

Canadian Agricultural Skills Service

Skills development and learning services

Today's successful farm family is engaged in life-long learning as it works to compete successfully and keep up with changing markets and new technology. The Canadian Agricultural Skills Service provides funding and practical assistance to get you and your spouse on a learning program that will lead to increased opportunities for profitability, and provide you with more choices about sources of income.

Participation in the Canadian Agricultural Skills Service involves:

- An **assessment** to help you identify your strengths and skills.
- The development of an **Individual Learning Plan** on which you can identify courses in areas such as farm business management, accounting, finance and human resources management, or courses that will prepare you for other types of employment. A consultant will help you decide which courses or workshops would be the most helpful based on your goals.
- **Funding** to support formal training such as college programs and informal learning activities such as workshops and short courses. The funding covers tuition and fees, course materials, and, if needed, certain other costs associated with the training.
- A consultant available to you for **ongoing advice and support** while you carry out your learning plan.

You and your spouse are eligible to participate if:

- You are an established producer with gross farm sales of at least \$10,000 per year; **or**
- You are an established producer and you own a 20% share of a farm corporation, cooperative, or other farm group enterprise with at least \$10,000 annual gross farm sales; **or**
- You are a beginning farmer (you intend to establish a farm or you have already owned or operated a farm for less than six years and have existing or projected gross annual farm sales of \$10,000 or more).

In any of the above cases you must also have a net family income of no more than \$45,000* per year, have been out of school for two years, and not be receiving Employment Insurance Part II funding for training.

For more information or to apply:

Call: 1-800 O Canada

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* Based on a three-year average for established producers, corporations, cooperatives or other farm group enterprises, or based on the last year of income for beginning farmers.

