CRSC Metrics Platform

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Objective of the Metrics Platform

The CRSC Metrics Platform is governed by the mission of the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Crops

Create value for all members of Canada's grains sector by providing a national forum for advancing, reporting on and communicating the sustainability of Canadian grain production.

Result: A credible, data-based platform that provides measurements of Canadian grain production sustainability performance, that is populated with information that is responsive to market requirements.



Types of data, sources and time frame

Three types of data

- 1. The **legal and program infrastructure** in which the industry operates (such as pesticide registration and application regulations and labour standards)
- 2. Aggregate outcomes of the activities of the industry (such as greenhouse gas emissions and amount of land under conservation tillage)
- 3. Aggregated practices of producers (such as how many producers have adopted various beneficial management practices)

Main data sources

Public data – AAFC, Statistics Canada, provincial and federal regulations **CRSC data** – CRSC Survey of Grain Producers (2016), CRSC Carbon LCL analysis **Partner data** – Fertilizer Use surveys, Field Print Initiative Sustainability Reports

Data time frame

The most recent available data is used – ranges from 2011 to 2017 When available and relevant, time series data is shown



Regional data

Where available, data has been collected and is able to be sorted by:

Province	Regional unit	
	NS	MB South/Subhumid Prairies
Prince Edward Island	PE	SK North Central/Boreal Plains
Nova Scotia	NB	SK Central/Subhumid Prairies
New Brunswick	QC East	SK South/SemiArid Prairies
Quebec	QC Central	AB North/Boreal Plains
Ontario	QC North Central/Boreal Shield East	AB Central/Subhumid Prairies
Manitoba	ON Mixed wood Plains	AB South/SemiArid Prairies
Saskatchewan	ON East/Boreal Shield East	BC North Central/Boreal Plains
Alberta	MB North Central/Boreal Shield West	BC Central/Montane
British Columbia	MB Central/Boreal Plains	BC West/Pacific maritime



Data by crop

Where possible, data has been collected and reported for grain producers/production.

However, in some cases, data is only available for all crop producers/production, or all agricultural producers/production.

Carbon LCL data series is available for the following crops:

Barley Flax

Canola Lentils
Corn Oats

Durum Soybeans

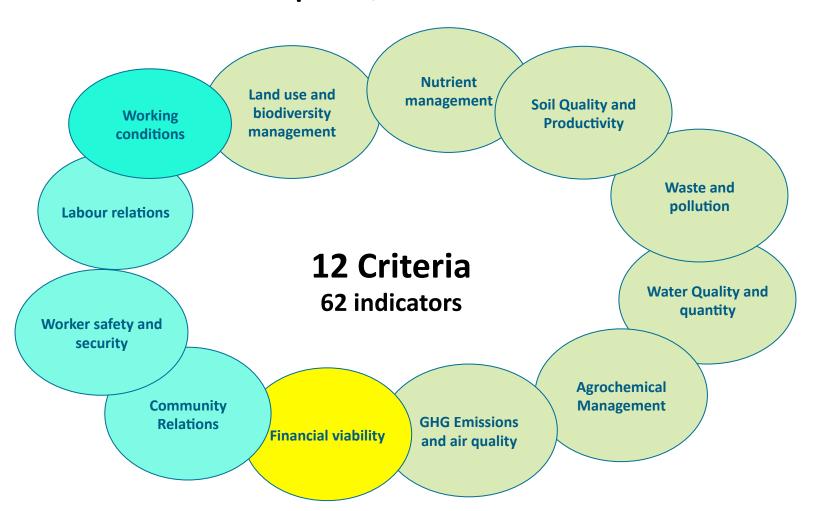
Field peas Wheat

Connection to market requirements

- Criteria and indicators were developed through exhaustive research of existing international sustainability standards in use by grains customers
- 5 were selected as the main sources, and all indicators and practice-based metrics of those standards were reviewed as to relevance to Canadian grain production
- The 5 sustainability standards which provided the basis for the Metrics Platform criteria and indicators are:
 - SAI Platform Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) tool (2.0)
 - Roundtable for Sustainable Soy (RTRS) Standard (V3)
 - FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines (V1)
 - International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC) Plus (202; 202-01; 202-02)
 - Unilever Sustainable Agricultural Code (SAC) (2015)
- Information of expectations within these five have been provided for the information of the Metrics Platform user, as general guidance only. Those interested in pursuing certification should consult the standards organizations.



Organization of information Principles, Criteria and Indicators



Three principles

Social Responsibility

Environmental Sustainability

Economic Viability

Social Responsibility Criteria and their Indicators

1. Worker safety and security

- Medical
- Protective clothing
- Training
- Procedures

3. Working conditions

- Pay
- Wages and benefits
- Hours of work
- Contracts
- Records
- Training

2. Labour relations

- Child labour
- Absence of forced labour
- Collective bargaining
- Association
- Absence of discrimination
- Communications

4. Community relations

- Dialogue and consultation
- Complaint management
- Nuisance management



Environmental Sustainability Criteria and their Indicators

5. Agro-chemical management

- Selection
- Compliance
- Application
- Containers
- Equipment maintenance
- Storage
- Control
- IPM
- Records
- Biological control agents
- Invasive species
- Pest monitoring
- Pest and disease resistance

6. Nutrient management

- Equipment maintenance
- Selection and application
- Plan
- Records
- Sludge
- Storage
- Training

7. Soil quality and productivity

Soil management

Environmental Sustainability Criteria and their Indicators

8. Water quality and quantity

- Infrastructure and equipment
- Management plan
- Quality
- Withdrawal
- Irrigation records

9. Land use and biodiversity management

- Land conservation
- Land conversion
- Biomass
- Protection of species

10. GHG emissions and air quality

- Air quality
- HG reduction and sequestration
- Energy use
- Renewable energy

11. Waste and pollution

- Burning
- Prevention
- Reduction/recycling
- Storage and disposal



Economic Viability Criterion and its Indicator

12. Financial viability

- Strategic plan
- Profitability
- Records
- Risk management
- Contract and payments

Each criterion has a dedicated report

To enable access to a summary by criterion, reports were developed, which include the following information:

- **Overview**: why does this matter?
- **Canadian perspective**: a description of the Canadian situation based on available and relevant metrics
- **Key metrics:** detailed information on specific aspects of the criterion, with data or links to the data provided, as well as sources
- Market requirements: a list of key expectations of international sustainability standards
- **Industry activities:** a summary of industry activities relevant to the criteria, plus links to those initiatives



Three principles



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Economic Viability

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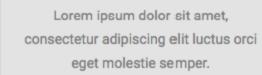
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