

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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Cooperative Development Initiative (CDI)

http://www.coopzone.coop/about_ag_cdi

The Co-operative Development Initiative (CDI) is a government of Canada program delivered in partnership with the co-operative sector. CDI is designed to help people develop co-ops and to research and test innovative ways of using the co-operative model. CDI will make the co-op option more readily available to Canadians, to respond to their present-day challenges.

Description of CDI

The program has three interrelated components:

The **Advisory Services** component is delivered by the co-operative sector through a network of co-operative development experts established across the country. The objective is to provide access to professional and technical services needed for the successful launch or strengthening of a co-operative. The Advisory Services component is managed jointly by the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA) and the Conseil Canadien de la Coopération et de la Mutualité (CCCM).

The **Research and Knowledge Development** component is designed to undertake, support and share research that will advance co-operative development and growth.

The **Innovative Co-operative Projects** component provides funding to innovative projects that respond to public policy priority areas and generate best practices and learning.

Innovative Co-operative Projects

Policy Priorities

The policy priorities to be addressed through the Innovative Co-operative Projects are:

- agriculture, including farmer-driven value-added agriculture and biofuels;
- rural/northern community development;
- innovative goods and services, including innovative technologies; and
- capacity building and sustainability.

Financial Parameters

Upper limit for projects

The upper limit of funding for Innovative Co-operative Projects is \$75,000 per year per project.

Proponent Contribution

The minimum proponent contribution for Innovative Co-operative Projects is 25% per individual project.

Management of the Component

The Innovative Co-operative Projects component will be delivered jointly by the Canadian Co-operative Association and the Conseil Canadien de la Coopération et de la Mutualité.

How to Apply for Funding

Guidelines for applicants and application forms are available on the web sites of CCA and CCCM.

Canadian Co-operative Association

Conseil canadien de la coopération et de la mutualité

Agri-Opportunities Program

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1195488674667&lang=eng>

The \$134 million, Agri-Opportunities Program, launched in January 2007, is five-year program that aims to accelerate the commercialization of new agricultural products, processes or services that are currently not produced or commercially available in Canada, and are ready to be introduced to the marketplace. Agri-Opportunities is delivered nationally by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Funding is provided to projects that focus on new agri-food, agriculture or bioproducts, that can be expected to increase market opportunities for the Canadian agricultural industry across the value chain and generate demand for primary agricultural products.

The Agri-Opportunities Program provides a maximum repayable contribution of \$10 million per project and per recipient regardless of the number of projects, over the life of the program, ending in March 2011.

There are no deadlines to apply. Applications are welcome on an on-going basis.

Contact Information

For more information regarding provincially-delivered Growing Forward programs, please contact a program manager at the [Department of Natural Resources](#) or call 709-637-2679.

For more information on the Agri-Opportunities Program, or to access a program application guide, please e-mail agri-opp@agr.gc.ca or call 1-877- BIO-4682

Advance Payments Program

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1178036035451&lang=eng>

The Advance Payments Program (APP) is a financial loan guarantee program that gives producers easier access to credit through cash advances.

This means improved cash flow throughout the year and better opportunities for marketing their agricultural products.

A number of producer organizations across the country are delivering cash advances under the APP. These producer organizations are listed along with the list of agricultural products on which they are offering cash advances at the following link: [Participating Producer Organizations](#). As new producer organizations are ready to deliver the program, they will be listed on the APP Web site.

Program Highlights:

- The limit on cash advances is \$400,000 with the first \$100,000 interest-free.
- Coverage includes livestock and a variety of crops.
- Producers have up to 18 months (generally April to September of the following year) to get and repay their cash advances.
- [Cattle and hog producers now have until September 30, 2010, to repay 2008-2009 cash advances](#) under the Advance Payment Program (APP).

Contact information:

For more information, contact a [Participating Producer Organization](#) or the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Financial Guarantee Programs Division at 1-888-346-2511.

