

# Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program



The agricultural sector is constantly changing and farming is an unpredictable business. In order to be competitive there is a need for more flexibility and the capacity to address new issues as they emerge.

The Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP) is a five-year (2009-2014), \$163 million Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) initiative. This federal program encourages farmers, processors, distributors, and retailers to work together to find innovative solutions to common concerns and to explore new market opportunities.

CAAP's objective is to help the agricultural sector adapt, and remain competitive. Eligible projects could be in the areas of traceability, environment, climate change, capacity development, pests and diseases, and more.

There are national, regional, and multi-regional components of the program. In situations where more than one province or territory shares the same priority, projects may be considered under the collective outcomes umbrella. Increasing collaboration and forming new alliances throughout the sector are key to future successes.

## Applying

Project proposals must meet program principles and criteria. Eligible recipients may include industry organizations and associations, cooperatives, marketing boards, aboriginal groups, for-profit companies and individual producers.

### ***National proposals***

For project proposals that address issues having a national impact, the national CAAP application form is available on the AAFC website.

### ***Regional or Multi-regional proposals***

On behalf of AAFC, Industry Councils across Canada deliver CAAP in their respective province or territory. This grassroots delivery provides greater responsibility and accountability to industry in responding to the needs and issues of the local agriculture and agri-food industry. For project proposals that are regional or multi-regional (collective outcomes) in scope, contact the Industry Council in your province or territory.

In British Columbia, CAAP is delivered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF). To learn more about the IAF, please visit [www.iafbc.ca](http://www.iafbc.ca) or call 250-356-1662. For more information on CAAP, its criteria, or contact information for other regional Industry Councils, please visit AAFC's website at [www.agr.gc.ca/caap](http://www.agr.gc.ca/caap) or call toll-free 1-877-290-2188.



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