

Party Responses as Per Their Published Platforms

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Parties listed in alphabetical order.

Questions	BC Conservatives
Will your party commit to developing, in collaboration with industry, a provincial agriculture production plan, including measurable strategic targets and key performance indicators, to guide and track the growth of B.C.'s agriculture production and food system?	Our realistic food production plan will set a measurable target, starting with 10% less reliance on imported food by 2030.
What is your party's commitment to maintaining the integrity of the Agricultural Land Reserve for agricultural purposes and incentivizing more agricultural production in B.C.?	Modernize the Agricultural Land Reserve. We will use modern soil and mapping technology to remap the ALR and reform the ALR Act to put food security first. Governance will also be strengthened to address misuse and non-compliance.
How does your party plan to, a) increase water storage capacity and water supply in B.C., and b) protect and secure water to ensure that it is accessible to farmers and ranchers for when it is needed most?	Protect farm water. We will protect existing allocations, enable more storage, accelerate groundwater licensing, provide earlier warnings of water problems and conduct evidence-based triage of the most affected crops, with farmers at the table from the beginning of watershed planning.
What is your party's commitment to work with industry to implement the policy priorities that were recommended in the above noted report?	Make on-farm housing work for agriculture, prioritizing worker housing permits. Cut agricultural red tape to lower grocery bills and unleash our farmers. To keep those jobs here, we will immediately cut burdensome red tape to repatriate billions in private investment, build a world-class food economy and lower grocery bills for every British Columbian. We will update farm-class revenue thresholds, restore merit-based Agricultural Land Commission decisions and reduce barriers facing young farmers and ranchers.
What is your party's plans to action the above noted recommendations made by both industry and the Premier's Task Force on Agriculture and the Food Economy?	

What is your party's commitment to ensure the recommendations of the Task Force are delivered on?	
Link to BC Conservatives Platform: https://conservativebc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/20261016_BCC_Platform2026_8-5x11-Draft-18_compressed.pdf	

Questions	BC Greens
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What is your party's commitment to maintaining the integrity of the Agricultural Land Reserve for agricultural purposes and incentivizing more agricultural production in B.C.?	Protect BC's farms and food security by restricting non-resident and investment firm ownership of farmland. Specifically, the BC Greens will limit ownership of Agricultural Land Reserve Land parcels greater than 4 hectares only to citizens and permanent residents of British Columbia, unless they demonstrate intent to become residents and establish themselves within two years. Make food sovereignty part of the Agricultural Land Commission's mandate, to protect and prioritize agricultural use, and provide additional funding and staffing to fulfill that mandate.
How does your party plan to, a) increase water storage capacity and water supply in B.C., and b) protect and secure water to ensure that it is accessible to farmers and ranchers for when it is needed most?	Streamline the approvals process for water storage dugouts on farms to improve drought resilience and water availability.
What is your party's commitment to work with industry to implement the policy priorities that were recommended in the above noted report?	Unlock the next generation of farmers and protect and expand BC's reserve of farmland by establishing a publicly owned agricultural land bank for lease by new farmers.
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BC Greens Platform: https://bcgreens.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/BCG_Platform.pdf	

Questions	BC NDP
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How does your party plan to, a) increase water storage capacity and water supply in B.C., and b) protect and secure water to ensure that it is accessible to farmers and ranchers for when it is needed most?	Setting strict new water-efficiency standards, mandated public reporting of water use, and requiring engagement with local communities on conservation and drought planning.
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BC NDP Platform: https://www.bcndp.ca/plan	

Questions	CentreBC
Will your party commit to developing, in collaboration with industry, a provincial agriculture production plan, including measurable strategic targets and key performance indicators, to guide and track the growth of B.C.'s agriculture production and food system?	We will set 10-year targets for farm production, income, investment, processing and exports, and report on them every year.
What is your party's commitment to maintaining the integrity of the Agricultural Land Reserve for agricultural purposes and incentivizing more agricultural production in B.C.?	
How does your party plan to, a) increase water storage capacity and water supply in B.C., and b) protect and secure water to ensure that it is accessible to farmers and ranchers for when it is needed most?	Farms need water security too: a farm water stream will help build reservoirs, irrigation, dugouts and aquifer recharge, starting in regions with repeated drought, and reach \$15 million a year once the fund is doubled. Farmers will have a formal seat in watershed planning.
What is your party's commitment to work with industry to implement the policy priorities that were recommended in the above noted report?	We will update outdated farm-classification rules so farmland is farmed, and help young and new farmers get onto the land. We will offer loan guarantees so viable farms can finance equipment, greenhouses, irrigation, automation, processing and succession.
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CentreBC Platform: https://www.centrebc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/CentreBC-2026-Platform-Updated-2026-10-16.pdf	

Questions	OneBC
Will your party commit to developing, in collaboration with industry, a provincial agriculture production plan, including measurable strategic targets and key performance indicators, to guide and track the growth of B.C.'s agriculture production and food system?	
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OneBC Platform: https://1bc.ca/priorities	