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INTRODUCTION

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year, \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen the agriculture and agri-food sector. The Partnership will include federal/provincial/territorial programs and activities to help the agriculture and agri-food processing industry:

- Improve market development and market access activities to address emerging needs of the sector, including small and medium enterprises, and help expand domestic and international markets and trading opportunities;
- Enhance the competitiveness of the sector through research, science and innovation, and adoption of innovative products and practices, with an emphasis on sustainable and clean growth;
- Strengthen the sector by better reflecting the diversity of our communities, enhancing collaboration across different jurisdictions, and securing and supporting public trust in the sector.

CAP Outcomes

All projects funded under CAP should address at least one of the following outcomes:

- Increase competitiveness, productivity or profitability
- Increase environmental sustainability
- Expand domestic and international markets and
- Improve the anticipation, mitigation and response to risks

CAP Priorities

- Markets and Trade
- Science, Research, and Innovation
- Risk Management
- Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change
- Value-Added Agriculture and Agri-Food Processing
- Public Trust



PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Producers/Processors/Retailers

- Must be operating within Yukon.
- Must be recognized as a legal entity capable of entering into a contractual agreement.
- Must be an agricultural producer or processor or retailer.
- Family members from the same farm, company, corporation or partnership shall be eligible as one individual and not as separate recipients.
- 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 2023. A business plan may be required to assess commercial viability.

Producer or Processor Organizations

- Must be a group of three or more producers/processors operating an agricultural, agri-food or agri-based products business in Yukon. Cooperatives must be registered in Yukon.

Agricultural Non-profits and Governments

- Non-profit organizations that 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: federal, territorial, municipal, First Nation and educational institutions.

Program Funding

Unless otherwise specified under specific programs:

- Producers, processors and retailers are eligible for up to 50% of project costs when in-kind* contributions are claimed and up to 60% of project costs when only expenses are claimed, with a lifetime program maximum of \$100,000**.
- Producer and processor organizations are eligible for up to 75% of project costs, a portion of the project cost is included in the lifetime program maximum of each member.
- Agricultural non-profits and governments are eligible for up to 100% project costs.

* In-kind contributions are a non-cash contribution that can be given a cash value for the project. Examples include: recipient labour or use of your own equipment or materials.

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

Major agricultural projects (those exceeding \$100,000) may be eligible for funding with third party analysis of a business plan that reflects the triple bottom line (economic, social and environmental benefits). In-kind contributions are not eligible. Major projects may be funded to a maximum of 50% up to \$200,000.

Eligible Funding

- In-kind resources may be eligible as part of the project cost-sharing, but are not eligible for reimbursement. Land and existing infrastructure are not eligible as in-kind.

This program does not fund:

- Normal and on-going operating and maintenance costs incurred by recipients, except as otherwise specified.
- Use of funding to subsidize purchase of common items that can be used for multiple purposes (e.g., digital cameras, GPS, smartphones, measuring tapes, trucks, trailers, tractors).
- Activities that do not provide a direct benefit to agriculture, agri-food and/or agri-based products industry.
- Activities related to aquaponic food production, and to aquaculture, seaweed, fish and seafood production and processing.
- Tax credits, rebates and the refundable portion of the Goods and Services Tax and interest charges are not eligible for reimbursement.
- Development and enforcement of regulations.

Reimbursement for travel costs must be consistent with Yukon government travel expense guidelines.

Application Process

- Applications are reviewed monthly either by a program manager or the Project Evaluation Committee, depending on the project.
- Application submission deadline is the first Friday of each month.
- The Project Evaluation Committee reviews the majority of applications. The role of the Project Evaluation Committee is to:
 - Provide industry perspective on applications;

- Ensure that applications meet the CAP policy objectives;
- Consider project impacts to producers and processors that have invested their own funds in areas eligible for program funding to ensure fairness and competitiveness as part of the evaluation of applications; and
- Consider project benefits to the overall industry and the public.
- The Project Evaluation Committee* is made up of:
 - one industry representative from the Yukon Agricultural Association;
 - one industry representative from Growers of Organic Food Yukon;
 - the Yukon government program manager responsible for the application program area;
 - the Yukon Program Manager for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada; and
 - the Yukon government CAP management co-chair.

