



AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

**Funding Opportunities and Resources
For Alberta's Agriculture and Agri-food Sector**



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ABOUT US

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) is the federal government department mandated to support farmers, food and beverage processors, and other stakeholders in the broader agri-food sector.

Our Alberta Regional Office consists of a team of industry development officers available to support your agriculture and agri-food business with specialized services, including:

- Helping you find the right contacts and making connections to further your success;
- Sharing programs, services and other opportunities with Canadian farmers, producers and processors; and
- Listening to your feedback on policy, programs, and the issues and challenges you are facing

This booklet will help you learn more about the programs and services offered by AAFC, federal and provincial government partners, and other organizations. This booklet represents a comprehensive but non-exhaustive list as programs and services regularly change.

This booklet is not intended to replace your own research and thorough review of program guides to determine your eligibility for individual programs. Nothing in this booklet should be interpreted as a guarantee of your eligibility for any given program or a promise of funding or non-funding support.

All programs have their own application and eligibility requirements which may differ from one another. For more details on the programs, services, resources and terminology included in this document please reach out to us at aafc.ab.info.ab.aac@agr.gc.ca or **780-495-3307** to be matched with an industry development officer that can provide you with specific information catered to your needs.



Agricultural Programs and Services

This pathfinder service provides information regarding programs and services supporting innovation, sustainable farming, business development, risk management, trade and market development.

☎ 1-866-367-8506
✉ aaafc.info.aac@agr.gc.ca
👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs>

Canada Brand

Helps global consumers recognize Canadian food and beverage products and showcases the diverse range of products from coast to coast to coast. Membership is free and provides access to a suite of digital branding tools including logos, graphics, video content, animations, GIFs, digital stickers, marketing messaging, photo libraries, and other digital marketing templates

✉ marque-canada-brand@agr.gc.ca
👉 <https://agriclient.powerappsportals.com/en-CA/home-accueil/>



CANADA

Single Window Contact for Agri-Food Trade Services

This service offers a single point of contact with the goal of helping the Canadian food industry and businesses reach international markets..

✉ aaafc.mas-sam.aac@agr.gc.ca
👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/international-trade/single-window-contact-agri-food-trade-services>

Agri-Food Trade Services (ATS) Bulletin

The Alberta Regional Office distributes a monthly Agri-Food Trade Services (ATS) Bulletin by email for businesses in the province's agriculture and food processing sectors. The bulletin contains up-to-date information on programs, educational events, domestic and international trade shows, trade missions, global market intelligence reports, and policy consultation opportunities.

To subscribe to the bulletin, please email us with your name and the name of your organization at aaafc.ab.info.ab.aac@agr.gc.ca.

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Applicant Types



Producers: Farmers, ranchers, orchardists, and other primary agricultural and fish & seafood producers.



Processors: Food and beverage processors, manufacturers, and packagers.



Indigenous Organizations and/or Not-For-Profits: Indigenous communities and organizations, industry associations, community organizations, university researchers, and other non-profit entities.



Ag-Tech/Technology: Agriculture or food equipment manufacturers, innovators, and developers of both hardware and software.

Program Types



Cost-Shared: The applicant is responsible for providing a percentage of the project cost in order to receive funding. Cost-sharing percentages differ between programs.



Repayable/Loan: The applicant must repay at least some of the funding received. Interest rates and repayment schedules differ between programs.



Non-Repayable: Funding received by the applicant does not have to be repaid.



Insurance/Income Protection: Designed to protect business against unexpected income losses. There may or may not be a cost to participants depending on the program.

PATHFINDER SERVICES

Accelerated Growth Service

Helps entrepreneurs and businesses access the support they need to grow and scale. Innovation advisors help businesses find, and take advantage of, everything that the government can do for them – from research support to financing to foreign market expertise.

- ☎ 1-833-201-4358
- 👉 <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/accelerated-growth-service/>
- 👤 Provided by Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada

AgPal – Program and Service Finder

This web-based tool assists those looking for government agricultural programs and services. It gathers information on both federal and provincial resources and presents it all in one place.

- ✉ aafr.agpal-agriculture.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agpal.ca/en/home>
- 👤 Provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Business Benefits Finder – Program Search Tool

An interactive portal with information on support services for Canadian businesses. Businesses provide some basic information about their business and the type of support they are looking for, and the portal provides a list of potentially applicable programs.

