



Canadian Grain
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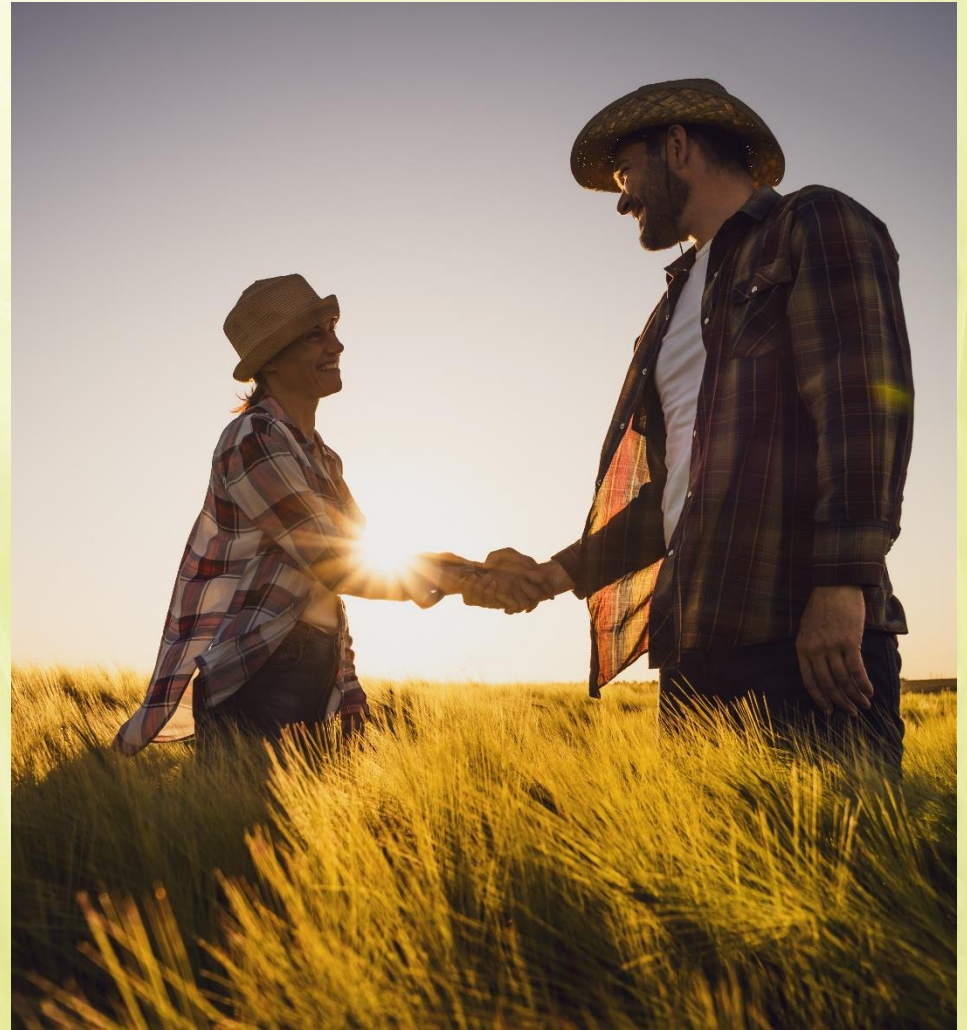
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Canadian Grain Commission update

Fall 2023

Doug Chorney
Chief Commissioner



Mandate



- The Canadian Grain Commission's mandate is to, “in the interests of the grain producers, establish and maintain standards of quality for Canadian grain and regulate grain handling in Canada, to ensure a dependable commodity for domestic and export markets.”
 - *Canada Grain Act*



Organization



Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

- Chief Commissioner
- Assistant Chief Commissioner
- Commissioner

Chief Audit and
Evaluation Executive

Chief Operating
Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Chief
Information
Officer

