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Agriculture Business Update

Special Edition

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

Government Programs

Cost-Share Funding for Farmers

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership) provides cost-share funding support to farmers and other businesses (plant health). Funding is available for key priority areas, which include: research and innovation, economic development, environmental stewardship and protection and assurance. [More details on available project funding can be found here.](#)

Intake Timing

- The next application intake for farmers and other businesses (plant health) is open from December 8 to January 29, 2020. Applications will be received and assessed on a continuous basis until January 29, 2020 while funding is available.

Application Information

- The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) administers cost-share funding to farmers and other businesses (plant health).
- Program details, including how to apply, program guides, and application forms can be found on the [OSCIA website](#).
- All businesses must complete the [program enrolment form](#) before applying for cost-share funding.
- Cost-share funding under the Partnership is merit-based and project funding amounts are individually established based on project categories.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/cap/placetogrow.html#farmers>

Meat Processors Capacity Improvement Initiative

The Meat Processors Capacity Improvement Initiative is an up to \$4 million program that will provide up to \$150,000 per project for improvements to product

handling and processing equipment. It will also cover consulting and engineering costs associated with planning future projects and will open to applications on December 4, 2020. Today's announcement is an immediate response by the governments to support Ontario's meat processors and abattoirs and is part of a long-term commitment to help the sector. Eligible projects must be completed with equipment delivered by March 1, 2021. Recipients will have until May 31, 2021 to have their equipment installed.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/cap/index.htm#new>

Prevention, Control and Outbreak Support Strategy for COVID-19 in Ontario's Farm Workers

Prevention and containment efforts are key to controlling the spread of COVID-19. Industry and government partners in health, agriculture, labour and emergency management have collaborated on efforts to prevent and control COVID-19 on farms, as well as respond rapidly to individual situations as they arise. However, there have been COVID-19 positive cases and outbreaks on farms in some areas in Ontario and continued vigilance is needed.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/preventstrat.htm>

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