- ☎ 1-833-201-4358
- 👉 <https://innovation.isde-isde.canada.ca/s/?language=en>
- 👤 Provided by Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada

AAFC Indigenous Pathfinder Service

Provides customized advice and referrals to help Indigenous groups (i.e. First Nations, Métis, and Inuit individuals and organizations, including businesses and non-profit associations) navigate the relevant information, tools and supports available to start or expand activities in the agriculture and agri-food sector.

- ☎ 1-866-367-8506
- ✉ aafr.indigenouspathfinder-explorateurautochtone.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/indigenous-pathfinder-service
- 👤 Provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Many of the programs included in this booklet are funded by the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a \$3.5-billion, 5-year agreement (April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028), between the federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen the competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector.

For more information please visit:

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/department/initiatives/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership>



Advance Payments Program

A federal loan guarantee program which provides agricultural producers with easy access to low-cost cash advances. These provide cash flow to meet producers' financial needs until they can sell their agricultural products. This can provide marketing flexibility by allowing agricultural products to be sold based on market conditions rather than the need for cash.

- 1-866-367-8506
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- www.agr.gc.ca/app
- Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



African Swine Fever Industry Preparedness Program: Prevention and Preparedness Stream

Supports projects from industry associations and research institutions within the pork sector which focus on biosecurity assessment and improvements (including wild pig management), sector analysis, communication and engagement, or African swine fever-related research.

- 1-877-246-4682
- aafr.ASF-PPA.aac@agr.gc.ca
- <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/african-swine-fever-industry-preparedness-prevention-stream>
- Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



African Swine Fever Industry Preparedness Program: Welfare Slaughter and Disposal Stream

Provides support for pork processor retrofits and regional preparation for welfare slaughter and disposal to businesses, industry associations, and research institutions.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.ASF-PPA.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/african-swine-fever-industry-preparedness-welfare-slaughter-disposal-stream/contact-information>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



AgriAssurance – National Industry Association

Assists industry associations in developing or improving assurance systems which aid their sector in managing risks and/or ensuring product safety and quality.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.assurance.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriassurance-national-industry-association-component>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriAssurance – Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

Provides funding to support businesses in adopting assurance systems and supporting tools to make verifiable claims about their products to meet export market requirements or domestic markets for Indigenous Peoples.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.assurance.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriassurance-small-medium-sized-enterprises-component>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriCommunication Program

Supports industry associations and Indigenous organizations in promoting consumer awareness of Canadian agriculture, sector awareness of consumer perceptions, and/or industry's efforts to endorse environmentally sustainable best practices.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aafc.agricompetitivenessagri-competitivite.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agricommunication>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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AgriCompetitiveness Program

Provides funding for industry associations and Indigenous groups to leverage, coordinate, and build on existing industry capacity; share best practices; provide mentorship opportunities; spread agricultural awareness; and provide resources on farm business management, safety, and tools.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aaafc.agricompetitivenessagri-competitivite.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agricompetitiveness/contact-information>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership



Agricultural Clean Technology Program: Adoption Stream

Provides funding for the purchase and installation of commercially available clean technologies and processes with priority given to those that show evidence of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental co-benefits.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aaafc.act-a-tpa-a.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agricultural-clean-technology-adoption-stream>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Agricultural Clean Technology Program: Research and Innovation Stream

Supports pre-market innovation, including research, development, demonstration, and commercialization activities to develop transformative clean technologies and enable the expansion of current technologies. The program focuses on three priority areas: green energy and energy efficiency, precision agriculture, and bioeconomy.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aaafc.act-ri-tpa-ri.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/agricultural-clean-technology-program-research-and-innovation-stream>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



AgriDiversity

Provides support to associations, academia, and Indigenous groups for projects that help underrepresented and marginalized groups in Canadian agriculture (including Indigenous peoples, women, youth, persons with disabilities, racialized persons, visible minorities, 2SLGBTQI+ communities, and official language minority communities) fully participate in the sector. The program also supports activities promoting the benefits of a career in agriculture and enhancing the public's perceptions of agriculture and its role in the economy.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aaafc.agridiversityagri-diversite.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agridiversity>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership





AgrilInnovate

Supports targeted commercialization, demonstration and/or adoption of innovative technologies and processes that increase the agricultural and agri-food sector's competitiveness and sustainability.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aaafc.agriinnovateprogram-programmeagriinnover.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriinnovate>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgrilInvest

Provides matching funding in a self-managed producer-government savings account designed to help producers manage small income declines and make investments to manage risk and improve market income. The AgrilInvest account grows as deposits are made, receiving matching government contributions, and earning interest. Funds can be withdrawn at any time.

