
Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP): Cost-Share Funding Programs for Cultivating Management Excellence

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Following is a listing of the cost-share funding programs offered by the Provincial and Territorial Ministries of Agriculture for farmers, agricultural associations and agribusiness. The list is limited to cost-shared funding specific to farm business management.

You can find links to all other cost-share funding opportunities here:

<http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/key-departmental-initiatives/canadian-agricultural-partnership/?id=1461767369849>

Alberta

CAP program announcements coming soon.

<https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/>

British Columbia

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs>

Business, Innovation & Market Development

To support farmers and food processors to start, grow and innovate their business and more effectively market their products.

Wildfire - Farm Business Recovery Advisory Services

To provide access to basic financial analysis, specialized business planning and coaching services to implement an immediate and long-term wildfire recovery plan. Full program support will provide up to \$5,000 for service from a qualified advisor.

[Click here](#) for more information and eligibility

Agrifood Business Opportunities

Provides support to increase knowledge and skills in managing and operating an agriculture, seafood or food processing business.

B.C. Agrifood & Seafood Market Development

Provides cost-shared funding to support businesses to develop marketing skills, purchase market research, create marketing plans and expand export sales.

Environmental Sustainability

Environmental Farm Plan Program

Supports producers to complete environmental and climate change risk assessments related to agriculture.

The Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Program supports farm operations to complete agri-environmental risk assessments.

[Click here](#) for more information and eligibility

Beneficial Management Practices

Supports producers to implement practices, identified through an Environmental Farm Plan, to increase agricultural sustainability, address climate change and contribute to a cleaner environment.

Farm Adaptation Innovator Program

Supports collaborative research, demonstration, and knowledge-sharing to enable farm-level adaptation to climate change.

Manitoba

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/farm-management/ag-action-manitoba-training-and-consulting.html>

Ag Action Manitoba

Training and Consulting

Ag Action Manitoba helps farmers access training and consulting to expand farm business management skills and supports decision-making through planning advice and financial analysis. This funding will help individual farmers improve their understanding of how to grow a profitable farming operation.

Funding

The Training and Consulting activity will be funded on a 50:50 cost share basis between government and applicant and has a total funding cap of \$5,500.

Funding caps are applied to the farm business unit, which includes all shareholders. Within each activity, there are identified focus areas available for funding.

[Click here](#) for more information

Researchers and Industry Service Providers

Support the work of researchers and individual agri-businesses and organizations that service the agriculture, agri-food and agri-product sector, with funding available for:

- adoption of food safety, traceability, biosecurity and animal welfare practices
- environmental sustainability
- skill development
- accessing research
- developing innovative tools
- entering new markets or expanding market share
- developing resource materials

- capital investments that enhance competitiveness and sustainability

[Click here](#) for more information.

New Brunswick

http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/10/agriculture/content/agriculture_programs.html

Agri-Industry Development & Advancement

Business Development - Advancing Crop and Livestock Sectors (includes Livestock Genetics)

- [Apple Industry Development Program](#)
- [Cranberry Industry Development Program](#)
- [Grape Industry Development Program](#)
- [Sheep Flock Health Program](#)
- [Sheep Handling & Weighing Systems Initiative](#)
- [Honey Bee Industry Development Program](#)

Market and Product Development
Agri-Land Enhancement

[Click here](#) for more information

Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture

The program will assist producers to evaluate the environmental and climate change risks associated with their operations, acquire knowledge and tools to address these risks, provide financial incentives to help them implement solutions and assist them to enhance their land base.

[Click here](#) for more information

Mitigation, Prevention, Occupational Health and Safety

To support the New Brunswick agriculture industry to prevent accidents and promote occupational safety on farms as well as to identify, manage, protect and mitigate emerging risks to crops and livestock.

[Click here](#) for more information

Northwest Territories

<https://www.iti.gov.nt.ca/en/services/canadian-agricultural-partnership>

Funding is available across eight programs under the CAP umbrella:

- Market Development Program
- Agriculture Training Program
- Agriculture and Food Processing Development Program

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Research Program
- Food Safety Program
- Agriculture and the Environment Program
- Agriculture Awareness Program
- Small Scale Foods Program

[Click here](#) for more information

Nova Scotia

<https://novascotia.ca/canadian-agricultural-partnership/>

Advancing Innovative Technologies

The initiative will support the adoption of new technologies, processes or specialized equipment. Through the assessment, implementation or adoption, all projects should improve farm and industry competitiveness, productivity & profitability.

Funding

Eligible Activity	Level of Assistance	Maximum Assistance
Adoption of technologies / new equipment	50%	\$20,000
Adoption of new on farm processes, practices and techniques	50%	\$20,000

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Business Advisory Services Program 2018-2019

To enhance Nova Scotia farms' and agri-businesses' ability to be more competitive, manage transition, develop risk management strategies and respond to change. The business advisory services offered under this program will enable the agriculture sector to be proactive in business development decisions.

