



Canadian Pulse Farmers: Regenerative Agriculture in Practice

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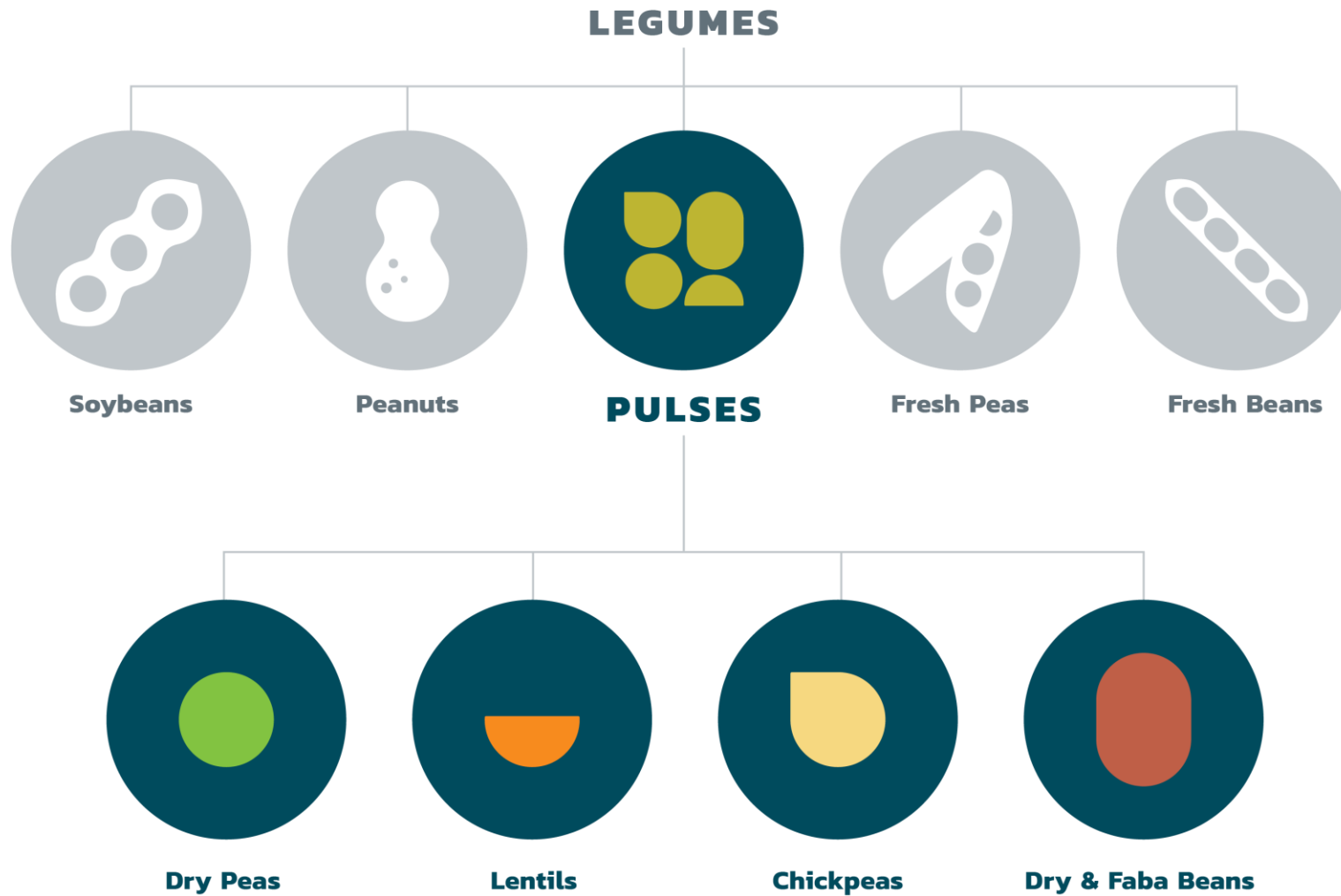


The national association representing growers, traders and processors of Canadian pulses.

We help companies **capitalize on the nutrition, health, sustainability and functionality benefits** of Canadian Pulses through knowledge creation and translation.



What are Pulses?



