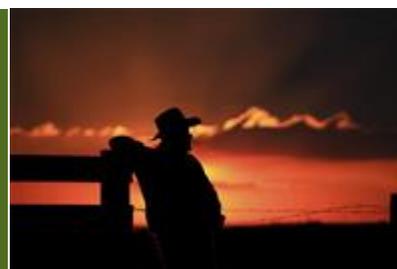


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Growing Forward 2 (GF2) is in its last year and industry and governments are now preparing for the Next Agricultural Policy Framework (NPF), a five-year federal-provincial-territorial agreement that will be in place April 2018. Information on how to provide input on the NPF via an online survey is outlined in our first article. This issue also continues to focus on some of the successful work being done with GF2 investment, including a feature on biosecurity initiatives, research being done on the disposal of agriculture plastics, and maps outlining areas in Alberta that have benefited from projects under the GF2 environmental suite of programs.

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Public Consultations through NPF Survey

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry is asking for input on the next agricultural policy framework via an online survey that is open from March 30 to May 8. The survey will help ensure the framework meets the needs and priorities of Alberta's industry and consumer public by offering every Albertan the opportunity to make suggestions for priorities in the NPF. Those key priorities are:

- Markets and Trade
- Science Research and Innovation
- Risk Management
- Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change
- Value-added Agriculture and Agri-food Processing
- Public Trust

[Take the survey](#)

Biosecurity Protects your Herd and your Wallet

An in-depth look at what a farm visit under the biosecurity program covers and the successful practices that were implemented with the help of *Growing Forward 2* funding.

[Click here](#) for the full article

Where *Growing Forward 2* Programs are Having Impact

Since its implementation in 2013 *GF2* programs have been available for Albertan's in the agriculture and agri-food sector. There have been a large variety of projects across all areas of Alberta implemented through *GF2* funding. The links below show areas in Alberta that have received funding through three different programs over three years. Programs and projects that are included are:

- Agricultural Watershed Enhancement, projects can include Installing riparian fencing, riparian planting of native or non-invasive species, livestock watering systems and stream crossings.
- Confined Feeding Operations Stewardship, projects can include construction or upgrade of a surface water management system and different methods of manure treatment.
- On-Farm Stewardship, projects can include year round summer watering systems, livestock facility runoff control and improved pesticide and nutrient management.

[Program Impacts for 2013](#)

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