



Growing Forward 2 Program Overview

Agriculture is...

...Growing Forward in Saskatchewan

...Solutions for a Growing World Saskatchewan's agriculture industry is a global leader in providing solutions to meet growing global demand for food. We are pioneers in the development of technology and biotechnology research, and we continue to develop world-class crop and animal genetics.

...Stewardship Towards Tomorrow Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers are stewards of the environment, producing more food with less. Farmers today use less water, fewer pesticides and cause less soil disturbance. We preserve the land for future generations with sustainable, sound management practices, and use technology that reduces crop inputs.

...Safe Food, Responsibly Produced Our focus is on providing safe and healthy food while caring for our livestock and growing our crops. We use the latest advancements and meet regulatory standards, while providing one of the safest food supplies in the world. We lead the way in promoting science-based, on-farm animal health and welfare.

...Future Forward We are in the driver's seat of one of the most promising sectors of the world economy. Farming continues to be a family business, while also providing jobs in diverse areas. There is high demand for well-trained graduates and entrepreneurs with a passion for agriculture.

Minister's Message

Growing Forward 2 programs are designed to ensure that Saskatchewan's producers have the tools they need to continue to drive economic growth in our province, by investing in innovation, competitiveness and market development.

Under the Growing Forward 2 suite of programs, the federal and provincial governments are investing \$388 million over five years in strategic initiatives that support sustained growth in the agriculture industry. This represents an increase of more than \$25 million in annual funding over the previous Growing Forward agreement.

Since Growing Forward 2 was introduced in the spring of last year, the Ministry of Agriculture has consulted with industry representatives and producers, and used this information to update and adjust programming to meet the changing needs of the sector.

Agriculture is a leader in Saskatchewan's economy and represents more than one-third of the province's total exports. We are well-positioned to reach our targets in the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth. Saskatchewan will increase crop production by 10 million tonnes; increase agri-food exports by 50 per cent from \$10 billion in 2011 to \$15 billion; increase value-added production by 40 per cent to \$6 billion; increase livestock farm cash receipts by 25 per cent to \$2 billion; and make Saskatchewan a leader in biosciences, all by 2020.

The agriculture industry and the people who work within it exemplify innovation, stewardship and resilience. Thanks to these qualities, and the support provided by Growing Forward 2 programs, we will ensure that agriculture remains a growing and sustainable industry for generations to come.



Lyle Stewart



Program Details

Growing Forward 2 (GF2) is a federal-provincial-territorial policy framework for agricultural programs. Through GF2 programming in Saskatchewan, the federal and provincial governments will invest \$388 million over five years (2013-2018) in strategic initiatives that support agriculture innovation, new markets, new agricultural production techniques and more. The following information provides an overview of Growing Forward 2. For more complete details about the GF2 programs and opportunities available in Saskatchewan, visit www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GrowingForward2.



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Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP)

This program supports the development of agricultural water infrastructure to increase irrigation capacity, mitigate the impact of drought and promote economic development in rural areas and in the livestock industry.

Funding is available for the development of water infrastructure for agricultural purposes, including wells, dugouts, pipelines, connections to rural water utilities, relocating livestock water systems for environmental purposes, protecting well heads, decommissioning wells and irrigation infill.

The program provides support for water infrastructure under four program categories: on-farm, community well, agricultural business development and irrigation district infill.

Who is eligible?

The on-farm component is available to Saskatchewan farmers, ranchers and First Nation bands. The community well component is available to rural municipalities and First Nation bands. The agricultural business development component is available to intensive livestock operations, intensive horticulture operations, value-added agricultural businesses and non-district irrigators. The irrigation district infill component is available to irrigation districts with an irrigation infill development plan and irrigation replacement fund approved by the Ministry.

When to apply?

Applications must be received by August 1, 2017. Projects, other than irrigation district infill, must be completed by the earlier of 18 months after receiving written project approval or February 15, 2018. Application forms are available at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-FRWIP.

