

Irrigation Efficiency Program

Outcome:

Reduced greenhouse gas emissions and increased water savings in irrigated agriculture by assisting producers with the purchase of more efficient irrigation equipment and systems.

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Eligible Equipment Upgrades:

- New low pressure centre pivot to replace a gravity, side-wheel or high pressure centre pivot;
- Retrofit of a high pressure centre pivot to a low pressure centre pivot, including booster pumps, nozzle packages and pump modifications;
- High efficiency sprinkler nozzles and related equipment to upgrade an existing low pressure centre pivot;
- Variable-rate irrigation equipment (controllers and software);
- Control panel upgrades, including base stations for telemetry;
- Surface or subsurface drip irrigation systems.

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Eligible Applicants:

- Operate as a producer in Alberta;**
- Own an irrigated agricultural operation in Alberta;**
- Have a Long-Term Irrigation Management Plan;**
- Have not been previously approved for payment from the Program on a given parcel.**

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Grant Payments:

- **40% of the costs for eligible equipment upgrades on a given parcel up to a maximum of \$5,000;**
- **40% of the costs for an upgrade to a surface drip irrigation system to a maximum of \$5,000 (minimum 10 acres); or**
- **\$15,000 for an upgrade on a given parcel from a gravity, side-wheel or high pressure centre pivot irrigation system to a new low pressure centre pivot or subsurface drip irrigation system (minimum 20 acres).**

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Other considerations:

- Irrigation expansion is not eligible for a grant payment.
- Motors and pumps are not eligible.
- Leased parcels are eligible if other eligibility criteria are met.
- Applicants may receive one grant payment per parcel/system upgrade.
- Maximum amount an applicant can receive in a fiscal year is \$150,000.

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