

SUPPORTING FARMERS AND FOOD BUSINESSES TO HELP FEED CANADA DURING COVID-19

Managing livestock backlog and surplus food while addressing food security

- Up to **\$125 M** through **Agri-Recovery** to manage backlog of cattle and hogs, and other COVID costs;
- **\$200 M** in added borrowing capacity for the **Canadian Dairy Commission** to buy and store surplus cheese and butter;
- Up to **\$50 M** under the **Surplus Food Rescue Program** to purchase surplus food to address food security;
- **\$200 M** under the **Emergency Food Security Fund** for **food banks** and **local food organizations** to help support food security in Canada;
- **\$25 M** through **Nutrition North** to ensure food security for Canada's most vulnerable.



Helping farmers and processors with cashflow and access to capital

- **\$5 B** to **Farm Credit Canada** which has helped thousands of farmers defer their loans;
- **\$173 M** in deferred **Advance Payment Program** loans for grain, cattle and flower producers;
- **\$100 M** to the **Agriculture and Food Business Solutions Fund** to support businesses during unexpected disruptions;
- **\$65 B Business Credit Availability Program**, including the **Canada Emergency Business Account** that allows Canadian farmers and food processors to access capital, and providing forgivable portions of their loans if repaid by December 2022;
- **Deferrals on GST/HST, custom duties and income taxes**;
- Increase of **Agri-Stability** interim payments from 50% to **75%**;
- Provision of term loans of up to **\$6.25 M** through the **Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Loan Guarantee and Co-lending Programs**;
- Launching of the **Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy** to provide rent and mortgage support for qualifying businesses until June 2021;
- Over **\$1.5 B** for a **Regional Relief and Recovery Fund** for regional development agencies to support businesses that may require additional help to recover from the pandemic, but that have been unable to access existing support measures;
- New measures under the **\$190M CanExport SMEs Program** to help small businesses owners to market their products through e-commerce and virtual trade shows, and help them manage the costs of new COVID-19 related trade barriers.



Helping processors ensure the capacity of Canadian food production

- Up to **\$77.5 M** under the **Emergency Processing Fund** to help companies implement changes to safeguard the health and safety of workers and to improve, automate and modernize their facilities;
- **\$20 M** to ensure the capacity and safety of **Canadian Food Inspection Agency inspectors**;
- **\$62.5 M** for a new **Canadian Seafood Stabilization Fund** to help Canada's fish and seafood processing sector.



Maintaining the labour force

- **\$58.6 M** to strengthen the **Temporary Foreign Workers Program** and make further investments to safeguard the health and safety of Canadian and temporary foreign workers, including a **\$35 M Emergency On-Farm Support Fund** to boost protections and address outbreaks on farms;
- **\$50 M** to help farmers safely welcome seasonal and **temporary foreign workers**;
- Introduction of a **wage boost** with provinces and territories for **low-income essential workers**;
- **Essential designation** for workers in the food supply chain;
- Introduction of the **Agri-Food Pilot** to help address the labour needs of the Canadian agri-food sector;
- Launching of the **Step up to the plate** employment portal and marketing campaign;
- Working with provinces to treat labour shortages in the horticulture sector as eligible risk within the **AgriInsurance** program;
- Expansion of the **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy** to provide wage subsidies to more eligible businesses until June 2021;
- **\$9.2 M** to fund **800 new positions** for youth under the **Youth Employment and Skills Program**.



Producers also have a suite of business risk management tools to help manage risks beyond their control.

Step-by-step we will continue supporting those working hard to feed Canada. Please visit: agr.gc.ca/COVIDSupport for more information.