Agricultural land use impacts the water used by more than 90 percent of Canada's population and has a direct influence on the health and safety of Canadians. Trends toward more diverse and intensive agriculture present a higher risk to land and water resources. Proper planning of agricultural development is essential to capture economic benefits while retaining environmental quality. The Canadian Federal Department of Agriculture is developing a National Land and Water Information Service in partnership with other federal departments, provincial governments, NGOs, and industry groups to provide land use decision makers with access to information, tools, and expertise using GIS technologies.

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