

GROWTH INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Program Summary

GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of the Growth Investment Program is to foster the development of agriculture and agri-food businesses by supporting them financially in productive, sustainable investment projects.

Any farm business with an investment project yet to be started is eligible.

OBJECTIVES

- Increase the production volume, profitability, performance or diversification of farm businesses;
- Comply with animal welfare or organic production standards, the California lead-free maple syrup production legislation or any other applicable agri-food production requirements;
- Start agriculture or agri-food operations;
- Adopt agro-environmental practices;
- Improve croplands.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance will be provided in the form of an investment grant conditional on a loan guarantee which is granted under the Farm Financing Program of La Financière agricole du Québec (FADQ).

Financial assistance can be paid out for any component of the program in two separate payments per year, over a three-year period.

A FOUR-COMPONENT PROGRAM

Component 1: Growth Support – The maximum financial assistance is \$30,000 on a loan capital of up to \$300,000 for the financing of supply-management production (cow's milk, chicken, turkey, chicken table eggs or chicken or turkey hatching eggs) or maple syrup production projects.

Component 2: Growth Support Plus – The maximum financial assistance is \$60,000 on a loan capital of up to \$600,000 for the financing of production projects other than supply-management and maple syrup production projects.

Component 3: Agri-Environmental Enhancement of Cultivated Land – The maximum financial assistance is \$20,000 on a loan capital of up to \$200,000.

Component 4: Young Entrepreneurs – The maximum financial assistance is \$45,000 on a loan capital of up to \$300,000 for businesses wholly owned by one or more persons who are at least 18 years of age but not yet 40. In addition, one of them must have become an aspiring farmer in the last five years following qualification to the Financial Support Program for Aspiring Farmers (www.fadq.qc.ca/en/financial-support-for-aspiring-farmers/description/).

The maximum amount of financing eligible for investment grants is \$800,000, including a maximum of \$600,000 for Components 1, 2 and 4 combined and \$200,000 for Component 3.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

To be eligible, a project must not have already started when applying for financial assistance and must involve:

- 1- The construction, renovation or improvement of a building, except if intended for human lodging;
- 2- The purchase of production equipment and non-self-propelled machinery;
- 3- Investment for production requiring the initial acquisition of perennial plants or breeding animals;
- 4- The purchase of targeted self-propelled machinery used for cultivation operations or animal feeding – The targeted self-propelled machinery includes: combine harvesters, self-propelled harvesters, self-propelled mowers, self-propelled forage harvesters, self-propelled sprinklers and self-propelled total mixed ration systems. Eligible financial assistance is limited to 50% of the amount financed for the purchase of the targeted machinery;
- 5- The agri-environmental enhancement of cultivated land, such as drainage, liming, fallow land rehabilitation, etc.;

6- Agro-environmental farming projects.

NON-ELIGIBLE PURPOSES

- Loan consolidation and secured loan conversion;
- Share purchasing and/or permanent working capital financing;
- Quota purchasing;
- The purchase of land, a house, a farm or other existing buildings, except the purchase of land under Component 4 – Young Entrepreneurs;
- Projects with the main purpose of building or renovating administrative offices;
- Investments resulting from negligence or related to the regular annual maintenance of buildings, machinery or equipment;
- Investments made outside Québec;
- Permanent short-term needs;
- Financing of current operating expenses, including administrative expenses such as FADQ fees;
- Sales taxes (GST and QST).

The Growth Investment Program has been in effect since April 1, 2020.

Contact a financing advisor before starting your project to benefit from the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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	Component 1 Growth Support	Component 2 Growth Support Plus	Component 3 Agri-Environmental Enhancement of Cultivated Land	Component 4 Young Entrepreneurs
Eligible project	Supply management or maple syrup production	Any production other than supply management and maple syrup production	Enhancement of cultivated land	Young entrepreneurs' farming business
Eligible financing	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$200,000	\$300,000
Maximum eligible financing	\$800,000 ((\$600,000 for Components 1, 2 and 4 and \$200,000 for Component 3))			
Amount of assistance per \$100 financing	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$15

In no way whatsoever does this summary take precedence over the provisions provided by the program guidelines.

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