

## Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership Backgrounder

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The strategic initiatives available through Sustainable CAP were developed in consultation with Saskatchewan farmers, ranchers and agri-businesses. The initiatives cover five priority areas intended to help the agriculture sector continue to innovate, grow and prosper.

### **Building Sector Capacity, Growth and Competitiveness**

Building on Saskatchewan's agriculture sector capacity, ensuring growth and competitive advantages.

(Total investment: \$176.6 million)

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- **Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP)**  
FRWIP supports the development of secure and sustainable water sources for agricultural use to mitigate drought impact, improve public safety and reduce potential groundwater contamination through well decommissioning. The funding cap is increasing from \$50,000 to \$75,000 per eligible applicant. Eligibility has been expanded to include the development of dams under 2.5 meters, as well as power installation and hook-ups along with solar and windmill options to a maximum rebate of \$20,000.
- **Irrigation Development and Efficiency Program**  
The Irrigation Development Program supports infrastructure development to increase irrigation capacity by creating a secure water supply to the edge of irrigable land parcels. Irrigation districts and non-district development can receive the lesser of 67 per cent of eligible development costs or \$1,675 per acre (up from \$1,320 under previous agreement), to a maximum of \$500,000 per eligible applicant.  
  
Irrigation Efficiency Program supports improved energy and water efficiencies for producers by converting low efficiency or high-pressure irrigation systems to high efficiency, low pressure irrigation systems. Eligibility has been expanded to include underground (subsurface) irrigation. Eligible applicants may receive up to 30 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum program payment of \$50,000.
- **Saskatchewan Lean Improvements in Manufacturing (SLIM)**  
SLIM provides funding to agri-businesses for infrastructure projects that improve productivity and efficiency. Under Sustainable CAP, the program will have a new three stream approach to support production expansion and emission reduction in addition to improved efficiency. SLIM's maximum funding cap per eligible business increases from \$500,000 to \$750,000, based on project size.

## **Climate Change and Environment:**

Supporting the long-term resiliency and sustainability of the sector.

(Total investment: \$53.4 million)

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- **Resilient Agricultural Landscapes Program**

The program will help producers achieve outcomes related to water quality, soil health and biodiversity through the adoption of Beneficial Management Practices (BMP). There are three BMP streams:

- Land Use BMP;
- Grazing Management BMP; and
- Livestock Stewardship BMPs.

- **Livestock Facility Emissions Program**

The program's goal is to improve the hog sector's environmental performance, adaptation to climate change and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as well as encourage intensive hog operations to adopt best practices and technologies to improve environmental outcomes. Applicants can receive \$60 per animal unit at a cost share of 60/40 government/applicant, to a maximum of \$500,000 per applicant.

**Resiliency and Public Trust:** Supporting the sustainability of the sector by anticipating, mitigating and responding to risks while building public trust.

(Total investment: \$40.2 million)

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- **Animal Health and Biosecurity**

The Animal Health and Biosecurity program provides support for biosecurity and traceability. The program seeks to improve competitiveness and resilience of the sector through disease prevention and control and by improving animal health. The program will continue to provide applicants with a 50/50 government/applicant cost share. Maximum funding available is \$15,000 per operation with a \$50,000 income threshold and \$5,000 per operation for operations applying under \$15,000 income threshold (such as sheep, goat and apiculture).

- **Disease Surveillance**

Disease Surveillance initiatives aim to improve knowledge of the diseases currently present in our livestock populations, provide tools to help producers control diseases and improve and protect the health of Saskatchewan's livestock populations. There is an overall increase in funding to support disease surveillance initiatives.

- Pest Biosecurity Program**

Administered by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, the program will increase the resiliency of the crops sector through early detection and rapid response for plant pests and invasive species. The program uses the network of rural municipalities to target pest and weed control, manage the impact of beavers on agricultural production and support the eradication of rat populations and the management of invasive plants, along with a gopher control rebate.
- Agriculture Awareness Initiative Program**

The Agriculture Awareness Initiative Program supports individuals and organizations to build awareness and trust in modern agriculture. Changes to the program include raising the cost share from 50/50 to 75/25 and allowing a maximum \$50,000 per applicant, per year from \$25,000 per project to a maximum of \$50,000 per year.
- Agriculture Student Scholarship**

The scholarship program identifies young agriculture advocates and leverage their passion to tell the story of Saskatchewan agriculture. Scholarships will increase with first place receiving \$6,000 and three runners-up receiving \$3,000 each.
- Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship Program**

The mentorship program, delivered by the Canadian Western Agribition, helps develop the leadership capacity of young people in agriculture to prepare them to take on industry leadership, governance and efforts to build public trust.
- Farm Safety Activities**

There are a number of ongoing initiatives supporting farm safety. Funding is provided to the Agriculture Health and Safety Network and Mobile Crisis to offer programs such as the farm safety plan training, the Saskatchewan Farm Stress line, along with other important initiatives.

**Market Development and Trade:** Assist industry in expanding domestic and international trade opportunities.

(Total investment: \$2.0 million)

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- Product Development Program**

This program supports agri-businesses in the development and/or commercialization of value-added agricultural products. Companies will be eligible for 50 per cent of the eligible project expenses to a maximum of \$50,000 per company, per year. This program is being delivered by a third party through the Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre.

**Science, Research and Innovation:** Invests in research and development activities, enhancing the diversification and profitability of agriculture.

(Total investment: \$175 million)

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- **Agriculture Demonstration of Practices and Technologies (ADOPT)**  
ADOPT provides funding to help producer groups evaluate and demonstrate new agricultural practices and technologies at the local level.
- **Agriculture-Applied Research Management (Agri-ARM)**  
The program provides support for the province-wide Agri-ARM network of applied research and demonstration sites, which aim to increase the adoption of new agricultural production technologies and practices.
- **Agriculture Development Fund (ADF)**  
ADF project funding is designed to support the sustainability of Saskatchewan agriculture by helping develop solutions to emerging problems that affect production.
- **Strategic Field Program**  
The Strategic Field Program will provide a tool for extension specialists to increase the transfer of research to farmers and ranchers, by specialists' involvement in the development of key applied research and demonstration projects and in the extension of project results.
- **Strategic Research Initiative (SRI)**  
SRI provides targeted funding to advance strategic priorities within the industry.
- **Strategic Research Program (SRP)**  
SRP supports 14 Strategic Research Chairs at the University of Saskatchewan. The chairs are tasked with exploring and developing innovative ideas, new knowledge and technologies in key areas, including crop genetic improvement, livestock development, food and bio-products development and soils and environment.

**For more information**, and application forms as they become available, visit [saskatchewan.ca/S-CAP](https://saskatchewan.ca/S-CAP) or call the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377.

In addition to strategic initiatives, Sustainable CAP includes business risk management programming such as Crop Insurance, AgriStability and AgriInvest. Learn more at [scic.ca](https://scic.ca).