

Important Notice on COFSP Cost-Share Availability for the 2011 Cropping Year

NOVEMBER 19, 2010 - All cost-share funds for program year three (2011-2012) of the Canada-Ontario Farm Stewardship Program (COFSP) under the Growing Forward Environment and Climate Change initiative have now been fully committed. As a result, the provincial delivery agent for COFSP, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA), is no longer accepting 2011 Project Proposal Application (PPA) forms.

The Project Proposal Application forms received to date are currently being reviewed and notification of the status of each application is being forwarded to the participating farm businesses.

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, Project Proposal Application forms can no longer be accepted for cost-share funding.

There may be other environmental cost-share opportunities delivered through the OSCIA available for your area; inquire with a local Program Representative for details or periodically check the OSCIA web site at www.ontariosoilcrop.org for updates.

The next round of cost-share funding for new COFSP projects will be available in the fourth and final year of Growing Forward (2012-2013). New Project Proposal Application forms for the 2012 cropping year will be available from OSCIA Program Representatives in fall 2011. Applicants are encouraged to review the COFSP Project Eligibility Policy and Procedures document and program brochures before submitting their completed 2012 Project Proposal Application form to the OSCIA.

For information on other Growing Forward programs, please visit www.ontario.ca/growingforward or call 1-888-479-3931.