



Growing Forward 2

A federal-provincial-territorial initiative

Application Process for All Programs in Alberta

Pre-Application Planning Requirements

These programs have a pre-application planning requirement. If you have questions about the pre-application requirements please contact 310-FARM (3276) or the Program Manager listed on the website www.growingforward.alberta.ca for assistance.

Animal Health Biosecurity Producer

This program helps Alberta producers assess, determine and reduce biosecurity risks for disease in their operations through the implementation of robust biosecurity practices. A biosecurity risk assessment is required as part of the application process.

Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) Stewardship

This program helps Alberta livestock operations assess their potential risk to water quality and implement management practices or make infrastructure improvements that positively influence water quality. An Environmental Farm Plan or a CFO Site Assessment Checklist is a requirement of this program.

On-Farm Stewardship

This Program funds projects that help livestock and crop producers implement on-farm management practices in five areas that positively impact water quality. An Environmental Farm Plan is a pre-application requirement of this program.

On-Farm Water Management

This program provides technical assistance to agricultural producers to complete a Long-Term Water Management Plan (LTWMP), and shares the cost of related enhancements of their on-farm water supply management. To be eligible for funding, projects must be identified in a LTWMP approved by an ARD Water Specialist prior to starting the project.

Plant Health and Biosecurity

The purpose of the program is to help producers develop their own risk assessments and adopt improved biosecurity practices to reduce the potential for the introduction and spread of pests, allowing the industry to increase its capacity, competitiveness and sustainability. A biosecurity risk assessment is required as part of the application process.



Direct Application to Program Area

These programs use an application process and are reviewed on a First Come, First Served basis. Follow the instructions on the application form, if you have questions about the application form please contact 310-FARM (3276) or the Program Manager listed on the website www.growingforward.alberta.ca for assistance.

Animal Health Biosecurity Delivery Agent

The purpose of the program is to create awareness, educate and train individuals, determine risks and implement mitigations on biosecurity and disease risk management through Delivery Agents (i.e. Industry Organizations, Farm Service Providers, Rural Municipalities, Metis Settlements and First Nations, etc.) located in Alberta.

Business Management Skills Development

The purpose of this program is to help Alberta's new or established producers, agri-processing companies and producer groups improve their business management skills, enhancing the industry's competitiveness and sustainability.

Business Opportunity

The purpose of the program is to help Alberta's new or established producers, agri-processing companies and producer groups enhance their competitiveness and growth prospects by connecting them with expert business advice.

Irrigation Efficiency

This program helps producers invest in new or upgraded low-pressure centre pivot (LPCP) irrigation equipment for their operations, improving the efficiency of energy and water use on Alberta farms.

Food Safety Systems Delivery Agent

The purpose of the program is to help provincial delivery agents to implement recognized On-Farm Food Safety Programs and trainers to develop and implement food safety related training programs.

Food Safety Systems Producer

The purpose of the program is to help producers invest in equipment and tracking systems to improve On-Farm Food Safety practices, enhancing producers' business competitiveness and food safety performance.

Food Safety Systems Processor

The purpose of the program is to help food processors invest in new or improved food safety systems and production practices, enhancing the industry's competitiveness and food safety performance.

Livestock Welfare Delivery Agent

This program enables the adoption of nationally applicable livestock welfare best practices and technologies to enhance productive capacity and maintain social license for agri-food industries in Alberta.

Livestock Welfare Processor

The purpose of this program is to help meat processors improve animal handling and ensure humane slaughter at provincially or federally licensed meat and poultry facilities.

On-Farm Energy Management

This program shares the cost of investments that improve energy efficiency on Alberta farms. This enables producers to conserve energy and reduce carbon emissions, ultimately reducing the environmental footprint of Alberta's agriculture industry.

Traceability Technology Adoption

The purpose of the program is to help producers implement traceability technologies in their operations. The adoption of practical, cost effective traceability technologies will enhance the integrity of Alberta's traceability system for animal health, public health and food safety purposes.

Regional Water Supply - Strategic

This program will assist rural Alberta municipalities in assessing the feasibility of developing water supply pipelines and other rural water pipeline related infrastructure to enhance a vibrant rural Alberta. The program provides support for engineering, planning and other strategic feasibility studies and reports that relate directly to this infrastructure development.

Traceability Specialist Involvement

Review the Terms and Conditions for these programs on the website www.growingforward.alberta.ca, and then contact the program administrator list on the website to discuss your project and the application process.

Traceability Pilot

The purpose of the program is to help producers, agribusinesses and non-profit organizations evaluate and recommend ideal traceability technologies that are practical and cost effective.

Traceability Training

The purpose of the program is to help organizations and institutions develop and deliver training sessions that increase the knowledge and capacity of industry and supply chain participants to successfully implement quality traceability systems.

Development Officer Support Suggested

It is recommended that you work with an Industry Development Officer during the application process. You can contact an Industry Development Office by calling 310-FARM (3276) or the Program Manager listed on the website www.growingforward.alberta.ca for assistance.

Agri-Processing Automation and Efficiency - Crop

The purpose of the program is to help processors and crop producers invest in new processing equipment and adopt improved processes and best practices, allowing the industry to increase its capacity, competitiveness and profitability.

Agri-Processing Automation and Efficiency - Livestock

The purpose of the program is to help meat processors and livestock producers invest in new processing equipment and adopt improved processes and best practices, allowing the meat industry to increase its capacity, competitiveness and profitability.

Agri-Processing Product and Market Development - Crop

The purpose of this program is to help processors, crop producers and crop producer groups invest in new and innovative ways of getting Alberta-made products into new markets, enabling Alberta's agri-industry to cultivate new customers and increase profitability.

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Pilot Programs

This program will initially operate as a pilot program, please contact the Program Manager listed on the website www.growingforward.alberta.ca for more information.

Agricultural Watershed Enhancement

This program facilitates the delivery of targeted, comprehensive extension programs, increased uptake of wetland restoration and riparian health beneficial management practices (BMPs), and realize significant and measureable changes within high risk watershed areas, focused on addressing water quality issues. This program will encourage watershed groups, municipalities, and/or industry organizations to develop implementation plans targeting the adoption of BMPs related to surface water quality by producers in high risk areas.

Currently Under Development.

This program is under development and is not currently accepting applications. Watch for information on how to apply for this program in the Spring of 2014.

Livestock Welfare Producer

This program will provide livestock producers help to adopt production practices that enhance humane animal care, enabling the livestock industry to meet emerging consumer expectations for the care and handling of livestock, thereby allowing Alberta's livestock industry to increase its competitiveness and sustainability.



For more information on Alberta's *Growing Forward 2* programs visit our website at www.growingforward.alberta.ca or call 310-FARM (3276).

