

Next Policy Framework Engagement

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Purpose

- To seek stakeholder input on the priorities and policy direction for the Next Policy Framework (NPF), the successor to the Canadian Agricultural Partnership
- Topics covered in this presentation include:
 - Overview of current program, the Canadian Agricultural Partnership
 - Vision and priorities for the Next Policy Framework
 - Seeking your input

Multilateral Framework Agreements

- Since the implementation of the Agricultural Policy Framework (APF) in 2003, multilateral framework agreements between federal/provincial/territorial (FPT) governments have played a significant role in providing direction and support to the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector
- FPT governments are looking ahead to the successor to the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, the NPF, and are seeking stakeholder feedback on the key policy objectives and principles that will underpin the next framework
- The first phase of this process is to identify the vision and priorities for the NPF to be captured in a Ministerial Policy Statement in 2021

Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Canadian Agricultural Partnership Overview

- \$3 billion, five-year Federal, Provincial and Territorial (FPT) Framework Agreement.
- Newfoundland and Labrador's allocation is \$37 million over five years (\$22.2 million federal and \$14.8 million provincial).
- Aims to continue to help the sector grow trade and advance innovation while maintaining and strengthening public confidence in the food system and increasing its diversity.
- The Canadian Agricultural Partnership will expire on March 31, 2023.

Canadian Agricultural Partnership Priority Areas and Programs

- Programming developed based on **six priority areas**:
 - **Markets and Trade**
 - Agriculture Business Program
 - Future Farms Program
 - Agriculture Land Development Program
 - **Science, Research and Innovation**
 - Agriculture Growth and Innovation Program
 - **Public Trust**
 - Advancing Public Trust Program
 - **Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change**
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 - **Value-Added Agriculture and Agri-Food Processing**
 - Agriculture Processing and Value-Added Program
 - **Risk Management**
 - Mitigating Agricultural Risks Program

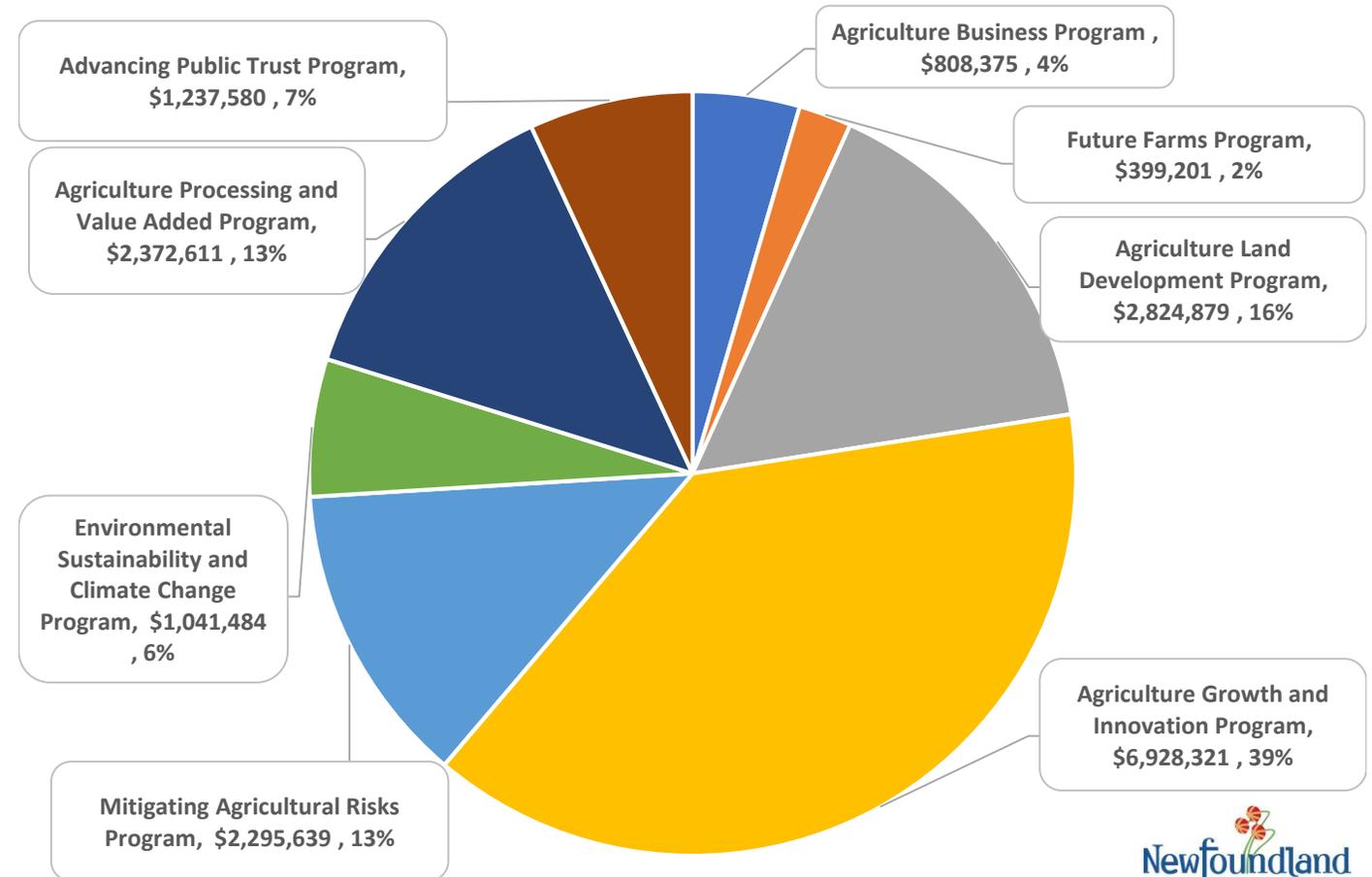
Canadian Agricultural Partnership Funding Parameters

