

Bill 6 – Alberta’s Farm Freedom and Safety Act

The new Alberta Government is committed to comprehensive consultation on how best to balance the realities of farming with practical legislation. They are consulting on how new legislation can:

- Recognize that a farm is unlike other businesses and that farmers and ranchers require flexibility in meeting workplace standards.
- Require employers to have workplace insurance, but allow the choice of market insurance or the Workers’ Compensation Board as long as basic standards of coverage are met.
- Exempt small farms from employment standards legislation.
- Minimize red tape and reduce the regulatory burden on farmers and ranchers, while still ensuring basic safety standards.
- Increase farm safety education and raise awareness

The next step is to seek targeted input directly from farmers, ranchers, agricultural workers, and others, as well as indirectly from a broader audience:

- A survey is now available at <https://www.alberta.ca/farm-freedom-and-safety-engagement.aspx>, and I encourage you to share it with your membership.
- Social media links on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) that you can share and re-Tweet.
- You may also see me and other MLAs across the province this summer as we participate in grassroots conversations with Albertans about the Farm Freedom and Safety Act. For more information about these opportunities I encourage you and your members to contact your local MLA office.

I hope you take this opportunity to ensure your voice is heard.

Sincerely,
Honourable Devin Dreeshen
Minister, Agriculture and Forestry