Manitoba Clean Environment Commission

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What is an EFP?

- An Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is a **VOLUNTARY, CONFIDENTIAL, SELF-ASSESSMENT** of a producer’s own farm or ranch.

- The plan assists the producer in identifying their environmental assets and risks and developing a action plan to address the risks on their operation.
A main objective of the AAFC’s Agricultural Policy Framework is to advance Canada’s role as a world leader in environmentally responsible agricultural production.

To realize this goal a national initiative for agri-environmental farm planning is currently underway across Canada.
In the fall of 2002 the Manitoba Rural Adaptation Council (MRAC) became involved in the Environmental Farm Planning (EFP) process through consultation with AAFC/PFRA, MAFRI, KAP and other stakeholder groups and organizations.
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The primary role of FSAM, in cooperation with partners (AAFC/PFRA & MAFRI) and stakeholder agencies (eg: CD’s, MHHC, commodity groups), is the delivery of EFP’s to Manitoba producers who wish to voluntarily participate in the process.
The EFP Delivery Process

Step 1
Voluntarily register for the workshop & forward legal land description

Step 2
Attend Workshop 1 & start farm plan

Step 3
Complete farm plan at home if required

Step 4
Attend Workshop 2 & finish plan

Step 5
Upon completion of entire farm plan attend one-on-one review

Step 6
Seek funding assistance for select action items
When a producer voluntarily registers for a workshop, there are no associated costs to the producer. All material and assistance is supplied at no charge.

A producer must attend a workshop in order to receive an EFP workbook.
The EFP Workbook

The EFP Workbook is comprised of 3 primary sections:

- **Section A** – Natural Risks
- **Section B** – Management - Assets & Risks
- **Section C** – ‘My Environmental Farm Plan’
Section A:

- Analysis of natural risks on the land that the producer manages using a variety of tools.
  
- Includes analyzing farmsite(s) and field groupings
Section B:

- 19 subsections divided into farm & field site categories

- Producer only completes the subsection or questions that pertains to their operation
Section B cont’d:

- Addresses a variety of environmental concerns, and

- Asks producers how they manage these concerns on their operation.
The chapters within Section B are:

**FARMSTEAD SITE**
- 1-Water Source Protection & Management
- 2-Feed Storage
- 3-Nuisance Control
- 4-Fertilize Storage & Handling
- 5-Pesticide Storage & Handling
- 6-Storage of Petroleum Products
- 7-Management of Farm Wastes, Mortalities & Hazardous Products
- 8-Livestock Facilities & Wintering Sites
- 9-Storage & Transport of Livestock Manure

**FIELD SITE**
- 10-Soil Management
- 11-Commercial Fertilizer for Crop Production (Nutrient Management)
- 12-Pest Management (Crops & Livestock)
- 13-Field Crop Management
- 14-Horticultural Production
- 15-Pasture Management
- 16-Water Bodies, Natural Areas & Biodiversity
- 17-Drainage & Irrigation
- 18-Manure Application (Livestock & Off-Farm Sources)
- 19-Energy Efficiency
Section C – ‘My Environmental Farm Plan’

- This section deals with the development of appropriate action plans for the higher risk items based on the producers priorities, timelines and financial resources
EFP Review

- Upon completion of EFP Workbook the producer may wish to move forward with a confidential review of their plan.

- The EFP Review is voluntary, confidential and one-on-one with a FSAM Regional Coordinator and is conducted in a neutral location.
The intent of the EFP Review is to provide a supportive, credible process that will assure the producer that the action plan developed by them when implemented will be of benefit to him/her and their family and further contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment and enhance agricultural sustainability.
It is important to note that the EFP Workbook resides with the producer at all times.

Upon the completion of a successful review, a ‘Statement of Completion’, and CMFSP application form is then forwarded to the producer.
Objective - to accelerate the adoption of beneficial management practices (BMPs).

Cost-shared incentives are available to producers for the implementation of BMPs to address on-farm environmental risks.

Criteria and principles for 30 BMPs have been developed at the National Level as a guide.

BMPs negotiated and customized for each province – all 30 are delivered in Manitoba.
Canada-Manitoba Farm
Stewardship Program cont’d

✓ Maximum incentive available per farm unit over the life of the program will be $50,000. (to March 2008)

✓ Federal cost sharing
  - 30% (> producer benefit< public benefit)
  - 50% (< producer benefit> public benefit)
To March 31, 2007 AAFC/PFRA has approved 3,665 projects for a total federal commitment of $17.8 million.

Producer commitment through the CMFSP program during the same time frame is approximately $42.5 million.
Where We Are Today

As of March 31, 2007 (including pilot phase):

**Workshop Activity:**

- Workshops Held (1 & 2) 702
- Producer Participation 5,306 (attendance at W 1 & 2)

On a percentage basis 92% of producers who attend Workshop 1 return to Workshop 2
Where We Are Today cont’d

**EFPs Reviewed:**

- Statement of Completions Issued: 4,132
- Percentage of Producers who have had their EFP Reviewed: 78%
- No. of Acres under Reviewed EFPs: 6.7 Million

**Farm Types:**
- Mixed (Grain & Livestock): 1,938
- Grains & Oilseeds: 1,647
- Livestock: 518
- Other (Hort., Agro-Forestry, Aquaculture, etc.): 29
In a recent random exit survey producers provided the following comments:

- 91% of respondents would recommend the EFP process to others

- 80% of respondents had (or were in the process of) implementing on-farm environmental improvements outside of any incentive programs
EFP Survey cont’d

Producer comments:

“I found that we were already doing a good job in regards to the environment and where we could make further improvements."

“Just looking at the farm from this point of view raised my awareness about a number of issues.”
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