



ALBERTA ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN

The [Environmental Farm Plan \(EFP\)](#) is a voluntary, whole farm, self-assessment tool that helps producers identify their environmental risks and develop plans to mitigate identified risks. Over 9,000 Alberta producers have demonstrated their commitment to environmental stewardship by completing an EFP.

An EFP helps you to identify what you are already doing well, and pinpoint areas needing improvement. It is a great tool for identifying and planning projects to improve environmental stewardship on-farm. Depending on your farm, you can typically complete an EFP in 1-2 days, and once your EFP is approved you become eligible for funding under the [Canadian Agricultural Partnership \(CAP\) Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change](#) programs.

Late fall and through the winter is a great time to work on your EFP and start planning projects (but EFPs can be done at anytime). For more information on the EFP program, or for assistance with beginning, finishing or renewing your EFP please contact: Jessica Watson, Municipal Conservation Coordinator at 780.657.3358 or jwatson@thcounty.ab.ca

Note: Effective April 1, 2018, producers who have an EFP older than 10 years will have to renew their EFP to be eligible for funding under the [Canadian Agricultural Partnership Program \(CAP\)](#). Producers who have not completed an EFP or who completed one prior to 2008 should renew now to ensure eligibility.



CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP (CAP)

The [Canadian Agricultural Partnership](#) is a five-year, \$3 billion federal-provincial-territorial investment in the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector that began in April 2018, and is the successor of the 2013-18 Growing Forward 2 partnership. In Alberta, the Canadian Agricultural Partnership represents a federal-provincial investment of \$406 million in

strategic programs and initiatives for the agricultural sector. 15 [programs](#) will be rolled out in total, with all programs set to be open by the end of 2018.

In Alberta, the [Canadian Agricultural Partnership](#) will deliver programs developed in consultation with stakeholders, and is organized under five themes: Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change; Products, Market Growth and Diversification; Science and Research; Risk Management; and Public Trust.

To stay up to date on all the programs make sure to “[Subscribe to Receive Program Announcements](#)” on the CAP website (www.cap.alberta.ca). For more information or assistance with applications please contact: Jessica Watson, Municipal Conservation Coordinator at 780.657.3358 or jwatson@thcounty.ab.ca

FARM ENERGY AND AGRI-PROCESSING PROGRAM (FEAP)

The [Farm Energy and Agri-Processing Program](#) shares costs with the agriculture and agri-processing sector on energy efficiency investments. The program is designed to encourage energy management which will result in cost savings, energy conservation, and ultimately, reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

The program offers financial support to applicants who incorporate high efficiency equipment that is identified in the applicable funding list in their construction and/or retrofitting projects.

Examples of items eligible under this program include:

- Energy audits and assessments
- Electricity, natural gas, and liquid submeters
- New construction insulation
- Lighting (LED lighting for greenhouses, luminaires, etc.)
- Heating (boilers, furnaces, etc.)
- Ventilation
- Energy-free and low energy livestock waters, etc.

The full funding lists can be accessed below:

- [Producer Funding List](#)
- [Processor Funding List](#)

Visit www.agriculture.alberta.ca/feap for more information

ON-FARM SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAICS PROGRAM

The [On-Farm Solar Photovoltaics Program](#) provides funding towards solar photovoltaics on Alberta farms. This enables producers to conserve non-renewable fossil fuels and reduce carbon emissions, ultimately reducing the environmental footprint of Alberta's agriculture industry.

To be eligible for funding, a Photovoltaic system must be:

- Grid-tied, not off-grid
- Approved under Alberta's Micro-Generation Legislation
- Positioned to optimize sunshine and minimize shading
- Have manufacturer-warranties on: Solar modules, Racking, Inverters and/or Micro-inverters
- Installed on a Site ID that has a Distribution Rate Class of Farm, Irrigation, Grain Drying or equivalent

Funding is retroactively available for projects that have been completed AFTER APRIL 15, 2017.

Visit www.agriculture.alberta.ca/solar for more information.

SHELTERBELTS

Listed below are private suppliers of shelterbelt trees. This list is provided for information only; the County does not work directly with any of these suppliers.

- [Prairie Shelterbelt Program](#) (Sundre, AB)
- [HELP International](#) (Weyburn, SK)
- [Tree Time](#) (Edmonton, AB)
- [Prairie Tech Propagation](#) (Bonnyville, AB)
- [Boreal Horticultural Services](#) (Bonnyville, AB)