**Each committee member is appointed for the term of the agreement.*

- Applicants are encouraged to review their project application with the appropriate program manager at the Agriculture Branch to ensure that the application is complete before going through evaluation. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.
- For all applications involving consultants, qualifications of the consultants must be included with the application.

- Once a project is approved for funding, a Transfer Payment Agreement must be signed by the applicant and the Government of Yukon. Both parties must sign the Transfer Payment Agreement before the first payment can be processed.
- Projects must be completed per terms of the Transfer Payment Agreement. **Any activities started before the effective date indicated in the terms of the Transfer Payment Agreement will not be eligible for funding.**
- All applications for funding are confidential. Once a project is approved for funding and a Transfer Payment Agreement is signed, the details of the agreement that are government funded become accessible to the public.
- Information that is put on the web includes: the amount of funding provided, the project name, and a brief description.
- A final report/project evaluation must be completed and an itemized list of expenses with copies of receipts must be provided as part of the release of the final payment. For events such as conferences and workshops, feedback from attendees is required.
- Project results (excluding financial details) will be publicly available.
- Appealing Project Evaluation Committee decisions:
 - An applicant can bring forward further information to the Project Evaluation Committee if an application was denied due to a lack of information or understanding.
 - An applicant can appeal the fairness of the process by writing a letter to the Assistant Deputy Minister of Sustainable Resources.



MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Program Description

The purpose of this program is to develop and improve the competitiveness of the Yukon agriculture and agri-food processing industry in the market place. The program provides resources to investigate and develop new market opportunities to enhance the competitive capability of the industry.

Eligible Activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Activities related to agri-food marketing and promotional activities.
- Development and design of communication products for agricultural and agri-food products, including brochures, logos, labels, signage and packaging.
- Activities related to the development of market strategies.
- Support for participation in marketing events including registration fees and travel costs.

- Consultant fees and travel costs associated with the promotion and marketing of agri-foods, development of market strategies and participation in marketing events, such as Food Ex or Yukon trade shows.
- Support for farmers' markets and agri-tourism ventures, where the primary beneficiary is the agriculture sector.
- Support for local, producer-level food branding initiatives.

Eligible Recipients

Producers, processors, retailers, producer/processor organizations, agricultural non-profits, governments.

Eligible Funding

- Producers, processors and retailers: 50% if there are in-kind contributions and 60% if there are no in-kind contributions.
- Producer/processor organizations: up to 75% of the project costs.
- Governments and agricultural non-profits: up to 100% of the project costs.



AGRICULTURE BUSINESS PROGRAM

Program Description

This program provides support to access consultant services to develop business plans, examine financial situations, discuss business objectives, and determine current options in meeting profitability goals or succession plans.

Eligible Activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Consultant fees and travel expenses for a qualified consultant to provide business planning and advisory services.
- Costs of business software.

Eligible Recipients

- Producers, processors, retailers, producer/processor organizations, agricultural non-profits, governments.

Eligible Funding

- Funding will cover the cost of consultant services up to \$5,000 with a contribution from the recipient of \$100 for each \$1,000 in funding.
- For business software above \$5,000, the funding will provide 50% of costs up to a maximum of \$20,000 over the life of the program.

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

When consultants are proposed in an application for project funding, the applicant will submit the qualifications of the consultant with the application for evaluation.



AGRICULTURE TRAINING PROGRAM

Program Description

The objective of this program is to support training and develop the human resource capabilities within the agriculture and agri-food community. This includes:

- Supporting the development and delivery of agricultural seminars, workshops, conferences.
- Supporting activities that will develop the human resource capabilities of the Yukon agriculture and agri-food processing industries.
- Supporting attendance at agricultural courses, seminars, workshops and conferences.
- Supporting established agricultural producers or agri-food processors to participate in mentorship opportunities and consult with agri-businesses to increase knowledge and strengthen experience in their industry.
- Opportunities for new entrants, women, youth, and persons with disabilities into the Yukon agriculture and agri-food industry to gain knowledge and experience in northern agriculture through internships with established members of the Yukon industry.

