La Financière agricole Québec

Summary of the Initiative

Initiative to Support the Competitiveness of the Agricultural Sector (SCA)

GENERAL OVERVIEW

This two-year initiative is intended to support the competitiveness of Quebec farm businesses that have incurred costs resulting from carbon pricing for GHG emissions. This temporary support is intended to assist farm businesses during the period before farm climate plans are put in place.

More specifically, it will provide payments to producers to partially offset the costs of this pricing attributable to the use of farm machinery in their fields.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The business must:

- have produced and declared, as of January 15 of each year in which a payment is made, a minimum area of 25 ha in one or more eligible crops for each participation year;
- be eligible to participate in one or more AGRI programs for the **2024** and **2025** participation years, for payments made in 2026 and 2027 respectively;
- have filed its 2024 and 2025 financial data declarations with FADQ by January 15 of each year in which a payment is made, namely 2026 and 2027 respectively;
- be eligible to receive a payment under the Initiative.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

No action is required on the part of the business.

Any business that participates in one of the AGRI programs, has submitted a financial data declaration for the eligible participation year and meets the eligibility criteria will **automatically** be enrolled in the SCA Initiative.

Businesses eligible for a payment will receive a letter in each payment year.

ELIGIBLE CROPS

Eligible agricultural crops are cereals, grain corn and oilseeds.

More specifically, these include the crops reported, as defined in the Financial Data Reporting Guide, when the business files its financial data declaration, and that fall under the following production unit codes:

- oats
- wheat
- canola
- barley
- soybeans
- grain corn
- dry beans
- other grains and oilseeds

CALCULATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The amount of financial assistance is determined by multiplying the number of eligible hectares by the payment rate applicable for the participation year.

The maximum financial assistance that may be paid per business for the two combined payments is $50,000.

PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Table: Summary of the parameters for the two payments

Payments	Date on which production units are determined	Participation year for eligible production units	Payment rate ($/ha)
1st payment	January 15, 2026	2024	$19.70/ha
2nd payment	January 15, 2027	2025	$9.70/ha*

*The rate will be reviewed and updated in January 2027.

Financial assistance is paid in two instalments, one in 2026 and one in 2027, after each business's eligible production units have been established as of January 15 of each year.

The amount paid is a lump-sum amount that is non-assignable, exempt from seizure and not subject to a request for review.

For more information on the Initiative, visit our website under: Initiative to Support the Competitiveness of the Agricultural Sector.

Under no circumstances may this summary take precedence over the provisions set out in the Initiative to Support the Competitiveness of the Agricultural Sector.

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