Regenerative Agriculture

6 Main Principles:

- Reduced tillage
- Keep the soil covered
- Maximize crop diversity
- Understand the context of the system
- Living roots
- Livestock integration into cropping systems



Two Risks in Canadian Prairies: Short Season and Dry



Courtesy: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Old Methods: Tillage and Fallow



Wind Erosion,
Saskatchewan
H. deGooijer



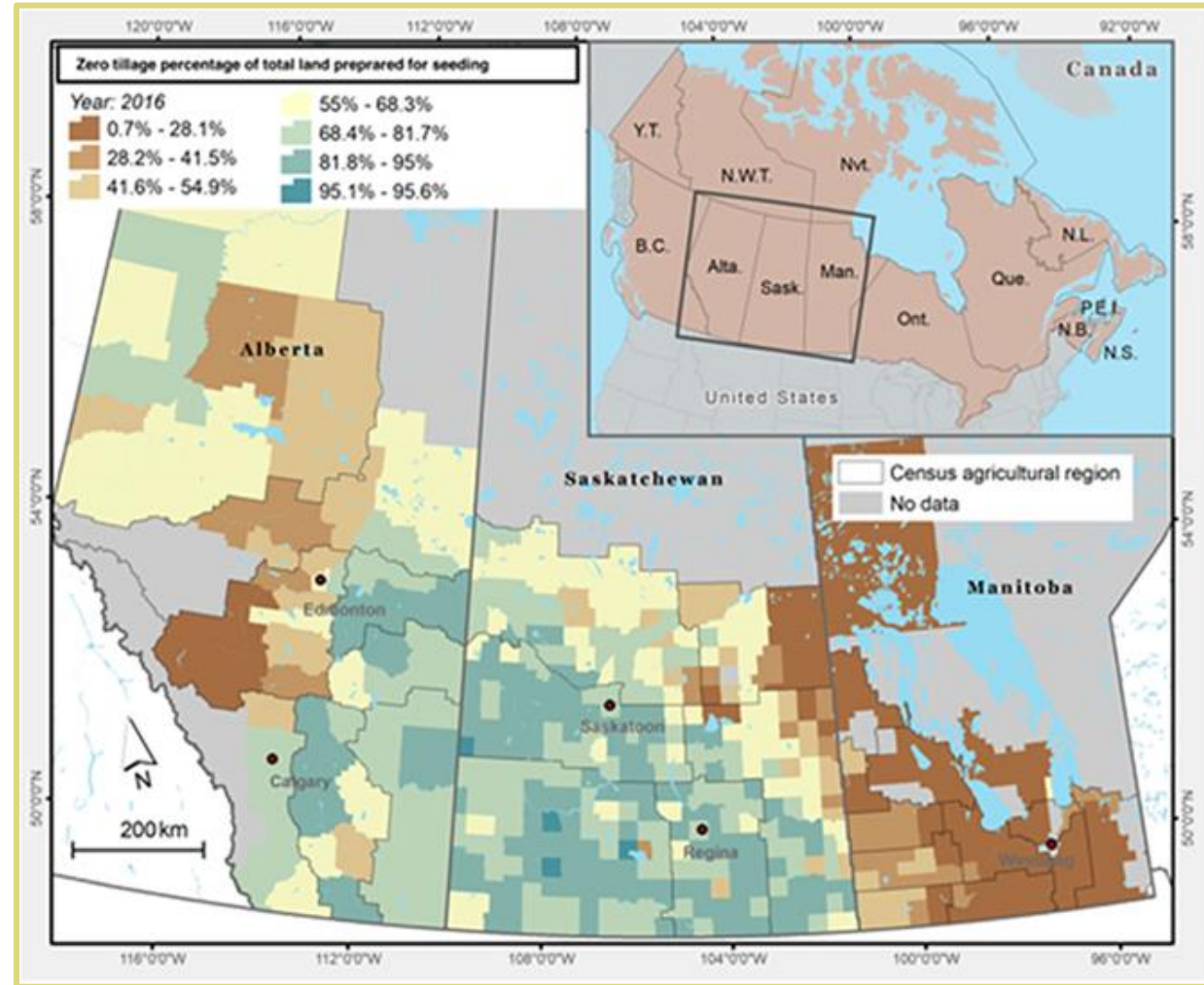
Rescue Operation: Trees and Pasture





Adoption of Zero-Tillage

- Massive adoption of zero-tillage and reduced tillage on the Prairies



Carbon Sequestration: Prairies

- Results across Prairies
 - Massive increase in soil organic carbon
 - Near elimination of soil erosion
 - Increased soil fertility, soil moisture retention

Carbon change (in kilograms per hectare) from 1981 to 2016 due to change in land use



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Alignment with 6 Main Principles

