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# AGRICULTURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ON FARM CLIMATE ACTION FUND

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**PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

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## PURPOSE of the GUIDELINES

These guidelines will:

1. Help you determine if you may be eligible for funding from the New Brunswick Soil and Crop Improvement Association Inc. (NBSCIA) a third-party delivery Recipient for the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada **On-Farm Climate Action Fund** (OFCAF) in the Province of New Brunswick.
2. Provide instructions and explanations to assist you as the Ultimate Recipient in completing an application for the OFCAF program to the NBSCIA.

**NOTE:** Agriculture and Agri-food Canada (AAFC) introduced changes to the On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) effective April 1, 2025. As an implementation partner, NBSCIA reserves the right to change program delivery processes, eligibility requirements, funding levels, assessment criteria, and reporting requirements.

Please ensure you are using the most current version of the OFCAF Program Guidelines as shown in the page footer as: 1\_NBSCIA\_OFCAF\_Program-Guidelines\_2026-2027\_Dec21

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) is an initiative to help farmers tackle climate change. The Fund is part of the Government of Canada's Agricultural Climate Solutions initiative, which falls under the \$4 billion Natural Climate Solutions Fund, a program managed by Natural Resources Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

The New Brunswick Soil and Crop Improvement Association is a delivery partner distributing OFCAF program funding to organic farmers and groups in New Brunswick. ECOCERT Canada (<https://www.ecocert.com>) is delivering cover cropping and nitrogen management BMPs to certified organic farmers in New Brunswick.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The objective of the On-Farm Climate Action Fund is to support farmers in adopting beneficial management practices that store carbon and reduce greenhouse gases, specifically in the areas of:

1. nitrogen management
2. cover cropping
3. rotational grazing practices

These practices also provide other environmental benefits such as improved biodiversity and soil health.

The OFCAF program will also support delivery of educational workshops and peer-to-peer learning opportunities for industry professional and agriculture producers.

The expected result of the OFCAF program is a resilient food production system in Canada that:

- helps Canada meet international emissions reduction targets
- protects the environment and improves soil health
- builds the strength and competitiveness of our agricultural businesses and economy

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

All agricultural producers, groups of agricultural producers or cooperatives with a New Brunswick Registered Professional Agricultural Producer (Ex: NB004576) number are eligible for a maximum contribution based on gross farming income as reported on your most recent Income Tax and Benefits Return (line 9659 on T2042 - Statement of Farming Activities) or T2 Corporation Income Tax Return (line 9659 on Schedule 125).

The Maximum Funding amount (see table to right) is the most an Ultimate Recipient may receive for the sum of all projects during the six-year period (2022-2028) of the OFCAF program, which ends March 31, 2028. *“Ultimate Recipient” means an individual, body corporate, sole proprietorship, partnership or unincorporated organization, capable of entering into a legally-binding agreement.*

Groups of producers must provide a list of partners and ensure that an individual recipient does not exceed the maximum eligible individual contribution for the maximum Gross Farm Income level.

OFCAF contributions are considered taxable income by the Canadian Revenue Agency, therefore Ultimate Recipients must provide a valid Canadian Revenue Agency Corporate Income Tax Number (Ex. 123456789RC0001) or a Social Insurance Number (SIN).

## Cost Sharing

Unless otherwise stated eligible costs related to a project will be shared between the OFCAF program and the successful applicant at a ratio of 85:15 (program: applicant). Cash and in-kind contributions will be counted in ultimate recipient (applicants) funding for the cost-sharing ratio.

Applicants must clearly indicate all sources of funding for the project. Sources of funding can include contributions from:

- Applicant directly (your organization)
- Federal government programs
- Provincial/territorial government programs
- Municipal government programs
- Other sources of funding (loans, non-governmental grants, etc.)

Funding from federal, provincial, territorial and municipal government sources for activities within the scope of an Ultimate Recipient’s project (individual or group) is limited to 85% of total eligible costs of the Project during the six-year period of the OFCAF program.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for funding for more than one BMP area (nitrogen management, cover cropping, rotational grazing) and element.

## PLANNING YOUR PROJECT

Projects are the activities carried out at your farm or location to meet the program objectives. Projects must have clear start dates and end dates with measurable outcomes.

For the purposes of the OFCAF program, each project must be completed and claimed within a Government fiscal year (April 1 to March 31).

