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Find out what

Growing Forward 2

can do for you

Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association



The Program

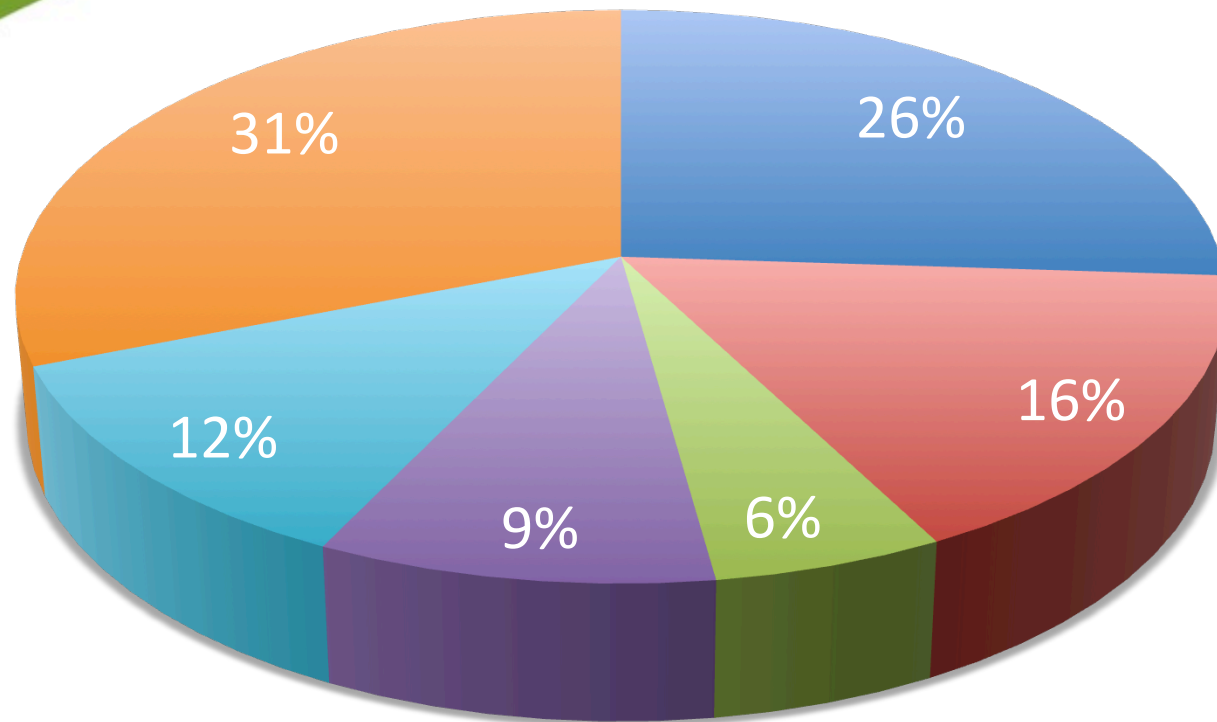
- A five-year commitment by Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments to encourage:
 - ✓ Innovation
 - ✓ Competitiveness
 - ✓ Market Development
 - ✓ Adaptability
 - ✓ Industry sustainability
- OSCIA is the delivery agent for GF2 for producers



Six Focus Areas

- Environment and Climate Change
Adaptation
- Assurance Systems
- Market Development
- Animal and Plant Health
- Labour Productivity Enhancement
- Business and Leadership Development

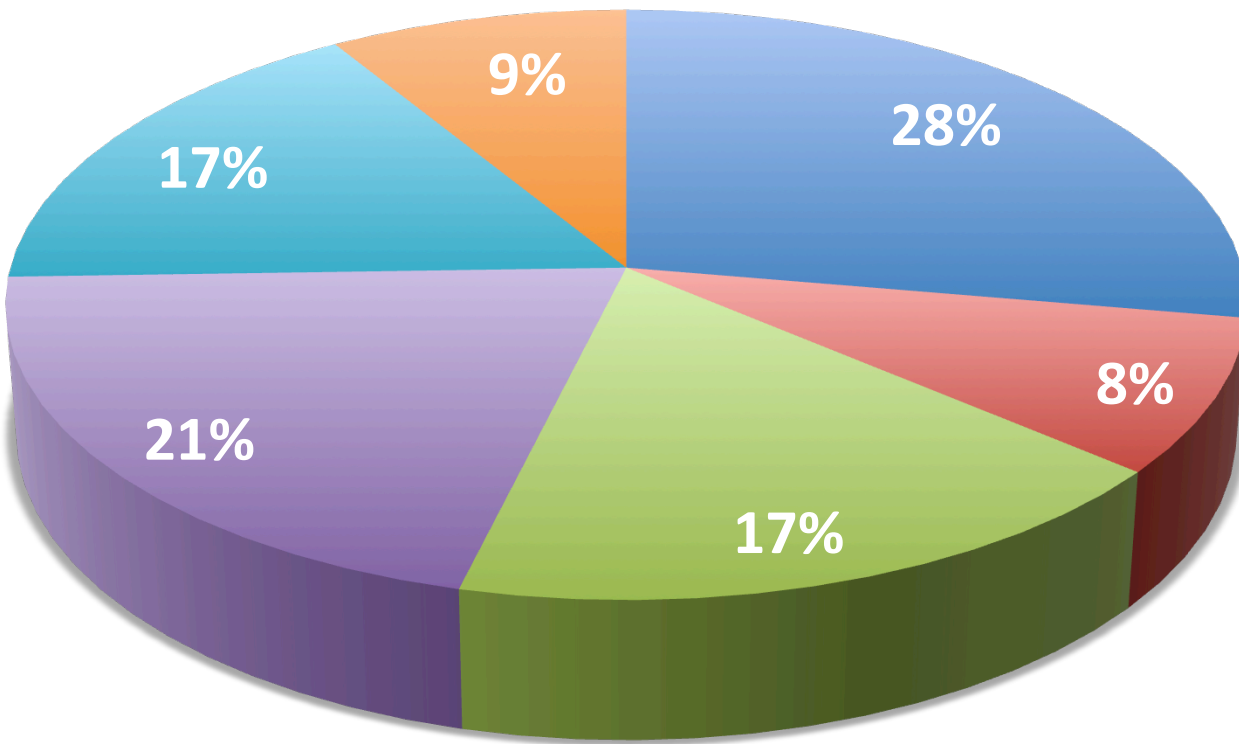
GF2 Accomplishments:








