

## **Dairy Farm Investment Program**

The Federal government recently announced the Dairy Farm Investment Program (DFIB) which is a five year program beginning in 2017 to help Canada's milk producers improve productivity through upgrades to their equipment.. The program is intended to support the dairy sector as it adapts to the anticipated impacts from the comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement with the European Union.

**Eligibility** - Canadian licensed milk producers

**Maximum Funding** - The program has two categories with different maximums for funding. A small investment project is eligible for a maximum DFIB contribution of up to \$60,000. A large investment project is eligible for a maximum of \$250,000. Both projects are on a 50-50 cost share basis with the program paying 50% and the applicant responsible for the other 50%.

**Eligible Costs** - the list of eligible costs is extensive. Please see the enclosed sheets for a listing. Of note the cost of equipment outside of the barn and barn extensions are ineligible, as is the purchase of used equipment.

**Applying for the program** - a complete application package consists of an application form and such additional supporting documentation required by the program to fully access the project. The program will be accepting applications starting August 22, 2017 and applications will be processed on a first come first serve basis.

For complete information on the program click [here](#).

As always please feel free to contact us if you have questions or require assistance to complete the program application.

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