



Growing Forward

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Growing Forward

Growing Forward is a commitment to Canada's agriculture sector that is focused on achieving results, reflects input from across the sector, and delivers programs that are simple, effective and tailored to local needs.

Growing Forward aims to build an agriculture and agri-foods sector that:

- Is vibrant not just viable;
- Has greater profitability and sustainability through innovation and competitiveness;
- Is supported by government programs that are more flexible and that help the sector to be proactive at managing risk;
- Contributes to the environment and the health and wellness of Canadians.

Vision for Growing Forward

A profitable, innovative, competitive, market-oriented agriculture, agri-foods and agri-based products industry.

Objectives for Growing Forward

- Focusing on building a competitive and innovative sector.
- Being proactive in managing risks.
- Ensuring the sector contributes to society's priorities.

Governments are investing \$1.3 billion over five years into Growing Forward programs. The funding represents \$330 million more than the Agricultural Policy Framework (APF) and is cost-shared on a 60:40 basis between the Government of Canada and the provincial and territorial governments.

Growing Forward puts emphasis on building a profitable sector through its three strategic outcomes:

- A competitive and innovative sector: From idea to invention to consumer, growing new opportunities that support innovation and competitiveness.
- A sector that contributes to society's priorities: Enabling the sector to contribute to the priorities of increasingly health-conscious and environmentally-aware Canadians.

