

Keeping our promises. Real progress for the agriculture sector.

Budget 2018 puts Manitoba's economy on the road to recovery and provides a solid plan for making Manitoba the most improved province in Canada.

We're investing in priorities that support a strong agricultural sector across Manitoba including:

- implementing the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) Multilateral Framework Agreement on April 1 to support the investment of \$176 million over five years in strategic programming focused on the sustainability and competitiveness of the agriculture and agri-food sector;
- maintaining crucial programs such as Agrilnsurance, and Agricultural Income Stabilization including AgriStability and AgrilInvest, enhancing coverage for feed, corn and soybeans, while introducing coverage for some novel crops;
- providing targeted financial assistance of \$1.5 million to agricultural producers in advance of the adoption of beneficial management practices to improve the environmental sustainability of their operations;
- investing an additional \$3.4 million in the Farmland School Tax Rebate Program, making sure farmers get to keep more money in their pockets and can put more money back into their operations;
- providing a \$133,000 increase in funding for the Veterinary Diagnostic Services Laboratory to purchase specialized equipment; and
- increasing the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program budget by \$151,000 to mitigate damage caused by wildlife.