

Agriculture Industry

The City of Barrie is doing everything possible, in cooperation with the provincial and federal governments, to minimize impact and see economic recovery take place as soon as possible. This document outlines support resources available the agriculture industry.

Please visit barrie.ca/SupportForBusiness for information about resources available to various sectors, and for details about changes to City services that support business during this time.

Federal Support Programs

Financial Support

Keeping Workers in the Food Supply Chain Safe

The government is providing \$1500 for each temporary foreign worker to help farmers, fish harvesters, and all food production and processing employers, put in place the measures necessary to follow the mandatory 14-day isolation period required of all workers arriving from abroad. [Get the details.](#)

Increasing Credit Available

Farm Credit Canada can now provide an additional \$5 billion in lending to producers, agribusinesses, and food processors. [Get the details.](#)

Canadian Agricultural Partnerships Agri-Food Open for E-Business Program

The Governments of Canada and Ontario are supporting the agriculture, agri-food and agri-products sectors to capture online e-business opportunities that will help create new, expanded or enhanced markets and open new retail channels to help generate new revenue streams for future growth.

Due to high demand, the intake has been paused while applications that have already been submitted as of May 25, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. are reviewed and funding decisions are made. If funding is still available following the review of the remaining applications, the ministry will re-open this targeted application intake. [Get the details.](#)

Emergency Processing Fund

The government creating a \$77.5 million Emergency Processing Fund to help food producers access more personal protective equipment (PPE), adapt to health protocols, automate or modernize their facilities, processes, and operations, and respond to emerging pressures from COVID-19 [Get the details.](#)

AgriRecovery Initiative

The government is launching a national AgriRecovery initiative of up to \$125 million in funding to help producers faced with additional costs incurred by COVID-19 [Get the details.](#)

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Increasing the Canadian Dairy Commission Borrowing Limit

The government announced the intention to increase the Canadian Dairy Commission's borrowing limit by \$200 million to support costs associated with the temporary storage of cheese and butter to avoid food waste. [Get the details.](#)

Increasing Interim Payments from 50% to 75% Through AgriStability

The government is working to increase interim payments from 50 per cent to 75 per cent through AgriStability, a federal, provincial, and territorial program that supports producers who face significant revenue declines. [Get the details.](#)

Existing Inventory Support

Helping Redistribute Existing and Unsold Inventories

The Surplus Food Purchase Program will launch with an initial \$50 million fund designed to help redistribute existing and unsold inventories. [Get the details.](#)

Agriculture Labour Supply

Addressing Labour Supply and Training Challenges Program

This program will provide funding for projects that focus on helping to build a strong labour force for agri-food and agri-product sectors by implementing new, enhanced, or expanded activities for attracting, training and retaining labour. This project will cover up to 90% of eligible costs. [Get the details.](#)

Expanding the AgrilInsurance to Include Labour Shortage

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Provincial Support Programs

Financial Support

Electricity Relief

Supporting more affordable electricity bills for eligible residential, farm and small business consumers, by providing approximately \$5.6 billion for electricity cost relief programs in 2020–21. [Get the details.](#)

Agriculture & Food Jobs in Ontario

Web Portal for Agri-food Sector Jobs

The Government of Ontario is launching a new web portal, connecting workers with employers looking to fill positions in the agri-food sector. [Get the details.](#)

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