Mailing address:

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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Financial Guarantee Programs Division
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Price Pooling Program

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1177336168335&lang=eng>

The Price Pooling Program provides a price guarantee that protects marketing agencies and producers against unanticipated declines in the market price of their products. Program participants use the price guarantee as security in obtaining credit from lending institutions. This credit allows the marketing agency to improve cash flow of producers through an initial payment for products delivered. It also provides equal returns to producers for products of like grades, varieties and types.

This program is designed to assist and encourage cooperative marketing of eligible agricultural products, including processed products.

Contact Information

For further information on this program please call 1-888-346-2511 or e-mail fqp-pgf@agr.gc.ca

Community Pasture Program

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1183491574124&lang=eng>

For More Information on the Community Pasture Program, please contact your local Land Manager.

The Community Pasture Program is the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration's largest and longest-running contribution to soil conservation on the prairies. Created in the 1930s to reclaim badly eroded areas, the program has returned more than 145,000 hectares of poor-quality cultivated lands to grass cover. It currently encompasses in excess of 900,000 hectares of productive rangeland. The summer grazing of livestock is used as a tool in the management of the marginal rangelands comprising the pastures.

The mandate for the Community Pasture Program is to conserve the land resource, protect it from future deterioration due to drought while utilizing the land primarily for the grazing and breeding of livestock. The program uses cattle grazing as the primary tool, supported by the latest range management science, to maintain a healthy, diverse landscape, which is representative of the natural functional prairie ecosystems.

The two major objectives of the Community Pasture Program are:

Objective I: Manage a productive, bio-diverse rangeland and promote environmentally responsible land use practice;

Objective II: To utilize the resource to complement livestock production.

The Community Pasture Program is designed to help producers strengthen their operations by providing pastures and a breeding service.

Allocation of grazing space is based on a number of factors, the most important being an assessment of need. The formula used to allot grazing space is designed to benefit small producers by allocating grazing privileges in inverse proportion to land owned, leased or rented by clients.

Approximately 3,100 producers use the pastures each summer, grazing about 220,000 head of livestock and utilizing over 3,000 bulls in the pasture breeding program. Fees are charged for all services provided on the pastures.

In addition to maintaining a permanent cover, the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration is committed to multiple use of its rangelands. Although livestock producers are the primary clients and a first priority, their needs are not exclusive of other users' requirements and PFRA strives to accommodate the interests of all users.

- Community Pasture Business Plan
- Managing a Community Pasture
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Minor Use Pesticide Program

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1177525838285&lang=eng>

Canadian farmers require effective tools to manage weed, insect and disease problems which can threaten the quality, value and quantity of the crops they produce.

The Minor Use Pesticides Program was launched in June 2002 as a joint initiative between AAFC and Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). The Program, which has been fortified under the federal Agricultural Regulatory Action Plan of the Growing Forward policy initiative, aims to increase grower competitiveness by improving access to new and effective crop protection tools and technologies.

The Minor Use Pesticides Program works with growers, the provinces, manufacturers and the U.S. IR-4 Specialty Crops program to establish grower-selected crop/pest needs, and match them with potential solutions, particularly reduced risk products. As the front-line guardians against pest issues, growers know from experience the types of persistent and emerging pest problems that can have serious effects on their operations. It is for that reason that growers select priorities at an annual priority-setting workshop.

AAFC then conducts field and greenhouse trials and commissions laboratory analyses to collect the required data, including efficacy and residue information, before drafting regulatory submissions to PMRA for the registration of new minor uses. Many of these new uses replace older chemistries and formulations which have been taken off the market.

These efforts assist in moving new products through the regulatory system which will help Canada's producers to compete in global markets.

Contact Us

If you would like to [learn more about this program](#), Contact Us.

Pesticide Risk Reduction Program

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1181137029350&lang=eng>

The Pesticide Risk Reduction Program, a joint initiative of AAFC and Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, works to reduce the risks from pesticides used in the agriculture and agri-food industry. These include risks to human health, risks to biodiversity resulting from impacts on non-target organisms, and risks to air, water and soil.

The Pesticide Risk Reduction Program creates a framework through which growers develop and implement pesticide risk reduction strategies. It focuses on selected crops and priority pest management issues that are determined through stakeholder consultations at a national level.

