

Growing Forward

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Objectives of Growing Forward Program Eligibility Requirements

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Growing Forward: supporting a profitable and innovative agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products industry that seizes opportunities by responding to market demands and contributes to the health and well-being of Canadians.

Objectives of Growing Forward

- Focus on building a competitive and innovative agricultural sector.
- Ensure the sector contributes to society's priorities.
- Be proactive in managing risks.

A competitive and innovative sector

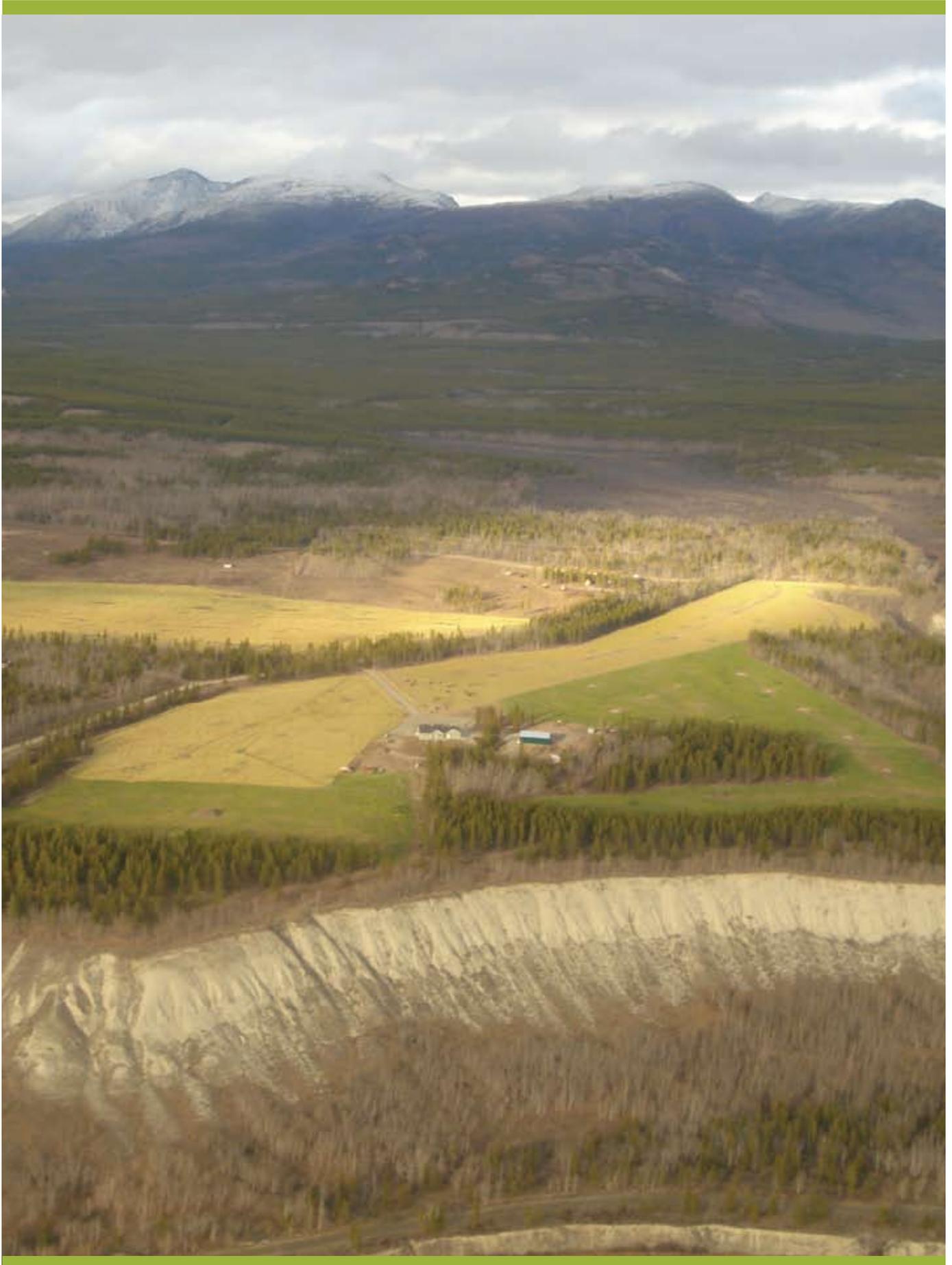
- Expand the sector's capacity to innovate by offering support for commercialization and innovation, developing a bioeconomy strategy, and creating science clusters to deal with priority areas.
- Improve government regulatory performance by improving the approval processes for veterinary drugs, novel foods and food additives, and by offering science and other support to help the industry to research and gain approvals for health claims and new minor-use pesticide products.
- Facilitate industry success in global and domestic markets by supporting industry-led marketing strategies, creating a Canada branding strategy, providing market intelligence and services for exporters, and acting to maintain and improve market access.
- Enhance the sector's capacity to adapt and succeed by helping entrepreneurs evaluate their performance and plan the futures of their businesses.

