## RETHINK CANADIAN BEEF ENVIRONMENTALLY



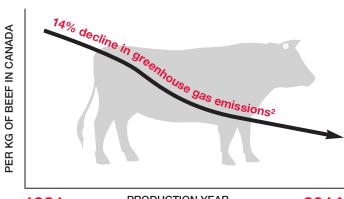
#### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

#### LESS GAS EXPORTED

At 0.04%, Canadians should be proud that beef production in this country has one of the lowest greenhouse gas footprints in the world.1

#### IMPROVED FUEL EFFICIENCY

GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS PER KG OF BEEF IN CANADA



1981

PRODUCTION YEAR

#### BEEF BELONGS



Cattle ranching and farming plays an important role across the country to preserve native grasslands and support the habitats of wildlife.3

As the bison did for centuries, cattle play an essential role in grasslands to help preserve their function and health, including:









biodiversity

wildlife habitat and migration





water filtration

nutrient recycling

For more information visit: https://raisingcdnbeef.ca

#### WATER IMPACT

#### SAFEGUARDING WATER

'Eat a steak, save a lake'. In their effort to preserve wetland habitat, Ducks Unlimited works to support beef farming. Raising cattle means lands are not drained for growing crops. Good for frogs, good for ducks, good for beef.

#### DID YOU KNOW...

Canadian beef farmers and ranchers work with conservation groups like Cows and Fish to safeguard streams and creeks.

Beef farmers work with conservation experts to develop and invest in Environmental Farm Plans to keep water safe.

Latest research verifies conservation efforts have lead to a 20% decrease in the amount of ground & surface water used to produce beef in 2011 compared to 1981.4

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# ETHINK CANADIAN BE

#### PROTEIN

### **Beef Belongs**



As one of nature's most nutrient dense foods. beef is recommended as a protein food option in Canada's food guide Eat Well plate. Beef has an important role to play.

#### MYTH BUSTER

Do we eat too much red meat?



Canadians get only 5% of their total calories from red meat1 on average while 50% comes from ultra-processed foods (e.g. pop, chips, baked goods, etc)2

## NUTRIENTS LOOKING TO KEEP YOUR **IMMUNE SYSTEM HEALTHY POWERED**

#### 100 G OF COOKED BEEF PROVIDES: 5

35 GRAMS OF PROTEIN necessary to build muscle and maintain healthy bones and teeth. Smile!

79% OF YOUR DAILY VALUE OF ZINC to help boost your body's immune system & keep you healthy

100% OF YOUR DAILY VALUE OF VITAMIN B<sub>12</sub> so you can concentrate and feel energized

15% OF YOUR DAILY VALUE OF VITAMIN B6, an important brain-power booster - a smart decision to include

19% OF YOUR DAILY VALUE OF IRON enabling increased brain and muscle function

**BEEF** IS PART OF A HEALTHY DIET

For more information visit: https://canadabeef.ca/whycanadianbeef

#### FOOD SYNERGY

## ETTER TOGETHER!







#### DID YOU KNOW...

That when paired together, foods can actually produce greater health benefits for your body? We eat foods not nutrients. Real foods trump supplements.

Paired together, protein-rich beef helps increase the iron absorbed from beans and other plant sources of iron by a whopping 150%. It's food synergy in action known as The Meat Factor.3

Without the inclusion of meat in thier diets, vegetarians need almost 2X more iron than meat eaters.4

#### PROTEIN FOODS DIFFER: PROTEIN DENSITY

Enjoy a variety of protein foods from Canada's food guide. Consider the 'protein efficiency' in your protein choices.6

#### Each food pictured here provides 35 grams of protein.

	Amount	Calories
Beef (cooked)	100 grams = 1 serving*	245
Peanut butter	approx 10 tbsp (10 servings); 1 tbsp = 1 serving*	865
Hummus	approx 1-3/4 cups (14.75 servings); 2 tbsp = 1 serving*	735
Black beans (cooked/canned)	approx 2 cups (4.3 servings); 1/2 cup = 1 serving*	520

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Health Canada, Canadian Nutrient File, 2015, food codes: Beef 6172. Peanut Butter 6289, Hummus 4870, Black Beans 3377.

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