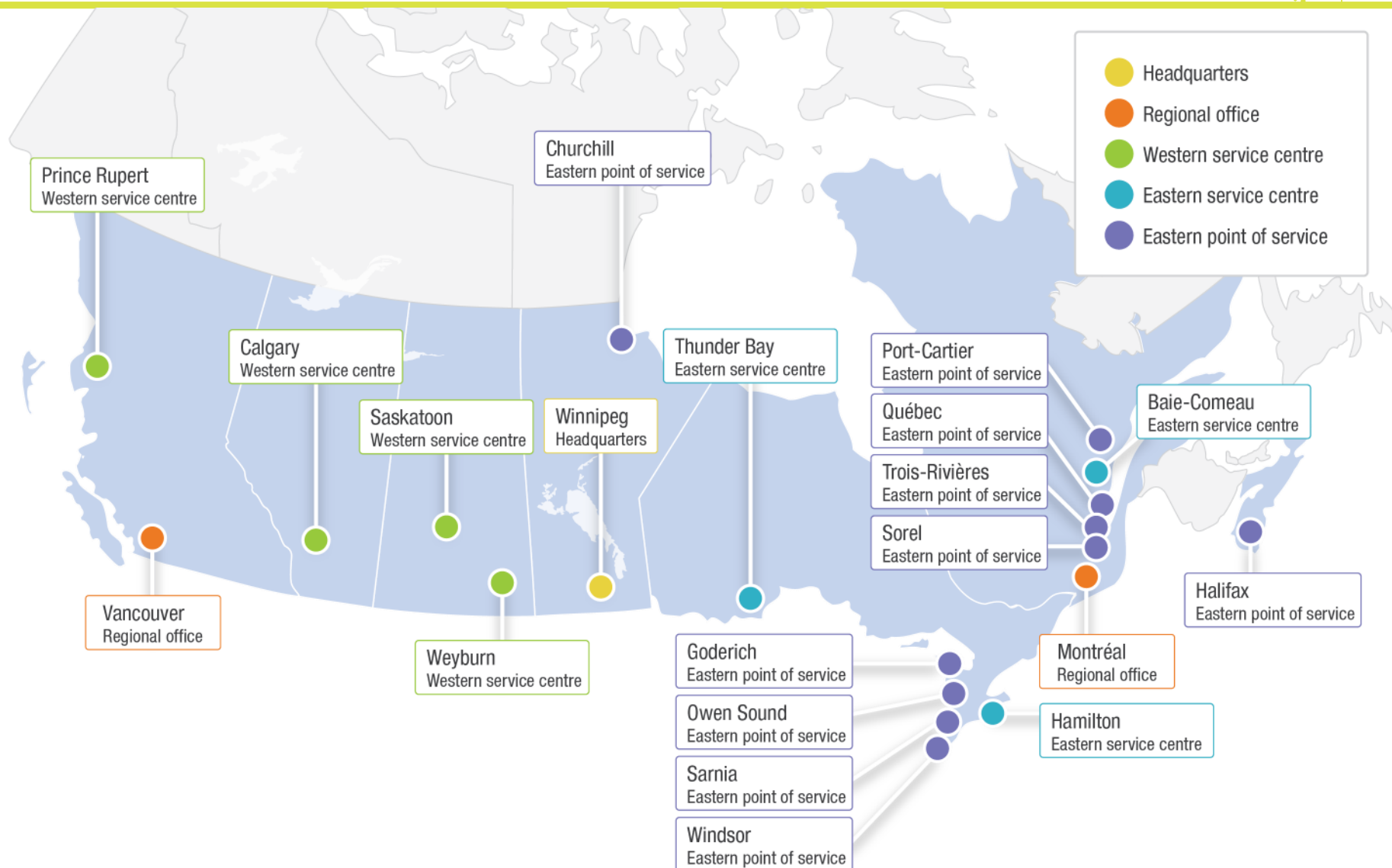
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Director,
Innovation and
Strategy

Director General,
Grain Research
Laboratory

Executive
Director,
Human
Resources

Director,
Industry
Services

Where the CGC is located



Our programs



- Grain Quality Program
- Grain Research Program
- Safeguards for Grain Farmers Program





Areas of focus

1. Modernize the Canadian Grain Commission's regulatory framework, programs, and services
2. Position the Canadian Grain Commission as a global leader in grain science
3. Strengthen the Canadian Grain Commission's stakeholder relationships with a focus on Canadian producers
4. Attract and retain employees in a competitive market



- During the *Canada Grain Act* review consultations, the CGC heard consistent support for our role in grain quality and safety research
- The CGC recognized the need for a refreshed Science Strategy to guide future activity and investment
- The CGC sought feedback from stakeholders on a Science Strategy throughout 2022



Science Strategy: drivers and actions



Global trends and emerging market issues

- Expand cargo-monitoring; including small-lot shipments
- Expand Harvest Sample Program to minor and emerging crops
- Increase intelligence gathering and collaboration



Advances in technology

- Develop methods
- Evaluate technologies
- Develop an intellectual property framework to facilitate collaboration



Evolving end uses

- Develop methods
- Investigate impact of various factors on quality of pulses for protein production
- Expand research and monitoring on pulses



Climate change and extreme weather

- Improve understanding of the impacts of weather practices on grain quality and safety
- Leverage monitoring data
- Maintain science-based grading factors
- Evaluate new varieties



