

## **Update on Canada Ontario Farm Stewardship Program (COFSP)**

June 30, 2010. Details presented on this site and in the program literature for the Canada Ontario Farm Stewardship Program (COFSP) on farm business eligibility and the Best Management Practices list of eligible projects, apply to the current 2010 cropping year only. Individuals interested in COFSP opportunities for the 2011 cropping year are advised to check this site regularly, or contact the local OSCIA Program Representative for applicable updates.

The next round of cost-share funding for new projects in COFSP will be available in Growing Forward program year three (2011-2012). New PPA forms for 2011 are expected to be available from OSCIA Program Representatives beginning September 15, 2010. The eligible invoice date for program year three projects is September 15, 2010 and beyond. Costs invested and invoices dated prior to this date will not be eligible for cost-share in program year three. Applicants are encouraged to review the COFSP Project Eligibility Policy and Procedures document and program brochures before submitting their completed PPA form to the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association for projects proposed for 2011.

All cost share funds for program year two (2010-11) of COFSP were fully committed as of February 8, 2010. As a result, the provincial delivery agent for COFSP, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA), no longer accepted 2010 Project Proposal Application (PPA) forms. Cost-share funds are allocated for each year of the program on a first come, first served basis. Once the annual program funds are fully committed, PPA can no longer be accepted for cost-share funding. The project claim submission deadline date for program year two is January 15, 2011.