Project examples:

Gross Farm Income	Maximum Funding
Under \$10,000	\$35,000
\$10,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000
\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$60,000
\$100,000 - \$249,999	\$75,000
\$250,000 or more	\$100,000

- Inter-seed silage corn in Field 23
- Install cross fencing in west pasture to create paddocks
- Install cross fencing in south pasture to create paddocks and install solar panels for waterer
- Plant winter cover crop after annual crop harvest on 130 acres 2024
- Purchase manure injector

## HOW TO APPLY

Current year OFCAF registration forms can be accessed at: <https://www.nbscia.ca/ofcaf-program-registration/>. An OFCAF application form with appropriate Appendices and an Application Guide will be emailed to all registrants. If not received contact the NBSCIA OFCAF Program Administrator by email [ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca](mailto:ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca) or phone 506-392-0408.

Hard copy OFCAF applications are available from the NBSCIA OCAF Program Administrator; email [ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca](mailto:ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca) or phone 506-392-0408.

Completed registrations and applications can be submitted as follows:

- emailed to: [ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca](mailto:ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca)
- mailed to NBSCIA OFCAF Program Administrator:

150 Woodside Lane Unit 2, Fredericton NB; E3C 2R9

For assistance with the application process contact a member of the NBSCIA OCAF Program Administration team: Stephen London (506) 392-0408 [ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca](mailto:ofcaf.facf@nbscia.ca); David Walker (506) 461-6046 [research@nbscia.ca](mailto:research@nbscia.ca); David Good (506) 391-9424 [drgood449@gmail.com](mailto:drgood449@gmail.com); Ray Carmichael (506) 276-3311 [ofcafadmin@nbscia.ca](mailto:ofcafadmin@nbscia.ca)

Applicants must submit a complete application to be considered for funding. The application package consists of the application form and the corresponding Appendix A, B or C for each BMP (A. nitrogen management, B. cover cropping, C. rotational grazing), as well as any project details (such as supplier quotes and estimates) required for each BMP.

For additional information regarding OFCAF Best Management Practices Contact your local NBSCIA regional coordinator, NBDAAF Crop specialist, crop consultant, Professional Agrologist or Certified Crop Advisor.

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**Applications will be accepted from January 1 2026 closing when funding is fully allocated, for projects funded in the fiscal year ending March 31,2027.**

**Applications will be accepted from January 1 2027 closing when funding is fully allocated, for projects funded in the fiscal year ending March 31,2028.**

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

**! Note:** Each BMP appendix management plan must be certified by a Professional Agrologist (PAg), or Certified Crop Advisor (CCA).

Prior to approval, all applications must include a digital map with georeferenced field location polygons.

ArcGIS shape (shp) files are available from service providers (consultants, custom lime and fertilizer spreaders, JD Operations Center).

KMZ files can be digitized and exported from Google Earth Pro. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2sRYiwqzDs>

## A. Nitrogen Management BMP

**Purpose:** Activities will focus on appropriate nitrogen management practices to optimize and reduce the use of synthetic fertilizers to reduce GHG emissions. Reducing excess nitrogen can improve water and air quality and increase profit margins of farms. The design and implementation of a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) will ensure that crop requirements are achieved through responsible management practices that will meet target yields and quality without applying nitrogen in excess. NMPs are effective for both environmental and economic sustainability on a farm when completed by an experienced agrologist or crop advisor.

