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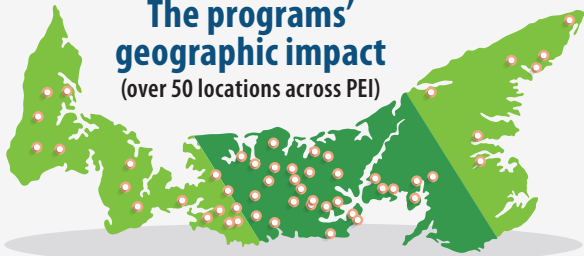
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**A TOTAL OF
80 PROJECTS
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DEVELOPING OR
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THIS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRY TYPES:

- 21 Vegetable farming (including potatoes);
- 15 Beef cattle ranching and farming (including feedlots);
- 15 Dairy cattle and milk production;
- 8 Oilseed and grain farming; • 8 Multiple industries;
- 5 Fruit and tree nut farming; • 3 Sheep and goat farming;
- 2 Other animal production; • 1 Poultry and egg production;
- 1 Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture; and
- 1 Support activities for animal production.

The programs' geographic impact (over 50 locations across PEI)



SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT INVESTED IN PLANTING ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PERENNIAL CROPS INCLUDED:

- Peach Production Expansion;
- Cider Apple Planting and Trellis;
- U-Pick Orchard Planting;
- Vineyard Expansion; and
- Haskap Expansion and Research.

OVER \$2.25 MILLION INVESTED IN PROJECTS that promoted environmental sustainability and climate change in PEI's agriculture sector.

EXTERNAL INDUSTRY CONSULTATIONS REGARDING the Canadian Agricultural Partnership indicated a need for support which encourages environmentally friendly practices.⁷

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS.

The projects completed resulted in 254 ACTIVITIES⁸ that contributed to two outcomes⁹. This included:

- 161 activities that resulted in the ADOPTION OF PRACTICES AND TECHNOLOGIES to improve environmental performance, adapt to climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- 93 activities that resulted in INCREASING AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE of beneficial environmental practices and climate change.

161 PROJECTS had a direct impact on improving PEI's agriculture sector by reducing environmental risks.



This included projects related to the following types of Beneficial Management Practices:

- 88 Soil health and management;
- 23 Additional on-farm resource planning services/consultation services;
- 10 Riparian and buffer establishment;
- 9 Farmyard runoff control/drainage management;
- 7 On-farm water supply and retention;
- 6 Protection of existing on-farm water supplies;
- 5 Agriculture water use efficiency (non irrigation);
- 4 Improved pest management/pesticide application;
- 4 Precision nutrient management;
- 3 Manure storage handling; and
- 2 Sustainable irrigation management.

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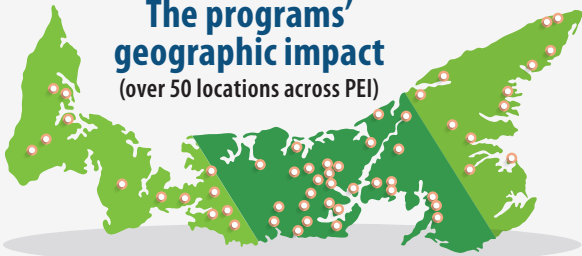
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- 1 Sheep and goat farming.

The programs' geographic impact (over 50 locations across PEI)



SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT INVESTED IN PLANTING ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PERENNIAL CROPS INCLUDED:

- High density apple orchard planting;
- New strawberry and asparagus crops;
- Testing full orchard haskap commercial netting; and
- Establishment of a new highbush blueberry operation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS.

The projects completed resulted in 203 OUTCOMES including:

- 119 undertakings which resulted in **ADOPTING PRACTICES AND TECHNOLOGIES** to improve environmental performance, adapt to climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- 61 activities that **INCREASED AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE** of beneficial environmental practices in relation to climate change mitigation.

100 PROJECTS

had a direct impact on improving PEI's agriculture sector by reducing environmental risks.



This included projects related to the following types of Beneficial Management Practices:

- 32 in **soil conservation** (erosion control structures);
- 29 in **integrated pest management** (data-based decisions, alternative crop/beneficial crop, on-farm research/trials);
- 24 in **soil health** (winter cover crop, spring tillage, nutrient management planning);
- 12 in **storages** (silage storage, manure storage, covered feedlot);
- 10 in **water systems/crossings** (alternate watering systems, fencing and livestock stream crossings, stream crossings for farm machinery);
- 10 in **water efficiency** (well water management, irrigation efficiency, sustainable agriculture water supply, on-farm water use efficiency); and
- 2 in **energy efficiency upgrades** (machinery and equipment upgrades).

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