



2025 Federal Policy Priorities

TARIFFS

- As canola is a North American market, we support free trade with Canada and Mexico.
- Economic Loss Payments: We urge the implementation of market loss payments for canola by USDA to offset market impacts of trade disruptions.

BIODIESEL & RENEWABLE DIESEL

Clean Fuels Production Tax Credit (45Z)

- Streamline calculation and implementation by removing arbitrary and inconsistent indirect emissions/induced land use change (ILUC) emissions factors from the carbon intensity calculation
- Support provisions of the current 45Z Guidance that restricts unverified imports of Used Cooking Oil (UCO) from accessing the tax credit

Renewable Fuel Standard

- Support annual Renewable Volume Obligations (RVO) under the Renewable Fuels Standard that accurately reflects production and market capacity for biomass-based diesel. Support RVO of not less than 5.25 billion gallons for Biomass-based Diesel for 2026.

SEED OILS MISINFORMATION

- Ensure any federal policies or actions on health and nutrition related to canola and seed oils is science-based. Canola oil has been proven to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease due to its high unsaturated fat content. The FDA approved health claim for canola oil should not be revoked or undermined.

FARM BILL

Crop Insurance

- Support enhancements to improve affordability, including increased premium support for higher coverage levels and increased premium support for the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) and Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO). Support Federal Agriculture Risk Management Enhancement and Resilience (FARMER) Act, legislation sponsored by Sen. Hoeven (ND) to strengthen crop insurance and make higher levels of coverage more affordable for producers.

Commodity Programs (Title I)

- Support an increase in Reference Prices under the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program.
- Marketing Assistance Loans - Support enhanced loan provisions to address increased borrowing costs.

Research (Title VII)

- **National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Supplemental and Alternative Crops (SAC) Competitive Grants Program** – increase authorization from \$2 million to \$10 million per year.

APPROPRIATIONS FY2026

- Increase funding to \$10 million in FY2026 for the NIFA Supplemental and Alternative Crops program which supports the **National Canola Research Program**.
- Sclerotinia Initiative - Support continued funding at \$2.4 million for core research and cooperative projects to control sclerotinia, a fungal disease that affects sunflowers, soybeans, canola, edible beans, peas, and lentils.

CROP PROTECTION PRODUCTS

- Ensure that product registration reviews, compliance plans and other rulemakings are science-based and workable for farmers.
- Support the Agricultural Labeling Uniformity Act to prevent state and local governments from adopting inconsistent labeling or packaging that would disrupt commerce and diminish farmer access to products.

LABOR

- **H-2A Temporary Ag Worker Program** – USCA supports legislative efforts to expand and streamline the program and ensure it is viable for employers and workers.

BIOTECH & REGULATORY APPROVALS

- Secure approval of **canola biotech traits**, including specialty omega-3 fatty acids, that are pending in China and other foreign markets.
- Improve the **plant biotechnology regulatory framework**. Urge the Administration to coordinate the USDA, EPA and FDA on a science-based biotech regulatory framework so that it provides legal certainty, encourages continued domestic and global adoption of new traits, provides transparency and predictability in markets, and enhances harmonization of global trait approvals.