- ☎ 1-866-367-8506
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriinvest>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriMarketing

Supports Canadian national industry associations and Indigenous organizations in increasing and diversifying exports to international markets and seizing domestic market opportunities through industry-led promotional activities.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aaafc.agrimarketingagri-marketing.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agrimarketing>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriScience Program: Projects

Supports pre-commercial science activities and research focusing on three priority areas: climate change and environment, economic growth and development, and sector resilience and societal challenges. Both monetary contributions and/or collaborative support from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada research scientists is available.

- ☎ 1-877-246-4682
- ✉ aaafc.agriscienceprogram-programmeagri-science.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agriscience-projects>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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AgriStability

Provides producers with an ongoing whole-farm risk management tool that offers protection against large declines for reasons such as production loss, increased costs, and market conditions, that threaten the viability of their farm and are beyond their capacity to manage. AgriStability is one program in a suite of business risk management programs that governments offer to help producers manage significant risks.

- ☎ 1-877-899-2372
- ✉ info@afsc.ca
- 👉 <https://afsc.ca/income-stabilization/agristability/>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



AgriTalent

Provides agricultural employers with a wage subsidy of up to \$7000 to hire post-secondary students from diverse academic backgrounds. This funding will draw young talent into the agricultural sector and engage under-represented groups such as women, Indigenous people, disabled people, and newcomers.

- ☎ 1-343-999-3953
- ✉ info@cahrc-ccrha.ca
- 👉 <https://cahrc-ccrha.ca/programs/agritalent>
- 👤 Funding provided by Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council



Alberta Export Expansion Program

Provides funding to reduce the cost of attending trade shows in new export markets. The funding helps to offset costs related to travel, select accommodation, event registration, and marketing material translation.

- ✉ jei.aeep@gov.ab.ca
- 👉 <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-export-expansion-program.aspx>
- 👤 Funding provided by Government of Alberta



Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit

Provides a fuel tax exemption to farmers to offer prices competitive with those paid by farmers in other parts of North America.

- ☎ 1-780-422-9167
- ✉ affb@gov.ab.ca
- 👉 <https://www.alberta.ca/farm-fuel-and-rural-utility-programs.aspx>
- 👤 Funding provided by Government of Alberta





Agri-Food and Bioindustrial Innovation Program

Provides funding to accelerate technology development and deployment, as well as enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of the agri-food and bioindustrial sectors in Alberta.

- Agri-Food Innovation**
☎ 780-868-7417
✉ virginia.mulligan@albertainnovates.ca
- Bioindustrial Materials**
☎ 780-306-3084
✉ Rebecca.Bruce@albertainnovates.ca
- 👉 <https://albertainnovates.ca/funding/agri-food-and-bio-industrial-innovation-program/>
- 👤 Funding provided by Alberta Innovates



Alberta Land Trust Grant Program

Provides financial assistance to eligible land trust organizations. This funding helps establish and administer new conservation easements on private land and/or administer new conservation projects on land trusts titled land.

- ☎ 310-3773 (In Alberta)
✉ landtrust.grantprogram@gov.ab.ca
👉 <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-land-trust-grant-program.aspx>
- 👤 Funding provided by Government of Alberta



Alberta Producer Loan Program

Provides producers with an alternative source of fixed-rate term loans to acquire assets necessary to maintain and grow their farming operation.

- ☎ 1-877-899-2372
✉ info@afsc.ca
👉 <https://afsc.ca/lending/alberta-producer-loan/>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture Financial Services Corporation



Alberta Women Entrepreneurs (AWE)

Provides tools and resources to women across the province to help them achieve their entrepreneurial goals to start or grow their businesses. For over 27 years, AWE has built a network of successful educational and mentorship programs built around our core values: Capital, Connection, and Capacity.

