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This update is designed to provide you with concise, up to date agricultural business information with links to where you can find the details.

Program Deadlines!

Ontario Grain and Oilseed Program

The Ontario Grain and Oilseed Program will compensate Ontario grain and oilseed producers for losses experienced on their 2005 crop. Producers who planted and harvested eligible grain and oilseed crops in 2005 are eligible for this benefit.

Producers enrolled in the Market Revenue Insurance Program for the 2004 crop year and who:

- Have reported 2005 eligible crop acreage to Agricorp, including Production Insurance, will automatically receive this benefit.
- Have not reported 2005 eligible crop acreage to Agricorp, must contact Agricorp at 1-888-247-4999 to provide acreage and yield information by **May 1, 2006**.

Producers **not enrolled**, including new farmers in 2005, must complete an application form.

- The application form must be submitted to Agricorp by **May 1, 2006**. Applications are available by calling Agricorp at 1-888-247-4999 or visiting Agricorp's website at <http://www.agricorp.com/en-ca/news/index.asp?documentid=1080> to download the application form.

Ontario Edible Horticulture Crop Payment

The Ontario Edible Horticulture Crop Payment will compensate Ontario producers of edible horticulture crops for losses experienced on their 2005 crop. Producers who farmed eligible edible horticulture crops in 2005 are eligible for this benefit.

Application Deadlines

Producers enrolled in the **Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program** for the **2004** program year:

- Do not need to contact Agricorp. Producers will automatically receive a benefit.

Producers who **did not enroll** in the **CAIS Program** for the **2004** crop year:

- Must submit an application form and copy of their 2004 T2024 or T1163 (as submitted to the Canada Revenue Agency) to Agricorp by **June 30, 2006**. Applications are available by calling Agricorp at 1-877-838-5144 or visiting Agricorp's website at www.agricorp.com to download the application form.

Federal Grains and Oilseeds Payment Program

Participation in CAIS is not required to receive a payment. All producers with net sales of eligible grains and oilseeds qualify for this payment. Applications are available on the Federal Grains and Oilseeds Payment Program Web site at www.agr.gc.ca/gopp or by calling **1-866-367-8506**.

The deadline for GOPP applications is May 31, 2006.

New Factsheets

04-037: Nutrient Management Act, Liquid Manure Removal from Storage; replaces *Liquid Manure Removal from Storage*, Order No. 85-010.

05-037: Environmental Impacts of Nitrogen Use in Agriculture; NEW

05-015: Nutrient Management Act 2002, Local Advisory Committees

Emerging Markets for Livestock

Functional Foods Conference

Today's consumer has a growing understanding of the link between disease and diet. In five years, over 100 million North American consumers will be over 50 years old and will look to food for health. This is creating a functional food market that is expected to grow to \$167 billion by 2010. Discover your opportunities in this emerging market! Attend the **Functional Foods Conference Emerging Markets for Livestock June 27-28, 2006**, Arden Park Hotel, Stratford.

The day 1 program will feature expert speakers in the areas of research, consumer trends and nutrition. Product development will be explored using a case study of an existing success story. The second day will offer breakout (workshop) sessions specific to a commodity (ruminant meats, dairy, pork, and poultry). These sessions will feature animal scientists with experience in developing livestock-based functional foods and producers who will report on their experiences in the production of functional foods.

For more information on the Functional Foods Conference Emerging Markets for Livestock refer to the conference Website @ <http://www.functionalfoodofanimalorigin.ca/> or call the **Agricultural Information Contact Centre** toll free, **1-877-424-1300** (within Ontario) or **519-826-4047** (outside Ontario).

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