

COVID-19 Weekly Information Update – July 23, 2021 / COVID-19 - Mise à jour de la semaine – le 23 juillet 2021

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Hello,

We would like to send you a few updates regarding COVID-19 and ask you to share this information in your networks. Please continue to consult the [AAFC website](#) regularly for updates.

1. Government of Canada announces easing of border measures for fully vaccinated travellers

On July 19, 2021 the Government of Canada announced an easing of border measures for fully vaccinated travelers.

Beginning August 9th, fully vaccinated citizens and permanent residents of the United States will be permitted to enter Canada for non-essential travel, and will not have to quarantine or complete Day 8 testing. The requirement to stay in government approved accommodation will also be removed for all travelers.

Also, beginning August 9th, Transport Canada will permit international commercial passenger flights to resume to the following airports: Halifax; Québec City; Ottawa; Winnipeg; and Edmonton.

The announcement also signaled the intention to open borders to fully vaccinated travelers from any country as of September 7, 2021, as long as the domestic public health and epidemiological situation remains favourable.

Further details can be found [here](#).

2. Federal Quarantine, Isolation and Other Obligations – Extended

Canada's existing border and quarantine emergency orders (OICs 58-60) were renewed July 21, 2021 to extend existing measures. The changes announced on July 19, 2021 will come into force August 9th through a new set of orders.

- 2021-730: (OIC 58) Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada from the United States) - <https://orders-in-council.canada.ca/attachment.php?attach=41035&lang=en>
- 2021-731: (OIC 59) Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada from any Country Other than the United States) - <https://orders-in-council.canada.ca/attachment.php?attach=41036&lang=en>
- 2021-732: (OIC 60) Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Quarantine, Isolation and Other Obligations) - <https://orders-in-council.canada.ca/attachment.php?attach=41037&lang=en>

3. International Food Supply Chain Recovery - July 2021

Please find attached information on the International Food Supply Chain Recovery for the month of July 2021.

4. Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers of Agriculture: Readout of Virtual Meeting

Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers met virtually on July 15th in the lead-up to their annual conference in Guelph, Ontario on September 8-10th. Topics of discussion included:

- The Next Policy Framework
- Business Risk Management
- Drought response
- Retail fees, and
- African Swine Fever.

Further details can be found [here](#).

Reminder: Next AAFC COVID-19 stakeholder call will be held Wednesday August 25th at noon EST.

We encourage you strongly to share your comments and questions in writing through the AAFC Roundtable account (aafc.roundtable-table ronde.aac@agr.gc.ca).

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Bonjour,

Nous souhaitons vous faire part de quelques mises à jour concernant la COVID-19 et vous demandons de communiquer ces renseignements dans vos réseaux. Veuillez continuer à consulter régulièrement le [site Web d'AAFC](#) pour les mises à jours récentes.

1. Le gouvernement du Canada annonce un assouplissement des mesures frontalières pour les voyageurs entièrement vaccinés

Le 19 juillet 2021, le gouvernement du Canada a annoncé un assouplissement des mesures frontalières pour les voyageurs entièrement vaccinés.

À compter du 9^e août, les citoyens et les résidents permanents des États-Unis entièrement vaccinés seront autorisés à entrer au Canada pour des voyages non essentiels et n'auront pas à être mis en quarantaine ou à subir le test du jour 8. L'obligation de séjourner dans un logement approuvé par le gouvernement sera également supprimée pour tous les voyageurs.

De plus, à compter du 9^e août, Transports Canada autorisera la reprise des vols commerciaux internationaux de passagers vers les aéroports suivants : Halifax ; Québec ; Ottawa ; Winnipeg ; et Edmonton.

L'annonce a également signalé l'intention d'ouvrir les frontières aux voyageurs entièrement vaccinés de n'importe quel pays à compter du 7 septembre 2021, tant que la situation sanitaire et épidémiologique nationale demeure favorable.

De plus amples détails sur cette annonce sont disponibles [ici](#).

2. Obligations fédérales de quarantaine, d'isolement et autres – Prolongation

Les ordonnances d'urgence relatives aux frontières et à la quarantaine du Canada (OICs 58-60) ont été renouvelées le 21 juillet 2021 afin de prolonger les mesures existantes. Les changements annoncés le 19 juillet 2021 entreront en vigueur le 9^e août par le biais d'une nouvelle série d'ordonnances.

- 2021-730: (OIC 58) Décret visant à réduire au minimum le risque d'exposition au COVID-19 au Canada (interdiction d'entrée au Canada en provenance des États-Unis) - [Décrets - Recherche \(canada.ca\)](#)
- 2021-731: (OIC 59) Décret visant à réduire au minimum le risque d'exposition au COVID-19 au Canada (interdiction d'entrée au Canada en provenance de tout pays autre que les États-Unis) - [Décrets - Recherche \(canada.ca\)](#)
- 2021-732: (OIC 60) Décret visant à réduire au minimum le risque d'exposition au COVID-19 au Canada (quarantaine, isolement et autres obligations) - [Décrets - Recherche \(canada.ca\)](#)

3. Récupération de la chaîne d'approvisionnement alimentaire internationale – juillet 2021

Veillez trouver ci-joint des informations sur la reprise de la chaîne d'approvisionnement alimentaire internationale pour le mois de juillet 2021.

4. Les ministres fédéral-provinciaux-territoriaux de l'Agriculture : Compte rendu de la réunion virtuelle

Les ministres fédéraux, provinciaux et territoriaux se sont réunis virtuellement le 15^e juillet en prévision de leur conférence annuelle qui se tiendra à Guelph, en Ontario, du 8^e au 10^e septembre.

Les sujets de discussion étaient les suivants:

- Le prochain cadre stratégique
- Gestion du risque commercial
- Réponse à la sécheresse
- Les frais de vente au détail, et
- La peste porcine africaine.