The Program provides funding and regulatory support for the implementation of developed strategies. Success of the strategies is measured and the current pest management situation for individual crops is updated in the Crop Profile and Issues section.

Contact Information

For more information about the Pest Management Centre Pesticide Risk Reduction Program, please contact:

Email: [Leslie Cass](mailto:leslie.cass@agr.gc.ca) (leslie.cass@agr.gc.ca)
Tel: 613-694-2438

Agri-Innovation Program (In PEI Only)

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1241645405578&lang=eng>

Purpose

The Agriculture Innovation Program was established to provide assistance for innovative projects that will yield positive economic benefits within the Prince Edward Island agricultural industry.

This initiative will provide funds to farmers, groups of farmers, and agri-business supporting investments in primary agriculture which contribute to on-farm profitability and competitiveness.

Program Components and Assistance Available

A. Value Added Opportunities

The purpose of this sub-program is to promote and accelerate the pre-commercialized development of new products in the agri-food sector.

50% of eligible expenses to a maximum of \$30,000 is available

B. On Farm Diversification

Financial support is available to assist with innovative projects which lead to on-farm diversification including new crops, livestock, or alternative uses for agricultural products.

50% of eligible expenses to a maximum of \$20,000 is available

C. Innovation Technology Evaluation

Limited financial support is available to evaluate and demonstrate new technologies. Based on 35% of eligible project expenses, applicants will be eligible for a maximum of \$30,000. An additional \$1,000 may be approved to assist the applicant with evaluation or demonstration costs.

Eligible Applicants

Will include primary producers, agriculture industry organizations, and agri-business.

Eligible Expenses

Equipment required for the production of a value-added product, transportation costs, monitoring equipment, and materials and supplies.

Non-eligible expenses

Salaries and consulting fees, market studies, feasibility studies, business plans, institution overhead and administration costs, and travel.

Preference will be given to projects which add value to raw agricultural products. Eligible technical innovations will be either new, not generally available, or not widely adopted. Only one project supporting a proposed technical innovation in each sector will be funded.

ADMINISTRATION:

This program will be administered by the Agriculture Resource Division of the PEI Department of Agriculture. Requests for information should be directed to:

Supervisor, Agriculture Innovation
Agriculture Resource Division
PEI Department of Agriculture
PO Box 1600
Charlottetown, PEI C1A 7N3
Phone: 902-368-4815
Fax: 902-368-5729
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TERMINATION:

This program is effective April 1, 2009, and will terminate on March 31, 2013. The program will be reviewed on an annual basis and may be amended or discontinued without notice by the Minister of Agriculture.

AgriMarketing Program

http://www.agr.gc.ca/index_e.php?s1=PageNotFound

Overview of the program

The AgriMarketing Program aims to enhance marketing capacity and competitiveness of the Canadian agriculture, agri-food, fish and seafood sectors. The Program assists industry associations to identify market priorities and equip themselves for success in global markets. The Program provides funding for industry to develop and implement Long Term International Strategies (LTIS).

AgriMarketing is the successor to the Canadian Agriculture and Food International (CAFI) program. It introduces new elements including support to SMEs, and access to funding to support marketing of innovative products. The Program will leverage the Canada Brand, and starting in 2010-2011, associations will be required to have a multi-year LTIS in place.

Information about the AgriMarketing Program is included in the [2009-2010 Application Guide](#).

Who can Apply

Eligible applicants include organizations and entities promoting export of Canadian agriculture, agri-food, fish and seafood products including:

- National industry associations
- Alliances
- Technical marketing support organizations

How to Apply

To apply to this Program, please follow the instructions of the [Application Guide](#) and complete the [Application form](#).

The deadline to submit proposals for 2009-2010 is: May 6, 2009.

Contact Us

For more information please call 1-800-O Canada.

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EcoAgriculture Biofuels Capital Initiative (ecoABC)

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1195672401464&lang=eng>

Deadline for this extended until September 30th 2012

The ecoABC Initiative is a federal \$200 million four-year program ending on March 31, 2011 that provides repayable contributions for the construction or expansion of transportation biofuel production facilities. Funding is conditional upon agricultural producer investment in the biofuel projects, and the use of agricultural feedstock to produce the biofuel.

