable Growers of Canada:

“Canadian fruit and vegetable growers are committed to being a part of global climate solutions and the sustainability of their operations. We believe the support for farmers found in Bill C-234, will incentivize continued innovation, and recognizes that farmers need a range of feasible fuel and energy options. Ultimately, this will benefit the entire food value chain, including Canadian consumers.” – Jan VanderHout, President of Fruit & Vegetable Growers of Canada

Chicken Farmers of Canada:

“Canadian chicken farmers constantly advance our operations in order to improve bird health and welfare, and to ameliorate environmental stewardship and sustainability on the farm. Through the implementation of good production practices, chicken farmers are taking steps to ensure that our sector is environmentally sustainable for decades to come. We look to our partners in government and in the House of Commons to provide legislative and financial support for farmers so we can keep feeding Canadians.” – Tim Klompmaker, Chair of Chicken Farmers of Canada

National Cattle Feeders’ Association:

“Canada’s feedlot sector embraces innovative practices that support competitiveness and sustainability. To compete in an integrated North American market, cattle feeders carefully manage input costs including feed and fuel. Cattle feedlots rely on the use of propane and natural gas for essential practices including on-farm grain drying, on-farm steam flaking (feed preparation) and irrigation of feed crops. The financial relief provided by Bill C-234 supports a viable Canadian beef sector and represents an opportunity for industry to further invest in environmentally-sound practices.” – Will Lowe, Chair of National Cattle Feeders’ Association

Mushrooms Canada:

“Canadian farmers are at a competitive disadvantage without Bill C-234. Specific to mushroom production, the carbon tax penalizes our industry for producing food year round. Growing a crop during the winter is no easy feat, but is needed to supply Canadians with fresh local food year round. Should this crucial bill pass, mushroom farmers would see a much needed reprieve from the carbon tax on growing room heating costs. Mushrooms are a sustainable choice and mushroom growers are committed to reducing their carbon footprint.” – Mike Medeiros, President of Mushrooms Canada



National Sheep Network:

“The National Sheep Network (NSN) represents 75 percent of Canada's ewe flock that have joined together to leverage resources and producer leadership on issues of mutual interest. The NSN is producer driven and initiative focused to find innovative solutions to challenges facing the sheep industry. Sheep farmers are committed to environmental practices to meet Canada’s sustainability goals. Our members appreciate the legislative changes in Bill C-234 that will support our sustainability efforts.” – Pierre Lessard, Chair of National Sheep Network

Canadian Seed Growers’ Association:

“Seed is essential to a sustainable and thriving agriculture and agri-food sector, and supporting the sustainable production of seed is led by our dedicated seed growers. Bill C-234 is a crucial step towards supporting our seed growers and farmers by recognizing their unique challenges in reducing greenhouse gas emissions while maintaining essential farming activities. Farmers, growers, and ranchers have no other viable alternatives, and by extending the exemption, this Bill will both reduce the cost burden on farmers and empower them to invest in the efficiency of their operations and a sustainable future for Canadian agriculture. The Canadian Seed Growers’ Association proudly stands in support of Bill C-234 and the tireless work our seed growers, farmers, and ranchers do for Canadian agriculture.” – Dale Connell, President of Canadian Seed Growers’ Association

Turkey Farmers of Canada:

“Turkey farmers across Canada are committed to continuous enhancement of their farms’ sustainability and environmental efficiency, while focusing on the health and welfare of their birds. We know that many turkey farmers have indicated they upgrade their operations with sustainability in mind. Bill C-234 will alleviate financial costs and support turkey farmers in providing sustainably produced, safe, and nutritious food to Canadians.” – Darren Ference, Chair of Turkey Farmers of Canada