- ☎ 1-800-713-3558
✉ info@awebusiness.com
👉 <https://www.awebusiness.com/advising>
<https://www.awebusiness.com/eligibility>
- 👤 Funding provided by Alberta Women Entrepreneurs

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Business Scale-up and Productivity Program

Provides interest-free repayable funding to high-growth businesses that are scaling up and producing innovative goods, services or technologies and want to be competitive in both domestic and global markets.

-  1-888-338-9378
-  <https://www.canada.ca/en/prairies-economic-development/services/funding/business-scale-up-productivity.html>
-  Funding provided by Prairies Economic Diversification Canada



Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Program

The program provides loan guarantees to farmers and agricultural co-operatives to increase loan availability. Farmers can use these loans to establish, improve, and develop farms, while agricultural co-operatives may also access loans to process, distribute, or market the products of farming.

-  1-866-367-8506
-  aafc.fgp-pgf.aac@agr.gc.ca
-  <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/canadian-agricultural-loans-act>
-  Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program




Provides funding to not-for-profit organizations for projects that are national or sector-wide in scope and linked to one of the following program priorities: adaptation to new technology, environmental sustainability, strategic planning and capacity building, and emerging issues for the agriculture sector.

-  1-877-246-4682
-  aafc.caspp-pcpsa.aac@agr.gc.ca
-  <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/canadian-agricultural-strategic-priorities>
-  Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Canada-Alberta Job Grant

The Canada-Alberta Job Grant is a training program where an employer applies on behalf of their present or future employees for eligible training costs. Employers decide who gets training and what type of training may be needed for their employees.

-  780-638-9424 (in Edmonton)
1-855-638-9424
-  jobgrant@gov.ab.ca
-  Funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Workforce Development Agreement




Canada Digital Adoption Program (CDAP)

The program offers two types of funding that will help small and medium-sized enterprises get online and use technology to build their businesses.

- Grow Your Business Online: provides up to \$2,400 for companies to set up e-commerce and grow their sales online.
- Boost Your Business Technology: provides companies with up to \$15,000 to get technology advice, up to \$100,000 in interest free loans, and a wage subsidy of up to \$7,300 to help businesses achieve their digital adoption goals.

1-800-328-6189



 <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canada-digital-adoption-program/>



 Funding provided by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada



Canada Pavilion Program

The Canada Pavilion Program aims to make trade show participation easier for Canadian companies at the world's premier food and beverage trade shows. It provides financial support, customizable turn-key booths with furnishings, market intelligence, and networking for Canadian food and beverage companies to lower their participation costs and help them seize global market opportunities. The program places a focus on new to market, first-time exhibitors, and innovative products. Priority will be given to small and medium-sized exporters.

 aaafc.mas-sam.aac@agr.gc.ca
 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/international-trade/trade-show-service/canada-pavilion-program>

 Funding provided by The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership




Canada Small Business Financing Program

Aids small businesses (including small food and beverage processors) in acquiring funding from financial institutions by sharing the risk with lenders. For farming businesses, see the Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Program

 1-866-959-1699

 csbfp-pfpec@ised-isde.gc.ca

 <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canada-small-business-financing-program/>

 Funding Provided by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada



Canada Summer Jobs

Provides wage subsidies to employers with 50 or fewer full-time employees, to create quality summer work experiences for young people aged 15 to 30 years.

 1-800-935-5555

 <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html>

 Funding provided by Employment and Social Development Canada

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



CanExport Innovation

Innovators from Canadian organizations may access up to \$75,000 in funding to assist with research and development (R&D) for a single technology. Up to 75% of the costs of pursuing and signing collaborative R&D agreements with international partners can be covered.

- ✉ CanExportInnovation@international.gc.ca
👉 <https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-finance/canexport/innovation/index.aspx?lang=eng>
- 👤 Funding provided by Global Affairs Canada



CanExport Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

Small and medium-sized companies may access up to \$50,000 in funding to assist with international market development activities. Up to 50% of export marketing costs in international markets where a company's products and services have little, or no sales can be covered by the program.

