

Apply Now for Support Under the Enhanced Agri-Food Workplace Protection Program



The Governments of Ontario and Canada are providing financial support through the [Enhanced Agri-food Workplace Protection Program](#) to help farmers take additional measures to improve the health and safety of agri-food workers in the province during the COVID-19 outbreak and to help ensure the continued supply of locally grown food all year round.

Eligible submissions for project costs incurred on or after March 15, 2020 are being received and assessed on a continuous basis, while funding is available or **until February 26, 2021**.

The program provides funding in the following categories:

[Preventative Occupational Health and Safety Measures](#): eligible businesses can claim 70 per cent of eligible expenses to help support the health and safety of their employees through assistance with the purchase of **personal protective equipment, medical testing equipment, and enhanced cleaning and disinfection**.

Aquaculture farm businesses, off-farm packing services and corn detasseling services can claim up to \$7,500 per business. Other eligible farm businesses can claim up to \$15,000 per business.

[On-Farm Worker Safety Improvement Program](#): eligible farmers may claim 60 per cent of eligible expenses to support small capital projects up to \$100,000 for **housing modifications, workspace adjustments and equipment to allow greater physical distancing** for workers..

Eligibility

Ontario farm businesses under a valid Farm Business Registration Number (FBRN), or an allowable exemption, must meet the eligibility requirements according to the program category.

How it works

Eligible businesses can complete an electronic submission form and provide all required documentation to request reimbursement for eligible expenses.

The Enhanced Agri-food Workplace Protection Program also provides funding support through the [Support for Worker Wages and Isolation Expenses for 2020 Season](#) to eligible employers faced with extraordinary costs related to worker isolation and employee wage supports due to a positive COVID-19 test result or a Public Health Unit/Ministry of Labour Training and Skills Development order.

To submit your eligible expenses or for more information, contact us at:

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For more information, visit the Enhanced Agri-Food Workplace Protection Program website at: ontario.ca/d4m1