Eligible Activities

Activities that improve agricultural skills or build capacity within a farm, agricultural organization or agri-food processing operation including, but not limited to:

- Activities associated with the presentation of agricultural courses, workshops, seminars and conferences including instructor and speaker fees, venue and equipment rental, advertising costs and travel expenses.

- Registration fees and travel expenses incurred to attend agricultural course, workshops, seminars and conferences.

Eligible Recipients

Producers, processors, producer/processor organizations, agricultural non-profits, and governments.

Eligible Funding

Training – funding provided up to 60% of project costs for producers/processors to a maximum of \$5,000 per year and \$15,000 over the life of the program, up to 75% of the project costs for producer/processor organizations, and 100% of the project costs for non-profits and governments. Non-profits and governments sponsoring applications for 100% funding will be required to publically advertise the training opportunity and evaluate applications based on predetermined criteria to select delegates.

Internship – recipients are eligible to claim up to 50% of the intern wages to a maximum of \$5,000 per year and \$15,000 over the life of the program. In-kind wage expenses may include costs for room and board provided to the intern by the recipient. Any other funding will only be provided on the basis of the actual wages and wage expenses paid. Financial documentation verifying these expenditures must be provided.

Mentorship – recipients are eligible to claim up to 50% of expenses incurred for the mentorship to a maximum of \$5,000 per year and \$15,000 over the life of the program. Expenses may include: the honourarium charged by the mentor, travel and room and board.

Internship

Hire an intern to teach them about agricultural production in Yukon. Provide opportunity for new entrants to the agriculture industry to learn from our established members of the Yukon agricultural and agri-food industry.

- The internship term must be for a minimum of 8 weeks to a maximum of 25 weeks.
- The intern must demonstrate a commitment to work in the industry and should have some agricultural background, education, training or experience.
- The intern must be eligible to work in Yukon and demonstrate an interest in the agricultural and agri-food industry.
- The intern must be a Canadian citizen.
- A learning plan must be submitted with the funding application.
- Family members are not eligible for this program.

Mentorship

Provide established members of the agricultural community the opportunity to work under a mentor to learn new skills and the opportunity to gain or strengthen agricultural experience.

- Applicants must have an existing farm operation and seeking to increase skills in their current business or to expand into another sector.
- The mentor selected must have significant knowledge of, and experience with, agricultural production or agri-food processing.
- A producer or processor is eligible to work under a mentor in Canada or in the circumpolar North.
- The applicant may apply to travel to the mentor's farm or for the mentor to travel to their farm.
- A learning plan must be submitted with the funding application.

COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Program Description

This program provides support to develop, establish, or maintain community gardens and/or greenhouses in Yukon communities with the goal of building knowledge of farming and agriculture, as well as encouraging pilot-level food production systems within Yukon communities, including First Nations. Existing community gardens are eligible for this program.

Eligible Activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Community garden coordinator/manager and/or horticultural trainer/mentor.
- Construction of community garden, greenhouse, and livestock structures including boxes, beds, fencing, greenhouses, and livestock housing.
- Community garden equipment, tools, materials, supplies and soil.

Eligible Recipients

Agricultural non-profits and governments.

Eligible Funding

Funding provided up to 100% of project costs for wages and honourariums for community garden coordinator/manager and horticultural trainer/mentor, consultant fees for garden/greenhouse design, garden/greenhouse construction and maintenance costs (materials, equipment and freight), and garden/greenhouse supplies (tools, soil, seeds, fertilizer) to a maximum of \$10,000 per year.



FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM

Program Description

This program supports the development of food safety strategies and activities, including:

- Food safety education and training activities that will allow for the adaptation and implementation of the HACCP or HACCP-based systems on farms and in the agri-food processing sector.
- Implementation of food safety BMPs that will address food safety requirements in meat slaughter or processing, egg production, dairy and market garden operations.
- Food safety regulatory compliance activities that will facilitate adoption of, and compliance with, food safety standards and regulations, as well as address health and safety issues associated with agri-business activities.
- Livestock and agri-product traceability initiatives.

