

Economic Sustainability



Investing in Resilience Through Agriculture Research Programs



Saskatchewan is strengthening the resilience of its agriculture sector through sustained investments in research and innovation programs that support practical, producer-focused solutions. Through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, the Ministry of Agriculture funds a suite of science and innovation initiatives that advance crop and livestock productivity, environmental sustainability and market adaptability.

The province announced over \$14 million in new agriculture research funding, supporting 64 [Agriculture Development Fund \(ADF\)](#) projects (\$11.7 million) and one [Strategic Research Initiative \(SRI\)](#) project (\$2.5 million) into 2026 and beyond. These investments fund applied research in crop and livestock production, sustainable farming practices and value-added innovation. In addition, \$3.9 million was announced to support institutional research capacity at the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) and the Prairie Swine Centre.

These project commitments are part of the Ministry of Agriculture's \$37-million annual science and innovation program budget. The budget supports multiple complementary programs, such as ADF, SRI, Strategic Research Program chairs, Strategic Field Program, among others.

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Why It Matters

Research supported by these funding programs give farmers and ranchers the tools to succeed in challenging conditions. By improving soil health, crop performance and livestock efficiency, these projects reduce production risks and promote long-term sustainability. These investments also encourage innovation that strengthens Saskatchewan's position as a leader in carbon-efficient agriculture. This work ensures that producers have the knowledge and technology needed to keep food systems secure and competitive for future generations.

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