

Canadian Agricultural Partnership - Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change Producer Program

Program Overview

- Visit the website www.cap.alberta.ca for information. Sign up to subscribe for updates. You will need to re-subscribe if you received updates from the old Growing Forward 2 programs.
- Environmental Stewardship Climate Change Producer Program supports producers in reducing negative impacts on the environment, while enhancing sustainable production, managing climate change and increasing profitability.

Application Process

- Applications found on the CAP Website under Environmental Stewardship.
- 3 different application forms, depending on what category you are applying for.
 - Category A – Grazing Management
 - Category B – Manure & Livestock Facilities Management
 - Category C – Agricultural Input & Waste Management
- A current Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is required. A current EFP is no older than 10 years old. You will have until the end of your project term to update your EFP.

Eligible Activities

- Cost shares will range from 30 to 70%, with specific cost share being determined at the time your application is processed. Funding decisions will be based upon environmental risks identified by applicants and the extent to which the proposed project will mitigate these risks.
- All innovative codes and any project that is more complex will go to the review committee.
- 4 review cycles this year - May 15th, June 27th, August 29th and November 14th. Results usually within a month of review date.
- Maximum eligibility is \$100,000 per farm for the entire ES&CC Producer category, but maximums also vary by activity code.

- Activities include (but not limited to):
 - *Watering systems*
 - *Riparian fencing*
 - *Livestock facility management*
 - *Improved manure storage facilities*
 - *Manure application*
 - *Sectional controls*
 - *Agriculture plastic bag rollers*
 - *Shelterbelts*
 - *This program also has a stronger focus on “Innovative Solutions”, (the last activity code in each category) for submission of new and clever ideas.*
- Labour and in-kind expenses – maximum 25% of eligible expenses.
- Program is not retroactive. You cannot purchase project supplies or materials until your project application is received.

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