

# Global Food Security

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities



In June 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau highlighted the urgent global crisis

of food insecurity, which fuels hunger, instability, and conflict. With global grain stocks dwindling and rising costs impacting agricultural productivity, Canadians are facing unprecedented food prices.

## Challenges

As Saskatchewan's products gain traction in the world's fastest-growing markets, Canada has a unique opportunity to strengthen its economy, foster investment in rural communities, and enhance global food security.

However, to capitalize on this potential, the federal and provincial governments must provide greater support to mitigate the challenges of rising prices, inflation, and systemic inequities affecting vulnerable populations.

**IMMEDIATE ACTION IS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE CANADA CAN MEET DOMESTIC NEEDS WHILE PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN ADDRESSING GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY.**

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# Advocacy Asks

SARM is advocating for the following measures to be taken in order to address the global food security concerns:

**ENHANCING AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE:** The Lake Diefenbaker Irrigation Project is vital for food security; therefore, the federal government must provide sustained financial and technical support to ensure its successful implementation and expansion.

**MEETING GLOBAL FOOD DEMAND:** With a projected increase of nearly two billion people by 2050, the federal government must implement a comprehensive agricultural strategy to achieve a 70% increase in food production through innovation and sustainable practices.

**ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY TRENDS:** Rising food prices have led to increased food insecurity for 16.9% of Canadians; the federal government must prioritize policies to enhance food affordability and support food assistance programs for marginalized communities.

**TACKLING SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES:** Disproportionately high food insecurity rates among lone-parent families, racialized groups, and Indigenous populations necessitate federal collaboration with community organizations to develop targeted initiatives that improve access to nutritious food.

**MITIGATING THE IMPACTS OF INFLATION:** As inflation raises input costs for farmers, the federal government must implement strategic subsidies and effective measures to stabilize agricultural input prices and ensure the financial viability of farming operations.

**REVISING ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES:** Current environmental policies, including carbon taxes, must be reformed by the federal government to address farmers' immediate needs and promote sustainable practices without compromising productivity.

**ENSURING FERTILIZER AVAILABILITY:** To achieve a 55% increase in agricultural exports by 2025, the federal government must provide guidelines and support for farmers to transition to sustainable practices while maintaining productivity, including research on alternative fertilizers.

**ADDRESSING RISING FUEL COSTS:** With record increases in gas and fertilizer costs impacting farmers, the federal government should introduce immediate relief measures, such as fuel subsidies, to support agricultural production and prevent scaling back operations.

**Thank you  
for your time!**

SARM looks forward to working with the federal government on projects and initiatives positively impacting Saskatchewan's rural municipalities.