- ✉ CanExportSMEs@international.gc.ca
👉 <https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-finance/canexport/sme-pme/index.aspx?lang=eng>
- 👤 Funding provided by Global Affairs Canada



Canadian International Innovation Program

Provides matching funding for Canadian companies to create, develop, adapt, and validate technologies with high potential for commercialization through research and development (R&D) collaboration with foreign partners. Support is provided both for the identification of potential foreign partnership opportunities and the carrying out of collaborative R&D projects.

- ✉ innovation@international.gc.ca
👉 <https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-finance/ciip-pcii/index.aspx?lang=eng>
- 👤 Funding provided by Global Affairs Canada



Crop Insurance

Provides crop insurance for annual and perennial crops as well as honey and bee overwintering.

- ☎ 1-877-899-2372
- ✉ info@afsc.ca
- 👉 <https://afsc.ca/crop-insurance/>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership





Efficient Grain Handling Program

Assists producers with reducing the overall energy use on their farms. The program will support the purchase of grain handling system components that significantly improve energy efficiency above standard practices.

- ☎ 310-FARM (3276) (in Alberta)
403-742-7901 (outside Alberta)
- ✉ s-cap.eghp@gov.ab.ca
- 👉 <https://www.alberta.ca/efficient-grain-handling-program>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Emerging Opportunities

Provide funding support for strategic projects and opportunities that are difficult to anticipate but which could have quantifiable economic benefits on the Sector by enabling growth and diversification, creating jobs and/or increasing exports.

- ☎ 780-422-0907
- ✉ s-cap.emergingops@gov.ab.ca
- 👉 <https://www.alberta.ca/emerging-opportunities-program>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership of B.C.



Farm Technology

Provides funding to support the adoption of innovative technology that minimizes agricultural waste, optimizes farm efficiency and encourages the adoption of best management practices in farm security.

- ☎ 310-FARM (3276) (in Alberta)
403-742-7901 (outside Alberta)
- ✉ s-cap.ftp@gov.ab.ca
- 👉 <https://www.alberta.ca/farm-technology-program>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Feeder Association Loan Guarantee

Provides capital to farmers for the feeding of cattle through easy access to low interest and leveraged financing backed by a government guarantee.

- ☎ 587-635-5669
- ✉ info@feederassoc.com
- 👉 <https://www.alberta.ca/feeder-association-loan-guarantee-program.aspx>
- 👤 Funding provided by Government of Alberta

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Green Industrial Facilities and Manufacturing Program

Provides financial assistance to support the implementation of energy efficiency and energy management solutions designed to maximize energy performance, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and increase competitiveness for all industrial sectors and facility sizes in Canada. Eligible activities include energy management training, energy assessments and audits, energy managers, energy management systems, and capital investments.

- ✉ nrcan.rfpindustry-ddpindustrie.
rncan@canada.ca
- 👉 <https://natural-resources.canada.ca/energy-efficiency/energy-efficiency-for-industry/green-industrial-facilities-and-manufacturing-program/20413>
- 👤 Funding provided by Natural Resources Canada



Livestock Price Insurance

Livestock Price Insurance (LPI) allows producers to purchase price protection on cattle and hogs through an insurance policy. It provides producers with protection against an unexpected drop in prices over a defined period.

- 📞 1-844-782-5747
- 👉 <https://lpi.ca/>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Livestock Tax Deferral Provision

Allows farmers who sell part of their breeding herd due to drought or flooding in prescribed drought or flood regions to defer a portion of sale proceeds to the following year.

- ✉ aafc.taxdeferral-reportdelimpot.aac@agr.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-production/weather/livestock-tax-deferral-provision>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



On-Farm Value Added Program

This program provides support to primary producers in adding value to their agricultural products to grow sales, expand production capacity, explore market opportunities and create jobs in Alberta.

- 📞 310-FARM (3276) (in Alberta)
403-742-7901 (outside Alberta)
- ✉ s-cap.valueaddedprograms@gov.ab.ca
- 👉 <https://www.alberta.ca/on-farm-value-added-program>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership



Poultry and Egg On-Farm Investment Program

Helps supply-managed poultry and egg producers adapt to market changes resulting from the implementation of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). Supported on-farm investments include:

- increasing efficiency or productivity
- improving on-farm food safety and biosecurity
- improving environmental sustainability
- responding to consumer preferences (improving animal welfare, adopting alternative housing systems, transitioning to organic production, etc.)