Funding

Each applicant may be eligible for 50% assistance to a maximum of \$10,000 in the Business Advisory Program. Over the life of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, applicants are eligible to apply and claim for each type of plan one time only with the exception of feasibility and marketing studies for new projects or products. Contact the PBRM office for authorization if applying for additional funding to update a section of a plan previously completed.

[Click here](#) for more information

Soil and Water Sustainability

To assist farms in mitigating on-farm environmental risks for soil and water in providing assistance for environmental protection projects. This program will recognize the important role the industry plays for healthy soil and water.

Funding

- Applicants can apply for a maximum of 25% assistance to the lessor of 10% of their gross commodity revenue, or \$15,000 per year for all projects listed within this program. For example, a farm with gross apple sales of \$150,000 would be eligible for a maximum of \$15,000 per year.
- Funding for the program is limited. Projects will be assessed for their ability to minimize the environmental risk to soil and water. Preference will be given to projects that address the greatest environmental risk.

Note: No more than 75% funding can be received for any project cost incurred and paid by the applicant, regardless of source. Applicants are required to disclose their funding sources.

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Small Farm Acceleration Program

The objective of the Small Farm Accelerator Program is to support the growth of Nova Scotia small farms through the implementation of business planning and farm growth strategies. The support of a loan interest rebate program will also allow for improved accessibility to working capital. The program will allow small farms to make significant strides in reaching or working towards commercial viability.

Funding

Program Phase	Activity	Cost Share	Maximum Assistance
Phase 1	Business Plan (Consultant)	50%	\$2,500
Phase 1	Business Plan (Self developed)	n/a	\$1,250
Phase 2	Loan Interest Rebate	n/a	\$5,000 per year
Phase 2	Project Grants	50%	\$5,000 per year
Phase 2	Business Advisory Services	50%	\$2,500 per year

[Click here](#) for more information

Ontario

OMAFRA CAP Funding: <https://ontarioprogramguides.net/en/>

Business Plans

35% cost-share
Maximum \$10,000
over the life of the
CAP Framework
Agreement (2018-
2023)

Marketing Plans

50% cost-share
Maximum \$15,000
over the life of the
CAP Framework
Agreement (2018-
2023)

Labour Productivity Plans

50% cost-share
Maximum \$15,000 over
the life of the CAP
Framework Agreement
(2018-2023)

Financial Analysis

*50% cost-share
Maximum \$2,500 over
the life of the CAP
Framework Agreement
(2018-2023)

Required:

- Completion of the GYFP Workshop and Action Plan identifying the need
- Quote from Third Party with statement of work, outcomes, cost

Ineligible:

- Succession Planning and anything relating to Succession Planning

Intake Dates:

- Apr 3 – May 8 2018
- Aug 7 – 28 2018
- Jan 9 – 30 2019

*exceptions may apply

Prince Edward Island

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/agriculture-and-fisheries/canadian-agricultural-partnership-2018-2023>

Beneficial Management Practices Sub-Program

To support the implementation of BMPs on a cost-shared and/or per acre funding basis.

[Click here](#) for more information

Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Program

To increase environmental sustainability by providing financial incentives to agricultural landowners:

- to establish or maintain Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) on agricultural land and/or
- for the removal of targeted environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production



Funding

Expanding Buffer Zones	\$185/hectare/year
Establishing non-regulated grassed headlands	\$185/hectare/year
Retiring high-sloped land	\$150/hectare/year
Land under conservation structures	\$250/hectare/year
Maintaining livestock fencing adjacent to watercourses and wetlands	\$0.30/metre/year
Delayed hay cutting of long-term fields	\$62/hectare/year

[Click here](#) for more information

Business Development Program (Agriculture)

Provides funding for skills training, business planning and implementation, benchmarking and risk management activities which will expand domestic and international markets for Prince Edward Island producers and small to medium sized agri-businesses.

The three funding categories are:

1. Training;
2. Business Planning; and
3. Benchmarking and Risk Management

Funding - Training

Agri-Skills Individualized Training

- 50 % of assistance up to \$2,000 is available per participant per fiscal year for eligible agri-skills individualized training expenses;
- 50% of assistance up to \$1,000 is available for eligible software expenses per participant over the life of the CAP Framework Agreement (2018-2023)

Group Training for Agricultural Producers, Agri-Processors and/or Agri-Businesses

- 90% of assistance up to \$20,000 per project is available for agricultural producers, agri-processors, and/or agri-businesses' eligible expenses.

Organizational Development

- 50% of assistance up to \$10,000 per project is for eligible training for executives' expenses; and
- 50% of assistance up to \$15,000 per project is for eligible board capacity training expenses.

Funding – Business Planning

- 50% of assistance up to \$5,000 per project is available for eligible financial assessment and financial action plan expenses over the life of the CAP Framework (2018-2023)
- 50% of assistance up to \$10,000 per project is available for eligible succession plan expenses over the life of the CAP Framework (2018-2023)
- 50% of assistance up to \$2,500 per project is available for eligible business plan expenses for beginning farmers who are part of the bonafide farm operation over the life of the CAP Framework (2018-2023)
- 50% of assistance up to \$10,000 over the life of the CAP Framework Agreement (2018-2023) is available for groups of two farming entities' eligible project expenses.
- 50% of assistance up to \$15,000 over the life of the CAP Framework Agreement (2018-2023) is available for groups of three or more farming entities' eligible project expenses.