Questions? Please call the FRWIP toll-free line at 1-877-874-5365 or email fpbinfo@gov.sk.ca.

Farm Business Development Initiative (FBDI)

FBDI was designed to help farmers obtain information, training and consulting services that enhance their ability to make sound business decisions.

The program focuses on adopting and improving eight progressive farm business management practices:

- Business strategy
- Marketing strategy
- Production economics
- Human resources
- Financial management
- Succession planning
- Business structure
- Environmental strategy

Who is eligible?

Saskatchewan residents who are at least 18 years old, are actively farming and can demonstrate an annual gross farming income of \$35,000 or more; or can demonstrate that their operation can generate this income within the next 36 months.

When to apply?

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Information on how to apply is available at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-FBDI.

Questions? Please call toll-free at 1-888-887-7977.

Farm Stewardship Program

The Farm Stewardship Program (FSP) provides eligible Saskatchewan producers with financial assistance to implement beneficial management practices (BMP) that help maintain or improve the quality of soil, water, air or biodiversity resources.

A BMP is defined as an agricultural management practice which:

- Ensures the long-term health and sustainability of land-related resources used for agricultural production;
- Positively impacts the long-term economic and environmental viability of agricultural production; and
- Minimizes negative impacts and risk to the environment.

Who is eligible?

Saskatchewan producers are eligible. To access funding under FSP, applicants must have an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) endorsed within the past 10 years. Applicants without an EFP may also be eligible if they are part of an Agri-Environmental Group Plan.

When to apply?

Some BMPs require pre-approval by June 30, 2017, with projects and claims due January 31, 2018. Other BMPs can be applied for on a rebate basis, following project completion – the deadline for these is January 31, 2018. For complete eligibility and deadline information, and to obtain applications forms, please visit www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-Farmstewardship.

Questions? Please contact the FSP toll-free line at 1-877-874-5365 or email fpbinfo@gov.sk.ca.

Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Program

Environmental Farm Plans (EFP) are voluntary, confidential, self-assessment tools used by producers to raise awareness about environmental risks and opportunities in their operations. EFPs provide a way to increase awareness of environmental issues, to improve environmental management practices, to foster public recognition of farmers' stewardship efforts and to positively position Canadian agricultural products in world markets.

Who is eligible?

Anyone involved in agriculture operations in Saskatchewan is encouraged to complete an EFP. Farm managers and management teams are also encouraged to participate. Completion of an EFP is also one of the eligibility requirements if producers wish to access cost-shared funding to implement environmentally beneficial management practices on their farms.

When to apply?

This program is available on an ongoing basis.

For more information, please visit

www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-EnvironmentalFarmPlan.

Livestock Biosecurity Program

Saskatchewan On-Farm Beef Biosecurity Program

Who is eligible?

All Saskatchewan beef producers are eligible. On farm biosecurity helps prevent diseases from entering a farm. By providing education to producers, the industry benefits from improved health and productivity of the Saskatchewan cattle herd.

The Saskatchewan Beef Biosecurity Program will provide education through workshops as well as matching funds for veterinary visits to undertake Biosecurity Assessments and/or Biosecurity Protocol Development. The SK on farm beef biosecurity is designed to help farmers implement the Canadian FB standard developed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

When to apply?

Funding is ongoing and is renewed annually; however, funding is limited and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions? Please call the Verified Beef Saskatchewan at 306-859-9110.

Saskatchewan Swine Biosecurity Program

Who is eligible?

All Saskatchewan swine producers are eligible. The goal of the Saskatchewan Swine Biosecurity Program is to aid producers in the prevention of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea in Saskatchewan through improved truck and transport biosecurity.

The Saskatchewan Swine Biosecurity Program will provide education regarding transport biosecurity through workshops as well as funding for truck wash audits.

When to apply?

Funding is ongoing; however, funding limited and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions? Please call the Sask Pork at 306-244-7752.