Eligible Activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Activities that address food safety issues at the agri-food harvest, storage, production and processing level.
- Presentation of and participation in food safety and HACCP training courses, workshops, seminars and conferences.
- Activities that facilitate the adoption of Good Manufacturing Practices and international standards such as HACCP or ISO 22000 in food processing plants.
- Activities to implement food safety BMPs including purchase and installation of

temperature control equipment, stainless steel food processing platforms, water treatment equipment and impermeable wall materials.

- Professional consultant services that provide analytical and technical advice related to the development of food safety systems required to comply with food safety standards and regulations and the implementation of agri-food traceability or assurance systems.
- Acquisition of special equipment or software required to implement food safety systems and standards on farms and in agri-food processing facilities and equipment required for agri-food traceability or assurance initiatives.

Eligible Recipients

Producer, processor, retailers, producer/processor organizations, agricultural non-profits, and governments.

Eligible Funding

- Producers, processors and retailers: 50% if there are in-kind contributions and 60% if there are no in-kind contributions.
- Producer/processor organizations: up to 75% of the project costs.
- Governments and agricultural non-profits: up to 100% of the project costs.

YUKON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROGRAM

Program Description

Research to advance Yukon agriculture and provide advice to Yukon agricultural producers, processors and agri-businesses in all aspects of farm management, production, processing, marketing, conservation techniques, new farm technology and farm financing. This includes:

- Supporting the development and maintenance of northern agricultural research and demonstration programs in the Yukon;
- Sponsoring participation in circumpolar research projects and activities that have a direct and primary benefit to the Yukon agriculture sector, including the Circumpolar Agricultural Conference; and
- Providing funding for small-scale research projects or pilot projects.

The Yukon Agriculture Research Committee (YARC) will be responsible for determining research priorities, reviewing applications and approving funding for projects. Priority research projects will be identified in the 2018–2023 Research Plan and lead by YARC.

Eligible Activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Activities involved in agriculture research program design, preparation, implementation and maintenance including costs for research equipment (such as data loggers, weather stations, soil probes, etc.), tools, materials and supplies.
- Research in all aspects of farm management, production, processing,

marketing, conservation techniques, new farm technology and farm financing. This includes small-scale research projects, technology adoption pilots or demonstration projects that focus on northern agricultural expansion and sustainable food security.

- Collaborative partnerships with universities, colleges, industry and federal agencies on research projects related to northern and circumpolar agriculture and agri-food processing.
- Circumpolar research activities, including:
 - Travel for the purpose of information gathering and the development of circumpolar agriculture information networks with other northern regions and circumpolar countries; and
 - Travel to attend and make presentations at northern and circumpolar agricultural events, including meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences and to participate in circumpolar research projects and educational exchanges. Successful applicants receiving travel and/or conference funding will be required to share relevant information or findings upon return.

Eligible Recipients

Producers, processors, producer/processor organizations, agricultural non-profits and governments.

Eligible Funding

Producers or processors applying for funding to conduct preliminary research or literature reviews may be eligible for 50% funding up to \$5,000 per project.

Projects directed and approved by the Yukon Agriculture Research Committee for producer/processor organizations may be provided for up to 80% of the costs of materials, supplies, testing, tools and equipment, and up to 50% of the actual costs for labour, to a maximum of \$25,000 per project.

Assistance for agricultural non-profits, governments and priority research projects may be provided for up to 100% of costs of materials, supplies, testing, tools and equipment and up to 80% of costs of labour to a maximum of \$150,000 per project.

The CAP Research and Innovation Form must be included with the application.

Funding for travel may provide for up to 60% of the project costs for producers and processors and producer/processor organizations, and 100% of the project costs for agricultural non-profits and governments. Non-profits and governments sponsoring applications for 100% funding will be required to advertise the opportunity to eligible participants and evaluate individual applications based on predetermined criteria to select delegates.

Reimbursement for travel costs must be consistent with Yukon government travel expense guidelines. Eligible costs include transportation, accommodation, registration fees, meals and incidental expenses.



