



People's Food  
Policy Project

Pour une **politique**  
**alimentaire** populaire

## Key Questions for Election Debates

Here are some suggested questions for you to bring to election debates - this year or any year! **Feel free to modify them** to fit your personal concerns about food and the government's role in ensuring healthy food for all and a fair, sustainable food system. You will only get to ask 1 question, so choose wisely based on what is going on in your riding.

**Statement:** There are growing calls across this country - in many sectors- for a national food policy. Two and a half million Canadians regularly have trouble putting food on the table, thousands of family farms are disappearing every year, the environment is being pushed to the limit, a quarter of Canadians are obese, and Canada is the only G8 country without a nationally-funded school meal program.

**Follow up the statement with anyone of the following questions:**

1. How will your party address these gaps - and ensure a food policy reflects the realities of the average Canadian - not just corporations and industry?
2. If elected, what will you do to ensure that farming survives in this area? How will you make sure that new farmers have the resources they need to take over from the older generation? What policies will you propose to help farmers make the transition to farming practices that will be sustainable in the light of changes in climate and the availability and affordability of oil?
3. If elected, what will you do to ensure sustainable livelihoods in our fisheries?
4. If elected, what will you do to ensure that our food system provides healthy and safe food, free from genetic and chemical contaminants, to Canadians?
5. What steps have you taken in the past to support development of local, provincial, or federal food sovereignty policies?
6. What will your party do to ensure that all government departments, public bodies and local authorities work across silos and jurisdictions to further food sovereignty in Canada?
7. If elected, would you ensure that your government supports/continues to support the development of local and national food sovereignty policies?
8. Would you advocate for collaboration among different levels of government on food security issues?
9. What food issues do you see as being a priority for this constituency and how do you propose to address them?
10. Would you support a National Food Policy Council? What do you see as being its most important task?