

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## **CPMA Congratulates Federal Election Winners**

October 23, 2019 (Ottawa, ON) – CPMA wishes to congratulate Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and all returning and newly elected Members joining Canada's 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament.

CPMA looks forward to working with the Liberal minority government and all Members of Parliament to raise awareness of the importance of our sector and to address the key priorities of Canada's fresh fruit and vegetable industry, including:

- Securing financial protection for produce sellers;
- Ensuring access to labour;
- Reducing the use of unnecessary and problematic plastics;
- Developing an agriculture and agri-food data strategy;
- Bolstering Canada's crop protection toolbox;
- Expanding access to export trade markets;
- Supporting small businesses through the Small Business Deduction;
- Harmonizing spring weight restrictions across the provinces; and
- Implementing a whole-of-government National Food Policy, led by the Canadian Food Policy Advisory Council.

CPMA will continue to <u>advocate for our members' interests</u> and looks forward to meeting with Parliamentarians at our 2020 Farm to Plate event in February, as well as our <u>2020 Fall Harvest event</u> in November.

CPMA thanks all of the 2019 candidates for their contributions to Canadian democracy and looks forward to welcoming our new class of Parliamentarians.

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## About the Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA):

Based in Ottawa, Ontario, CPMA is a not-for-profit organization that represents a diverse membership

made up of every segment of the produce industry supply chain who are responsible for 90% of the fresh fruit and vegetable sales in Canada. CPMA is fortunate to represent a sector that is both a significant economic driver for communities and that also improves the health and productivity of Canadians.