Livestock Traceability Rebate

The goal of this program is to support implementation of traceability technology through the purchase of equipment and equipment training. The program provides a rebate of 70 per cent of costs on the purchase or lease of traceability technology, including new hand-held and/or panel readers, traceability software and traceability equipment training. There is a maximum rebate of \$50,000. Materials, equipment and services must be purchased or leased between February 1, 2013, and February 1, 2018.

Who is eligible?

The rebate is intended for livestock handlers including: livestock producers, feedlots/backgrounders, veterinary clinics, meat processors, assembly yards, privately-managed community pastures, fairs/exhibitions and auction marts. Applicants must own, lease, sell, custom feed, house or care for livestock (cattle, hogs, sheep, bison, cervids and/or goats) in Saskatchewan.

When to apply?

Applications must be received by February 1, 2018. Information on how to apply is available at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-LivestockTraceabilityRebate.

Questions? Please call the traceability toll free line at 1-877-874-5365 or email fpbinfo@gov.sk.ca.

Canada Community Pasture Transition Program

The goal of the new Canada Community Pasture Transition Program is to help current Canada Community Pasture Program patrons assume operation of their pastures. The program provides financial support to patron groups to assist with the costs of establishing legal entities, developing business plans and accessing training in order to lease or purchase and operate their community pasture.

The program supports patron groups who need professional, legal and financial services to develop and implement legal entities and operational business plans. It also helps them obtain technical services to acquire skills in managing environmentally-sensitive pasture lands, including invasive weed control measures, human resources, finances, new technologies; and the development of range plans.

Who is eligible?

Applicants must be a group of persons formed or forming an entity to represent the majority of patrons in a Canada community pasture. Each applicant must be a Canada Community Pasture Program patron; a Canadian citizen or permanent resident; 18 years of age or older; and actively farming.

When to apply?

Pasture patrons can apply to the Canada Community Pasture Transition Program anytime. More information and application forms are available at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-CommunityPastureTransition.

Questions? Please call 1-888-887-7977 or email growingforward2@gov.sk.ca.

Johne's Disease Screening and Control Program for Beef Cattle

Johne's disease is a chronic, debilitating disease that affects the intestines of cattle, sheep and goats. Although many animals in a herd may be infected, usually less than five per cent of infected animals show clinical signs of disease. Apparently normal animals can still shed the bacteria and infect other animals in the herd. Once clinical disease develops, affected animals eventually die. There is no treatment for Johne's disease. The primary way a herd becomes infected with Johne's is through the purchase of infected animals. To help detect and control Johne's disease in the province, the Ministry of Agriculture has developed a surveillance and control program for purebred cattle producers in Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Stock Grower's Association (SSGA) is the administrator for this program.

Who is eligible?

Purebred beef producers are eligible. Because the spread of this disease is strongly associated with cattle movement (loans, leases, sales and purchases), this program is targeted towards purebred (seedstock) herd owners.

When to apply?

Funding is ongoing and is renewed annually; however, funding is limited and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions? Please call the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association at 306-757-8523.

Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus (BVDV) Screening and Control Program

BVDV is a major viral disease impacting beef cattle reproduction and performance. BVDV infection is a significant reproductive problem even in situations where there are no obvious signs of disease. The effect BVDV has on herd fertility can vary from a nagging problem to a catastrophe with the potential to devastate a herd in one year.

This program will provide BVDV testing to Saskatchewan beef producers and their veterinarians free of charge. Any calves that are sick, dead, deformed or aborted are eligible for testing; however, feedlot and purchased calves/yearlings are NOT eligible under this program. Any veterinarian or veterinary clinic can submit samples for testing. If BVDV is found in a herd, producers are encouraged to have a veterinary consult to develop a customized BVDV control strategy. The project will reimburse the producer up to \$500 for veterinary consultation fees.

Who is eligible?

All Saskatchewan cattle producers are eligible for this program. There is no application required. If you have an animal that qualifies for testing under this program, please contact your local veterinarian.

When to apply?

