



Science
and
Innovation



The Broker and Agri-Innovation Programs

Science and innovation is key to helping the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector become the world leader in food safety, innovation and environmentally responsible production and to support future success and prosperity.

That's why Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is delivering two new science-based programs – the Broker Program and the Agri-Innovation Program. These programs, under the Agri-Food Policy Framework's Science and Innovation component, are designed to bring together a full spectrum of organizations to develop ideas that will accelerate the adoption of innovation and the commercialization of products.

Broker Program

The Broker Program is a five-year contribution program to support a number of "broker" and producer organizations working between industry, government and universities to foster strategic innovation opportunities.

Example Flax 2015

The Broker Program in action

Flax is a key bio-economy crop for the 21st century, and Flax 2015 is meant to build links and accelerate innovation across the flax value chain. The aim is to take advantage of a new farm gate opportunity for Canadian farmers. The project will develop strategies aimed at identifying key innovation and commercialization opportunities, and how to capitalize on them. Participants from all along the flax value chain will take part in developing and carrying out the strategies. Areas of study include flax products for health, food, feed and industrial use, using flax oil, straw and byproducts.

Agri-Innovation Program

The Agri-Innovation Program is a five-year contribution program to support projects and opportunities identified by the broker processes. Projects will bring together key players along entire value chains and act as a mechanism for cooperation in research, production and marketing.

Example

Soy 20/20

The Agri-Innovation Program paves the way

Soy 20/20 is a partnership agreement with government, universities and industry that will help the soybean sector take greater advantage of opportunities in the life sciences. The agreement will improve coordination between research, production and marketing. This will allow the industry to capitalize on technology to bring new specialty products and commodity-based industrial products to market. Projects aim to boost Canada's competitiveness by tapping new international markets for soy products. Soy 20/20's goal is to contribute to farm income and create new opportunities to produce value-added products such as bio-based lubricants.

Eligibility

Organizations or entities such as cooperatives, commodity groups, agri-businesses, or municipal governments, universities or colleges which represent or involve agriculture are eligible for consideration. Support will be provided to larger and longer-term projects similar in scope to Flax 2015 and Soy 20/20 that have been developed in consultation with provincial and regional industry and science specialists.

Information

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