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 to 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.

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.

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.

Beef Cattle Financial Assistance Program
Cattle sellers may make a claim if a licensed dealer defaults on payment. Compensation is 95 per cent on approved claims. Licensed dealers may make a claim if a producer defaults on payment. Compensation is 85 per cent, up to a maximum of $125,000. There is no compensation for claims less than $5,000. Get the details.
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Enhanced Agri-Food Workplace Protection Program
The Workplace COVID-19 Prevention category will support the adoption of prevention and mitigation measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among agri-food workers/employees. The Responsive COVID-19 Outbreak Management category will reimburse eligible applicants who have been impacted by outbreaks of COVID-19 and faced with extraordinary costs related to employee wage supports and worker/employee isolation. Get Details

Covid 19 Work Place Safety Fund for Agriculture sector
The Governments are providing financial support to help farmers and agri-food workplaces manage and identify transmission risks to protect their workforces from COVID-19. Get Details

Provincial Support Programs

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.