

NEW Agricultural Stewardship Initiative, Cost-share Funding for Ontario Farmers

A new application intake for the **Agricultural Stewardship Initiative**, funded under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), will open to accept applications on **August 13, 2025, at 9am ET** and will close on **September 3, 2025, at 3pm ET**.

Register for a Program Information Sessions

Learn more about the upcoming funding opportunity and be ready to apply when the intake opens on August 13, 2025. Information sessions are delivered by OSCIA Field Representative staff. Sessions are held online and there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions.

Sessions are scheduled for the following dates: pre-registration is required:

- [Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 7PM ET](#)
- [Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 7PM ET](#)
- [Session d'information - Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 8PM ET](#)
- [Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 12PM ET](#)
- [Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 7:30AM ET](#)

Available funding will help farmers with the adoption of new technologies and best management practices to support **energy efficiency** while increasing on-farm productivity, sustainability and competitiveness. Project categories that will be offered under the new intake include:

- Basic Energy Use Assessment (Level 1)
- Detailed Energy Audit (Level 2)
- Energy Efficiency Improvements
- Larger-Scale Energy Efficiency Improvements

Visit: <https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/agricultural-stewardship-initiative/>

A verified complete, 4th or 5th Edition Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is required as part of all eligible applications. Applicants to the Larger-Scale Energy Efficiency Improvements project category must have completed a Level 2 Detailed Energy Audit and provide a copy of the audit report with their application submission.

Information on how to complete an **Environmental Farm Plan (EFP)** can be found at: <https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/canada-ontario-environmental-farm-plan/>.

If you have questions, please reach out to OSCIA at: s-cap@ontariosoilcrop.org.

The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) is delivering this cost-share opportunity under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP).

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a 5-year (2023-2028), \$3.5-billion investment by federal-provincial and territorial governments to strengthen competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and a \$2.5 billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by the provinces and territories.

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