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## Thanking Our Farmers

As we approach Thanksgiving, we should reflect on and appreciate the hard work of our farmers. While often seen as a traditional profession, farming is truly a trade for the future.

With climate change causing water shortages in many regions around the world, Canadian farmers can play a key role not only in securing our nation's food supply but also in feeding the world and strengthening our economy.



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The future of Canadian agriculture depends on our support for those who work tirelessly to feed our nation. This is why, last month, as Chair of the Rural Caucus, I led a discussion on food security during the National Caucus Summer Retreat. We advocate for strengthening Canada's agricultural production and food processing capacity, ensuring fair profit distribution for our farmers, and protecting supply management systems. Our key proposals include investing in rural infrastructure and research to advance sustainable practices and resilience, streamlining regulations, and supporting local food consumption.

Your voice matters. Visit my website ([sophiechatel.ca](http://sophiechatel.ca)) to explore all our proposals—I am eager to hear your thoughts. This Thanksgiving, let us give thanks not only for the food on our tables but also for the farmers who make it all possible. Together, we can position Canada as a global leader in food security and sustainable agriculture.

Thanks for sharing your concerns and feel free to contact me at:

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# Supporting Pontiac Farmers: Townhall in Shawville

In Pontiac and the Outaouais, agriculture is much more than an economic activity – it is the backbone of our community, a legacy passed down through generations, and a driving force for our future.

At a recent Townhall in Shawville with local farmers and Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, we addressed key issues: fairness in the supply chain, promoting local purchases, the future of the slaughterhouse, and attracting youth into farming. Initiatives like the Grocery Code of Conduct and support programs for young farmers are important steps in the right direction, but we must be much more ambitious.

***My role in Ottawa is clear:*** to defend your interests, ensure your voices are heard, and secure a prosperous future for agriculture in the Outaouais.



Shawville Agricultural Fair



## Innovating for the Future: Samonix's Aquaculture Technology

I am excited to share the potential of Samonix's proposed project in the Outaouais.

This initiative seeks to establish a large-scale, land-based aquaculture farm, using groundbreaking technology to raise high-quality Atlantic salmon. Rooted in the circular economy, Samonix is committed to minimizing waste and creating a sustainable, eco-friendly model for salmon farming that protects our environment and strengthens our region's economy.

As climate change increasingly disrupts traditional fisheries, I believe Samonix's innovative approach could be a key contributor to global food security. This project has the potential to position the Outaouais—and Quebec technology—on the world stage as a leader in sustainable aquaculture. Recognizing this potential, the federal government has committed \$100,000 to support the start-up of this project.



## Spotlight on Croquez l'Outaouais

**Croquez l'Outaouais!** is an initiative of the Table agroalimentaire de l'Outaouais, which has been active for over 10 years, helping consumers discover and enjoy local products while encouraging regional businesses! Visit their website at :

[croquezoutaouais.com](http://croquezoutaouais.com)