A sector that contributes to society's priorities

- Enhance food safety by supporting and recognizing food safety systems, and by helping producers adopt systems where markets demand it.
- Enhance environmental performance by researching agricultural practices that improve environmental performance, supporting the adoption of management practices that create benefits or reduce risk in priority areas, disseminating knowledge and information on environmentally sound practices, and measuring the sector's environmental performance.

A sector that is proactive in managing risks

- Prevent and prepare for risk by completing an animal and plant biosecurity strategy, and by implementing biosecurity and traceability systems.
- Reduce producer business risks by improving the risk management program suite including AgriStability, AgriInvest and AgriRecovery.



Program eligibility requirements

Individuals

- Must be recognized as a legal entity capable of entering into a contractual agreement.
- Must be operating within Yukon.
- Must be an agricultural producer or processor and can be a company, corporation or partnership.
- Must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, at least 19 years of age.
- Must be a farm or processing facility with commercial sales, or be able to demonstrate commercial viability by 2013. A business plan may be required to assess commercial viability.

Farm groups and cooperatives

- Must be a group of three or more individuals operating an agricultural, agri-food or agri-based products business in Yukon.

Non-profit organizations and governments

- Non-profit organization: Must be a Canadian-registered, non-profit society operating in Yukon, with a mandate related to the agricultural, agri-food or agri-based products industry.
- Governments: Territorial, federal, municipal or First Nation government.

Program funding

Unless otherwise specified under individual programs:

- Individuals are eligible for up to 50% of project costs, with a lifetime program maximum of \$50,000*.
- Farm groups and cooperatives are eligible for up to 75% of project costs, with a lifetime program maximum of \$100,000*.
- Non-profit organizations and governments, including First Nation governments, are eligible for up to 100% project costs. Maximum program funding will be determined according to project evaluation and budget provisions.

**Applicants exceeding program maximums may still submit applications for review by the project evaluation committee; these applications will be reviewed subject to available funding.*

Eligible funding

- In-kind resources may be eligible as part of the project cost-sharing, but are not eligible for reimbursement.
- This program does not fund the purchase of commonly available agricultural equipment for individuals, nor does it fund ongoing operational costs or non-agriculture related activities.

Payment is based on receipts provided. Reimbursement of travel costs must be consistent with Yukon government travel expense guidelines (available at Yukon Agriculture Branch).





Food Safety: From Field to Fork

Designed to provide support to develop and implement initiatives that identify and/or minimize food safety risks or otherwise increase the safety of food produced in Yukon, including the safety of people working in the industry who might be exposed to various risks inherent in the industry.

1. Food Safety Strategies Initiative

This initiative provides for the design, implementation and building of partnerships in the development of food safety strategies for all agri-food commodities in Yukon. Strategies related to food safety education and training, food safety compliance, and livestock and agri-product traceability are included under this initiative.

Food safety education and training activities will allow for standardization in the design, development and implementation of the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) or HACCP-based systems on farms and in the agri-food processing sector.

Food safety compliance activities will facilitate adoption of, and compliance with, food safety standards and regulations, as well as address health and safety issues associated with agribusiness activities.

Traceability activities will contribute to the adoption and implementation of national traceability systems that will allow Yukon to participate in enhanced tracking systems for food-safe outcomes. The main focuses will be agricultural and agri-food producer and processor premise identification, and support for participation in the national livestock identification program.

Eligible activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- presentation of and participation in food safety and HACCP training courses, workshops, seminars and conferences;
- activities that create and support partnerships with governments and national producer organizations in the development of food safety strategies and standards;
- activities that facilitate the adoption of Good Manufacturing Practices and international standards such as HACCP or ISO 22000 in non-federally registered food processing plants;

- professional consultant services that provide technical and analytical advice related to the development of food safety systems that assist with compliance with food safety standards and regulations and that implement traceability systems;
- acquisition of special equipment required to implement food safety systems and standards on farms and in food processing facilities, and equipment required for food traceability initiatives.