PLANT HEALTH, LIVESTOCK HEALTH AND BIOSECURITY PROGRAM

Program Description

The objective of this program is to monitor, support and improve the health and welfare of Yukon livestock, including:

- Veterinary support for the assessment and monitoring of animal health to support safe food production and to build a Yukon livestock health database. Database information will be used to monitor livestock health trends over time, provide pertinent information to Yukon producers and will be shared with other jurisdictions as required to support national animal health surveillance systems.
- Support for educational publications and activities related to livestock health, biosecurity and food safety based on recognized national standards, assurance systems, and traceability activities that will contribute to the adoption and implementation of national traceability or assurance systems. This will allow Yukon to participate in enhanced tracking systems for food-safe outcomes focusing on premises identification and support for participation in the national livestock identification programs.
- Support studies that will allow Yukon to identify and prepare for established and emerging risks to plant health, focusing on prevention or mitigation of identified risks.

Eligible Activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Livestock health veterinary support for agricultural producers.
- Activities related to the development of a Yukon Livestock Health Database.

- Professional consultant services that provide analytical and technical advice related to the implementation of livestock traceability or assurance systems.
- Acquisition of special equipment or software required for livestock traceability or assurance systems initiatives.
- Educational publications and activities for veterinarians, agricultural producers, and the general public.
- Educational publications and activities related to the communication of plant health information.
- Activities related to surveillance, prevention and control of plant diseases, as well as invasive species.



Eligible Recipients

Producers, processors, producer/processor organizations, agricultural non-profits, governments.

Producers participating in the Livestock Health Initiative must enroll in the Yukon Premises ID Program and may be asked to share results of animal health assessments and testing, and herd/flock health questionnaires with the Animal Health Unit and Agriculture Branch.

Eligible Funding

- Producers, processors and retailers: 50% if there are in-kind contributions and 60% if there are no in-kind contributions.
- Producer/processor organizations: up to 75% of the project costs.
- Governments and agricultural non-profits: up to 100% of the project costs.

In general, the Yukon government will oversee the programs and data collection.

Livestock Health Initiative

Animal Health Unit, in partnership with veterinarians, is available to monitor, support and improve the health and welfare of Yukon livestock including poultry, swine, cattle, small ruminants (goats and sheep) and game farmed species (elk, bison). Producers enrolled in livestock health receive \$1,000 of free veterinary services (the program does not cover drugs or biologics).

Please contact the Animal Health Unit at 867-667-8663 to sign up.



WILDLIFE DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Program Description

The objective of this program is to provide assistance for the protection of crops, market gardens, livestock, orchards and pasture lands from damage by wildlife as part of a farm's risk management activities. Actions taken to prevent undesired interactions between wildlife and the agriculture sector, including farm livestock, reduce the potential for damage, as well as the preventable loss of wildlife.

Eligible Activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Installing game fencing materials (posts and wire) that stands at minimum seven feet (2.1 metres) high.
- Wildlife-proofing crop storage facilities.
- Purchasing crop and livestock protection measures, such as propane cannons, livestock guardian dogs, wolf silhouettes, electric fencing, etc.
- Other activities designed to prevent damage to agriculture crops, livestock and fencing by wildlife.

Eligible Recipients

Producers, agricultural non-profits, governments.

Eligible Funding

Funding provided up to 50% of project costs for producers with in-kind contributions, 60% if there are no in-kind contributions to a maximum of \$35,000 during the life of the program.

Installation of game fencing to a maximum of \$4.50/linear foot for a minimum seven-foot tall game fencing to protect titled crop lands from wildlife damage.

For wildlife-proofing crop storage facilities, up to 60% of the additional build cost (to wildlife-proof the crop storage building).

For crop protection measures, including fencing, netting, alarms and repellents up to 60% of the cost of materials.

For purchasing guardian dogs, individuals 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.



YUKON WILDLIFE DAMAGE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Program Description

The purpose of this program is to provide compensation to agricultural producers who have attempted to prevent or mitigate crop or livestock damage by wildlife but require financial assistance to recover revenue lost because of wildlife.

Eligible Damage

- Coverage for losses to forage crop, livestock (due to predation), and improved-pasture that occur because of wild waterfowl, elk, deer, moose, bison, beavers, bears or other wildlife as accepted by the Yukon Agriculture Branch. The possible effects of wildlife damage include potential loss to farm income, a reduction in the amount of feed available for livestock use and damage to fences.
- The forage fields must be within the Yukon. Eligible damage is limited to cultivated forage crops currently in production.