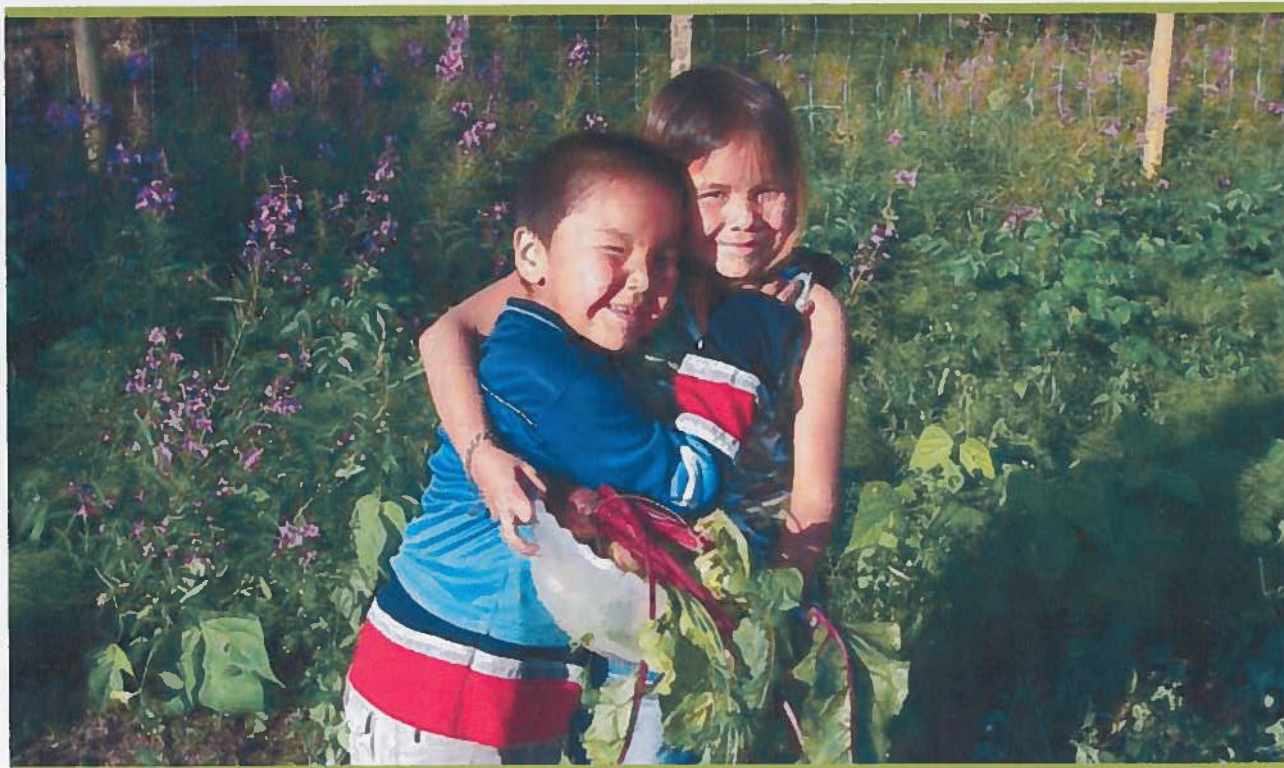


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- A sector proactive in managing risks: The programs available through the Business Risk Management (BRM) suite were the first programs available under Growing Forward, offering more responsive, predictable and bankable programs for farmers.

In addition, Growing Forward provides:

- Flexible programs that better meet local needs: Finding the best ways of adapting programs to meet regional needs while achieving common national goals.
- Action on key regulatory priorities: A competitive and innovative sector supported by modernizing regulatory processes and improving regulatory cooperation for the betterment of all Canadians.
- Better service delivery: Simple and more accessible programs and services.





Canada/Northwest Territories Growing Forward

The Canada/Northwest Territories Growing Forward Bi-Lateral Agreement, signed in July 2009, sets out the following programs to be provided to producers in the Northwest Territories (NWT):

Small Scale Foods Program

The aim of the Small Scale Foods Program is to establish market gardens in 25 communities across the NWT. Once established, community garden programs will be augmented with training, upgraded equipment and ongoing support to maximize efficiencies and yields.

Northern Agri-Foods Program

The Northern Agri-Foods Program aims to work with producers in the establishment, expansion and development of land-based initiatives. The Program also targets existing commercial greenhouse operators with funding aimed at increasing yields and efficiencies. In addition, the Program will examine the potential feasibility of non-timber forest initiatives such as birch syrup production. Finally, the Program will provide support for workshops and seminars aimed at increasing the agriculture and agri-foods knowledge base in the NWT.

Commercial Game Harvest Program

The Commercial Game Harvest Program continues with work that has been carried out for a number of years involving game harvests for commercial markets. The Program provides support targeting innovation, efficiency and profitability of the commercial game industry such as the muskox and reindeer commercial operations in the Inuvik Region.

Traditional Harvest Program

The Traditional Harvest Program is designed to assist NWT Community Wildlife Organizations in the local harvest of plants, berries, caribou, muskox and other wild species, as shown to be feasible. The Program consists of three components:

- **Community Harvests:** This initiative provides assistance in conducting community hunts/harvests.
- **Community Harvest Equipment:** This initiative provides assistance for the purchase of harvesting, processing and storage equipment.
- **Take a Kid Harvesting:** This initiative encourages youth in the NWT to participate in traditional land-based food harvesting practices.



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Intersetlement Trade Program

The Intersetlement Trade Program provides assistance to ship food products from the point of harvest/production to markets in the NWT, but does not apply to export sales.

Food Safety

The Food Safety Program aims to assist in the proactive identification, management and mitigation of food safety risks in the northern food supply.

Agriculture in the Environment

The Agriculture in the Environment Program:

- Provides for the development of regional environmental plans and assistance to agriculture and agri-food operations in the implementation of environmental farm plans.
- Provides support for studies to collect soil, vegetation and water data.

Bison Management Strategy

The Bison Management Strategy provides support for research in the control and reduction of transmissible diseases in bison. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is responsible for the implementation of the Program.





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Small Scale Foods Program

Purpose:

This is a pan-territorial program aimed at designing, developing and enhancing food production systems and capabilities predominantly in small communities throughout the NWT. The Program is directed towards broad community-based public initiatives and is directly administered by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

Eligibility:

Community governments, associations or societies.
Land must be identified for use in the Small Scale Foods Program.