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, up to 75% of the actual project costs for farm groups and cooperatives, and up to 100% of the actual project costs for governments and non-profit organizations.

2. Biosecurity Risk Prevention and Mitigation Initiative

This initiative provides for the design and implementation of systems and programs that will allow the territory to identify and prepare for emerging risks to animal and plant health, with a focus on prevention or mitigation of identified risks. This initiative will also provide support for the continuation of the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) monitoring program.

Eligible activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- analysis of biosecurity concerns, and animal health initiatives that support Yukon livestock and game farm industries;
- activities related to surveillance, prevention and control of plant and animal diseases, as well as invasive species;

- activities that address biosecurity issues at the agri-food harvest, storage, production and processing level;
- activities related to the communication of plant and animal health information;
- travel to meetings, workshops or conferences related to animal and plant health risks;
- participation on local or national committees established to address biosecurity concerns.

Eligible costs

Assistance may be provided up to 50% of the actual project costs for individuals, up to 75% of the actual project costs for cooperatives or farm groups, and up to 100% of the actual project costs for non-profit organizations and government.

Eligible applicants

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





Agriculture in the Environment

Designed to promote stewardship of agricultural lands and the surrounding landscape.

1. Agri-Environmental Baseline Indicators (Data Collection)

The objective of this program is to create new, and reinforce existing, datasets of information for vegetation, soil, feed and water quality in agricultural areas and to determine the best areas to develop agriculture lands based on soil capability and arability assessment.

This initiative also funds third-party scientific assessment of soils, habitat, hydrological and water quality functions for the purposes of having a project assessed under the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA)* or to assist in obtaining required permits for an agricultural or agri-foods activity.

Eligible activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- field work and associated data collection for vegetation, soil, water and feed surveillance and accredited third-party testing and analysis;
- scientific assessments of soils, habitat, hydrological and water quality functions by a qualified third party for an agri-based project requiring an assessment under YESAA, or for an agri-based activity requiring a permit, such as a water license for irrigation.

Eligible applicants

Individuals, farm groups, cooperatives, non-profit organizations and governments entering into a government permitting process for an agricultural or agri-food activity that requires scientific study and data collection.

Eligible funding

For data collection projects, assistance may be provided for up to 50% of the actual project costs for individuals, up to 75% of the actual project costs for farm groups or cooperatives, and up to 100% of the actual project costs for non-profit organizations and governments.

Agriculture Branch will, in most cases, oversee the data collection.

For applicants who are having a project assessed under YESAA, or who are entering into a government permitting process, assistance may be provided up to 50% of the cost of contracted environmental work to a maximum of \$50,000 per project. The applicant will repay the Growing Forward contribution if the project or permit is authorized, regardless of amendments, but will not have to repay the contribution if the project does not proceed.

2. Reclamation of Yukon Land

The objective of this program is the reclamation of Yukon land which has been impacted through agricultural activity and which poses a hazard to the environment or wildlife.

Eligible activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to, removal of abandoned fences, vehicles, debris and garbage piles on agriculture titles and grazing leases. Removal or piling of organic materials is ineligible.

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, up to 75% of the actual project costs for cooperatives or farm groups, and up to 100% of the actual project costs for non-profit organizations and governments to a maximum of \$10,000 per project.

3. Underutilized Land Initiative

This initiative is designed to improve the utilization of existing, titled farm land that was developed for agricultural use prior to April 1, 2003, and has not been used for agriculture for several years.

Eligible activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- removal of tree and shrub re-growth, rocks and roots;
- minor drainage and land levelling;
- discing and rototilling;
- seed bed preparation, fertilizer and seed;
- fencing of improved (seeded) pasture that otherwise could not be used for grazing;
- equipment rental, third-party labour and contractor services.

Note that the actual land area to be redeveloped must meet the criteria for agricultural development. (The criteria are available through the Agriculture Branch.)

Eligible applicants

Individuals who hold title to agricultural land in Yukon that was cleared for agriculture prior to April 1, 2003, but is now in forest re-growth. Applicants will have to provide a development plan that describes how the activity will contribute to an increase in agricultural land use and commercial production.

Eligible funding

Assistance may be provided up to 50% of the actual costs for individuals to a maximum of \$250 per hectare. This initiative will not fund land that was previously improved with assistance from other federal or territorial programs.

4. 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 pre-approved game fencing material that stands at least 7 feet (2.1 metres) high;
- 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.