**Financial contributions will be provided for the following BMP elements (as recommended by a PAg. or CCA).**

Eligible Activities*	Eligible Costs	Ineligible Activities/Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plan, assessment, design work and consultancy fees and cost of other agronomic support/technical training</li> <li>- Soil testing and soil mapping costs (in combination with another BMP activity) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Any producer approved for soil testing and soil mapping must report to the initial recipient the number of hectares of changed practice in part due to the soil test and soil map that they were approved for (BMPs such as cover crops or soil amendments for example)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Regular fertilizer and inhibitor price difference; nitrification and urease inhibitors must be used together.</li> <li>- Regular fertilizer and polymer coated urea (PCU) price difference</li> <li>- Offsetting higher cost of synthetic fertilizer substitutes (manure/solid manure, compost, digestates), or per acre payment where applicable, and higher prices of fertilizer in the spring if applicable</li> <li>- Split application of fertilizer with reduced rate as a result of increased crop use efficiency</li> <li>- Seed and planting costs to increase legumes in rotation</li> <li>- Cost of fertilizer application equipment and equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 85% up to \$5,000 for a 3 year and 85% up to \$2,500 for a 1-year N based nutrient management plan including crop diversification plans to increase legumes and pulses in rotation; engineering or technical design work by a qualified professional;</li> <li>b) 85% up to a maximum of \$20,000 for georeferenced soil testing and mapping combined to document OM, support variable rate application of amendments to enhance nitrogen fertilizer efficiency and the adoption of an additional specific <b>nitrogen, cover crop or rotational grazing BMP</b></li> <li>- If the producer reports that the soil testing and soil mapping has allowed them to reduce N application on their farm, NBSCIA must collect the following additional data points that will be used by AAFC to quantify the GHG impact of the reduction in N use on-farm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Historical application rate of N fertilizer on the hectares in question.</li> <li>2. New application rate of N fertilizer on the hectares in question (post soil test/soil map).</li> <li>3. Hectares converted (must be the same hectares).</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) 85% of regular fertilizer and urease and nitrification inhibitor price difference</li> <li>d) 85% up to \$90.00 per acre for purchasing legume seed from registered dealers listed by NBSCIA and seeded prior to Aug 15 and 85% of planting cost (tillage and seeding) to increase legumes in rotation up to \$130.00 per acre.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of nutrients other than nitrogen</li> <li>• Inhibitors and PCU cannot be applied to the same acres in the same year</li> <li>• In the case of transitioning to better manure management, only activities that improve manure incorporation in the soil are eligible. Injection is preferred; however, if equipment for this is not available, other methods of incorporation as soon as possible after application are also eligible. Solid manure should be incorporated as soon as possible to avoid ammonia loss</li> <li>• BMPs applied to a specific farm area prior to the Program are ineligible.</li> <li>• Equipment purchases or improvements cannot exceed \$30,000.</li> </ul>

<p>upgrades to allow for banding, side dressing and injection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If applicable, costs for using equipment and the associated fuel and labour required for the additional fertilizer application</li> <li>○ Any producer who is approved for an equipment purchase must also include in their project the related BMP implementation that will be made possible with the equipment purchase</li> <li>- If transitioning to manure, costs associated with spreading, using hoses or equipment for shallow incorporation (to avoid volatilisation)</li> <li>- The same BMP can be applied to the same field area in multiple years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e) 85% up to \$100 per acre offsetting higher cost of synthetic fertilizer substitutes (manure, compost, digestates, sludge), where applicable and when incorporated</li> <li>f) 85% of cost of fertilizer application equipment and equipment upgrades to a maximum of \$30,000, to allow for split application, banding, side dressing, injection and must support the adoption of a specific nitrogen BMP.</li> <li>g) 85% up to \$18.00 per acre for cost of one split nitrogen application</li> <li>h) If transitioning to better manure management; 85% of costs up to a maximum of \$30,000 associated with improved manure incorporation to avoid volatilization and the adoption of an additional specific nitrogen BMP, listed above.</li> <li>i) 85% of price difference between regular nitrogen fertilizer and PCUs</li> </ul>	
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#### \*Project Requirements

- All activities must be supported by a Professional Agrologist or Certified Crop Advisor, demonstrating the grower's current nitrogen application rate and the reduced application rate; and the benefits and rationale for the change of practice.
- All fields approved for projects through this BMP are subject to site visitations and project audits. Detailed invoices and proof of payment must be included with the project's final report and claim.
- All applications must include a georeferenced aerial photo map with farm and field identification or georeferenced field location polygons for all fields utilized in the BMP, prior to approval.

#### Successful Applicant Requirements

All applicants must agree that field acreage will be determined from a georeferenced aerial photo map.

## B. Cover Cropping BMP

**Purpose:** Projects will focus on the use of appropriate cover crops and cover crop management to protect soil from erosion, enhance soil organic matter and provide undisturbed cover over winter and early spring months. Cover crop establishment prior to winter will reduce nutrient loss events by retaining residual soil nutrients within the crop during the fall and winter. A well-established cover crop, maintained until the following spring, acts as soil cover by holding topsoil in place outside of the growing season when soil erosion caused by wind and water can be significant. Cover crops can also fix or retain nitrogen, decreasing nitrous oxide emissions and can help build soil organic matter, sequestering carbon.

