

Canadian Agricultural Partnership Backgrounder

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The Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) is a federal-provincial-territorial agricultural policy framework in place from 2018-2023. CAP programming builds on the success of the Growing Forward 2 framework, which expires March 31, 2018.

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

Science, Research and Innovation: Building on Saskatchewan's competitive advantage by advancing science and research capacity
(Total investment: \$191.5 million)

- **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)**
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 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.
- A new **Strategic Field Program** under CAP 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.

Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change: Supporting the long-term resiliency and sustainability of the sector
(Total investment: \$70.5 million)

- **Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP)**
The Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program provides rebates to develop secure and sustainable agricultural water sources, such as wells, dugouts and pipelines. The program also supports rural well decommissioning.
- **Environmental Farm Plans**
An Environmental Farm Plan is a voluntary, self-assessment tool that can help producers become aware of, and improve, the environmental conditions of their operation.
- **Irrigation Programming**
Irrigation programming supports sustainable agriculture water management and adaptation to climate change by expanding irrigation development and improving irrigation efficiencies.
- **Farm Stewardship Program**
The Farm Stewardship Program provides information and financial assistance for producers to implement beneficial management practices (BMPs) that enhance sustainability and resiliency in the sector.
- **Agri-Environmental Technical Services**
Support for geographically-based extension services to address environmental issues that may affect producers.

Risk Management: Supporting the sustainability of the sector by anticipating, mitigating and responding to risks
(Total investment: \$48 million)

- **Agriculture Skills and Knowledge Program (ASK)**
ASK provides a rebate to help producers access training related to farm management with the intent of increasing profitability or mitigating risks.
- **Farm Management Agriculture Partnership Fund**
The Farm Management Agriculture Partnership Fund provides project funding for collaborative industry partnerships that address farm management issues including succession, costs of production, workforce development and strategic risk management.
- **Assurance Systems Programs**
Assurance programs seek to improve competitiveness and resilience of the sector through disease prevention and control and by improving animal health and welfare. The programs provide support for biosecurity and traceability.
- **Canada and Saskatchewan Community Pasture Transition Program**
The Canada and Saskatchewan Community Pasture Transition Program offers funding to help patron groups organize and obtain the professional and technical skills needed to operate community pastures.
- **Comprehensive Plant 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.

Value-Added Agriculture and Agri-Food Processing: Supporting growth in the sector

(Total investment: \$30 million)

- **Product 2 Market – Value-Added Business Stream**
Product 2 Market helps grow the value-added sector by providing support to small-and-medium- sized agri-businesses from product development through to marketing activities.
- **Saskatchewan Lean Improvements in Manufacturing (SLIM)**
SLIM provides funding to agri-business for infrastructure projects that improve productivity and efficiency.
- **Food Safety for Processors**
The program is designed to enhance and maintain food safety by providing assessments, education/training and rebates to food processors.

Public Trust: Securing and supporting public trust in the sector

(Total investment: \$8.5 million)

- **Agriculture Awareness Initiative Program (AAIP)**
AAIP supports individuals and organizations to build awareness and trust in modern agriculture.
- **Farm Safety Program**
Farm Safety programming provides funding to organizations to promote awareness of farm safety issues and encourage safe farm practices in Saskatchewan.
- **Agriculture Mentorship Program**
Delivered by a third party, this programming will match young producers with a mentor and provide opportunities for training and networking. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Industry Organization Development Program (IODP)**
IODP provides project funding to Saskatchewan-based industry associations to build capacity in organizational development, strategic planning and emergency preparedness.

Trade and Market Development: Assisting industry in expanding domestic and international markets

(Total investment: \$7.5 million)

- **Product 2 Market – Industry Association Market Development Stream**

The Industry Association Market Development Stream of Product 2 Market will support industry's market development activities, such as trade advocacy, export capacity building and other initiatives to build international market share.

For more information, and application forms as they become available, visit saskatchewan.ca/agriculture or call the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377.

In addition to strategic initiatives, CAP includes business risk management programming such as Crop Insurance, AgriStability, AgriInvest and Western Livestock Price Insurance. Details on those programs are available at saskcropinsurance.com.