CONCLUSION

Cultivating a secure future in Canada involves careful attention to rural development, including sustainable agriculture. Progress in these areas must be set in the context of federal–provincial agreements and budgetary constraints, international debates and instruments, and, perhaps most important, the will of Canadians to make changes and adopt the ethics that sustainability requires. Many Canadians have expressed in practical ways the desire to live and carry out their businesses in a sustainable way. It remains for governments to provide continued support for these endeavours and to encourage a wider adoption of the principles and practices of sustainable development in both agriculture and the broader rural community in Canada.