

## **Government of Canada Invests in Research for Canada's Fertilizer Industry**

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Parliamentary Secretary Pierre Lemieux, on behalf of Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz, announced today an investment of up to \$1.1 million to the Canadian Fertilizer Institute. The investment will enable research and development to help improve the efficient use of fertilizer, while reducing the environmental impacts and input costs, and creating competitive advantages for producers through improved crop production.

It will also enable the Canadian Fertilizer Institute to build on its successful 4R Nutrient Stewardship Research Network. A cross-Canada research network involving scientists from 11 universities and research institutes will collaborate on a three-year research project to develop and test best management practices and support systems for fertilizer use tailored to Canadian soils, climates and cropping systems.

### **Quick Facts**

- The Canadian fertilizer industry contributes over \$12 billion annually to the Canadian economy and is one of the world's largest producers and exporters of fertilizer. Canada supplies approximately 12 per cent of the world's fertilizer materials and is the largest exporter of potash and elemental sulfur.
- This investment is being made through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's AgriInnovation Program, a five-year, up to \$698 million initiative under *Growing Forward 2*.
- The Canadian Fertilizer Institute (CFI), located in Ontario, is a not-for profit industry organization that represents manufacturers, wholesale and retail distributors of nitrogen, phosphate and potash fertilizers. As the unified voice of the Canadian fertilizer industry, CFI promotes safe, responsible, and sustainable, globally competitive fertilizer production, distribution and use.

### **Quotes**

"The fertilizer industry is an important part of our growing economy. Investing in research to improve the efficiency of fertilizer use will help boost competitiveness and create new global market opportunities for producers and improve environmental sustainability."

- ***Parliamentary Secretary Pierre Lemieux***

"Farmers need the latest soil science to meet growing global demand for food, feed, fiber and fuel. The results from this research will demonstrate to environmentalists, the food

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industry and the Canadian public that 4R Nutrient Stewardship is good for the farm economy and the environment."

**- Clyde Graham, Acting President, Canadian Fertilizer Institute**

### **Associated Links**

- [Growing Forward 2](#) (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)
- [AgriInnovation Program](#) (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)
- <http://www.cfi.ca/> (Canadian Fertilizer Institute)
- <http://www.farming4rfuture.ca>

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