☎ 1-877-246-4682
✉ aaafc.pefip-pifvo.aac@agr.gc.ca
👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/poultry-egg-farm-investment>
👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Poultry Innovation Partnership (PIP)

The PIP operates as a consortium of the poultry industry, government, and academia to offer collaboration opportunities to do research, extension, and tech transfer to overcome industry issues. PIP's goal is to foster a healthy Canadian poultry enterprise through excellence in research and innovation, knowledge management, technology transfer and mentoring tomorrow's poultry professionals.

✉ info@poultryinnovationpartnership.ca
👉 <https://poultryinnovationpartnership.ca/application-form/>
👤 Funding provided by the Government of Alberta



Price Pooling Program

Provides a price guarantee that protects marketing agencies and processors of marketed agricultural products 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 or processor to improve producers' cash flow and provide equal returns for products of like grade, variety, and type through initial payments for products delivered.

☎ 1-866-367-8506
✉ aaafc.fgp-pgf.aac@agr.gc.ca
👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/price-pooling>
👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Regional Innovation Ecosystems Program

Provides targeted investments in not-for-profit organizations that support businesses in priority sectors including technology and value-added processing to innovate, grow and compete globally.

- ☎ 1-888-338-9378
- ✉ wd.ab-ab.deo@prairiescan.gc.ca
- 👉 <https://www.canada.ca/en/prairies-economic-development/services/funding/regional-innovation-ecosystems.html#contact>
- 👤 Funding provided by Prairies Canada



Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program

The Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP) offers funding that may cover up to 100% of eligible expenses to support producers in their ability to implement and maintain projects over a three-year term.

Funding is available under the following categories:

- pasture management
- cropland conversion
- tree establishment
- wetland

- ✉ ralp@gov.ab.ca
- 👉 <https://www.alberta.ca/resilient-agricultural-landscape-program>
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership



Resiliency and Public Trust Program

The program aims to support the agriculture and agri-food sectors in adapting to evolving challenges, promoting sustainable practices, and building public trust.

- ☎ 310-FARM (3276) (in Alberta)
403-742-7901 (outside Alberta)
- ✉ s-cap.publictrust@gov.ab.ca
- 👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership



Strategic Innovation Fund

Supports Canadian companies' innovation projects to encourage and accelerate innovative and growth-orientated initiatives. Projects must have at least \$20 million in total project costs to be eligible.

- ☎ 1-800-328-6189
- 👉 <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/strategic-innovation-fund/>
- 👤 Funding provided by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada



Supply Management Processing Investment Fund

Helps processors of supply-managed commodities adapt to market changes resulting from the implementation of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

- 1-877-246-4682
- aafc.smpif-fitpgo.aac@agr.gc.ca
- <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/supply-management-processing-investment-fund>
- Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-food Canada



Sustainable Development Technology Canada

Provides funding to promising sustainable technology development and demonstration projects that are start-ups or scale-ups, where the technology is beyond proof-of-concept but is pre-commercial. Projects must demonstrate the potential for GHG emissions reductions, reductions in water consumption, and/or the reduction of environmental contamination. The project must include some further development of the technology, mitigate existing technology risk, and include validation of the technology's economic viability.

- 1-343-804-0691
- info@sdtc.ca
- <https://www.sdtc.ca/>
- Funding provided by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada



Value-Added Program

Supports the diversification and growth of Alberta's value-added food and bio-industrial processors through investment in projects that increase company sales and production capacity, expand market opportunities, and create jobs in Alberta.

- 310-FARM (3276) (in Alberta)
403-742-7901 (outside Alberta)
- s-cap.valueaddedprograms@gov.ab.ca
- <https://www.alberta.ca/value-added-program>
- Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership



Water Program

Supports agricultural water management by helping primary producers adopt agriculture water better management practices and priority actions. This supports better management of risks to water quality and supplies, adaptation to climate variability and the efficient use of water resources.

- On-Farm Irrigation Stream**
- 403-381-5532
- irrigationefficiency@gov.ab.ca
- On-Farm Water Stream**
- 310-FARM (3276) (in Alberta)
403-742-7901 (outside Alberta)
- farmwatersupply@gov.ab.ca
- <https://www.alberta.ca/water-program>
- Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

Provides agricultural producers compensation for wildlife damage to some harvested and unharvested crops.