- Assistance will not cover feed crops that could have been harvested but were not brought in from the field or crops that are stored in a manner such that they 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 fields.

Eligible Recipients

Producers who have suffered crop or livestock losses caused by wildlife. Recipients must show a firm commitment to preventing and/or reducing the amount of damage caused by wildlife.

Producers must contact the Agriculture Branch as soon as damage is noticed for a proper assessment to be performed.



AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

Program Description

The objective of this program is to support environmental research on vegetation, soil, feed and water quality in agricultural areas. This includes:

- Assessing best areas to develop agriculture lands based on soil capability, arability, and irrigability assessment;
- Updating existing and creating new environmental datasets;
- Supporting 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;
- Supporting research studies to identify the potential impacts of climate change on Yukon agriculture and recommend ways to adapt to or mitigate these impacts; and
- Supporting workshops to communicate the potential impacts of climate change on Yukon agriculture and address possible solutions to mitigate these impacts.

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.

- Irrigation suitability mapping for future irrigation of agriculture land and analysis of water source options for irrigation.

Eligible Recipients

Producers, producer organizations, agricultural non-profits and governments.

Eligible Funding

- Producers, processors and retailers: 50% if there are in-kind contributions and 60% if there are no in-kind contributions.
- Producer/processor organizations: up to 75% of the project costs.
- Governments and agricultural non-profits: up to 100% of the project costs.

In general, the Yukon government will oversee the data collection.



LAND UTILIZATION PROGRAM

Program Description

This program is designed to improve the utilization of existing titled farmland that has not been used for agriculture for several years, with the objective to increase the productivity of agricultural land and reduce the need to develop Yukon hinterland. The program also provides support for the reclamation of Yukon land which was impacted by past agricultural activity and now poses a hazard to the environment or wildlife.

Eligible Activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Fencing of pastureland with good grazing/browsing that either requires a fence or major fence repairs in order for livestock to use the land. The fence construction must follow Best Management Practices.
- Redeveloping fields in forest regrowth that were once cleared for agricultural use. Land must be redeveloped following the Yukon Agriculture Branch "Agriculture Land Development Guidelines," including removal of tree and shrub re-growth, rocks and roots; discing, root raking, rototilling; and preparing the seed bed, fertilizing/amending and seeding.
- Removal of abandoned fences, vehicles, debris and garbage piles on agriculture titled land and grazing leases.
- Removal of old wood piles through chipping or mulching.

Eligible Recipients

Producers, producer organizations, agricultural non-profits, and governments.

Eligible Funding

Funding to build or rebuild fencing is available up to a maximum of \$1 per linear foot.

Funding to build wildlife friendly fencing on grazing leases to a maximum of \$0.50 per linear foot.

Funding for land redevelopment assistance is provided to a maximum of \$500 per hectare. This initiative does not fund land that was previously improved with assistance from other federal or territorial programs.

- Producers, processors and retailers: 50% if there are in-kind contributions and 60% if there are no in-kind contributions.
- Producer/processor organizations: up to 75% of the project costs.
- Governments and agricultural non-profits: up to 100% of the project costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN PROGRAM

Program Description

The objective of this program is to assist producers in assessing environmental risks on their farm, preparing Environment Farm Plans (EFP), and implementing Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) with the objective to reduce or mitigate the impact of agriculture on the environment and/or to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change on Yukon agriculture.

To initiate this program, please contact the Agriculture Branch to obtain a copy of the EFP workbook.

Workbooks must be reviewed every five years in order to be eligible for funding.

Eligible Activities

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

Eligible Recipients

Producers who have a completed and validated Environmental Farm Plan.

Eligible Funding

Cost sharing of projects is up to 50% if in-kind contributions are included in the application and up to 60% if there are no in-kind contributions by the applicant.

