

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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Risk Management and Food Safety





Program Description/Objectives

Accelerate the adoption of recognized assurance systems, including food safety, biosecurity, traceability, and animal welfare in the production, processing, and distribution of New Brunswick agri-food products.

Support the agriculture sector to prepare for and maintain resilience in relation to emerging challenges including extreme weather events, animal and plant disease outbreaks, emergencies/natural disasters, wildlife damage, farmer mental health, and farm safety.





ELEMENT # 1

Food Safety Assurance Systems, Traceability, Animal Welfare and Biosecurity

Eligible Applicants:

- Indigenous Peoples or Organizations
- Agriculture producers (individuals or groups)
- Agriculture producer associations
- Academic or research institutions
- Processors of New Brunswick Agri-food products
- Other individuals or groups capable of achieving program objectives

Eligible Activities:

- On-farm and post-farm food safety programs and post farm agri-food safety and training and development including food safety workshops, conferences, pre-audit evaluation, initial and final audits. Equipment to enhance food safety and quality for on-farm and post-farm projects.
- Development and implementation of recognized traceability systems including equipment, traceability pilots and consultant costs.
- Activities to promote and implement biosecurity programs and measures.
- Activities to promote and implement recognized animal welfare programs.

Ineligible Activities:

- Salaries, travel and overhead.
- Normal ongoing farm operating expenses.

Level of Assistance:

- Up to 50% of the eligible costs for projects involving/benefiting one agricultural producer.
- Up to 70% of the eligible costs for projects involving/benefiting two or more agricultural producers.
- Up to 100% of the eligible costs for projects where an agriculture association is the applicant, and the benefit is to the sector.
- Maximum assistance for individual businesses is \$15,000 per year (April 1 to March 31) except for abattoirs under the Food Safety and Assurance Systems category which has a maximum of \$50,000 in one year (April 1 to March 31).
- Maximum assistance is \$50,000 over the life of the program (April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2028) for all applicants except agriculture associations as the amount will be based on the benefit to the sector.



ELEMENT # 2

Risk Management and Disease/Emergency Response Planning

Eligible Applicants:

- Indigenous Peoples or Organizations
- Agriculture producers (individuals or groups)
- Agriculture producer associations
- Academic or research institutions
- Processors of New Brunswick Agri-food products
- Other individuals or groups capable of achieving program objectives

Eligible Activities:

- Development of commodities and/or farm operational emergency/livestock disease/crop pest response plans including consultant costs. Training and/or communication activities identified in response plans.
- Targeted activities identified as part of response planning to help agri-food businesses prepare for and mitigate against climate change, extreme weather or emergency events including such as the purchase of emergency back-up generator systems, crop and livestock emergency containment systems, retrofit of feed or production storage areas to mitigate flood impacts.
- Support for wildlife damage mitigation including fencing, netting, scaring or other repellent devices to protect livestock and crops.

Ineligible Activities:

- Salaries, travel and overhead.
- Normal ongoing farm operating expenses.

Level of Assistance:

- Up to 40% of the eligible costs for individual agri-food operations to a maximum of \$50,000 over the life of the program (April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2028) for any combination of element 2 activities.
- Up to 100% of the eligible costs for agriculture associations to a maximum of \$40,000 per year (April 1 to March 31).



Administrative Guidelines

Higher funding levels may be considered for strategic projects that result in a significant benefit back to the agriculture sector.

All applicants must be familiar with the administrative guidelines prior to applying. The Administrative Guidelines can be found here: [**SCAP Administrative Guidelines**](#)



Reporting

Applicants may be required to report on the impact of the funding received. Reporting requirements will be outlined in the letter of offer.

How to Apply

Applicants should discuss applications with appropriate Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries staff (Business Growth Officer, Development Officer or Specialist) before applying. A list of departmental contacts can be found at the following links:

[**Crop Sector Development \(Branch\) \(gnb.ca\)**](#)

[**Livestock Sector Development \(Branch\) \(gnb.ca\)**](#)

[**Business Growth \(Branch\) \(gnb.ca\)**](#)



Other Requirements

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that any necessary permits, environmental approvals, or certifications are obtained to complete their project.



Regional Collaboration

Projects that are assessed to demonstrate benefits and impacts to more than one province may be eligible for funding on a regional basis.

Completed applications may be submitted by e-mail or mail.

E-mail Applications:

[**Sustainable.CAP@gnb.ca**](mailto:Sustainable.CAP@gnb.ca)

Mail Applications:

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