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### DID YOU KNOW?

Cattle have eidetic or photographic memory, meaning they can remember landmarks seen in pasture as a calf well into adulthood.

## A Producer's Complete Guide to Funding Available through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership

By: Katie McLachlan

All of the programs through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) have been launched. There are 5 programs that are available to Peace Country producers through CAP. Here is your complete overview of funding available until March 2023.

### Environmental Stewardship & Climate Change - Producer Program

The purpose of this program is to “support producers in reducing negative impacts on the environment while enhancing sustainable production, managing climate change and increasing profitability in the agriculture sector.” This program is broken into 5 sections, and covers 30-70% up to \$100,000 of eligible expenses for a large number of projects. Funding is based on the merit of each individual application. Applications with greater risk, input, and environmental impact, the greater the funding level.

Please note that in order to qualify for this program, you need to have an approved Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) within the last 10 years. If

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you need to renew or start an EFP, please visit [albertaefp.ca](http://albertaefp.ca) to register and they will get you in touch with your local EFP Technician.

Category A: Riparian Management. Projects covered in this category includes: year-round and summer watering systems (off-grid systems pulling water from natural water bodies such as ponds, creeks, etc), permanent riparian area fencing, watercourse crossings for livestock, beaver pond levelers, wetland restoration, and riparian area assessments.

Category B: Manure & Livestock Facilities Management: Projects cov-



Off-Site Watering Systems, like the one pictured above, are currently being covered up to 70% under CAP.

ered by this program are geared mainly towards the management of liquid manure and feedlot operators, and most projects require a site inspection to determine environmental risk. There is however some funding available here for beef producers as well. Under this category, 30-70% of expenses up to \$100,000 are eligible for relocation of a livestock facility or permanent wintering site.

The purpose of this program is to “support producers to improve their water supply and security and more effectively and efficiently manage their on-farm water resources.” In order to get the application for this program, you must first complete a Long Term Water Management Plan (LTWMP). If you have completed a LTWMP within the last 10 years, and it is still accurate, you can submit it to the program.



*Shelterbelts and Ecobuffers are covered up to 70% under CAP*

**Category C: Agricultural Input & Waste Management:** Items covered under this category include sectional control for sprayers and seed drills, grain bag rollers, silage plastic compactors, shelterbelts, and ecobuffers.

**Category D: Innovative Solutions:** This category is for producers to apply for any project that fits under the purpose of the Environmental Stewardship & Climate Change program that is not specifically listed. Projects under this category are assessed on an individual basis, must have technical merit, and must improve the environmental sustainability of an operation.

**Category E** under this program is for commercial manure applicators. For more information, please check out the CAP website.

### Farm Water Supply Program

The Farm Water Supply program is split into two parts: Standard Incentive Projects, and Special Incentive Projects. Standard Incentive projects are cost-shared at 1/3 of eligible expenses up

to a maximum of \$5,000. Standard Incentive projects include; water supply developments such as new dugouts, wells, spring developments, and connections to multi-user water lines. Also covered are water quality measures such as aeration systems, off-site watering systems (off of man-made water sources), and water monitors.

Special Incentive projects are cost-shared at 50-75% of eligible expenses. Eligible projects include; water level measurement devices, water use monitors, wetland assessments, well pit conversions, and well decommissioning.

Once your LTWMP is completed, you can submit it to our local Water Specialist, Dan Benson for approval. Once approved, Dan will provide you with the application for funding.

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*A number of water supply & security projects are funded through the Farm Water Supply Program at 1/3 up to \$5,000*

### Products to Markets (Small Projects)

The purpose of the Products to Markets –Small Projects Program is "to support growth of Alberta's agricultural industries by supporting the development of New Products and/or Processes, commercialization of products in New Markets, and expansion into local, domestic and international markets."

This is a value-add program that is available to new entrants to the industry, or producers who are looking to add value to their primary agricultural production, or are involved in international market development.

Activities covered by this program are as follows: product and process development, label and pack-

age development, processing capacity expansion, market development, export preparation, product demonstration, and activities to support distribution of food.

Maximum grant funding available through this program is \$50,000/fiscal year. This program is re-opened as of April 15th, and will accept applications until funding has been allocated.

The remaining two programs that are available for producers to apply to are the **Accelerating the Advancement of Agricultural Innovation** and **Adapting Innovative Solutions in Agriculture** programs. These two programs have more of a research & extension focus, and are an avenue for getting funding for large-scale research projects and applying large-scale innovations to the Alberta agricultural environment.

If you would like more information, specifics on eligible expenses, or would like some assistance in applying for any of the mentioned grants available through CAP, please give us a call at our Fairview Office at 780-835-6799 ext. 3 or our High Prairie Office at 780-523-4033, and we would be more than happy to help you out!

### Introducing a New PCBFA Board Member

## Michael Gross

Hello everyone,

My name is Michael Gross, and I farm near Hines Creek, AB along with my wife and family. We moved to the area in 2011 from Pincher Creek. There, I was manager of a 600 sow operation from farrow to finish. Here at Hines Creek, we farm 8,000 acres and run a 300 head cow/calf operation. I have been in agriculture all my life and love the smell of fresh black soil mixed in with a little cow manure every spring!

The soil health that PCBFA is stressing is very

important to me, and I am excited to learn more on how to utilize annual and perennial cover crops. The presenters that PCBFA is attracting are beneficial to all of us. The information being developed on grazing is a great step in the right direction. Also knowledge that PCBFA has on manure spreading is essential to every cow/calf farmer in the area.

I am a learner and want to take your perspectives on farming and ranching and sharing your knowledge with others. I think this is a key positive constructive resolution behaviour.



# Upcoming Events

Event	Date & Time	Location
Peace Forage Tour	June 20th	Beaverlodge Research Station Bussing Available from Manning & Rycroft
Grazing School with Dr. Allen Williams	July 22nd & 23rd	Lac Cardinal Hall Grimshaw
5th Annual Field Day at the Research Farm	August 1st	Fairview Research Farm
WheatStalk	August 8th	Teepee Creek
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