List of Beneficial Management Practices

Land Drainage	\$5,000
Manure Storage and Management	\$5,000
Compost Facilities	\$10,000
Slaughter Waste Management	\$5,000
Storing and handling fertilizers, pesticides and petroleum products	\$10,000
Protecting and drilling water wells for livestock watering or irrigation	\$5,000
Installing remote watering systems for livestock: pasture pipelines, pumps and power systems	\$5,000
Establishing windbreaks and buffers	\$5,000
Installing cross fence to maintain pasture integrity	\$10,000
Building power lines off farm to pump sites, remote watering stations, dugouts and well heads	\$5,000
Improving pump intakes	\$5,000
Controlling invasive species: biological, mechanical and cultural controls	\$10,000
Making efficiency upgrades: electric pumps, low pressure nozzles and fuel efficiency upgrades	\$30,000
Constructing and maintaining dugouts	\$5,000
Providing livestock watering systems	\$5,000
Constructing water storage systems	\$5,000
Developing water sources	\$5,000



AGRICULTURE AND VALUE-ADDED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Program Description

The objective of this program is to support commercial agricultural producers and processors who seek to develop, diversify or expand operations to take advantage of market opportunities that will increase profitability. The program supports the development of products that add value to primary agricultural products.

Eligible Activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Developing or commercializing regional country food (wild harvest).
- Purchase or construction of sector infrastructure (including storage facilities, processing kitchens, equipment for abattoirs and meat processing facilities and specialized equipment).
- Assistance for multi-user irrigation projects of primary benefit to the agriculture sector: Larger scale projects to provide water to a number of agricultural users and that will lead to growth in the agriculture sector.
- Other activities to expand commercial agriculture operations, which may include purchasing equipment and upgrading or leasing facilities, hiring third-party labour and consultant services for professional, technical and analytical support.
- Assistance is available for new commercial agricultural producers and agri-food processors, subject to detailed business plans that demonstrate commercial viability.

Eligible Recipients

Producer, processor, retailer, producer/processor organizations, agricultural non-profits, and governments.

Eligible Funding

- Producers, processors and retailers: 50% if there are in-kind contributions and 60% if there are no in-kind contributions.
- Producer/processor organizations: up to 75% of the project costs.
- Governments and agricultural non-profits: up to 100% of the project costs.



AGRICULTURE AWARENESS PROGRAM

Program Description

The purpose of the program is to promote the agriculture and agri-foods sector across the Yukon and provide information to increase the awareness of residents on the benefits of agricultural development.

Eligible Activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Agricultural public awareness and promotional activities, including advertising campaigns, educational seminars and participation in public events.
- Recruitment and training of spokespersons.
- Development of communication products including publications, brochures, websites, videos and displays.
- Consultant fees, third party labour, advertising costs, production and publication of communication products, rental of equipment and venues for public awareness/promotional activities, etc.

Eligible Recipients

Producer/processor organizations, agricultural non-profits, and governments.

Eligible Funding

- Producer/processor organizations: up to 75% of the project costs to a maximum of \$25,000 per project.
- Governments and agricultural non-profits: up to 100% of the project costs to a maximum of \$25,000 per project.



AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Program Description

The objective of this program is to support agriculture education for youth, including:

- Support for educational resources for “agriculture in the classroom” activities and similar educational activities presented by agricultural non-profits;
- Support for preschool, elementary, middle and secondary school agricultural curriculum development; and
- Support for agriculture-related youth development and leadership programs.

Eligible Activities

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Activities to develop, design and print agriculture-related education publications.
- Agricultural activities, such as farm visits or in-classroom presentations by producers, for school-aged students.
- Travel costs for students to observe and learn about agri-businesses.
- Activities to establish, develop and coordinate youth agri-based programs.

Eligible Recipients

Producer/processor organizations, agricultural non-profits, and governments.

Eligible Funding

Assistance may be provided for up to 75% of the project costs for producer/processor organizations to a maximum of \$25,000 per project per year and

up to 100% of the project costs for agricultural non-profits and governments to a maximum of \$25,000 per project per year.



BUSINESS RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Business Risk Management (BRM) programs help farmers manage risks that threaten the viability of the farm. They provide protection against different types of income and production losses.

To apply for a Risk Management program, please contact the designated office listed under each initiative.

AgriInvest

AgriInvest helps producers manage small income declines, and provides support for investments to mitigate risks or improve market income.