The ecoABC Initiative is delivered nationally by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. It is designed to provide an opportunity for agricultural producers to diversify their economic base and participate in the biofuels industry through equity investment/ownership in biofuels production facilities. As well, ecoABC will help achieve the federal government's goal of reaching an average of 5% renewable content in gasoline by 2010 and 2% renewable content in diesel fuel and heating oil by 2012.

Contact Information

For more information on the ecoABC Initiative, or to access a program Letter of Interest form and instructions please go to the Quick Link on this page, call 877-BIO-4682 (877-246-4682), or e-mail: [Bio Agriculture \(bioagriculture@agr.gc.ca\)](mailto:bioagriculture@agr.gc.ca).

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1195672401464&lang=eng>

Pesticide Risk Reduction Program

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Prairie Shelterbelt Program

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1180103439791&lang=eng>

As a component of the AAFC-PFRA Agroforestry Division, the Prairie Shelterbelt Program (PSP) provides technical services and tree and shrub seedlings for establishment of shelterbelts and other agroforestry, conservation and reclamation projects on agricultural and eligible lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and in the Peace River region of British Columbia.

Tree and shrub seedlings are provided to eligible landowners at no charge. Landowners must apply for trees by filling out a PSP application form.

- [Prairie Shelterbelt Program - Application for Trees](#)
- [New Packaging for Shipping Trees and Shrub Seedlings](#)

Eligible applicants are responsible for seedling transportation costs, planting, and maintenance. Seedlings range from 1-4 years old and are distributed as either bare-root, containerized or cuttings depending on species and availability.

The seedlings provided are an incentive to producers adopting beneficial management practices and environmental stewardship. The aim of the Prairie Shelterbelt Program is to improve the performance and sustainability of the agricultural sector by helping to achieve the social, economic and environmental benefits of agroforestry.

Agroforestry systems such as shelterbelts conserve soil and water, manage snow and wind, improve air quality, protect yards and livestock, provide income for landowners, stabilize crops and enhance habitat for wildlife.

The AAFC-PFRA Prairie Shelterbelt Program is administered out of the Shelterbelt Centre at Indian Head, SK. The program has been on-going since 1901.

Agriculture Development Initiative

This initiative provides funding to develop agricultural projects that enhance regional economic development and contribute to sustainability in rural communities.

Eligible activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- developing under-used agricultural resources, expanding commercial development of agriculture, introducing new technologies and processes, and further developing regional agriculture and country food opportunities in rural Yukon;
- community gardens;
- farmers' markets;
- agriculture infrastructure*, such as cold storage or grain storage facilities and processing kitchens;
- activities that encourage the commercialization of agri-based or native country foods;
- other activities which may include purchasing equipment and facilities*, hiring third-party labour and consultant services for professional, technical and analytical support.

*Only infrastructure, equipment and facilities that support agriculture or country food development will be considered. This initiative does not fund commonly available agricultural equipment for individuals, on-going operational costs or non-agricultural activities.

Eligible applicants

Individuals, farm groups, cooperatives, non-profit organizations and governments.

Eligible funding

Assistance may be provided for up to 50% of the actual project costs for individuals to a maximum of \$20,000 over the lifetime of the program, up to 75% of the actual project costs for farm groups or cooperatives to a maximum of \$50,000 over the lifetime of the program, and up to 100% of the actual project costs for non-profit organizations and governments.

Applications for funding that exceed the specified maximum amounts may be considered, based on available funding.

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Agriculture Education Program

The objectives of the Agriculture Education Program are to:

- provide educational resources for “agriculture in the classroom” activities and similar educational activities presented by agricultural organizations;
- provide support for preschool, elementary, middle and secondary school agricultural curriculum development;
- provide support for agriculture-related youth development and leadership programs;
- provide support to develop agricultural communication tools, such as newsletters or websites.

Eligible activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- developing, designing and printing agriculture-related education resources;
- conducting agricultural activities for school-aged students;
- travelling to observe and consult with agri-businesses;
- establishing, developing and coordinating youth agribased programs;
- developing communication materials and publications, such as websites and newsletters.