No application is necessary. Funding is ongoing, and is renewed annually. Producers can submit paid invoices to the Ministry of Agriculture for reimbursement.

Questions? Please call 306-798-0253 or email wendy.wilkins@gov.sk.ca.

Sheep Abortion Surveillance Program

Abortions are the leading cause of economic losses in sheep flocks in Saskatchewan, and have been identified as the main cause of production losses by the Saskatchewan sheep industry. This program will provide examination and testing of aborted lambs to determine the primary causes of abortions in Saskatchewan sheep. This information is an essential requirement for the development of future disease control programming.

Who is eligible?

All Saskatchewan sheep producers are eligible for this program. There is no application required. If you have an animal that qualifies for testing under this program, please contact your local veterinarian.

When to apply?

No application is necessary. This program ends on July 1, 2015.

Questions? Please call 306-798-0253 or email wendy.wilkins@gov.sk.ca.

Agri-Environmental Group Plans (AEGP) Program

Agri-Environmental Group Plans (AEGPs) are farmer-controlled, watershed-based initiatives that enable producers to work together on issues awareness, site planning and implementation of beneficial management practices. Producers in an AEGP are encouraged to take action on a single issue, such as water quality or invasive weeds, that results in a measurable benefit to the environment and creates a positive, proactive, visible image to the public.

Who is eligible?

There are 13 group plans in the province. To determine which group you are in, visit www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-EnvironmentalFarmPlan or call the number below.

When to apply?

The AEGP program is available on an ongoing basis.

Questions? Please call 306-787-5205.

On-Farm Food Safety Implementation Program

Under the Saskatchewan On-Farm Food Safety (OFFS) Implementation Program, provincial commodity groups, or their designates, are invited to apply for funding to assist them in provincial-level implementation efforts of their nationally-recognized OFFS systems. This includes delivery of training and promotional activities, as well as delivery of funding for producer-level implementation.

Producers receive training and funding directly from the associated commodity organization. They do not have to be members of these organizations to access programming. Producers should contact the respective commodity organization for details.

Who is eligible?

Producers should contact their respective commodity organization for funding details and eligibility requirements.

When to apply?

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Consult **www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-OnFarmFoodSafety** for a list of approved organizations and contact information for each sector.

Agricultural Operator Program

The Agricultural Operator Program is a module-based program offering basic hands-on training to help fill Saskatchewan producers' need for skilled-labour. Students and employers have the flexibility to take the entire program or choose the training modules relevant to their farms.

The program is being piloted at Parkland College in Yorkton. Each module is comprised of 36 hours of hands-on workshops in two three-day segments and nine hours of online delivery. Current modules include Seeding, Spraying and Scouting, and Harvest; more modules are planned for the future.

Who is eligible?

The program is designed for individuals with little or no operator experience interested in working on Saskatchewan farms.

When to apply?

For up-to-date program and registration information, please visit **www.parklandcollege.sk.ca** or call 306-783-6566.

Questions? Please call toll free at 1-888-887-7977.

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Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program

The goal of this program is to help young farmers prepare to become industry leaders in Saskatchewan. The program provides funding to industry associations to support mentorships between young producers and industry leaders.

Who is eligible?

Saskatchewan industry associations are eligible to apply and will be responsible for the co-ordination of mentorship relationships. Young farmers must be between the ages of 18 and 39 and be active agriculture producers who exhibit leadership potential. The mentor must have board experience and be viewed with high regard within the industry.

When to apply?

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Application forms will be available at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-LeadershipMentorship.

Questions? Please call 306-798-0947 or email awareness@gov.sk.ca.

Industry Organization Development Fund

The goal of the Industry Organization Development Fund is to help Saskatchewan producer associations, commissions and boards address their need for support in the areas of technology transfer, communication and organizational development.

Funding is awarded on a competitive basis for projects lasting one year or less.

Who is eligible?

The Industry Organization Development Fund is designed to provide funding to support not-for-profit associations, commissions and boards incorporated in Saskatchewan whose members are agriculture producers, and who are governed by an agriculture producer-directed board.