Each year, producers make a deposit into an AgriInvest 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.

AgriStability

AgriStability provides support when producers experience a large margin decline. Recipients receive a payment when the current year program margin falls below 70% of the reference margin.

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.

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

AgriRecovery

AgriRecovery is a disaster relief framework to help producers with the cost of activities necessary for recovery following natural disaster events.

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.

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA PROGRAMS

AgriDiversity Program

The purpose of this program is to help under-represented groups in Canadian agriculture, including youth, women, Indigenous Peoples, and persons with disabilities to fully participate in the sector. Open to not-for-profit organizations including non-profits in Canada, Indigenous organizations, and Official Language Minority Communities, and youth. It will strengthen the sector and build its capacity by:

- Helping diverse groups to develop their skills to take a greater leadership role.
- Building the entrepreneurial capacity and business skills of under-represented groups (such as Indigenous communities, youth, women and persons with disabilities).
- Facilitating the sharing of industry experience, best practices and knowledge, to help under-represented groups to manage transformation.
- Strengthening the sector by incorporating the views of a more diverse set of industry players.

For more information:

E-mail: adp-pad@agr.gc.ca

Telephone: 1-877-246-4682

AgriAssurance Program

This program contributes to fostering public trust in agriculture and agri-food products by helping industry develop and adopt systems, standards and tools to support health and safety claims about Canadian agricultural and agri-food products and by providing support to companies to implement third-party assurance certification projects that address international market requirements.

For more information:

E-mail: aap-paa@agr.gc.ca

Telephone: 1-877-246-4682

AgriInnovate Program

The purpose of this program is to accelerate the demonstration, commercialization, and/or adoption of innovative products, technologies, processes or services that increase agri-sector competitiveness and sustainability. The program will provide repayable contributions on projects that:

- Demonstrate a recently proven innovation.
- Adopt new or world-leading agricultural products, technologies or services in clean technology, automation or robotics, and precision agriculture.



- Introduce significant improvement to the value-added sector.
- Provide new opportunities, or expand existing export opportunities.

For more information:

E-mail: cap-aip.pca-pai@agr.gc.ca

Telephone: 1-877-246-4682

AgriMarketing Program

The purpose of this program is to help the industry increase and diversify exports to international markets and seize market opportunities. The program supports industry-led promotional activities that differentiate Canadian products and producers, and leverage Canada's reputation for high quality and safe food. The program also helps some sectors maintain their domestic market.

For more information:

E-mail: amp-pam@agr.gc.ca

Telephone: 1-877-246-4682

AgriCompetitiveness Program

This program assists industry-led efforts to provide producers with information needed to build capacity and support the sector's development. Funding will support sector-led activities such as farmer-oriented seminars, and conferences that identify industry best practices and build the capacity of the sector, farm business management, farm safety information and tools, as well as activities which raise agricultural awareness. Open to not-for-profit organizations including non-profits in Canada and Indigenous organizations.

For more information:

E-mail: acp-pac@agr.gc.ca

Telephone: 1-877-246-4682



OTHER FUNDING AGENCIES THAT SUPPORT AGRICULTURE

CanNor

The Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) works with industry, businesses, Indigenous organizations, communities, municipalities and territorial governments to foster an innovative, sustainable and diverse economy in Canada's North. CanNor supports economic development and entrepreneurship through a suite of dynamic and flexible funding programs, the services of its Northern Project Management Office (NPMO) as well as through policy and advocacy. The Agency's different programs help grow local economies and create jobs in the territories by providing financial support to businesses, communities, not-for-profit, Indigenous organizations and governments to plan, build, grow, train and innovate.

For more information on CanNor and its programs and services:

Phone: 867-667-3263

Email: CanNor.YTinfo.CanNor@canada.ca

Website: www.cannor.gc.ca

Yukon Economic Development

The Government of Yukon's Department of Economic Development offers a variety of programs and funds for business, industry and communities to help develop and maintain a sustainable and competitive Yukon economy.

Website: www.economicdevelopment.gov.yk.ca/funding-programs.html

AgPal

AgPal is a web-based discovery tool to help Canadian farmers and agri-businesses find agriculture-related programs and services.

Website: www.agpal.ca





