



The Honourable Gerry Ritz, P.C.
Formerly, Canada's Minister
of Agriculture and Agri-Food (2007-2015)

From his rural Saskatchewan roots, the **Honourable Gerry Ritz** served as federal agriculture minister during a period when Canada's agri-food sector became recognized as an economic powerhouse. During his 20-year political career as Member of Parliament for Battlefords-Lloydminster, Ritz served as Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food from 2007–2015 and put Canadian agriculture on the world map. He expanded market access for the industry, forged valuable international trading deals, provided market freedom post-Canadian Wheat Board, pushed for innovation through Growing Forward, and limited the damage from challenges including BSE and Country of Origin Labelling.

Inducted in the Canadian Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2018.