**Financial contributions will be provided for the following BMP elements (as recommended by a PAg. or CCA).**

Eligible Activities*	Eligible Costs	Ineligible Activities/Costs
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning and Technical assessments when needed (e.g., agronomic services)</li> <li>Establishing winter cover crops</li> <li>Fall planted cover crops as well as spring planted cover crops under seeded with the main crop (intercropping) and full season annual and/or perennial cover crops in a rotation</li> <li>Equipment to seed or establish cover crops</li> <li>The same BMP can be applied to the same field area in multiple years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>85% up to \$3,000 for professional service costs related to cover crop planning</li> <li>85% up to \$90.00 per acre if a legume is included in the mix and seeded prior to Aug 15 for purchasing certified or common seed of recommended cover crop species from registered dealers listed by NBSCIA and 85% of planting cost (tillage and seeding) up to \$130.00 per acre.</li> <li>Cost shared 50:50 with the applicant/ultimate recipient to a maximum of \$30,000, for cover crop seeding equipment and upgrades are eligible, as listed, drones, no-till drills, broadcast seeders and vertical tillage implements equipped with an air seeding attachment. Advisors should validate equipment alignment with agronomic goals in the cover crop plan. The applicant/ultimate recipient must declare that the purchase is necessary, reasonable, and that rental or custom options were considered. This rationale should be documented on the approved cover crop plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Costs related to mechanical or chemical termination of the cover crop</li> <li>Fertilizer and crop protection costs</li> <li>Crops that will be harvested or grazed leaving less than 6 inches (15cm) of cover crop growth over winter</li> <li>Crops that can be harvested in the next growing season intended for market (e.g., winter cereals)</li> <li>Cover crops planted to take land permanently out of production are also not eligible</li> <li>Fall cover crops planted later than October 10</li> <li>Fertilizer and crop protection costs</li> <li>Costs related to rejuvenation of existing forages, pastures or hay land.</li> <li>Volunteer cover of seed loss from the preceding harvest (peas, cereals, etc.) or regrowth of existing crops</li> <li>BMPs applied to a specific farm area prior to the Program are ineligible.</li> <li>.</li> </ul>
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## \*Project Requirements

Details of the cover cropping plan, included with the application, supported by Certified Crop Advisor, or Professional Agrologist (PAg), demonstrating the grower's cover cropping standard practice and change of practice; and the benefits and rationale for the change of practice

All fields approved for projects through this BMP are subject to site visitations or satellite imaging which may occur in the summer, late fall and/or early spring in order to ensure that a commercial crop was grown and that a winter cover crop was established and maintained until the following spring

All applications must include a georeferenced aerial photo map with farm and field identification or georeferenced field location polygons for all fields utilized in the BMP, prior to approval.

Detailed invoices and proof of payment must be included with the project's final report and claim.

## Successful Applicant Requirements

Agree to establish a winter cover crop following a preceding annual crop.

Agree to establish the winter cover crop according to the crop parameters and timelines outlined in the cover crop plan submitted with the application

**Agree not to till or plow the winter cover crop following its establishment before spring tillage**

All applicants must agree that field acreage will be determined from a georeferenced aerial photo map.

## C. Rotational Grazing BMP

**Purpose:** To support new fencing and livestock watering systems infrastructure to strengthen rotational grazing systems. Managing pastures to control the timing and intensity of grazing animals can mitigate greenhouse gas emissions by maintaining healthier, younger grass that is more digestible for ruminant livestock. This increases feed-use efficiency in grazing ruminant livestock, and subsequently, reduces CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from enteric fermentation processes. It also improves the soil and grass's ability to sequester CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the atmosphere, and reduces compaction and overgrazing.