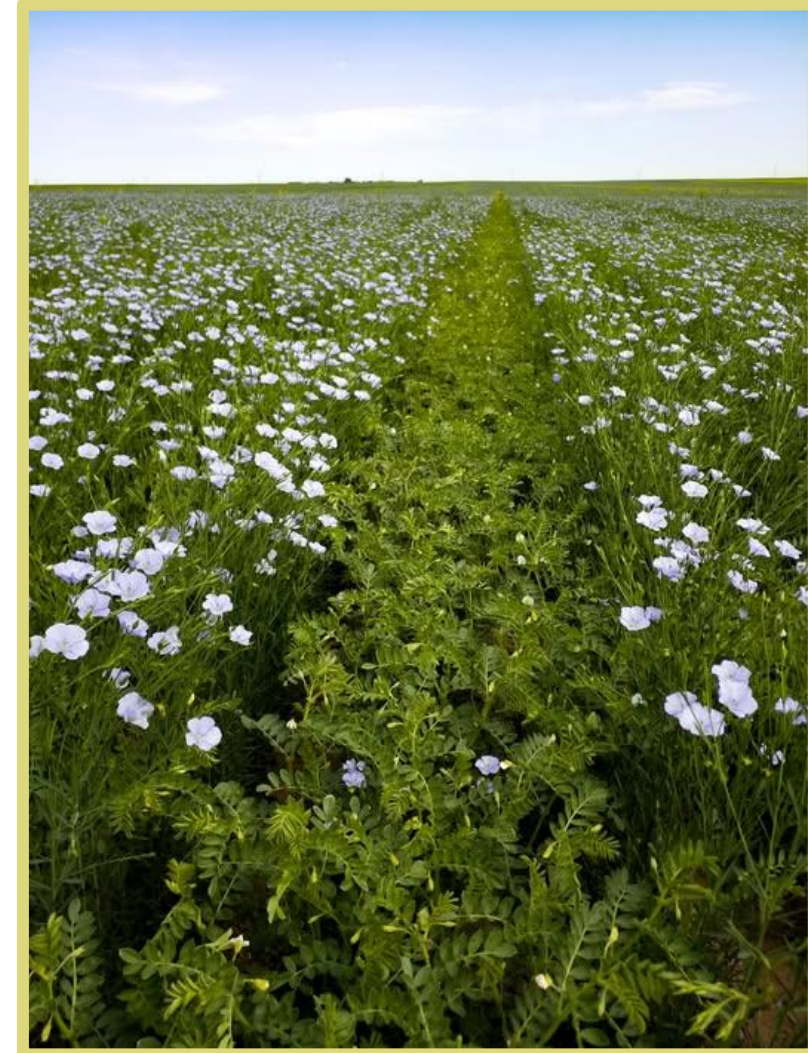
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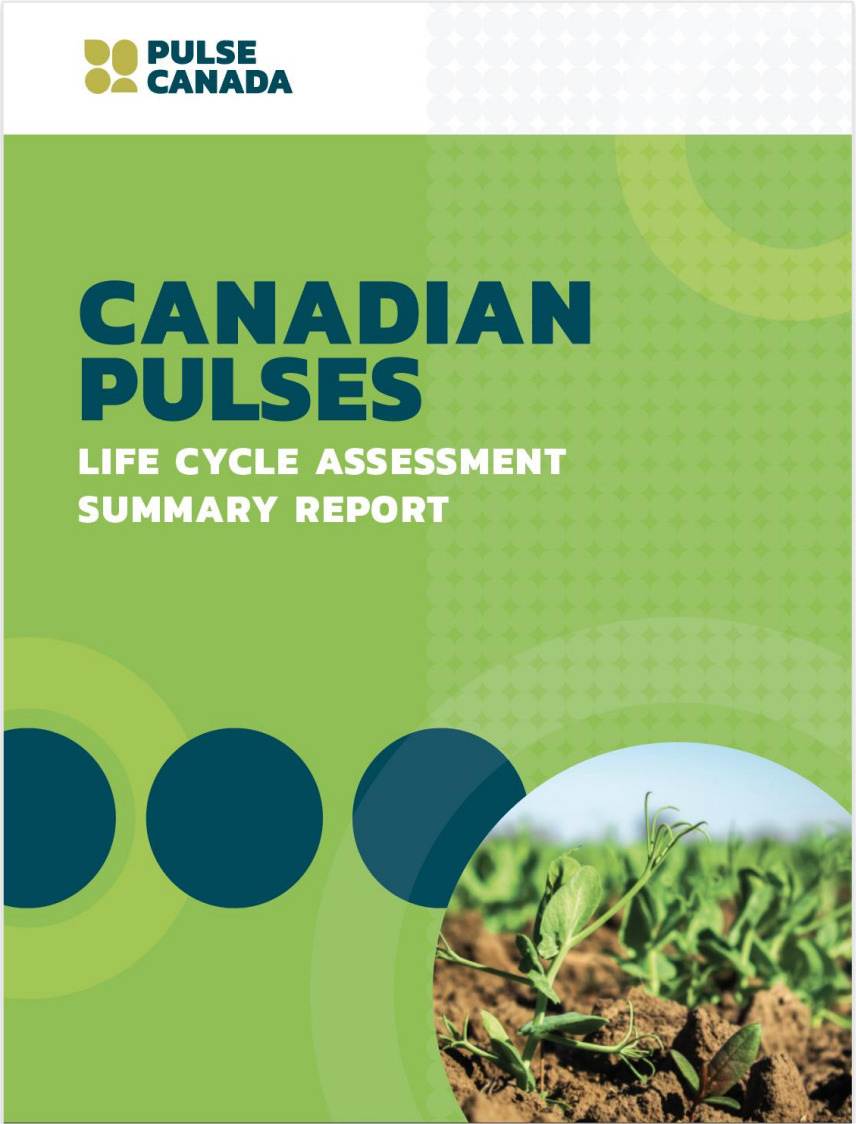
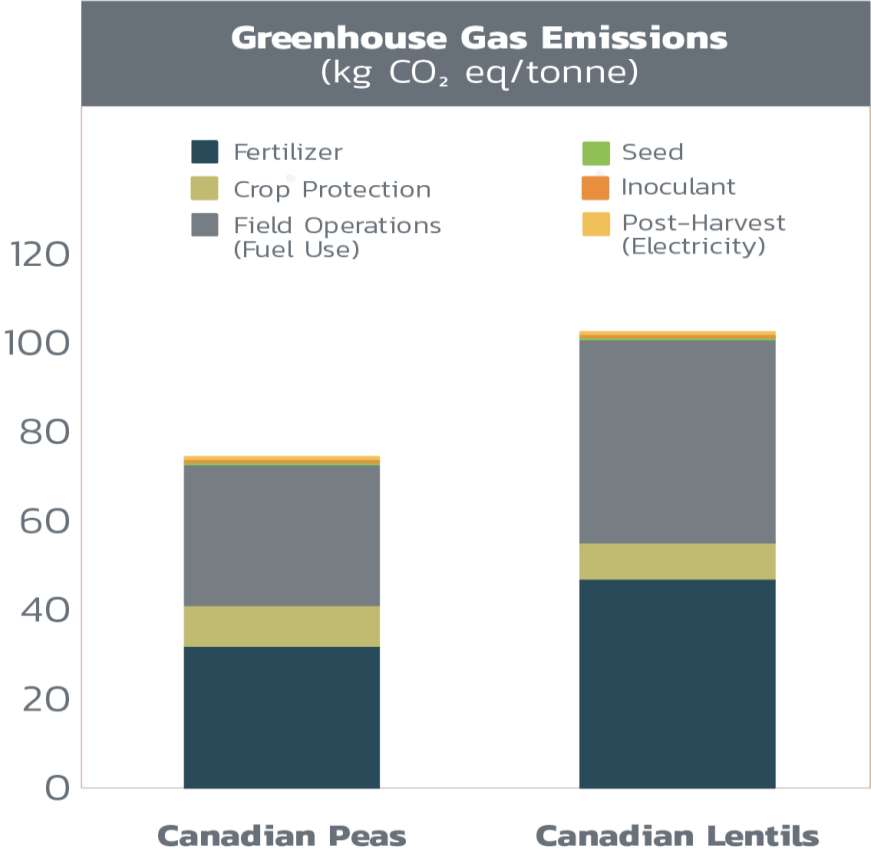
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What's next?

- Cover crops – very farm and site specific
- Intercropping
 - Pea/canola, chickpea/flax
- Strip tillage
- Crop diversification
 - Faba beans, chickpeas



Life Cycle Assessment: A Comprehensive View of Impact



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Takeaways

- **Regenerative Agriculture may be a new term, but Canadian pulse farmers have been adopting the principles for decades**
- **No-till agriculture and diversification of rotations have driven massive economic and environmental benefits**
- **When sourcing Canadian pulses, they come with a great story that compliments the current focus on regenerative agriculture**



Questions?

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