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Agriculture Internship and Mentorship Program

The objectives of the Agriculture Internship and Mentorship Program are to:

- provide opportunities for established members of the Yukon agricultural and agri-food industry to hire new entrants to the industry as agricultural interns in their agri-business;
- provide new entrants to Yukon agricultural and agrifood industry with an opportunity to access agricultural and agri-food industry mentors.

The internship or mentorship term will be for a minimum of eight weeks to a maximum of 25 weeks.

Eligible activities

- Hiring an intern to teach them about agricultural production in Yukon. The intern must demonstrate a commitment to work in the industry and should have some agricultural background, education, training or experience.
- Supporting a mentor to learn from them about agricultural production in the Yukon. The mentor must have significant knowledge of, and experience with, Yukon agricultural production and agri-food processing (at least five years of industry experience and an active agribusiness operation in Yukon).

Eligible applicants

An intern is an individual who is a new entrant to the Yukon agricultural and agri-food industry with a demonstrated commitment to work in an agri-business as an intern.

A mentor is an individual who has an active agribusiness operation in Yukon and has at least five years experience in the Yukon agricultural industry.

The applicant and intern or mentor must include a learning plan with identified goals with the funding application. Both the applicant and the mentor will be responsible for completing an evaluation report at the end of the internship or mentorship. Immediate family members are not eligible for this program.

Eligible funding

For an internship, the applicant is eligible to claim up to 50% of the intern wages to a maximum of \$5,000 per year and \$10,000 over the life of the program. Wage expenses may include costs for room and board provided to the intern by the applicant. Funding will only be provided on the basis of the actual wages and wage expenses paid. Financial documentation verifying these expenditures must be provided with the invoice.

For a mentorship, the applicant is eligible to claim up to 50% of the mentor honourarium, to a maximum of \$5,000 per year and \$10,000 over the life of the program. Honourariums will be determined on the basis of Yukon government guidelines.

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Agriculture Training Program

The objectives of the Agriculture Training Program are to:

- provide support for the presentation of agricultural courses, seminars, workshops, conferences and any other activities that will develop the human resource capabilities of Yukon agricultural agri-food and agribased products industry, as well as diversify or add value to existing Yukon agri-businesses;
- provide support for eligible applicants to attend agricultural courses, seminars, workshops and conferences.

Eligible activities

Activities that will improve agricultural skills or build capacity to develop agriculture within an organization.

Eligible costs

Costs include, but are not limited to:

- instructor and speaker fees;
- training venue and equipment rental;
- advertising costs;
- registration fees;
- transportation, accommodation, meals and incidental costs.

Eligible applicants

Individuals, farm groups, cooperatives, non-profit organizations and governments.

Eligible funding

Assistance may be provided for up to 50% of the actual project costs for individuals to a maximum of \$5,000 per year and \$10,000 over the life of the program, 75% of the actual project costs for farm groups or cooperatives to a maximum of \$20,000 per year, and 100% of the actual costs for non-profit organizations and governments.

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Agriculture Land Development Program

The objective of the Agriculture Land Development Program is to maximize the productivity and availability of agricultural land in the province and to ensure the development of under-utilized land resources. Investments will be made in the following priority areas including land development on mineral soils, peatland development and maintenance, sub-surface drainage, on-farm access roads, organic land development and agricultural land development equipment.

For more information regarding provincially-delivered Growing Forward programs, please contact a program manager at the Department of Natural Resources or call 709-637-2679.

Agriculture Opportunities Program

The objectives of the Agriculture Opportunities Program are to enable the Newfoundland and Labrador agriculture and agri-foods industry to capture business and marketing opportunities and to enhance human resource development opportunities within the industry. Investments will be made in business, human resource development and market development.

For more information regarding provincially-delivered Growing Forward programs, please contact a program manager at the Department of Natural Resources or call 709-637-2679.

Agriculture Sustainability Program

The objectives of the Agriculture Sustainability Program are to enhance food safety and environmental stewardship within the agriculture and agri-foods industry. Investments will be made in the environment, food safety and environmental beneficial management practices.

