

Farm Energy Agri-Processing (FEAP) and Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP)

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The Farm Energy and Agri-Processors (FEAP) Program continues to share costs with producers who are upgrading components of their grain dryers to high-efficiency models. Katherine Rogers, energy extension coordinator with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, clarifies what is eligible for funding through this program. The program includes sharing costs for components of a new dryer or when retrofitting components of an existing dryer.

“For retro-fit grain dryer components,” says Rogers, “Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis. You must include detailed quotes, specifications, and if possible, calculations showing the energy savings of the upgrade.”

Eligible retrofits may include:

- Hopper covers.
- Automatic moisture controllers.
- New high-efficiency burners.
- Variable speed drives (VSD) for electric motors.
- PTO to electric motor conversion.
- Insulated plenums.
- Exhaust air recirculation systems or secondary heat exchangers.
- Gravity-fill roofs that replace powered leveling augers.

As for new grain dryer components, Rogers explains what funding may cover. “Upgrade options on new dryers are considered if they are an optional upgrade from the standard new dryer configuration. Only cost of the options is eligible, not the cost of the standard dryer. The application must include detailed quotes or invoices, specifications or calculations demonstrating energy savings.”

Eligible new components may include upgrade options such as:

- Heat exchangers.
- Preheat systems utilizing exhaust air.
- Optional high-efficiency burners.
- Variable speed drives (VSD) for electric motors.
- Optional automated moisture controllers.
- Gravity-fill roofs used in place of powered leveling augers.

Rogers adds that components considered “business as usual,” are not covered, including bins, conveyors, legs and aeration fans.

The program is retroactive to April 1, 2016, so any upgrades or new construction projects done since that date may be eligible for funding. Go to www.agriculture.alberta.ca/feap to see the full funding list, application form and other eligibility requirements.

Outreach officers are available to answer questions about the program and can provide assistance with the application process:

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Exciting changes to the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) [Environmental Stewardship & Climate Change \(ES&CC\) Producer Program](#)

The following changes have been made to the CAP ES&CC Producer Program:

The target audience has been expanded to include **Commercial Manure Applicators**.

- They are now eligible to apply for specific manure application equipment and other items related to improved land application of manure under Category E of the [Funding List](#).
- Pre-requisite for funding is attendance and participation in a Commercial Manure Applicator Workshop designed and delivered by AF. Future workshops will be identified on the website.
- Eligible expenses will be covered retroactively to January 1, 2019 under Category E.

Changes have been made to the **Innovative Category (Category D)**:

- A [new application form](#) has been created for Category D.
- Category D will now consider eligible expenses retroactively to April 1, 2018.
- Innovation has been clarified by adding a definition in the [Funding List](#).

Revision to **in-kind contribution rule**:

- In-kind contribution caps for Activity Code 101 (Riparian Fencing) and 304 (Shelterbelt Establishment) were modified from 25% to 50% of eligible expenditures. The reasoning for this decision was that 25% in-kind cap did not adequately cover labour costs for establishment of these projects. These changes have taken effect as of the date that the new Terms and Conditions are posted on the website (Feb 13, 2019). Any application received after this date qualify for the new rate; applications received prior to this date are still subject to the old rate.

Revision to application submission methods to include email as well as by mail.

Inclusion of a standard precedence clause stating that approval of any project through the Technical Review Panel shall not set a precedent for approval of similar projects.

Please visit the [webpage](#) to review these changes in detail.

As a reminder, the remaining **2019 intake dates** for ES&CC Producer & Group Program are as follows:

Producer

Intake deadline	Review Committee Meeting
May 15, 2019	May 29, 2019
July 24, 2019	August 14, 2019
October 2, 2019	October 23, 2019
November 20, 2019	December 11, 2019

Group

Intake deadline	Review Committee Meeting
August 1, 2019	August 29, 2019
January 30, 2020	February 20, 2020

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