

November 23rd 2020 Agriculture

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Resource Provider

Expanded Risk Management Program

Province of Ontario

Description The Ontario government is expanding the Risk Management Program a year earlier than planned by \$50 million for a total of \$150 million annually. This funding supports farmers with unforeseen challenges such as fluctuating market prices, extreme weather events like flooding or drought, and disease. The increased investment in the Risk Management Program is in addition to a \$15 million Enhanced Agri-food Workplace Protection Program. Farmers and other operations have access to cost-share funding to help enhance health and safety measures for employees, such as purchasing personal protective equipment, medical testing equipment, enhanced cleaning and disinfection, and temporary or permanent modifications to enhance physical distancing. Support is also available for farmers who experience unexpected costs for housing and transportation as a result of a COVID-19 outbreak on their farm. Applications for the Risk Management Program will reopen on July 16th to allow eligible farmers the opportunity to apply to the program. The deadline to apply closes at midnight on July 30th, 2020.

Website [Learn More](#)

Emergency Processing Fund

Government of Canada

Description The Government of Canada will provide targeted support to farmers, ranchers, agricultural producers, and food processors by creating a \$77.5 million Emergency Processing Fund to help food producers access more personal protective equipment (PPE), adapt to health protocols, automate or modernize their facilities, processes, and operations, and respond to emerging pressures from COVID-19 so they can better supply Canadians with food during this period. The program will prioritize projects based on two objectives: i. Emergency COVID Response to assist companies to implement changes required by COVID-19 to ensure the health and safety of workers. This funding will assist with plant retrofits or adjustments to existing operations to accommodate changes to processes and production; and increasing capacity for herd management. ii. Strategic Investments to assist companies to improve, automate, and modernize facilities needed to increase Canada's food supply capacity. Eligible applicants include for-profit organizations, cooperatives and indigenous groups. Activities can be retroactive to March 15, 2020 and must be completed by September 30, 2020. Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) EDT Friday, July 31, 2020 or earlier if funding is fully allocated before that date.

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Agri-Food Workplace Protection Program

Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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Description OMAFRA has partnered with the Workplace Safety & Prevention Services (WSPS) to provide agri-food businesses, organizations and associations with educational resources, tools and consulting services to help them implement COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Additional details about businesses that may qualify can be found on the WSPS website.

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Farm Credit Canada Term Loans

Farm Credit Canada

Description FCC has expanded offerings to include term loans up to \$2.5M, with no fees and an 18-month interest-only option available over a 10-year amortization. These funds can be used for working capital and to modify production due to the impacts of COVID-19. FCC customers and non-customers are eligible to apply for FCC lending products. More information is available by contacting a local office or the Customer Service Centre at 1-888-332-3301.

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Credit Support for Producers, Agribusinesses and Food Processors

Farm Credit Canada

Description Farm Credit Canada will receive support from the Government of Canada to support producers, agribusinesses and food processors during COVID-19. Effective immediately, FCC has put in place: - a deferral of principal and interest payments up to six months for existing loans; or - a deferral of principal payments up to 12 months. If you'd like more information on these options or on how FCC can help improve your financial position, please contact your local office or the Customer Service Centre at 1-888-332-3301 for further details.

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Ontario Agri-Food Job Portal

Province of Ontario

Description A one-stop-shop that highlights employment openings and training resources in Ontario's agriculture and food sector.

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Canada and Ontario Support Beef and Hog Farmers During COVID-19

Government of Canada, Province of Ontario

Description The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$10 million in emergency assistance for beef and hog farmers. The funding will help cover the increased costs of feeding market ready cattle and hogs due to COVID-19 related processing delays,

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while redirecting surplus pork products to help those in need. Farmers can claim \$2 per head of cattle per day to help pay for additional maintenance costs should they have to keep their market-ready animals on their farms for extended periods of time.

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Agri-Food Open for E-Business Initiative

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Description The Governments of Ontario and Canada are investing up to \$2.5 million to help the agri-food sector expand online, providing more opportunities for producers to grow their business and offer more food choices for families who are shopping from home during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Agri-Food Open for E-Business initiative will help food producers, farmers markets, retailers, garden centres, greenhouses, nurseries, and agricultural associations develop online business, providing consumers with greater access to a wide variety of food and agriculture products. This targeted application intake features two funding streams: (1) Bring Your Business Online - Eligible organizations and businesses can apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 to establish an online e-business and marketing presence, (2) Develop Online Business Opportunities - Eligible organizations, businesses and collaborations can apply for cost-share funding of up to \$75,000 to implement high-impact projects. Due to high demand, the intake has been paused while applications that have already been submitted as of May 25, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. are reviewed and funding decisions are made. If funding is still available following the review of the remaining applications, the ministry will re-open this targeted application intake. Please see link for more details.

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Agriculture and Food Business Solutions Fund

Farm Credit Canada

Description A \$100 million fund to support agribusiness and agri-food sector companies through unexpected business disruptions, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund is set up to support a wide range of enterprises, including companies involved in primary production, agri-tech, manufacturing, packaging and distribution. The fund will provide companies with innovative solutions such as

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convertible debt investments and other flexible financing solutions. Applications will be assessed individually on their merit, and will be supported to a maximum of \$10 million. To qualify, companies need to demonstrate an impact from an unexpected business disruption, such as the loss of a key supplier, temporary loss of a facility or permanent loss of critical staff or leadership.

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AgriRecovery

Government of Canada

Description The AgriRecovery Framework is part of a suite of federal-provincial-territorial (FPT) Business Risk Management (BRM) tools under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. AgriRecovery is an FPT disaster relief framework intended to work together with the core BRM programs to help agricultural producers recover from natural disasters. The focus of AgriRecovery is the extraordinary costs producers must take on to recover from disasters. Extraordinary costs are costs which producers would not incur under normal circumstances, but which are necessary to mitigate the impacts of a disaster and/or resume farming operations as quickly as possible following a disaster. Further, AgriRecovery is intended to respond in situations where producers do not have the capacity to cover the extraordinary costs, even with the assistance available from other programs.

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Helping Agri-Food Businesses with Canada Brand Digital Marketing During COVID-19Government
of Canada

Description The Government of Canada will refresh the Canada Brand platform to ensure industry and partners have access to new graphics and tools optimized for today's digital platforms. The refresh will also enable them to reach more consumers and enhance virtual connections with international buyers, and will include a modernized look, signature, messaging, and suite of digital-first marketing products for the Canada Brand. The Canada Brand program is open to Canadian entities that have a role in producing, promoting

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or supporting Canadian agriculture, food and seafood products. It currently includes branding and graphics material, photography for use in marketing and promotional materials, Canadian content statements, messaging on Canada' s advantages and promotion at Canada Pavilions for international trade shows.

**Ontario Supporting Agricultural
and Horticultural Societies
During COVID-19**

Province of Ontario

Description

The Ontario government is investing \$5 million to help offset revenue losses for eligible agricultural and horticultural societies impacted by the necessary cancellation of fall fairs and exhibits during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. This funding was announced as part of 2020 Ontario Budget, Ontario's Action Plan: Protect, Support, Recover.

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