Program Manager:

Industry, Tourism and Investment.

Application Process:

Interested communities should contact the Regional Superintendent, Regional Office of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

Program Implementation:

Once a project has been approved, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment will work directly with the applicant in the design, development and implementation. Materials, including small tools and inputs, will be provided by the Department of Industry, Tourism, and Investment.





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Northern Agri-Foods

Annual Program Budget:

\$95,000

Program Manager:

Industry, Tourism and Investment.

Application Process:

Growing Forward applications and completed proposals should be directed to Regional Superintendent, Regional Office of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

The Northern Agri-Foods Program has five sub-programs:

1. Land-Based Productive Capacity

Purpose:

The Program aims to provide land-based private operators with support to clear land and add technology to expand and improve productive capacity (\$1,000/acre to maximum \$10,000/operation).

Eligibility:

- Private land-based operators who hold title or long term lease on land.
- Must possess a valid business licence.
- All purchases must be made from third party sources.
- If the applicant is an incorporated business or society, evidence of good standing with Corporate Registries must be provided.

Ineligible Expenses:

Wages, land purchases, land leases, land rentals and land taxes.

Maximum Available per Applicant:

\$10,000/year*

Eligible Costs:

Cost to cultivate/break land to increase productive capacity.



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2. Greenhouse Productive Capacity

Purpose:

The Program targets existing commercial greenhouse operators with support to increase productive capacity in their greenhouses (\$2/square foot to a maximum of \$10,000/operation).

Maximum Available per Applicant:

\$10,000/year*

Eligibility:

- Must possess a valid business licence.
- All purchases must be made from third party sources.
- If the applicant is an incorporated business or society, evidence of good standing with Corporate Registries must be provided.
- Existing greenhouse operators only.

Ineligible Expenses:

Wages, land purchases, land leases, land rentals and land taxes.

Eligible Costs:

Cost to expand/enhance existing greenhouse operations to improve efficiencies and yield.

** Maximum limit of funding available over the term of the Growing Forward Agreement (2010-2013) to any applicant seeking financial support from either or both the Land-Based Productive Capacity sub-program and the Greenhouse Productive Capacity sub-program is \$40,000 combined.*





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3. Early Start/Small Equipment

Purpose:

The Program assists in early start of growing operations and acquisition of small equipment.

Eligibility:

- Private land-based operators who hold title or long term lease on land.
- Must possess a valid business licence.
- All purchases must be made from third party sources.
- If the applicant is an incorporated business or society, evidence of good standing with Corporate Registries must be provided.
- Existing greenhouse operators only.

Ineligible Expenses:

Wages, land purchases, land leases, land rentals and land taxes.

Maximum Contribution:

\$1,500 per applicant per lifetime of Growing Forward Agreement (2010-2013)

Eligible Costs include:

Seeds, starter plants, fertilizer, growing mediums.
Small tools – shovels, hoes, seeders.



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4. Pilot Projects

Purpose:

The Program allows for funding support for small scale projects such as crop diversification, non-timber forest products and processing.

Eligibility:

- Individuals, private operators, existing commercial greenhouse operators, industry associations and community organizations.
- Must possess a valid business licence.
- All purchases must be made from third party sources.
- If the applicant is an incorporated business or society, evidence of good standing with Corporate Registries must be provided.

Ineligible Expenses:

Wages, land purchases, land leases, land rentals and land taxes.

Maximum Contribution:

\$5,000

Eligible Costs:

Materials and supplies, lab tests.



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5. Human Resource Development

Purpose:

The Program specifically targets Industry representative organizations.

Eligibility:

- Private land-based operators who hold title or long term lease on land.
- Must possess a valid business licence.
- All purchases must be made from third party sources.
- If the applicant is an incorporated business or society, evidence of good standing with Corporate Registries must be provided.

Option A: Priority given to funding up to 100% in support of delivery of workshops and seminars in the NWT.

