



Growing Forward

Growing Forward is a commitment to Canada's agriculture sector focused on achieving results and delivering programs that are simple, effective and tailored to local needs. In British Columbia, Growing Forward emphasizes building a profitable sector through the following programs:

- **BC Farm Business Advisory Services Program** is two tiered:
 - **Tier 1** provides 100% support for consulting services for a basic farm financial assessment [value of up to \$1,900] at a cost of only \$100 to the producer.
 - **Tier 2** covers 85 per cent of the cost of consulting services up to a maximum of \$3,000 for specialized business planning to adopt progressive farm business management practices and strategies in nine business management areas including:

▪ Business strategy	Succession planning	Marketing strategy
▪ Business structure	Production economics	Risk assessment
▪ Human resources	Value-added ventures	Financial management

Contact Ministry of Agriculture & Lands at 1-877 702-5585 or www.agf.gov.bc.ca/busmgmt/FB_Advisory_Services.html

- **BC Food Safety Systems Implementation (Producer) Program** provides funding up to \$3,000 to support individual food producers that are implementing an On Farm Food Safety Program.

Contact BC Agricultural Research and Development Corporation (ARDCORP) at 1 866-522-3447 or

www.ardcorp.ca/index.php?page_id=43

Contact Ministry of Agriculture & Lands at 1 888 221-7141 or www.al.gov.bc.ca/foodsafety/fed-prov.htm

- **BC Food Safety Systems Implementation (Processor) Program** provides funding for educational workshops, individual consultations, and offers funding up to \$20,000 to food processors to implement GMP and/or HACCP and / or ISO 22000.

Contact Small Scale Food Processors' Association at 1 866-547-7372 or www.ssfpa.net Email: info@ssfpa.net

Contact Ministry of Agriculture & Lands at 1 888 221-7141 or www.al.gov.bc.ca/foodsafety/fed-prov.htm

- **BC Enterprise Infrastructure Traceability (EIT) Program** provides funding up to \$20,000 to assist primary and secondary operations in the BC agri-food sector to purchase and install traceability infrastructure/systems in their operations.

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- **BC Agri-Environmental Risk Assessment (EFPs) / On-Farm Sustainable Agricultural Practices (BMPs)** raise awareness amongst producers and enhance environmental farm stewardship. This is accomplished through the continued implementation of a broad based, voluntary, staged and producer driven EFP Program, and the subsequent application of beneficial management practices to reduce environmental risks on-farm.

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