For more information regarding provincially-delivered Growing Forward programs, please contact a program manager at the Department of Natural Resources or call 709-637-

AgrilInsurance Program

What is the program objective?

The objective of the AgrilInsurance (formerly Production Insurance and Crop Insurance) program is to mitigate the financial impacts of production losses by providing affordable insurance protection and by offering reinsurance.

What are the expected results of the program?

AgrilInsurance will minimize production and asset losses caused by severe but uncontrollable natural hazards like drought, flood, wind, frost, excessive rain, heat, snow, uncontrolled disease, insect infestations and wildlife.

Is the program a new, existing or transition program?

The AgrilInsurance program was introduced at the beginning of fiscal year 2007-08; its predecessors have existed since the late 1950s.

Program description

AgrilInsurance is a federal-provincial-producer cost-shared program that stabilizes a producer's income by minimizing the economic effects of production losses caused by natural hazards. AgrilInsurance is a provincially delivered program to which the federal government contributes a portion of total premiums and administrative costs. The federal government also provides a reinsurance arrangement (deficit financing) to provinces. Currently, five provinces (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia) participate in the reinsurance arrangement.

When will the program be available, end or transition?

The AgrilInsurance program is available in all provinces (not including territories). Much work has been done to make a full range of new insurance products available to producers. Under this dynamic program, the development of new options is ongoing.

Who should apply for the program?

The program is currently available to virtually all producers in all provinces. Eligibility criteria for this program will continue to evolve as provinces add new commodities to their lists of insurable agricultural products.

What funding is available?

Premiums for AgrilInsurance coverage are cost-shared between the producer, the province and the federal government.

Who will deliver the service?

Each province currently has either a Crown Corporation or a branch of the provincial agriculture department responsible for administering the AgrilInsurance program.

Whom do I contact for more information?

- AAFC - Director, PIRMD, Programs Team
1341 Baseline Rd. Tower 7, Floor 7
Ottawa , ON K1A 0C5
Tel: 613-773-1209
E-mail: AgriInsurance@agr.gc.ca

Enabling Agricultural Research and Innovation Program

This initiative has been divided into three main components: Innovative Research and Development; Accelerating Agricultural Innovation; and Supporting the Innovative Capacity of Farmers.

The program is offered in the province of New Brunswick to non-government organizations, institutions, academic institutions, agri-businesses and individuals or groups involved in: research and/or innovation; or new agri-product, practice or process development; or adaptation and evaluation of new on-farm technologies.

For additional information call 506-453-2666 or toll free at 1-888-622-4742. Information as well as application forms and guidelines are available through the Enabling Agricultural Research and Innovation Program web site.

Innovative Research and Development projects are designed to address gaps in scientific knowledge that target new innovation opportunities; and industry-led research and development projects that can improve profitability, competitiveness, sustainability and self sufficiency of the agriculture, agri-food and agri-product sectors.

Accelerating Agricultural Innovation programs involve activities required to move knowledge gained from research along the innovation continuum through to the pre-commercialization or pre-adoption phase in support of the development of new agri-products, processes or practices. Activities to resolve pre-commercialization issues are eligible as well as associated pre-commercialization business development requirements. Activities that trigger the development of economic links with commercialization partners to broker or develop new value-chains are also eligible.

Supporting the Innovative Capacity of Farmers projects support investments in the development or adaptation of technical innovations on-farm, which contribute to on-farm profitability and competitiveness. Innovations could be developed by farmers or groups of farmers, or could be sourced from domestic or international science or technology developers and adapted. The program also supports early adopters of new technologies. Eligible technical innovations and practices will be new, not generally available, or not widely adopted in a given region or sector. In order to be considered for funding a strong formal evaluation and communication plan must be part of the project.

4-H Program

The Department of Agriculture is committed to the development of rural youth and their participation in the farm community. This commitment is fulfilled in part by supporting the 4-H Program with the following components:

- Develop and improve leadership skills of rural youth;
- Develop farm business and technical skills through projects, workshops and conferences; and,
- Encourage participation in conferences and special events to increase the knowledge and awareness of farm and rural youth on issues related to the environment, farm safety, international markets and innovation in the sector.

