The days of major agricultural promises are over; platforms are now announced more quietly and generally into the campaign. Conservative candidates and agricultural ministers Gerry Ritz and Don McRae have started to meet with politicians to help them better understand the industry.

"So we should be out there saying more on the impact of what agriculture is and what it can be," he said.

"People were pretty clear about what they think," Stewart told reporters.

"While this isn’t a referendum, I think that the government will be held to our policies by what that survey showed, and think the results are fairly clear."

Three-quarters of the more than 1,200 people who responded to the survey said they were opposed to province funding for owning land.