Option B: The Program will provide up to a maximum of 50% of costs to attend production-oriented conferences outside of the NWT.

Ineligible Expenses:

Wages, land purchases, land leases, land rentals and land taxes.

Maximum Contribution:

Option A: \$10,000

Option B: \$5,000

Eligible Costs:

Materials and supplies, transportation and food costs.

In case of individuals, cost for meals cannot exceed the Government of the NWT per diem rates for meals.



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Commercial Game Harvesting

Purpose:

The Commercial Game Harvest Program provides support targeting innovation, efficiency and profitability of the commercial game industry such as the muskox and reindeer commercial operations in the Inuvik Region.

Annual Program Budget:

\$80,000

Eligible Costs:

Marketing and promotion, product design and development and packaging.
Funds are targeted at deferring a portion of operational costs associated with production, product design and development and marketing rather than capital acquisitions.

Program Manager:

Industry, Tourism and Investment.

Application Process:

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Traditional Harvesting

Annual Program Budget:
\$290,000

Program Manager:
Industry, Tourism and Investment.

Application Process:
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The Traditional Harvest Program has three sub-programs:

1. Community Harvests

Purpose:
The aim of the Program is to defer a portion or all of the transportation cost of a community land-based harvest.

Maximum Contribution Available:
Maximum assistance provided for any one harvest will be 60% of the cost to a maximum contribution of \$3,000.

Eligibility:
Community Wildlife Organizations that currently administer the Community Harvester Assistance Program (CHAP).

2. Community Harvest Equipment

Purpose:
The aim of the Program is defer a portion or all of the cost of equipment in support of community harvests. Maximum assistance per proponent provided for equipment will be 60% of the cost to a maximum contribution of \$3,000.

Maximum Contribution Available:
Maximum assistance provided for any one harvest will be 60% of the cost to a maximum contribution of \$3,000.

Eligibility:
Community Wildlife Organizations that currently administer the Community Harvester Assistance Program (CHAP).



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3. Take A Kid Harvesting

Purpose:

The aim of the Program is to provide youth in the NWT with an orientation to land-based harvesting and processing practices and procedures. The Program is modelled after the Take a Kid Trapping Program.

Maximum Contribution Available:

Maximum assistance provided for any project will not exceed \$10,000.

Eligibility:

Community Wildlife Organizations, schools, school boards. Evidence of \$2 million liability insurance is required.





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Intersettlement Trade

Purpose:

The Intersettlement Trade Program provides support to NWT food producers to defer a portion of costs to transport produce to NWT markets.

Annual Program Budget:

\$30,000

Eligible Costs:

Freight costs for transporting NWT produce from one community to another in the NWT to a maximum of 50% of costs to maximum of \$5,000 for any one applicant. Not for export.

Program Manager:

Industry, Tourism and Investment.

Application Process:

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Food Safety

Purpose:

The Food Safety Program aims to assist in the proactive identification, management and mitigation of food safety risks in the NWT food supply.

Annual Program Budget:

To be determined.

Eligible Costs:

Can include but not be limited to, pilot projects and research programs, pre-design and design costs in the development of food safety systems, or workshops.

Program Manager:

Industry, Tourism and Investment.

Application Process:

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Agriculture in the Environment

Purpose:

The Agriculture in the Environment Program:

- Provides for the development of regional environmental plans and assistance to agriculture and agri-food operations in the implementation of environmental farm plans.
- Provides support for studies to collect soil, vegetation and water data.

Annual Program Budget:

\$10,000

Eligible Costs:

Research initiatives, studies, assessments.

Program Manager:

Industry, Tourism and Investment.

Application Process:

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Bison Management Strategy

Purpose:

The Bison Management Strategy provides support for research in the control and reduction of transmissible diseases in bison.

Program Budget:

\$50,000

Program Manager:

Program is administered by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. For more information, contact 1-867-873-7761.



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