Environmental and Food Safe Farm Plan

Designed to assist in the production of high-quality food grown in a pristine environment.

This plan provides support to implement initiatives aimed at stewardship of the environment and the safety of our foods. The public demands high-quality food that is produced in a clean environment. As in other industries, agricultural production practices are under scrutiny and the public is having a greater say in how the agriculture industry produces food.

The primary purpose of the *Environmental and Food Safe Farm Plan* is to assist producers in assessing environmental and food-related risks on their farms. The plan involves the completion of a workbook which is then reviewed by a planning advisor. Please contact the Agriculture Branch for a copy of the workbook.

Eligible activities

Once an *Environmental and Food Safe Farm Plan* has been completed and approved, funding is available to implement eligible on-farm Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs).

Eligible applicants

Individuals who have a completed and approved plan.

Eligible funding

Cost sharing of projects is at 50%.

Beneficial Management Practices	Maximum
Food safety practices	
Purchasing upright freezers for quick freezing meats	\$4,000
Purchasing stainless steel platforms for food processing	\$4,000
Providing water treatment for crop washing and irrigation of crops that are eaten raw	\$10,000
Instituting other practices that will benefit farm operation and contribute to program objectives	\$5,000

Beneficial Management Practices	Maximum
Environmental practices	
Storing and handling fertilizers, pesticides and petroleum products	\$20,000
Protecting and drilling water wells	\$5,000
Installing remote watering systems, including pasture pipelines, pumps and power systems	\$5,000
Establishing windbreaks and buffers	\$5,000
Installing cross fence to maintain pasture integrity	\$10,000
Purchasing crop protection measures, such as fencing, netting, alarms and repellants	\$15,000
Building power lines to pump sites, remote watering stations, dugouts and well heads	\$5,000
Improving pump intakes	\$5,000
Controlling invasive species through chemical, biological, mechanical and cultural means	\$10,000
Making efficiency upgrades, such as electric pumps, low pressure nozzles and fuel efficiency upgrades	\$10,000
Constructing and maintaining dugouts	\$5,000
Providing livestock watering systems	\$5,000
Constructing water storage systems	\$5,000
Developing water sources	\$5,000
Instituting other practices that will benefit farm operations and contribute to program objectives	\$5,000





Human Resource Development

Designed to provide learning opportunities and resources for farmers.

1. 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 agri-based 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.

2. 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 agri-food 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.

3. 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 agri-based programs;
- developing communication materials and publications, such as websites and newsletters.

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 \$10,000 per project, up to 75% of the actual project costs for farm groups and cooperatives to a maximum of \$10,000 per project, and up to 100% of the actual project costs for government and non-profit organizations to a maximum of \$20,000 per project.





Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities

Designed to help diversify and strengthen agriculture in Yukon.

1. Market Development Initiative

This initiative provides resources to investigate and capture new market opportunities and enhance the competitive capability of the industry.

Eligible activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- marketing and agri-food promotional activities;
- market development strategies;
- participation in marketing events;
- supporting marketing organizations including farmers' markets and agri-tourism ventures.

Eligible costs

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- consultant fees;
- development and design of brochures, logos, labels, signage and packaging;
- cooperative farm market venues;
- travel costs and participation fees at marketing events;
- other costs associated with market development strategies and agriculture awareness 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, up to 75% of the actual costs for farm groups or cooperatives, and up to 100% of the actual project costs for government and non-profit organizations.

2. 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.

3. Diversification and Value-Added Initiative

This initiative provides assistance to producers who diversify their operations to take advantage of market opportunities that will increase profitability on the farm. This program also provides assistance to further process or develop products that add value to primary agricultural products. The program encourages partnerships and alliances that improve the competitiveness and commercialization of the agri-foods sector.

Eligible activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- activities that diversify an agri-business and introduce new local agri-food products;
- activities that add value to local agriculture products through processing;

Equipment, facilities, third-party labour and consultant services for professional, technical and analytical support will be supported as long as there is diversification and value-added processing of a local primary product.

Eligible costs

Assistance may be provided for up to 50% of the actual project costs for individuals to a maximum of \$20,000 over the life of the program, up to 75% of the actual project costs for cooperatives and farm groups, 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.

Eligible applicants

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

Eligible funding

Assistance may be provided up to 50% of actual project costs for individuals, up to 75% of actual costs for farm groups or cooperatives, and up to 100% of actual project costs for government and non-profit organizations.