☎ 1-877-899-2372

✉ info@afsc.ca

👉 <https://afsc.ca/booklet/wildlife-damage-compensation-program-2023/>

👤 Funding provided through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Women Entrepreneurship Loan Fund

Helps ensure that more women entrepreneurs have the tools and financing they need to succeed. Several delivery organizations have been selected to provide funding to women entrepreneurs.

👉 <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/women-entrepreneurship-strategy/en/women-entrepreneurship-loan-fund>

👤 Funding provided by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada



Women Entrepreneur Program

Provides lending, events, and resources specifically for women entrepreneurs to start or grow their businesses.

☎ 1-888-332-3301

👉 <https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/financing/agriculture/women-entrepreneur-program.html>

👤 Funding provided by Farm Credit Canada



Youth Employment and Skills Program

Provides a wage subsidy to employers who hire youth for agricultural jobs, and funding to offset the costs of employee relocation or barriers faced by youth.

☎ 1-866-452-5558

✉ aafc.yesp-pecj.aac@agr.gc.ca

👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/youth-employment-and-skills>

👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-food Canada

OTHER FUNDING AND SERVICE PROVIDERS



Agriculture Funding Consortium

This program is free-of-charge and arranges empty container recycling (up to 23L), unwanted pesticide disposal, grain bag recycling, totes and drums recycling, and animal health medication collection sites.

- ✉ info@fundingconsortium.ca
- 👉 <https://www.fundingconsortium.ca>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture Funding Consortium and partially through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



Alberta Agricultural Societies Program

Offers annual and project funding support to Agricultural Societies to encourage improvement in agriculture and in the quality of life of persons living in an agricultural community by developing programs, services and facilities based on needs in their agricultural community.:

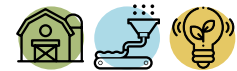
- ☎ 1-780-968-3517
- ✉ af.agsocietygrants@gov.ab.ca
- 👉 <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-agricultural-societies-program.aspx>
- 👤 Funding provided by Government of Alberta



Agricultural Financial Services Canada-Lending

Supports primary agricultural producers and agribusinesses in Alberta through it's lending programs.

- ☎ 1-877-899-2372
- ✉ info@afsc.ca
- 👉 <https://afsc.ca/lending/>
- 👤 Funding provided by Agriculture Financial Services Corporation



Business Development Bank of Canada

Provides access to financing, advisory services and investment capital for entrepreneurs, including in the agriculture and agri-food sector.

- ☎ 1-877-232-2269
- 👉 www.bdc.ca

OTHER FUNDING AND SERVICE PROVIDERS



Canadian Agri-Food Automation and Intelligence Network

Offers funding assistance for projects that focus on innovative technology solutions for automation, digitalization, and smart technology applications for the advancement of Canada's agri-food sector.

☎ 780-975-8635
✉ info@caain.ca
👉 <https://caain.ca>



Canadian Food Innovation Network

Provides funding programs which target industrial research, development, and demonstration activities which stimulate innovation across the Canadian food sector.

☎ 1-888-773-8247
✉ info@cfin-rcia.ca
👉 <https://www.cfin-rcia.ca/>



Cleanfarms

Arranges empty container recycling (up to 23L), unwanted pesticide disposal and animal health medication collection sites for free.

☎ 1-877-622-4460
✉ info@cleanfarms.ca
👉 <https://cleanfarms.ca/>



Community Futures Network of Alberta (CFNA)

Promotes and provides economic development support services to communities and small businesses in rural Alberta. Programs include pre-employment, entrepreneurial, financial and business management courses. CFNA also provides small business loans including for agricultural initiatives..

☎ 1-877-482-3672
403-851-9995
👉 <http://albertacf.com>
👤 Funding provided by Prairies Economic Diversification Canada





Export Development Canada

Helps Canadian companies to navigate, manage and take on risk to support their growth beyond Canada's borders. Provides:

- Capital – access to working capital and financing.
- Risk mitigation – insurance that lowers the risk of doing business abroad.
- Trade knowledge – expertise to help companies make informed decisions.
- Global connections – relationships that connect Canadian and international companies and help both parties grow

☎ 1-800-229-0575
👉 <https://www.edc.ca/>



Farm Credit Canada

Provides financing, insurance, software, learning programs and other business services to producers, agribusinesses and agri-food operations.