When to apply?

Applications will be accepted at any time of the year. Application forms will be available at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-IODF.

Questions? Please call 306-798-0945 or email IODF@gov.sk.ca.

Agriculture Demonstration of Practices and Technologies (ADOPT)

The goal of the ADOPT program is to accelerate the transfer of knowledge to Saskatchewan producers. Funding is provided to help producer groups evaluate and demonstrate new agricultural practices and technologies at the local level. The results of successful trials can then be adopted by farming and ranching operations in the region.

Project applications are evaluated based on their relevance at the local level; the amount of producer involvement; the potential impact and probability of adoption; the project promotion plan; and the ability of the applicants to complete the project.

Who is eligible?

Eligible recipients include incorporated Saskatchewan-based producer groups such as Agriculture-Applied Research Management (Agri-ARM) sites, the Western Beef Development Centre, the Irrigation Crop Diversification Corporation and various commodity groups. Individual producers are not eligible, but they are encouraged to bring project ideas forward through a local producer group.

When to apply?

Submissions are due June 7 each year for fall projects and December 7 each year for spring projects. Application forms are available via email by contacting [**evaluation.coordinator@gov.sk.ca**](mailto:evaluation.coordinator@gov.sk.ca).

Questions? Please call 306-933-6016.

Comprehensive Plant and Animal Pest Control

The goal of this initiative is to create a comprehensive, uniform, province-wide effort to mitigate the risks associated with persistent and problematic agricultural pests, including insects, weeds, rodents and diseases. This initiative brings together a number of existing programs while adding some new programming designed to increase the impact of the provincial pest control effort. Six programs are included:

- Agricultural Field Worker Policy
- Beaver Control Program
- Feral Wild Boar Control Program
- Gopher Control Rebate Program
- Invasive Plant Management Program
- Invasive Plant Control Program

Agricultural Field Worker Policy – Rat Control

The goal of this program is to provide assistance to rural municipalities for pest control activities. It is administered by Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM). The monetary support from the Field Worker Policy is used by SARM to help rural municipalities fund or subsidize rat control activities.

Who is eligible?

Rural municipalities are eligible. The program focuses on assisting rural municipalities with rat control activities and provides a broad benefit to the agriculture industry.

When to apply?

Project funding is ongoing, and renewed annually.

Questions? Please call the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities toll-free at 1-800-667-3604.

Beaver Control Program

The purpose of the Beaver Control Program is to provide financial assistance to Saskatchewan rural municipalities and First Nations bands to control beaver populations within their jurisdictions. The program is administered by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM).

Who is eligible?

Funding is provided on a cost-matching basis with participating Saskatchewan rural municipalities and First Nations bands south of the Northern Administrative District.

When to apply?

Applications for participation in the program are received annually. Contact SARM for program information and specific application dates at 1-800-667-3604.

Feral Wild Boar Control Program

The goal of this program is to assist rural municipalities and First Nation bands in controlling the proliferation of feral wild boar across Saskatchewan. A grant will be provided to the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) for the purpose of identifying and controlling feral wild boar where they are causing damage to agricultural operations and/or assets.

Who is eligible?

Rural municipalities and First Nation bands in which feral wild boar cause damage to agricultural operations and/or assets are eligible.

When to apply?

Individuals are to contact their rural municipality (RM) or First Nations band and report any feral wild boar problems. In turn, the RM/First Nations band is to contact the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities anytime feral wild boar problems are reported. For more information, visit www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/growingforward2.

Questions? Please call the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities toll-free at 1-800-667-3604.

Gopher Control Rebate Program

The goal of this program is to assist producers, rural municipalities and First Nation bands with the cost of gopher control products. It will provide a 50 per cent rebate to producers, rural municipalities and First Nation bands for the cost of eligible gopher control products.

Who is eligible?

Producers, rural municipalities and First Nation bands in which gophers cause damage to crop and forage land can apply for this rebate.