- \$400,000 applicant cap over five years
- Up to 75% reimbursement of eligible costs for commercial applicants
- Up to 100% reimbursement of eligible costs for not-for-profits
- Acreage payments of \$1,500 for rough clearing and \$1,500 for land enhancement

Canadian Agricultural Partnership Funding

Canadian Agricultural Partnership Funding Expensed by Program for 18/19, 19/20 and 20/21

- In the first three years, the Canadian Agricultural Partnership funded 403 projects for a total of approximately \$19.3 million.
- 74 new entrants were funded at approximately \$4.2 million
 - 46% horticulture
 - 20% livestock
 - 11% fruit



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- The NPF will start on April 01, 2023
- Planning is currently underway for the NPF
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture is engaging stakeholders across the province on the development of the NPF.
- Through engagement, the aim is to better understand the goals and objectives of the agriculture and agri-food sector going forward into the NPF.

Establishing a Vision for the NPF

- The Policy Statement for the NPF will look to establish a vision and outline the priorities and objectives to support growth, sustainability and innovation in the sector and demonstrate results to Canadians
- In the development of the NPF, consideration may be given to:
 - Climate change, environment and sustainable growth;
 - A resilient and inclusive Canadian economy and food system;
 - The potential of the agriculture and agri-food sector to support economic recovery and prosperity; and
 - The importance of developing clear objectives, measureable results, and outcomes for key priorities

Proposed NPF Priority Areas

- Proposed priority areas include:
 - Environment and Climate Change
 - Maintain and enhance the environmental sustainability of the sector, including contributing to broader economy wide efforts to mitigate, prepare for and respond to Climate Change, enable clean growth and a healthy environment, and improve efficiency and long term productivity.
 - Resiliency and Public Trust
 - Enhancing the resiliency of the sector to respond to potential disruptions and change to enable adaptation and stability in supply chains. Anticipating, mitigating and responding to risks in a manner that supports emergency management and human, plant, animal, and environmental health, enabling the sustainable growth of the sector. Building and maintaining public trust in the agriculture and agri food sector.

Proposed NPF Priority Areas

- Proposed priority areas include (continued):
 - Building Sector Capacity
 - Building sector capacity to maintain and expand economic development, diversification, and competitive advantage including improving sustainable growth across the agri food value chain
 - Science, Research and Innovation
 - Advancing science, research and innovation to support sustainable growth, enhanced productivity, competitiveness, and adoption and commercialization of innovations
 - Market Development and Trade
 - Support the sector in meeting evolving challenges in the interconnected, globalized marketplace by creating the conditions for Canadian businesses to be successful, both domestically and abroad

Challenges Facing the Sector: Climate Change

- Climate change can exacerbate current environmental issues and introduce new challenges, for example:
 - Changes in precipitation and extreme weather can increase soil erosion
 - Increased heat waves can impact crop yields and heat stress livestock, and increase greenhouse gas emission intensity
 - Pest and disease outbreaks will become more prevalent, impacting farmers, livestock, crops, and increasing pesticide use
- We are at a pivotal point to:
 - Address the imperative of sustainable development and growth
 - Contribute to climate change goals
 - Ensure the stewardship of agricultural lands for future generations

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