



Grain Farmers of Ontario (GFO) – Proposal to update governance (Q&A)

Q1. Why is GFO proposing changes to its governance regulations?

Governance determines how farmer voices are represented and how decisions are made. The current regulations have been in place for more than 15 years. As part of the new Strategic Plan, GFO was asked by members to review and modernize governance to ensure fair representation and alignment with today's production realities.

Q2. Who developed the recommendations?

A Governance Committee appointed by the Board reviewed options and made recommendations. The GFO Board approved these proposed changes and is now requesting feedback from farmer-members before submission to the Farm Products Marketing Commission (FPMC).

Q3. What is changing in the way delegates are allocated by district?

The current system uses a 3-year acreage average and allocates additional delegates only above the provincial average. The new method uses a 5-year average and assigns the minimum 8 delegates first. Remaining delegates are then distributed based on each district's actual share of total production.

Q4. Why is this an improvement?

It better reflects long-term production trends and provides more representative calculations.

Q5. What other changes are proposed?

- Minimum number of district delegate meetings reduced to 3 from 4 per year
- 12-year director term limit formally added to regulation (already in bylaws)
- Standardized use of Agricorp data for production calculations

Q6. What is the intended impact?

The proposal aims to:

- Improve accuracy of representative delegate numbers
- Reflect farmer feedback and modern governance practices
- Reduce concentration of delegates in a few regions

Q7. How can I provide feedback?

Feedback due by the end of January 2026, and can be received by:

- Email members@gfo.ca
- Webform at gfo.ca/regulations
- Paper forms at January district meetings

