



# Growing Forward

## Environmental Farm Plan Program & the Beneficial Management Practices Program

### More Opportunities for BC Producers

The *Growing Forward* Canada–BC Environmental Farm Plan Program complements and enhances the current environmental stewardship practices of producers. Led by the province’s agriculture and agri-food industry, this initiative encourages producers from all parts of the province to adopt Beneficial Management Practices (BMP’s) that enhance agricultural sustainability and contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment.

Environmental farm planning is a no charge, confidential, voluntary process available to producers to identify both environmental strengths and potential risks on their farms. As appropriate, it includes a prioritized action plan to reduce the risks. The producer may be eligible to apply for cost-sharing incentives under the Growing Forward Beneficial Management Practice Program to address environmental risks that have been identified in the completed farm plan.

**The current limit of funding for 2 BMP’s per year per producer is being lifted for the current program year.**

Possible BMP categories eligible for cost-shared funding by the program include:

- nutrient management improvements,
- riparian protection,
- grazing strategies,
- irrigation planning,
- integrated pest management,
- shelterbelt development,
- manure treatment,
- farmyard runoff control,
- wintering site management,
- product and waste management, and
- CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub> emission reduction.

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