



Growing Forward 2 Irrigation Efficiency Program

This program helps producers invest in new or upgraded low-pressure centre pivot (LPCP) irrigation equipment for their operations, improving the efficiency of energy and water use on Alberta farms.

The Growing Forward 2 Irrigation Efficiency Program addresses three key industry priorities.

- 1. Improved farm resource stability.* The program helps producers improve their energy and water usage through better irrigation equipment that increases the sustainability of water resources on their operation.
- 2. Improved production capacity.* Producers who improve their production or delivery methods ensure the long-term capacity and growth of their operation so they are better able to embrace business opportunities.
- 3. Improved public regard.* When Alberta producers demonstrate strong environmental management practices, consumers see the industry as a responsible steward of Alberta's resources.

How are costs shared?

Producers will be reimbursed for 40% of eligible costs for approved projects, to a maximum of \$5,000.

Eligible projects include:

- purchase and installation of new low-pressure centre pivot (LPCP) irrigation equipment;
- upgrades of high-pressure centre pivot systems to LPCP systems;
- pump modifications as part of an LPCP upgrade;
- addition of high-efficiency sprinkler nozzles to existing LPCP equipment (with efficiency ratings of 85% or higher);
- variable-rate irrigation system components (controllers and software); and
- upgrades of centre pivot control panels.

Equipment must be new and purchased from a licensed irrigation supply dealer and installation must be performed by a licensed service provider. Costs of design and installation are eligible, while costs for delivery and GST are not.

Eligible equipment must be purchased after April 1, 2013, and must be operational within six months after an application is approved. A field inspection will be completed to verify installation of the equipment.

Who can participate?

Producers who have an irrigated agricultural operation in Alberta and have completed a Long-Term Irrigation Management Plan can participate.

Producers who are eligible to receive Irrigation Efficiency Program funding may obtain only one grant payment from this five-year program.



How do you start?

You are asked to apply to the program, and include your Long-Term Irrigation Management Plan, before any funds can be approved.

To find out more about the program, or to speak with the program lead, please contact the Ag-Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276).

For more information

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The Irrigation Efficiency Program is one of many programs available under Growing Forward 2, a five-year federal-provincial-territorial initiative focused on three areas: research and innovation, competitiveness and market development, and adaptability and industry capacity.

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