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Key products/services: Crop protection agents

AgrEvo develops and sells crop protection agents (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and plant growth regulators) and crop production aids (seeds developed with the aid of modern biotechnology). The Liberty Link system is an example product combining a broad-spectrum naturally derived herbicide with high yielding crop varieties. This system is available or under development in canola, corn, soybean, sugarbeet, rice and cotton. Other products include StarLink corn hybrids, which offer resistance to several insect pests.

AgrEvo's products provide agronomic and environmental benefits to North American farmers. The foods produced are consumed domestically as well as exported to global trading partners such as Japan.

Numerous international reviews have verified the safety of these products which have been used in Canada since 1995 and in trade with Japan since 1996. AgrEvo actively seeks to help consumers in Canada and Japan understand the safety and utility of these products.

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Key products/services: Agriculture and Agri-food policies and programs

The Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food promotes the development, adaptation and competitiveness of the agriculture and agri-food sector through policies and programs provided by the federal government. The overall goal is to maximize its contribution to Canada's economic and environmental objectives and achieve a safe, high quality food supply while maintaining a strong foundation for the agriculture and agri-food sector and rural communities.

Under the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Act, the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food is responsible for the management and direction of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and its operations. The Agriculture and Agri-Food Portfolio includes: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, The Canadian Food Inspection Agency, The Canadian Grain Commission, The National Farm Products Council, Two Crown Corporations: The Canadian Dairy Commission and The Farm Credit Corporation. The Minister also has separate responsibility for co-operatives.