

Agri-business Red Tape Backgrounder

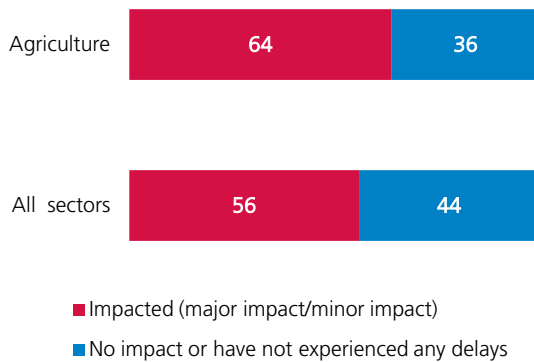
January 2018

Canadian farmers burnt out by government red tape – 83% feel added stress, highest among business owners nation-wide

Figure 1

Impact of delays caused by regulations

During the past three years, what impact have delays caused by regulations (e.g. permits, etc.) had on your business? (% response)



Farmers' struggles with red tape

"Every year we apply for foreign workers and every year we get a different case manager and every case manager has a different set of compliance rules."

- CFIB member, Ag services for crop production, BC

"Complications of interprovincial trade (e.g. provincially inspected meat should be allowed to be sold province to province)."

- CFIB member, Food processing sector, Alberta

"We have multiple conversations with GST and we cannot get consistent answers when we call back with a question."

- CFIB member, Livestock sector, Manitoba

"Statistics Canada are constantly wanting more statistics on different aspects of the business. This is all very time consuming."

- CFIB member, Fruit, vegetable sector, Ontario

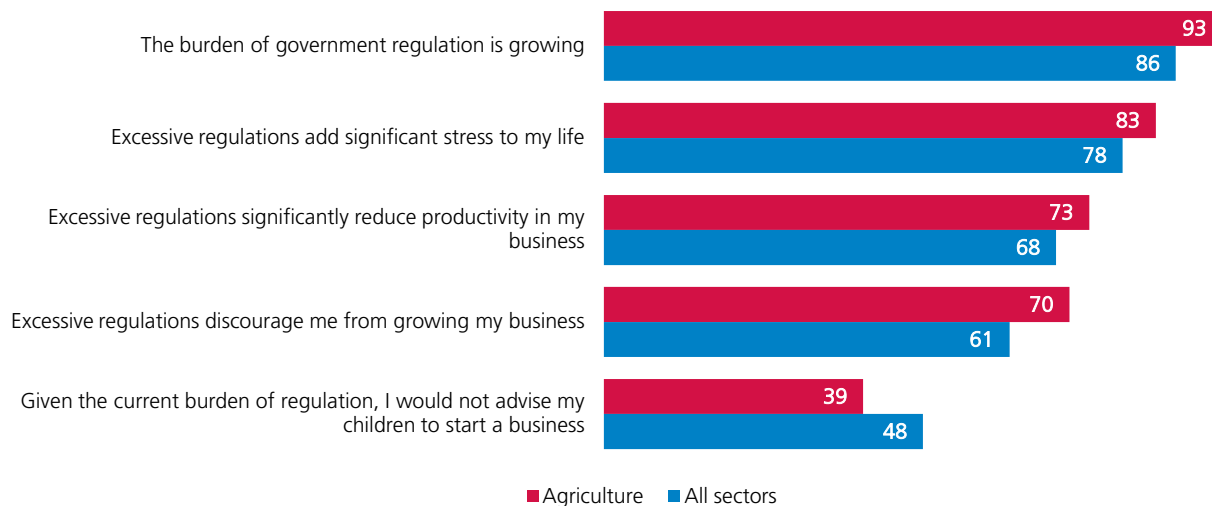
"Could not dig potatoes until an inspector could arrange to be on the farm."

- CFIB member, Vegetable farmer, PEI

Figure 2

Consequences of Excessive Regulations

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (% response agree)



Source: CFIB, *Survey on Regulation and Paper Burden*, 2017, 7,823 total responses; 382 responses in the agriculture sector. For more details see [Cost of government regulation on Canadian businesses](#)

Detailed Results from Regulation and Paper Burden Survey

Data for Figure 1

During the past three years, what impact have delays caused by regulations (e.g. permits, etc.) had on your business? (% response)

	Agriculture	All sectors
No impact or have not experienced any delays	36	44
Minor impact (5% or less lost in weekly sales)	51	42
Major impact (6% or more lost in weekly sales)	13	14

Data for Figure 2

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (% response)

		Agriculture	All sectors
The burden of government regulation is growing	Agree	93	86
	Disagree	2	5
	Not applicable/ Don't know	5	9
Excessive government regulations add significant stress to my life	Agree	83	78
	Disagree	9	12
	Not applicable/ Don't know	8	10
Excessive government regulations significantly reduce productivity in my business	Agree	73	68
	Disagree	12	16
	Not applicable/ Don't know	15	16
Excessive government regulations discourage me from growing my business	Agree	70	61
	Disagree	16	21
	Not applicable/ Don't know	14	18
Given the current burden of regulation, I would not advise my children to start a business	Agree	39	48
	Disagree	37	34
	Not applicable/ Don't know	24	18