De plus amples détails sur la réunion sont disponibles [ici](#).

Rappel : Le prochain appel d'AAC COVID-19 avec les intervenants du secteur se tiendra le mercredi le 25 Août à midi HNE.

Nous vous encourageons vivement à nous faire part de vos commentaires et questions par écrit via le compte de la table ronde d'AAC (aafc.roundtable-table ronde.aac@agr.gc.ca).

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International Markets Update

U.S.

- For the third quarter in a row, the U.S. has seen growth in gross domestic product. In the first quarter, GDP was up 6.4% (source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis). The unemployment rate in June was 5.9%, which is approximately 2.4 percentage points.
- Food service establishments in most states are open with little-to-no restrictions (source: New York Times). We are monitoring the impacts of U.S. re-opening on the Canadian agricultural sector and will relay pertinent findings.
- The Canada-U.S. border will remain closed to non-essential travel until July 21, 2021. However, travel restrictions are beginning to ease. Starting August 9, 2021, fully vaccinated U.S. citizens and permanent residents living in the U.S. will be able to visit Canada without having to quarantine for two weeks. Canada's borders are to open for fully vaccinated travelers from all other countries on September 7, 2021.
- Canadian agri-food and seafood exports to the U.S. are up year over year. Exports in May increased by 12% from May 2020 and by 21.8% from the previous month (April) 2021
- On July 9, 2021, the USDA announced its intention to reallocate \$500 million in funding appropriated under the American Rescue Plan to expand meat and poultry processing capacity and \$155 million for existing small and very small processing facilities to weather COVID, compete in the marketplace and reach more customers.
- On July 13, 2021, the USDA announced the new Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP). The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, authorized payments to producers for losses of livestock or poultry depopulated from March 1, 2020, through December 26, 2020, due to insufficient processing access as a result of the pandemic.

Mexico

- Mexico's central forecasts Mexico's GDP growth to be 5.80% this year (as opposed to an earlier forecast of 5.16%). Growth is apparent in Mexico's exports, which increased by 136% in May.
- The closure of the U.S.-Mexico border has been extended to at least July 21, 2021.
- Canadian agri-food and seafood exports to Mexico are up year over year. Exports in May increased, by 47.9% from the same period in 2020 and by 16% from the previous month in 2021.

CHINA

- From January to May 2021, Canadian agri-food and seafood exports to China increased 37% by value over the same period in 2020. Key export growth in 2021 continues to be led by increased exports of canola seed (+39.3%), canola oil (+59.7%), barley (+250.7%), non-durum wheat (+93.8%), and dried peas (+43%).
- Beef and beef products exports to China from January to May 2021 reached approximately \$67.8 million, an increase of 80.5% from the same period in 2020.
- Pork and pork products exports to China fell to \$491 million from January to May 2021, representing a decline of 36.9% compared to the same period in 2020.
- According to the Chinese news outlet Sina Finance, domestic pork prices have declined by 37% year-over-year in June, as prices continue to be affected by growing domestic pork supplies. Foreign exporters are also expected to face decreasing Chinese demand due to lower domestic prices.

- China's tightened scrutiny of COVID-19-contaminated seafood continues, as a large number of foreign seafood companies and fishing vessels were suspended in June due to COVID-19 contaminations on products. As such, while seafood imports are expected to rise in 2021, Chinese buyers will likely be reluctant to purchase from countries that fail to control the pandemic.

JAPAN

- On July 8th Japan announced a state of emergency for Tokyo that will last until August 22nd.
- For the January – May 2021 period, Canadian agri-food and seafood exports to Japan were valued at \$2.1 billion, a decrease of 0.8% compared to the same period in 2020.
- Declines in pork and wheat exports to Japan were notable during this period totaling \$97.6 million or 15.8% (\$617.4 million in 2020 to \$519.8 million in 2021) and \$78.9 million or 24.1% (\$327.3.1 million in 2020 to \$248.4 million in 2021) respectively, mainly due to the negative impacts of COVID-19 on the Japanese foodservice sector.
- These declines were partly offset by growth of \$155.8M or 30.2% in exports of canola seed from Jan-May 2021 (\$515.9M in 2020 to \$671.6 million in 2021) and \$14.9 million or 11.6% in exports of beef products (\$128.2 million in 2020 to \$143.1 million in 2021).

SOUTH KOREA

- On July 1st, South Korea relaxed its social distancing measures and increased the maximum number of people allowed to meet in private, except in Seoul where the government's social distancing measures were postponed until mid-July due to new COVID-19 cases.
- For the January - May 2021 period, Canadian agri-food and seafood exports to South Korea were valued at \$425.9.3 million, an increase of 34.9% compared to the same period in 2020.
- Growth during this period was led by a \$63.2 million or 137.9% increase in exports of canola oil (\$45.8 million in 2020 to \$108.9.7 million in 2021), an \$15.5 million or 27.8% increase in exports of pork products (\$56.1 million in 2020 to \$71.6 million in 2021), and a \$14.5 million or 97.8% increase in exports of beef products (\$14.8 million in 2020 to \$29.3 million in 2021).

EUROPE

- For the January to May 2021 period, Canadian agri-food and seafood exports to the EU 27 were valued at C\$1.4 billion, an increase of 0.86% compared to the same period in 2020.
- Durum wheat and dog/cat food (put up for retail sale) are currently Canada's top exports to the EU27 from January to May 2021, with Durum wheat experiencing an increase (+30.84%) in exports compared to the same time in 2020.
- We are monitoring the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the European agriculture sector and its impact on Canadian exports. To this point, European and Canadian agri-supply chains continue to function normally.
- COVID-19 cases are rising across the EU which has led to the reinstatement of public health safety measures in certain countries.