The anticipated results from this initiative include:

- Increased awareness of agriculture issues and their affect on rural communities

This program is offered by the province of PEI. For more information, contact 1-866-PEI-FARM.

Future Farmer Program

The objective of this program is to promote the entry of new farmers to the industry and improve the probability of new entrants establishing profitable and sustainable farm businesses. All training must be pre-approved by a Program Advisor and must be identified as a priority in the farmer's assessment.

This program is offered by the province of PEI. For more information, visit [PEI's Future Farmer Program webpage](#) or contact 1-866-PEI-FARM.

Mitigating Agriculture Risks Program

The objective of the Mitigating Agricultural risks Program is to enable the agriculture and agri-foods industry to mitigate risks, develop innovative technologies and enhance the sector's capacity to self-mage risks pertaining to the environment, food safety, wildlife, plant and animal health, and biosecurity threats.

For more information regarding provincially-delivered Growing Forward programs, please contact a program manager at the [Department of Natural Resources](#) or call 709-637-2679.

New Farm Investment Program

The objectives of the New Farm Investment Program are to address the unique challenges faced by new entrants in the Newfoundland and Labrador agriculture industry, to help ensure the development of under-utilized agricultural resources, encourage the establishment of new farm businesses, and to enhance the competitiveness of the sector.

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Organic Industry Development Program

This is a comprehensive program designed to accelerate the adoption of certified organic production and processing technology; encourage strategic growth and market development; and implement competitive weed and pest management practices.

The Organic Industry Development Program is comprised of three components:

- Organic Value Chain Development
- Organic Farm Advancement Program
- Organic Agro-environmental Program

This program will help support the innovative capacity of farmers by providing funds to farmers or groups of farmers to support investments in the development of organic agriculture. This will contribute to on-farm profitability and competitiveness as well as helping disseminate knowledge gained through implementation of this program.

This program is offered by the province of PEI. For more information, visit [PEI's Organic Industry Development Program webpage](#) or contact 1-866-PEI-FARM.

QUEBEC ROUNDTABLE INITIATIVES SUPPORT PROGRAM
(Programme d'appui aux initiatives des tables filières québécoises)

The *Programme d'appui aux initiatives des tables filières québécoises* allows the roundtables to acquire their autonomy by fostering the establishment of a legal status and by supporting their operations. It helps them establish a diagnosis of their sector and develop a strategic development plan.

This program is offered by the Province of Quebec. For more information please consult the Quebec Roundtable Initiatives Support Program web site (in French only) or contact the *Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation's Direction de l'agroenvironnement et du développement durable* at 1-888-222-MAPA (6272) or 418-380-2150.

Saskatchewan On-Farm Food Safety Program

This initiative provides financial assistance for producer organizations to undertake OFFS awareness and education activities along with producer implementation efforts.

For more information, please call 1-877-874-5365 or visit the [Saskatchewan On-Farm Food Safety \(OFFS\) Program web site](#).

Saskatchewan Post-Farm Food Safety Program

The Saskatchewan Post-Farm Food Safety Program has been designed to facilitate the adoption of Vendor Recognition (VR), Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), and International Organization for Standardization 22000 (ISO 22000) food safety systems.

For more information, please call 1-877-874-5365 or visit the [Saskatchewan Post-Farm Food Safety Program web site](#).

Slaughter Improvement Program

The Slaughter Improvement Program's (SIP) objectives are to strengthen the competitiveness of the red meat industry by providing interest-free, conditionally repayable contributions aimed at supporting investments to make operational improvements and modernize and will support investments to enhance slaughter capacity in regions that have a demonstrated regional gap that is constraining sector growth.

The SIP is delivered nationally by Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada. The Program can provide up to 50% of eligible costs. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2012.

To be reviewed in the first round of applications, an application must be submitted on or before August 21, 2009. If an application is not submitted by August 21, 2009, then it should be submitted on or before October 30, 2009 to be reviewed as part of the second round of applications. Further requests for applications will be subject to the availability of funds.