When to apply?

Application deadline is November 30. For more information, visit www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-PestControl or please call 1-866-947-9113.



Invasive Plant Management Program

The goal of this program is to increase awareness of invasive plants in municipalities and assist in developing multi-jurisdiction management plans for these problem species. The project will assist rural municipalities and First Nation bands with the long-term management of noxious weeds and other invasive plants, most notably leafy spurge and scentless chamomile.

Assistance is available for: creating long-term weed management plans; providing education on integrated control measures for noxious weeds and other invasive plants; monitoring and redistributing bio-control agents; and facilitating the formation of collaborative arrangements between municipal and non-municipal partners.

Who is eligible?

Rural municipalities, First Nations bands and watershed groups. Individual producers can participate as part of any of these plans.

Questions? Please call the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities at 306-933-7695, or toll free at 1-800-667-3604.

Invasive Plant Control Program

The goal of this program is to provide support and assistance to producers, rural municipalities, First Nation bands and other stakeholders for control of weeds designated as prohibited under *The Weed Control Act* and specific noxious weeds identified as persistent and problematic invasive plants, such as leafy spurge, yellow toadflax, Russian knapweed and common tansy.

Funds will be provided to the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) to provide rebates to rural municipalities, producers, First Nations bands and other stakeholders for the cost of herbicides used to control identified persistent or problematic weeds.

Who is eligible?

Rural municipalities. Producers, First Nations bands and other stakeholders can apply through the rural municipality.

When to apply?

Application timing is to be determined. For more information, visit www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-PestControl.

Questions? Please call the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities toll-free at 1-800-667-3604.

Market Development Program

This program supports industry's efforts to market agriculture products outside the province, improve market access and build capacity to develop markets.

The program supports industry in an effort to: establish, maintain and expand market presence; increase the amount and value of incoming missions; open, protect and expand market access for our products through trade advocacy; and build market capacity through training and acquisition of actionable market intelligence that will help us enter markets.

Who is eligible?

This program is designed to support industry applicants working on projects or initiatives that align with the areas of focus described above. These may include: individual producers, provincial organizations, associations and consortia, national industry associations, agribusinesses, organizations hosting agricultural events in Saskatchewan, and industry stakeholders.

Eligible costs would include activities such as tradeshow, events, missions, advertising, marketing, promotions, arranged meetings, etc.

When to apply?

Application forms will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

For more information and an application form, visit

www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-MarketDevelopment.

Questions? Please call 306-787-6154 or email **doingagbusiness@gov.sk.ca**.

Saskatchewan Agri-Value Initiative (SAVI)

This program supports agribusinesses that add value to Saskatchewan agricultural products to help capture market opportunities. Funding is available in three key areas: product/prototype development, marketing and training.

Who is eligible?

SAVI is designed to support expansion-oriented activities of small to medium-sized enterprises and producer/processor organizations who are involved in adding value to Saskatchewan food, feed and bio-products. The program funds development of new products or prototypes, new marketing activities or participation in training opportunities.

Agribusinesses must have a completed business plan or business proposal and maintain a significant business interest in Saskatchewan.

When to apply?

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Application forms are available at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-SAVI.

Questions? Please call 306-787-2522 or email evaluation.coordinator@gov.sk.ca.

Agriculture Awareness Initiative Program

The goal of the Agriculture Awareness Initiative Program is to fund projects that enhance the public's perception of agriculture and its role in the economy as well as promote the benefits of a career in agriculture.

Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis. The program encourages collaborative projects among organizations.

Who is eligible?

Saskatchewan producers, grower organizations, agribusinesses, public institutions and agencies can apply to the Agriculture Awareness Initiative Program. The program will support projects in communications, training and resource development, and help cover costs for training spokespersons, planning and organizing workshops or conferences and developing awareness and educational resources.

When to apply?

Applications are due on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each year. Application forms are available at **www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-AgAwareness**.

