



This new incentive offers non-refundable tax credits on capital investments. The SVAI makes one of the world's top value-added agricultural investment environments even more attractive.

What is the SVAI?

The SVAI is a non-refundable, non-transferable tax credit on capital expenditures valued at \$10 million (M) or more for newly constructed or expanded value-added agriculture facilities in Saskatchewan.

The SVAI utilizes a graduated tax credit structure, as follows:

- 15 per cent tax credit on expenditures up to \$400M;
- 30 per cent tax credit on expenditures between \$400M and \$600M; and
- 40 per cent tax credit on expenditures exceeding \$600.

The total incentives eligible to be claimed by any single project is \$250M.

Companies apply the tax credit against corporate income tax (CIT) paid and can claim the credit over a three-to 10-year period following the issuance of an SVAI Certificate of Eligibility.

Value-added agriculture is defined as: *The physical transformation or upgrading of any raw/primary agricultural product(s) or any agricultural byproduct or waste into a new or upgraded product.* This definition excludes facilities solely dedicated to cleaning, bagging, handling and/or storing of primary products.

Additional Features of the SVAI

- Upon receiving a completed application, the Ministry of Trade and Export Development reviews the project to determine if the project, as proposed, meets the program's definition of value-added agriculture and the capital expenditure plan meets the program's requirements.
- If the application is approved at this stage, a letter of conditional approval is issued to the company. This advanced eligibility ruling helps companies demonstrate to their board, executives, and investors that they meet the preliminary requirements for eligibility.
- Companies need to complete construction, initiate operations and provide evidence that the project has concluded as proposed before the SVAI Eligibility Certificate is issued.

The SVAI may be used alongside existing Saskatchewan incentives if companies meet the prescribed qualifications.

Saskatchewan Value-Added Agriculture Incentive (SVAI)

Program Qualification Process

1. Qualifying projects include new and existing value-added agricultural facilities. To be eligible, the project must have \$10 million in new capital expenditures, demonstrate the expenditures were made for the purposes of increasing productive capacity and meet the program's definition of value-added agriculture activity. Potential examples include pea protein processors, oat milling operations, malt producers, and cannabis oil processing facilities.
2. To qualify for the incentive, applicants will be required to provide certification from a qualified third party confirming that the eligible capital expenditures resulted in an increase in productive capacity. As long as all requirements are met, the Ministry will issue an SVAI Certificate of Eligibility. The tax credit can be claimed by submitting the SVAI Certificate of Eligibility and SVAI Claim Form to the Ministry of Finance, along with the current year's Notice of Assessment or Reassessment.
3. Redemption of the credits is limited to 20% in year one, the year that the Certificate of Eligibility is issued, 30% in year two and 50% in year three. Remaining amounts can be carried forward for up to 10 years following the taxation year in which a Certificate of Eligibility is issued.

The program is effective as of September 1, 2017, Facilities that began production August 31, 2017 or earlier are not eligible to claim this incentive.

How to Apply

To apply for the program, review the information available on our website, and submit completed application forms to SVAI@gov.sk.ca.

Applications for Conditional Approval will be accepted until December 31, 2027.



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