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Report Highlights:

Climate change, the environment, and increased participation of Indigenous Peoples, women and youth will feature alongside more traditional priorities like competitiveness, innovation and international trade in Canada's future agricultural policy framework. Federal, provincial and territorial agriculture ministers made the announcement on July 22, 2022, while the policy framework will be implemented from April 1, 2023.

An agreement in principle for Canada's next five-year agriculture policy framework, called Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP), was [announced](#) in July 2022. SCAP will be implemented from April 2023, replacing the current policy framework, the [Canadian Agricultural Partnership](#) (CAP), which was launched in 2018 and expires in March 2023. Like the current CAP, the future SCAP will be complemented by a suite of [Business Risk Management](#) (BRM) programs to deliver funding to Canada's farming sector.

SCAP will include the following novelty elements compared to the current CAP:

- An additional \$500 million CAD in funding for cost-shared federal-provincial activities, bringing the total cost-shared SCAP component to \$2.5 billion CAD (from \$2 billion CAD under the current CAP)
- A commitment to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions by 3-5 MT
- A commitment to increase funding to recipients that are Indigenous Peoples, women and youth
- The establishment of a new Resilient Agricultural Landscapes Program (RALP) meant to increase carbon sequestration, adaptation, and support other environmental co-benefits

Overall, SCAP programming will focus around five [previously agreed](#) priority areas, which include tackling climate change and environmental protection, and investing in science, research and innovation.

Additionally, the federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) agriculture ministers also agreed to improve BRM programs, including by raising the AgriStability compensation rate from 70 percent to 80 percent, and implementing key changes to improve the timeliness and predictability of this particular program. FPT ministers also agreed to conduct a one-year review on how to integrate climate risk and readiness in BRM programs, and to require an agri-environmental risk assessment from large farms applying for funding under the AgriInvest program.

Additional SCAP and BRM details will be published prior to implementation in April 2023, and FAS/Canada will continue to monitor and report on these developments.

Attachments:

No Attachments.