

# **Environment Pillar**

## EN1: ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN (EFP)

An EFP is an opportunity to evaluate areas of strength and potential environmental risks associated with an individual farm operation. A completed EFP is a requirement of the proAction Environment pillar.

At the time of your validation, you:

- Must have completed your EFP within the past 5 years (validity period in BC)
- Must be able to show your validator the statement of completion
- Are not required to show your validator the results of your EFP

To schedule an EFP with an on-farm advisor, contact **Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF)**. Appointments are free and confidential.



### **EN2: ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

The environment questionnaire is intended as an **educational tool** to inform producers what actions they already take that positively impact the environment, and what easy steps they can take that may further improve land stewardship.

You must complete the questionnaire <u>online</u> at <u>dairyproaction.ca</u> and have the **confirmation of completion available for review** (print or digital) during an on-farm validation.

### **EN3: MILKING CENTRE WASTEWATER**

Validators will ask questions about your milking centre wastewater storage and treatment system. Milking centre wastewater contains contaminants which need to be managed to reduce environmental risk.

### **EN4: MANURE STORAGE**

Validators will ask questions about your storage and spreading practices. You are expected to demonstrate adequate manure storage capacity. Producers must store and use manure in a manner that avoids contamination of surface and ground water and that avoids spreading manure on frozen, snow-covered or saturated ground.

#### **EN5: MANURE MANAGEMENT**

You will need to demonstrate that you are taking steps to make optimal use of manure and fertilizer on your land. **You will need to show your validator ONE of the following:** 

- OR
- Soil testing results, taken <u>every 3 years</u> (more often if required by provincial regulations);
  An up-to-date nutrient management plan (NMP), valid for <u>5 years</u> in BC