To apply to the program, an application package must be duly completed. If you are unable to open or print a copy of the application package included on this site, please contact us for assistance.

Additional questions on SIP may be found in the FAQ.

Additional information regarding the environmental assessment process may be found in the Quick Fact Sheet.

TRACEABILITY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM ***(Programme d'appui à l'implantation de la traçabilité)***

The *Ministère* wants to be in a position to act quickly in the event of a health crisis and ensure better food safety for the population, all while minimizing the economic impact of such a crisis. The program aims to facilitate the collection and transmission of data to *Agri-Traçabilité Québec inc.* (ATQ) by relying on automation.

This program is offered by the Province of Quebec. For more information please consult the [Traceability Implementation Program web site \(in French only\)](#) or contact the *Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation's Direction de l'agroenvironnement et du développement durable* at 1-888-222-MAPA (6272) or 418-380-2150.

Wildlife Damage Prevention Program

This program provides assistance to protect high-value crops and pasture lands from damage by wildlife. It provides funding to install approved wildlife fences or to use wildlife deterrents. This includes purchasing a guardian dog or hiring a contractor with herding dogs to herd wildlife away from crop areas to more preferred areas.

Eligible activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- fencing with approved game farm fencing material made of woven wire that stands at least 7 feet (2.1 metres) high and is secured to solid posts no greater than 20 feet apart;
- hiring a herding contractor;
- purchasing a guardian dog.

Eligible applicants

Any individual producer who resides in a documented high-risk area or has suffered wildlife damage, in excess of \$250 from elk, moose, deer or bison, to cultivated land currently in production is eligible for assistance.

Eligible funding

Individual producers are eligible for 50% of costs to a maximum of \$3/linear foot for installation of 7-foot game fencing to protect titled crop lands from damage by elk, moose, deer and bison. Maximum amount of funding available to individuals is \$15,000 over the life of the program.

Individual producers are eligible to hire a herding contractor, at 100% funding up to \$2,500 per year, to herd elk, moose, deer and bison from titled crop lands.

Individual producers are eligible for 50% funding up to \$500 towards a pedigreed livestock guardian dog to address problems associated with wildlife predation on either crops or livestock. Producer will be required to submit a proposal outlining the problem and the potential benefit of acquiring a guardian dog.

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Visit us on the 3rd floor, Room 320, of the Elijah Smith Building at 300 Main Street in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Yukon Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

The Yukon Agriculture Wildlife Damage Compensation Program is available for producers who have attempted prevention and mitigation of crop damage caused by wild ungulates. The compensation program is available to maintain the viability and sustainability of agriculture operations by providing financial assistance to recover forage crop and improved-pasture losses that occur because of wild elk, deer, moose or bison. See also the [Wildlife Damage Prevention Program](#).

Eligible damage

Coverage for damage to forage crop and improved pasture losses that occur because of wild elk, deer, moose or bison. The possible effects of wildlife damage include potential loss to farm income, decrease in the amount of feed available for livestock use, and damage to fences. Wildlife damage to forage crops, seeded pastures and fences varies substantially from year to year, depending on the severity of winter weather conditions.

The forage fields must be within Yukon. Eligible damage is limited to cultivated forage crops currently in production. Assistance will not cover protecting feed crops not brought in from the field that could have been harvested or crops which are stored in a manner that cannot be protected.

Eligible forage crops must be in the seedling stage and/or standing crop stage, and include wheat, oats, barley and other cereal crops, alfalfa, clover, tame grasses and legumes used for livestock feed.

Forage crops not eligible for compensation include crops that have been mowed; swathed; gathered in sheaves, stooks or bales; and crops stacked in silage or in storage.

Eligible applicants

Individuals who have crop damage caused by wild elk, moose, deer or bison.

Applicants must provide proof of ownership or lease confirmation for damaged fields.

Applicants must show a firm commitment to preventing and/or reducing the amount of damage caused by wildlife.

Eligible funding

A maximum of 80% of the verified losses documented in each eligible claim are paid, with a minimum eligible claim of \$250.

Contact the Agriculture Branch if damage is about to occur or has already occurred.

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