☎ Edmonton: 780-495-4446
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☎ Leduc: 780-980-4320
✉ abwetaskiwin@fcc-fac.ca

☎ Calgary: 403-292-6100
✉ abcalgary@fcc-fac.ca

☎ Medicine Hat: 403-526-3747
✉ abmedicin@fcc-fac.ca

☎ Grande Prairie: 780-532-4790
✉ abgrandeprairie@fcc-fac.ca

👉 www.fcc-fac.ca



Farm Debt Mediation Service

Provides financial counselling and mediation services to farmers having difficulty meeting their financial obligations. A free and voluntary service helps bring producers and their creditor(s) together with a mediator in a neutral forum to reach a mutually acceptable solution.

☎ 1-866-452-5556
✉ aaafc.fdmwest-smmeaouest.aac@agr.gc.ca
👉 <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-programs-and-services/farm-debt-mediation-service>
👤 Funding provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Female Entrepreneurs in Agri-Food Development (FEAD)

FEAD is a program dedicated to empowering and advancing women entrepreneurs in the dynamic food processing sector. Its mission is to provide a comprehensive range of resources, including skill development, opportunity identification, manufacturing support, and marketing initiatives, to propel women toward success.

☎ 306-933-7555
✉ fead@foodcentre.sk.ca
👉 <https://www.fead.ca/>
👤 Funding provided by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

OTHER FUNDING AND SERVICE PROVIDERS



Protein Industries Canada (PIC)

Assists plant protein companies to gain pathways to customers, markets and partnerships that they could not access on their own, providing them with the opportunity to leverage their expertise and innovations with that of large and multinational enterprises, public sector organizations, and academia.

☎ 1-306-949-0049
✉ info@proteinsupercluster.ca
👉 <https://www.proteinindustriescanada.ca>



Natural Products Canada

Offers strategic advice, guidance and programs to address key challenges of high-potential innovative natural products. This directly meets the needs of start-ups, SME and research institutes, but it also provides a steady pipeline of innovative opportunities to corporations and investors looking to build their portfolios in these areas.

👉 <https://www.naturalproducts.ca/com/>



National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program

Provides financial assistance, advisory services, and connections to business and R&D expertise for innovative small or medium-sized Canadian businesses.

☎ 1-877-994-4727
👉 <https://nrc.canada.ca/en/support-technology-innovation>



Next Generation Manufacturing Canada




Provides funding and fosters collaboration within Canada's manufacturing and technology sectors. Programs support technology development, adoption, skills training, research, and commercialization within Canadian manufacturing industries.

✉ info@ngen.ca
👉 <https://www.ngen.ca/>



Small Business Alberta

Provides small businesses with programs, products, services and support to aid development and growth, improve productivity, increase profitability and benefit from new opportunities.

-  780-422-7722
-  <https://www.alberta.ca/small-business-resources.aspx>
-  Funding provided by Government of Alberta



Temporary Foreign Worker Program

Allows Canadian employers to hire foreign workers to fill temporary jobs when qualified Canadians are not available. Temporary foreign agricultural workers can be hired under the following streams:

- Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program
- Agricultural stream
- Stream for high-wage positions
- Stream for low-wage positions

-  1-800-367-5693
-  <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/foreign-workers.html>
-  Provided by: Employment and Social Development Canada, and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada



Trade Accelerator Program




Assists small and medium-sized enterprises to gain the knowledge and network of contacts to unleash their export potential. Canadian businesses learn to overcome export barriers and reach new markets faster through a series of online workshop sessions with trade and industry experts.

-  sreilly@calgaryeconomicdevelopment.com
-  <https://www.calgaryeconomicdevelopment.com/export/trade-accelerator-program/>
-  Funding Provided in part by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada through Calgary Economic Development



Young Agrarians

These programs work to grow new and young farmers and connect them to networks on the ground through apprenticeships, access land, business mentorships, on-line business bootcamps, and educational events.

-  prairies@youngagrarians.org
-  <https://youngagrarians.org/young-agrarians-programs/>
-  Resources provided by Young Agrarians

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