**Financial contributions will be provided for the following BMP elements (as recommended by a PAg. or CCA).**

Eligible Activities*	Eligible Costs	Ineligible Activities/Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning, technical assessments or engineered designs (e.g., rotational grazing plan, engineering or technical design work by a qualified professional)</li> <li>Activities to implement grazing plans</li> <li>Activities to implement low methane pastures (increased alfalfa content, high quality forage and species containing tannin, such as sainfoin)</li> <li>Other intensive, short duration grazing activities supported by a pasture management plan</li> <li>The same BMP can be applied to the same field area in multiple years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 85% up to \$3,000 grazing management plans and technical assessments, 85% up to \$5,000 for engineered designs</li> <li>b) Up to 85% for new rotational grazing infrastructure and installation (e.g., virtual fencing, cross fencing, wildlife friendly fencing, temporary fencing, and waterers, including remote watering systems when powered by renewable energy)</li> <li>c) 85% of cost up to \$90.00 per acre for purchasing certified or common seed of recommended legume and grass pasture mixtures from registered dealers listed by NBSCIA and seeded prior to Aug 15 in a rotational pasture and 85% of cost for no-till or frost seeding for improved pasture composition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perimeter fences, if construction is not aligned with grazing plan</li> <li>Costs related to removing or replacing old or existing fences</li> <li>Non-renewable power sources, such as generators or hydro connections</li> <li>Used fencing materials</li> <li>Texas gates</li> <li>Portable livestock corral panels</li> <li>On-going maintenance costs</li> <li>Barbed wire</li> <li>Fertilizer</li> <li>Annual software or subscription fees</li> <li>Labor costs to install collars</li> <li>Staff time for system training, monitoring or management</li> <li>Ongoing operating costs (eg, satellite or cellular data subscriptions)</li> <li>BMPs applied to a specific farm area prior to the Program are ineligible.</li> </ul>

### \*Project Requirements

A brief project summary that includes details regarding the pasture plan, improvement activities, and the timing and livestock density will be required with the application.

All approved projects through this BMP are subject to site visitations to ensure that the rotational grazing practice is being implemented for which this program provided financial assistance.

Detailed invoices and proof of payment must be included with the project report and claim.

All applications must include a georeferenced aerial photo map with farm and field identification or georeferenced field location polygons for all fields utilized in the BMP, prior to approval.

## Successful Applicant Requirements

All applicants must agree that field acreage will be determined from a georeferenced aerial photo map.

All approved projects through this BMP are subject to site visitations to ensure that the rotational grazing practice is being implemented for which this program provided financial assistance.

## APPROVAL PROCESS

Approvals will be made by a selection committee consisting of NBSCIA Administrative staff and New Brunswick agricultural industry stakeholders. Applications received during the specified time periods above (HOW TO APPLY) on a first come -first serve basis.

The committee will meet regularly and consider applications submitted prior to the meeting date. The committee's decisions will be final.

If approved, you'll receive a letter and contribution agreement by email that outlines your funding amounts and critical time lines. Once you've reviewed the contribution agreement, sign and return the letter of acceptance.

If your application is not approved, you will be notified in writing.

## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

An application must be complete in order to be assessed by NBSCIA. Applications will be assessed against the following criteria and the OFCAF program objectives.

- eligibility (of applicant, activities, costs, project timelines)
- alignment with the OFCAF program's objective and priorities
- how the project will contribute to the adoption of beneficial management practices that store carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- capability of the applicant to successfully complete the project, including:
  - financial capacity including evaluation and validation of all sources and levels of project financing, both government and private
  - managerial capability (experience and track record)

## SUBMITTING CLAIMS

All activities beginning April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 must be completed and claims submitted prior to March 31, 2027 of the corresponding Government fiscal year.

Note that claims for per acre amounts require a georeferenced aerial photo map with farm and field identification with georeferenced field location polygons, prior to payment.

Only expenses directly related to the project activities stipulated in the Letter of Offer are eligible. Expenses that do not follow the guidelines are not eligible. If you are unsure about a particular expense, or if an expense is unusual, please check with NBSCIA OFCAF Administrator before making a financial commitment.

A proof of expenditure and payment is required with all claims for reimbursement. Quotes, purchase orders, or packing slips will not be accepted as proof of payment. Examples of acceptable proof of payment include sales receipts, with cancelled cheques, wire payments, EFTs, credit card and e-transfer payment confirmations. PAID in FULL receipts are not acceptable. **All claims must have an onsite verification by a NBSCIA OFCAF Administrator prior to payment.**



All claim payments are subject to NBSCIA having funds on deposit from the Government of Canada represented by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

## REPORTING

Recipients will be required to provide proof of payment with the claim for reimbursement.

## Performance and Results

Recipients may be required to complete a survey which will include a short summary on the impact that the investment has had on the farm enterprise.

## Financial Reports

Recipients must submit and retain copies of invoices and proof of payment for eligible project costs incurred, for seven (7) years after the completion of the project.

OFCAF contributions are considered taxable income by the Canadian Revenue Agency, therefore Ultimate Recipients will be issued an AGR-1 Statement of Farm-Support Payments, stating the income received.

Other reports may be required at NBSCIA's discretion.