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2500 Projects Over \$26.6 million

GF2 Accomplishments:



-  Livestock
-  Poultry
-  Greenhouse
-  Fruit and Vegetable
-  Grains and Oilseeds
-  Other



Program Requirements

- **Workshop** participation required for most projects
- Applications accepted during **intake dates**
- **Merit-based**
- **Cost-share caps** for eligible Project Categories
- Only **invoices dated after letter of approval** has been issued by OSCIA are eligible
- Two applications per intake (one must be 0.1, 0.2, 0.3), maximum three active applications total



Who is Eligible?

- File business and/or farm taxes in Ontario
- Valid and up-to-date Premises Identification (PID) Number for the farm property where the proposed project applies
- Valid Farm Business Registration Number (FBRN) or exemption





****Read the Program Guide****

Appendix 2

- Eligible activities
- Ineligible activities
- Cost-share percentages (35% or 50%)
- Project caps
- REQUIRED documentation
- Merit-based evaluation criteria





How does the merit-based approach work?

Assess

Plan

Implement

Only the most impactful projects will receive funding, based on the evaluation criteria in Appendix 2

A.0.2 Planning

- **Eligible Activities & Expenditures**

- Consultative services of qualified professional to assess and develop written plan to address agri-environmental resource management (i.e., Nutrient Mgmt Plan, Integrated Pest Management, Leachate Water/Wastewater Mgmt Plan)

- **Cost-share Cap**

- 50% up to \$5000

- **Required:**

- 3rd or 4th Edition EFP, completed in the last five years

- **Merit-based Criteria:**

- Multiyear goals, address risk in EFP





A7 Nutrient recovery from wastewater

- **Eligible Activities & Expenditures**

- Modifications to existing irrigation systems for recycling of wastewater and nutrient recovery.
- Collection and storage tanks, transfer and treatment system for wastewater.

- **Cost-share Cap**

- 35% up to \$30000

- **Required:**

- 3rd or 4th Edition EFP, completed in the last five years



A7 Nutrient recovery from wastewater

- **Merit-based Criteria**

- Wastewater management plan
- Level of existing environmental risk to water quality or site-specific environmental concerns.

Priority will be given to projects providing potential phosphorus loading reduction benefits in the western and central basin geographies.



Submitting a GF2 Application

- **Post or courier:**

1 Stone Road West
Guelph, ON
N1G 4Y2

- **Fax:** 519-826-4224
- **Email:** GF2@ontariosoilcrop.org
- **Online:** ontarioprograms.net

Upcoming Intakes

Producers can submit a complete application for cost-share funding during these dates:

2016-2017

June 17 to July 7, 2016

October 14 to November 3, 2016

2017-2018

February 3 to February 23, 2017

May 12 to June 1, 2017

A photograph of a farm scene. In the foreground, there is a vibrant green field of crops, possibly corn or soybeans. In the middle ground, there are several large silos and barns with green roofs. The background shows a line of trees under a clear blue sky.

Educational Workshops

- Environmental Farm Plan
- Growing Your Farm Profits
- Biosecurity
- Food Safety
- Traceability

Environmental Farm Plan



- Increase awareness
- Legislative requirements
- Highlight strengths
- Consider risk areas
- Develop action plans



Where to find resources

www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs/growing-forward-2/

Follow the links below for more *Growing Forward 2* information...



About

More about *GF2*



Steps

***GF2* Process Overview**



Funding and Evaluation

Funding Levels and Evaluation Criteria



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Questions/Answers

Frequently asked questions about *GF2*



Questions?

Contact your local Workshop Leader

or

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