

OMAFRA Request: Electricity Cost Savings for Agri-Business

- Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan (OFHP) has lowered electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for residential customers and will hold increases to the rate of inflation for four years. All Ontario farms that are eligible for the Ontario Energy Board's Regulated Price Plan (RPP) are also benefitting from this initiative.¹
- The OFHP also expanded the Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI) to include manufacturers and greenhouses between 500 kW and 1 MW, in addition to all consumers over 1 MW who were already eligible. ICI participants can lower electricity costs by one third on average by reducing consumption during peak hours.
- Additionally, Ontario has legislated the removal of the Debt Retirement Charge (DRC) for non-residential electricity users on April 1, 2018, nine months earlier than previously estimated. This will save these consumers \$7/MWh.

¹ **Note:** Under Ontario Regulation 95/05, made under the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, a farm that is eligible for RPP would include a consumer who has an account with a distributor if the consumer:

- i. carries on a business that is a farming business for the purposes of the *Farm Registration and Farm Organizations Funding Act, 1993*, and
- ii. holds a valid registration number assigned under that Act, or the consumer's obligation to file a farming business registration form was waived.