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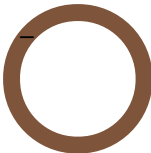
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Managing weather risks

Ontario's agri-food sector is one of the largest contributors to the provincial economy. Producers behind this vital industry face many unique risks beyond their control – a big one is the weather.

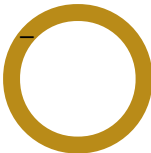
Every year, farmers somewhere in the province face challenging weather that can lead to difficult planting, growing and harvesting conditions. Here are some of the weather challenges producers have faced over the years:

2017



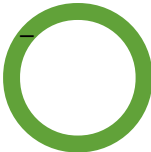
Wet, cool and stormy weather in the spring led to delayed planting and caused damage to planted crops in areas across Ontario.

2016



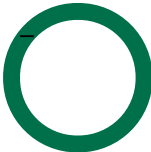
Abnormally dry weather across Ontario caused stress to crops, lowered yields and reduced the availability of forage.

2015



Excessive rain in Essex County delayed and, for some producers, prevented spring planting and forage harvest.

2014



Extended cold, wet weather in northern Ontario made it difficult to plant crops in the fall and harvest them in the spring.

Being ready for what 2018 may bring

Federal and provincial programs like AgriStability, Production Insurance and Ontario's Risk Management Program (RMP) help farmers deal with the impacts of challenging weather and other farm risks. In 2017, these three programs covered over \$5 billion in liability.

At this time of year, producers are making big choices about their risk management plans, including program participation.

Producers should review their renewal packages for information to help make some of these choices a little easier. Producers can also call Agricorp or visit agricorp.com for more information about coverage options.



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