# Canada ADVANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM

**Cash Advances for Canadian Farmers** 

The Advance Payments Program (APP) is a financial loan guarantee program that gives producers easier access to credit through cash advances.

Made available by

the Government of Canada

This means improved cash flow throughout the year and better opportunities for marketing their agricultural products.

The APP provides producers with a cash advance on the value of their agricultural products during a specified period. By improving their cash flow throughout the year, the APP helps crop and livestock producers meet their financial obligations and benefit from the best market conditions.

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# Program Details: HOW MUCH CAN I QUALIFY FOR?

As a Canadian Farmer, you can access cash advances of up to 50% of the market price of your crops, livestock, vegetables, greenhouse and nursery products, and over 4,500 other agricultural products. Advance amounts are based on your *anticipated production* within the current production period and/or *agricultural product in inventory*.

# WHEN CAN I ACCESS THE FUNDS?

Starting as early as November 1st of each year, advances are available for all Greenhouse and fall seeded crops. Advances on all other products are available starting April 1st. An application for an advance can be made and received at anytime throughout the year. Currently, advances may be secured using <u>one</u> of the following:

- 1) Production Insurance
- 2) Agristability
- 3) Insurance policy
- 4) Assignable monetary instruments
- 5) Third party guarantees or
- 6) Inventory

- $\rightarrow$  First \$100,000 interest free
- $\rightarrow$  Balance at Bank of Montreal Prime Rate

Up to \$400,000 available per year

- $\rightarrow$  Up to 18 months for repayment
- → Advances based on up to 50% of the value of the agricultural product

# WHEN DO I REPAY THE FUNDS?

Repayments are made as the current crop is sold, no later than 18 months from the start date of the Program.

# WHAT CAN I USE THE FUNDS FOR?

There are no restrictions on how you use the funds under the Advance Payments Program. You use the funds as you feel appropriate for your operation.

# WHAT DO I NEED TO QUALIFY?

- Canadian citizens who must be age of majority in their province of operation
- Majority owned Canadian Corporations
- Be producing and marketing the agricultural products for which you are applying.

# HOW CAN I APPLY?

Applying for an advance is simple — just call us and let us know what you are producing. We will do the rest! For more information please call 1-888-278-8807 or visit www.agcreditcorp.ca —we would be pleased to help!

