

## Food Security

Saturday, May 3 – Friday, May 9

### Pre-Made Posts with Suggested Images:


#### Post 1: Protecting What We Grow

Invasive species don't just threaten natural spaces—they also put our farms, orchards, and all Canadian-grown food at risk.

From crop-killing weeds like Canada thistle to disease-carrying pests and wild pigs, invasives cost farmers billions, reduce yields, and put pressure on our food supply. These impacts trickle down to consumers through higher prices and limited access to local produce.

#### **Here's how to help:**

- ✓ Learn to recognize invasive species in your area
- ✓ Monitor your garden, farm, or local greenspace
- ✓ Share early sightings with your regional invasive species council
- ✓ Support farmers using sustainable pest practices

 *Food security starts with awareness. Let's take action to protect what feeds us.*

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## Post 2: Fruit Growers and Farmers

### Canada's fruit farms and vineyards are under threat.

Invasive insects like the **brown marmorated stink bug** and **spotted lanternfly** damage tree fruits, berries, grapes, and vegetables—causing bruising, crop loss, and economic strain on growers. While spotted lanternfly isn't established in Canada yet, its arrival could be devastating to our wine and tree fruit industries.

#### **What can you do?**

- ✓ Learn to ID these pests, especially their egg masses
- ✓ **Spot it? Snap it. Catch it. Report it.**
- ✓ Avoid moving soil, plants, or outdoor gear from infested areas
- ✓ Use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies

 Protect your harvest. Help keep invasive pests out.

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### Post 3: Invasive Wild Pigs

#### Wild pigs are on the move

These invasive animals root through fields, damage pastures, and spread diseases like African swine fever, putting livestock and wildlife alike at serious risk. Their impact on Canadian agriculture costs our farmers millions and threatens our food supply.

#### What can you do?

- ✓ Report sightings through the **Squeal on Pigs** program
- ✓ Monitor pastures for damage and other signs of wild pigs
- ✓ Spread the word to your community

 *Don't let wild pigs take root—report, respond, and help protect Canada's farms.*

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**[Image Suggestions:** Farmers in the field, tree fruits or crops, wild pig damage, bruised or ruined fruits/vegetables, spotted lanternfly, wild pigs, brown marmorated stink bug.]