4. Business Planning and Advisory Initiative

The objective of this initiative is to provide assistance for non-profit organizations and governments to access consultant services to review past records and financial situations, discuss objectives, and help determine current options in meeting profitability goals.

This initiative gives applicants up to three days of consultant services. It will result in each applicant receiving a business profile, a statement of assets and liabilities, a farm business ratio analysis, an income and expenses statement from the previous two years, projections, and other information related to the business.

Eligible activities

- Access to a certified consultant* with knowledge of the specific agriculture sector of interest.

**Listings of certified consultants are available at the Agriculture Branch.*

Eligible applicants

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

New entrants, who are seeking to apply for other funding sources, are advised to apply for this initiative first in order to build their business plan which may be required to access further funding.

Eligible funding

The funding will cover the cost of consultant services up to a maximum of \$2,000, plus required travel expenses. Applicants will contribute the first \$100 towards the cost of the consultant.





Northern Agricultural Innovation

Designed to assist with bridging knowledge and building capacity in circumpolar agriculture.

1. Circumpolar Education and Exchange Initiative

This initiative will provide opportunities for farm managers, workers, youth and service providers to participate in information exchange with other circumpolar agricultural regions.

The primary function of this initiative will be to sponsor participation at circumpolar agriculture conferences, such as Circumpolar Agriculture Conference 2010. Emphasis will be placed on information exchange that provides for the sustainability of circumpolar agriculture.

Eligible activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to, travel for presentations, information gathering, network development, youth development or other activities that contribute to the development of circumpolar agriculture, such as accommodations, meals and conference registration fees.

Proposals for attendance should contain an outline of benefits to Yukon agriculture, and an information dissemination plan outlining how the applicant plans to share the knowledge with other members of the agricultural industry.

Eligible applicants

Individuals, youth and students, service providers, non-profit organizations and governments.

Eligible funding

Assistance may be provided for up to 100% of the actual cost for conference attendance. Reimbursement for travel costs must be consistent with Yukon government travel expense guidelines.

2. Yukon Research and Demonstration

This initiative complements and advances agricultural research and demonstration programs in Yukon. Information generated by this research will be used to advance Yukon agriculture and provide advice to Yukon farmers, processors and agri-businesses in all aspects of farm management, production, processing, marketing, conservation techniques, new farm technology and farm financing.

Eligible activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to, activities involved in agriculture research program design, preparation, implementation and maintenance.

Eligible applicants

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

Eligible funding

Assistance may be provided for up to 100% of the actual costs of materials, supplies, tools and equipment, to a maximum of \$10,000 per project, and for up to 50% of the actual costs for third-party labour and rental equipment, to a maximum of \$10,000 per project.





Risk Management

Designed to help farmers move beyond crisis management to long-term profitability and competitiveness.

In order to apply for Risk Management programming, please contact the designated office listed under each initiative.

1. 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, page 7.*

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.

2. AgrilInvest

This program is designed as a producer savings account to help producers protect their margin from small declines. AgrilInvest replaces the coverage for margin declines of less than 15%, which was previously covered by the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program.

Each year, producers make a deposit into an AgrilInvest account, and receive a matching contribution from the federal, territorial and provincial governments.

Producers have the flexibility to use the funds to cover small margin declines or for risk mitigation and other investments.

For more information, phone toll free 1-866-367-8506 or fax toll free 1-877-949-4885.

3. AgriStability

This income stabilization program, together with AgriInvest, replaces the coverage previously provided by the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program.

AgriStability is based on program and reference margins. A program margin is defined as allowable income minus allowable expenses in a given year, with adjustments for changes in receivables, payables and inventory. These adjustments are based on information submitted on the AgriStability harmonized form. A reference margin is defined as the average program margin for three of the past five years, with the lowest and highest margins being dropped from the calculation.

Recipients receive a payment when the current year program margin falls below 85% of the reference margin.

For more information, phone toll free 1-866-367-8506 or fax toll free 1-877-949-4885.

4. AgriRecovery

The purpose of this disaster relief program is to help affected producers resume business operations and/or take actions to mitigate the impacts of a disaster as quickly as possible.

AgriRecovery is a framework that provides a process for the government to quickly determine whether further assistance beyond existing programming already in place (e.g. AgriInvest, AgriStability, or targeted sector payments) is warranted and, if so, what form that assistance should take.

Where the government agrees that assistance is warranted, the form of assistance will be unique to the specific disaster situation.

Contact the Agriculture Branch for further details.





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