



Canada-Ontario Farm Stewardship Program (COFSP)

is the cost-share program associated with the Canada-Ontario Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) and can help you boost economic, production and environmental performance on your farm. COFSP and EFP are supported by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs through the Growing Forward Best Practices suite.

What to expect for the 2011 cropping year:

- Project Proposal Applications (PPA) will be available through the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) on November 15, 2010;
- Projects started on or after September 15, 2010 may be eligible for cost-share;
- All farm businesses with either livestock or poultry as a primary commodity must have a Premises Identification (PID) Number for the parcel of land where the project is proposed, and submit a copy of the PID certificate, issued by OnTrace, with the PPA. To register, contact OnTrace at www.ontraceagrifood.com or by calling toll-free 1-888-388-7223. **This is a new requirement for the program;**
- The funding cap for BMP category 14 - Improved Cropping Systems has been adjusted to \$5,000 per farm business;
- BMP category 26 - Energy Conservation Measures for Agricultural Purposes has been expanded to accommodate renewable energy production for on-farm use;
- BMP category 27 - Renewable Energy Production is no longer available.

Speak to your local **OSCIA Program Representative** for details, or consult the OSCIA web site at www.ontariosoilcrop.org, or contact the OSCIA Guelph office at **1-800-265-9751**.