Funding – Benchmarking and Risk Management

- 90% of assistance up to \$15,000 is available for first time benchmarking or risk management initiatives' eligible expenses; and
- 30% of assistance up to \$15,000 is available for **approved** repetitive benchmarking or risk management initiatives; eligible expenses.

[Click here](#) for more information

Future Farmer Program

To support the expansion of domestic and international competitiveness by supporting new farmers to improve the probability that they establish or continue profitable and sustainable commercial farm businesses. The program will help new entrants through three streams of entry, identify and prioritize their business goals and will help them identify planning, management and technical skills that are needed to reach their goals.

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Quebec

Note: Information available in French only:

<https://www.mapaq.gouv.qc.ca/fr/Grands-dossiers/pca/Pages/PartenariatCanAg.aspx>

Le MAPAQ annoncera prochainement ses programmes à frais partagés axés sur les domaines prioritaires suivants :

- les marchés et le commerce
 - la science, la recherche et l'innovation
 - la gestion des risques
 - la durabilité environnementale et les changements climatiques
 - l'agriculture à valeur ajoutée et la transformation alimentaire
 - la confiance du public
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Saskatchewan

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/agribusiness-farmers-and-ranchers/canadian-agricultural-partnership-cap>

Agricultural Skills and Knowledge (ASK) Program

Assists producers with educational expenses for farm management courses or training activities. This program is available to producers to gain the knowledge necessary to increase profitability and minimize risks on their farm.

Funding

ASK is a rebate program that requires applicants to successfully complete the course or training activity before a claim is made.

Applicants can apply for a rebate of up to 50% of the total eligible costs to a maximum program payment of \$2,500 per person per year. Maximum funding available is \$10,000 per person.

The minimum program payment for ASK is \$250 per person.

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Farm Management Agriculture Partnership Program

Supports collaboration with industry in areas that address priority farm management issues, including farm transition, costs of production, workforce development and risk management.

Funding will be targeted to fill identified gaps within industry to build overall farm management capacity. Interested groups or organizations should connect with the [Ministry of Agriculture Farm Management Extension Specialist](#) or [Agriculture Program Specialist](#) to discuss opportunities for collaboration.

[Click here](#) for more information

Environmental Farm Plans

The Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is a free, online self-assessment tool designed to help producers identify environmental risks on their farm and create action plans to address those risks.

[Click here](#) for more information

Farm Stewardship Program (FSP)

Provides Saskatchewan producers funding to implement beneficial management practices (BMPs) in three priority areas – water, climate change and biodiversity.

Funding

Drainage Stewardship BMP

- 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$20,000 on water and erosion controls.

Environmental Solutions BMP

- Up to 75% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000 (determined by review committee)
- Funding level and caps will vary based on the project's environment benefit.

Invasive Plant Biocontrol and Targeted Grazing BMP

50% of eligible costs to a combined maximum of \$45,000 per year.

- Targeted Small Ruminant Grazing: Maximum of \$40,000 per project per year on noxious weeds currently approved under the program (leafy spurge, common burdock, Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, common tansy, and absinthe).
- Insect Biological Control: Maximum of \$5,000 for insect biocontrol agents on noxious weeds currently approved under the program (leafy spurge, scentless chamomile, Canada thistle, nodding thistle, field bindweed, yellow toadflax, and Russian knapweed).

Livestock Stewardship BMPs

- 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$100,000

Native Rangeland Grazing Management BMP

- 50% of eligible costs to a combine maximum of \$10,000
 - Maximum eligible rebate for fencing costs is based on a flat rate for fence construction, to a maximum of \$10,000

Permanent Native Forage BMP

- 90% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$10,000
 - Maximum eligible payment for establishment costs is set at \$31.50/acre (based on a flat rate establishment cost of \$35/acre)
 - Maximum eligible payment for certified seed is \$90/acre (based on maximum costs for seed of \$100/acre).

Permanent Tame Forage BMP

- 50% eligible costs to a maximum of \$10,000
- Maximum eligible payment for establishment costs is set at \$15/acre (based on a flat rate establishment cost of \$30/acre)
- Maximum eligible payment for certified seed is \$20/acre (based on maximum costs for seed of \$40/acre).

Riparian Grazing Management BMP

- 50% of eligible costs to a combined maximum of \$10,000.
- Maximum eligible rebate for fencing costs is based on a flat rate for fence construction to a maximum of \$10,000.
- Water infrastructure improvement will be funded at 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$7,000.

[Click here](#) for more information

Yukon

<http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/agriculture/canadian-agricultural-partnership.html>

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership programming provides funding to help Yukon's agriculture industry:

- increase competitiveness, productivity or profitability
- increase environmental sustainability
- expand domestic and international markets and
- improve the anticipation, mitigation and response to risks

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