Questions? Please call 306-798-0947 or email **awareness@gov.sk.ca**.

Saskatchewan Lean Improvements in Manufacturing (SLIM)

This program provides financial support to agribusinesses that process food, feed and bio-products for projects that stimulate improvements in productivity and efficiency through the adoption of best practices, new technologies and state-of-the-art processes.

Funding will be provided in two areas: Lean gap analysis (to assess options for implementing automation or Lean manufacturing processes or technologies); and infrastructure projects (facility modifications, new equipment and training identified in the Lean gap analysis).

Who is eligible?

Agribusinesses in Saskatchewan involved in value-added processing of Saskatchewan crops and livestock into agricultural products (i.e. food, feed, bio-products).

When to apply?

Businesses are encouraged to apply early for pre-approval to undertake a Lean Gap Analysis so that it is completed prior to applying for pre-approval of Infrastructure projects.

Additional information, including deadlines, is available at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/GF2-SLIM.

Questions? Please call 306-787-6425.

Business Risk Management Programs

Business Risk Management

For more information on deadlines, eligibility requirements and application details for Crop Insurance and AgriStability, please consult the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation at www.saskcropinsurance.com. For AgriInvest and AgriRecovery, please consult Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada at www.agr.gc.ca.

Crop Insurance

The Crop Insurance Program assists farmers and ranchers in managing their operation's production risk against natural hazards over the crop year. Crop Insurance has been expanded to include additional commodities.

AgriStability

AgriStability is a federal-provincial, margin-based, risk management program designed to provide support to producers who experience large income losses. The program covers all agricultural commodities.

AgriInvest

AgriInvest is a savings account for producers, supported by governments, which provides coverage for small income declines and allows for investments that help mitigate risks or improve market income.

AgriRecovery

AgriRecovery is a framework which provides a co-ordinated process for federal, provincial and territorial governments to respond rapidly when disaster strikes. AgriRecovery may be used to fill gaps not covered by existing programs.

Western Livestock Price Insurance

The Western Livestock Price Insurance Program (WLPIP) is designed to help livestock producers withstand volatility in the market and protect against unexpected price declines, in the form of an insurance policy. WLPIP provides price insurance to manage risk on finished cattle, feeders, calves and hogs for producers across Western Canada.

Wildlife Damage Compensation

The Wildlife Damage Compensation Program is available for all Saskatchewan producers who suffer crop or livestock losses due to wildlife. The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation administers this program, but affected producers do not have to be a Crop Insurance customer to receive compensation. The Wildlife Damage Compensation Program is comprised of: crop damage compensation, predation compensation and prevention.

Saskatchewan is...

- Home to more than 40 per cent of Canada's farmland.
- A major producer of cereal grains due to the richness of our soil and the advantageous climate.
- The producer of 96 per cent of Canada's lentils, 99 per cent of Canada's chickpeas and 87 per cent of Canada's durum wheat.
- Home to nearly 15 million acres of pastureland.
- The second-largest beef cattle producer in Canada and home to 30 per cent of Canada's bison herd.
- Recognized worldwide as a consistent, reliable supplier of safe, high-quality grains, oilseeds, pulses and livestock.

- A leader in agri-food exports, with international sales of \$11.7 billion in 2013.
- Exporter of more than \$1 billion each of cereal grains, oilseeds, edible oils and pulses.
- Exporter of agricultural products to countries around the world – at least \$100 million to each of 16 countries last year, including: the United States, China, Japan, Mexico, India, Bangladesh, Italy, Indonesia, Venezuela, Algeria, Peru, Turkey and Morocco.
- Saskatchewan's Crop Development Centre has, over the last four decades, created more than 400 new commercial crop varieties.

Tell us what you think

In an ongoing effort to provide useful and applicable programs for the agriculture industry in Saskatchewan, we want to know if Growing Forward 2 meets your needs. Send us your feedback via email at growingforward2@gov.sk.ca.

To learn more, visit the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture website at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/growingforward2.