## General Ineligible Activities and Costs for Ultimate Recipient (Farmer) Projects

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects commenced prior to April 1 of the current fiscal year</li> <li>• Invoices not issued in the applicant's name</li> <li>• Any cost not specifically required for the execution of a project</li> <li>• Normal operating costs associated with carrying out or expanding a business's current operations</li> <li>• Taxes, legal fees, financing charges, loan interest payments, bank fees</li> <li>• In-kind payment for third-party services</li> <li>• Materials from the applicant's inventory</li> <li>• Fabricated items, equipment or materials not purchased from a recognized dealer. For the purposes of the program, a recognized dealer is typically defined as a business where manufacturing is a key service or the business is an authorized dealer for certain item(s)</li> <li>• Any cost, including a tax, that is eligible for a rebate, credit or refund (e.g., a refundable portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax)</li> <li>• Gifts and incentives</li> <li>• Annual service fees of any type</li> <li>• Expenses considered regular replacement, repair or maintenance;</li> <li>• Warranties for equipment or components used to modify equipment</li> <li>• Any equipment or equipment customizations that do not support an increase in soil carbon or a decrease in nitrogen loss</li> <li>• Costs related to activities that directly influence or lobby any level of government</li> <li>• Costs of basic research</li> <li>• Costs of ongoing activities</li> <li>• Normal commercial expansion costs</li> <li>• Lease of land, buildings and facilities for the purpose of starting up a new business or as part of normal operation or costs for rental of facilities, equipment or machinery</li> <li>• Costs of training and skills development that fulfill any academic requirements towards completion of a professional certificate, diploma or degree program</li> <li>• Costs of sponsorship of conferences and learning events or initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs of travel, hospitality, meals and accommodations</li> <li>• Purchase or sale of land, buildings or facilities or associated taxes or fees (e.g., land transfer tax)</li> <li>• New building construction</li> <li>• Typical farm equipment (e.g., tractors, skid steers, combines, livestock trailers) and related accessories or attachments (unless specified as an eligible cost under one of the three BMP areas)</li> <li>• Tile drainage systems</li> <li>• Lime</li> <li>• Crop storage facilities</li> <li>• Mentoring or coaching services</li> <li>• Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and associated components</li> <li>• TMR mixers, feed pushers and automated feeding systems</li> <li>• Hand or power tools or attachments</li> <li>• Multi-use items (e.g., items that can reach beyond the scope of the project such as computers, printers, etc.)</li> <li>• Labour costs, other than as part of installation costs for grazing infrastructure, including wage subsidies</li> <li>• Administration costs such as office supplies, materials, space, telecommunications, audiovisual, postage and freight</li> <li>• Capital items not specifically required for the execution of the project</li> <li>• Costs for activities that are deemed to be part of normal business practice for any recipient</li> <li>• Costs related to marketing activities and business promotion</li> <li>• Land purchases</li> <li>• Goodwill</li> <li>• Legal fees</li> <li>• Any portion of any cost that, in NBSCIA's opinion, exceeds the fair market value for that cost item</li> <li>• Any cost, such as amortization that would not result in a direct, out-of-pocket expense for the recipient</li> <li>• Costs being reimbursed under an existing federal, provincial or territorial program</li> <li>• Any other expenditure not specifically listed as eligible or otherwise approved as eligible</li> <li>• Permits and approvals</li> </ul>
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## RESOURCE LINKS

NBSCIA ON FARM CLIMATE ACTION FUND APPLICATION GUIDELINES - <https://www.nbscia.ca/ofcaf-program-registration/>

Ontario Soil Fertility Handbook—<https://www.ontario.ca/page/soil-fertility-handbook>

OMAFRA Agrisuite---- <https://agrisuite.omafra.gov.on.ca/>

Farmers for Climate Solutions--- <https://www.farmlearninghub.ca/pages/factsheets-guides>

University of Massachusetts -- <https://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/factsheets/pdf/EstimatingManureInventory%2811-30%29.pdf>

Forage U-Pick-- <https://upick.beefresearch.ca/>

Perennia Cover Crops- <https://ofcaf.perennia.ca/resources/cover-cropping/> and  
<https://www.farmdatatools.perennia.ca/tools/cover-crop-selection-tool/>

Perennia Nitrogen Management- <https://ofcaf.perennia.ca/resources/nitrogen-management/>

Perennia Rotational Grazing- <https://ofcaf.perennia.ca/resources/rotational-grazing/>