Food safety and nutrition

- Investigate factors affecting nutrition for humans and animals
- Investigate effects of processing
- Develop methods

Standards committees



- Two committees representing the Canadian grain sector:
 - Eastern Standards Committee
 - Western Standards Committee
- Technical consultative bodies with representatives from across the grain sector
- The committees make recommendations to the CGC concerning the official grain grading system

Key updates and initiatives



Renewal of standards committees



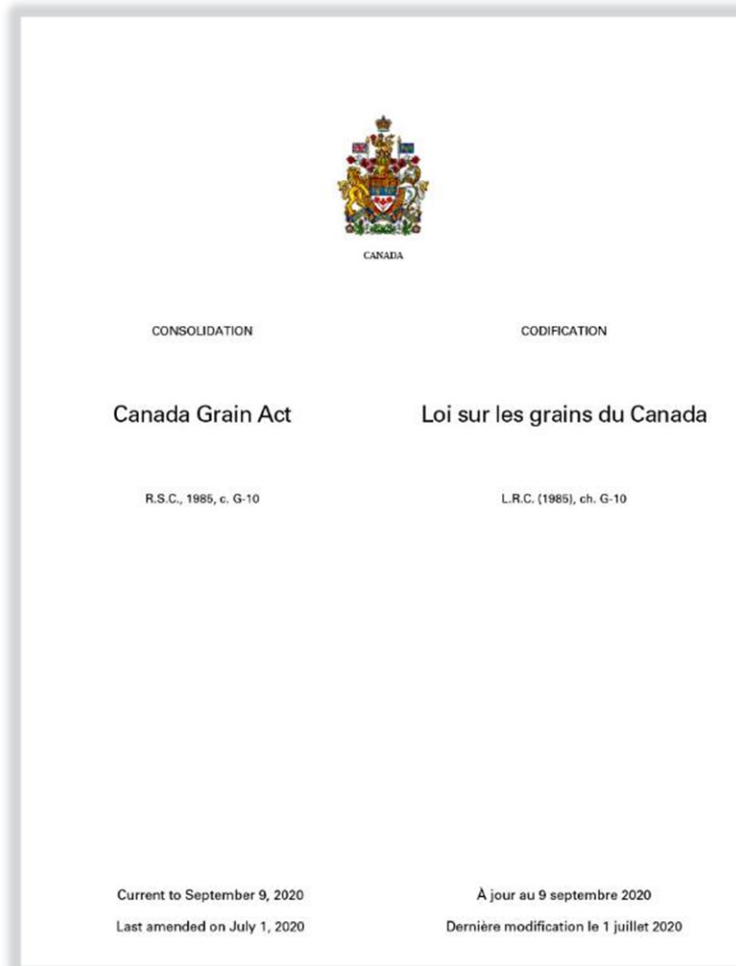
- We have taken action to renew and refresh the standards committees based on CGA review feedback
 - Updated terms of reference for main committees
 - Renamed “subcommittees” to “advisory committees” with updated terms of reference and refreshed membership
 - Improved communications protocols pre and post meeting; improved webpage
- More than 10 new members of main committees appointed in fall 2022



Canada Grain Act review



- We continue to provide support to AAFC on next steps to modernize the *Canada Grain Act* and ensure it meets the needs of the sector
- At the same time, we are pursuing other regulatory and operational improvements
- Large-scale investment of the CGC surplus remains on hold pending the CGA review to ensure alignment between the processes



Grain grading modernization



Test weight and total foreign material alignment

- In response to producer concerns, the CGC repealed the planned regulatory changes that aligned the primary and export standards for test weight and total foreign material
- There will be no changes to these standards for the 2023-24 crop year





Updated severely sprouted definition for western wheat

- The definition for severely sprouted wheat for western wheats has been updated in the Official Grain Grading Guide
- Research confirmed that sprouted wheat where the sprout was partially broken off the kernel had similar end-use qualities as regular sprouted wheat, so this portion of the definition was removed

Other initiatives



Final Quality Determination

- Producers now have up to **7 calendar days** to ask for a Final Quality Determination from the CGC (formerly called “Subject to Inspector’s Grade and Dockage”)

In-country oversight

- Producers expressed concerns about inconsistent treatment at delivery and there was a general desire to see increased CGC oversight
- We’re analyzing data from a questionnaire that went to elevators to see if there are any specific areas that need to be addressed.

Other initiatives



Grain contracts

- Some producer groups have asked the CGC to engage on grain contracts
- There is currently no consensus from growers on if/how the CGC should be involved
- The CGC plans to engage with producer groups in the coming months

