

# Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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## Future Farmer Program

### GUIDELINES



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## 4.2 FUTURE FARMER PROGRAM

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The *Future Farmer Program* will support business sector capacity growth and competitiveness by supporting new farmers to improve the probability that they establish or continue profitable and sustainable commercial farm businesses. The program will help new entrants identify and prioritize their business goals and will help them identify planning, management and technical skills that are needed to reach their goals.

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## Eligible Recipients

- Mi'kmaq First Nations and other Indigenous groups; and
- Agricultural Producers.

### Eligible Recipients must:

- Be a new agricultural producer (Must not have reported farm income for more than 5 years);
- Have a business or succession plan;
- Indicate in their business or succession plan a projection of at least \$20,000 in annual gross farm sales;
- Indicate in their succession plan that the recipient owns at least 15% of the common voting shares or must be the beneficial owner of a 15% interest in the partnership (for farms with gross sales of \$1M or less) or owns at least 10% of the common voting shares or must be the beneficial owner of a 10% interest in the partnership (for farms with gross sales of more than \$1M);
- Be a Canadian citizen or a Permanent Resident;
- Be a resident of Prince Edward Island; and

### NOTE:

- Recipients who do not have a business or succession plan may be eligible for coaching support through the Future Farmer Program.

## Eligible Activities/Expenses

- Facilitation and coaching assistance by a program advisor;
- Development and implementation of continuous improvement on-farm projects<sup>1</sup>;
- Skills development and training assistance by a third-party<sup>2</sup>;
- Business or succession planning assistance;
- Analytical laboratory testing<sup>3</sup>; and
- Participation in the following Business Risk Management (BRM) Programs: AgriStability and AgrilInsurance<sup>3</sup>.

### NOTES:

- Note<sup>1</sup>: Future Farmer Program recipients must demonstrate clear linkages to one of the Sustainable CAP Framework outcomes for all on-farm projects pursued under this eligible activity.
- Note<sup>2</sup>: Skill development and training must be pre-approved by the program advisor.
- Note<sup>3</sup>: Analytical laboratory testing and participation in AgriStability and AgrilInsurance are funded provincially through the Future Farmer Program.

## Ineligible Expenses/Activities

- Purchase of land and/or buildings;
- Certificate-based training (except short certificates, i.e., conflict resolution);
- BRM-type activities;
- Normal and on-going operating and maintenance activities;
- Activities that do not provide a direct benefit to the Sector;
- Activities related to aquaponic food production, or to aquaculture, seaweed, fish and seafood production and processing (except international marketing and traceability activities for fish and seafood);
- Activities which provide tax credits or rebates;
- Development and enforcement of regulations; and
- Expenses incurred prior to project application.

## Funding

- 50% of eligible expenses up to \$10,000 per project for continuous improvement on-farm projects expenses. Recipients are eligible for 3 continuous improvement projects over the life of the Sustainable CAP Framework Agreement (2023-2028)<sup>1</sup>;
- 75% of eligible expenses up to \$2,000 per project, up to \$3,000 per recipient for skill development and training expenses over the life of the Sustainable CAP Framework Agreement (2023-2028)<sup>2</sup>;
- 75% of eligible expenses up to \$3,000 per recipient for business plan expenses within the first year of being accepted into the program.
- 50% of eligible expenses up to \$1,000 per recipient for analytical laboratory testing expenses; and
- 50% of eligible expenses up to \$2,000 per recipient for Business Risk Management expenses over the life of the Sustainable CAP Framework Agreement (2023-2028).

### NOTES:

- Note<sup>1</sup>: Continuous improvement on-farm projects must be reviewed by a Future Farmer Program Advisor (prior to submission and must demonstrably work toward one of the Sustainable CAP outcomes).
- Note<sup>2</sup>: Eligible recipients must meet Business Risk Management Program entrance requirements to qualify for this funding

## HOW TO APPLY

Completed applications may be submitted to the attention of the Program Officer via regular mail or email. There will be application intake periods advertised on the program website.

### Email Applications:

Applications may be submitted via email at [futurefarmer@gov.pe.ca](mailto:futurefarmer@gov.pe.ca)

Please include the program name in the subject line.

### Regular Mail Applications:

Applications may be submitted via regular mail at:

PEI Department of Agriculture  
11 Kent Street  
PO Box 2000  
Charlottetown PE C1A 7N8  
(902) 368-4880 (telephone)



## **PUBLIC TRUST**

Projects approved for funding under the Sustainable CAP which have demonstrable links to increasing public trust may be eligible for additional project funding.



## **EVALUATION AND CONTROL**

A complete evaluation of this program is planned to ensure that the objectives and results are achieved and to assess the relevance of its renewal. Program metrics are collected and reported on an on-going basis.



## **GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

Sustainable CAP programs are available to all Canadians who are eligible to participate in those programs. Wherever possible, the needs of under-represented groups, including Indigenous Peoples, women, youth, and persons with disabilities, were considered during program development.