



## PRESS RELEASE

### CPMA Congratulates New Federal Cabinet

November 22, 2019 (Ottawa, ON) – CPMA wishes to congratulate all newly-appointed federal Cabinet ministers, set to lead Canada’s 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament.

CPMA looks forward to working with the [new Cabinet](#), including the re-appointed Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food, Marie-Claude Bibeau, 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 [advocate for our members’ interests](#) and looks forward to meeting with incoming Ministers and other Parliamentarians, including at our upcoming [2020 Farm to Plate event in February](#), [as well as our 2020 Fall Harvest event in November](#).

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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.