
BACKGROUND

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Ministry of Agriculture

Support for B.C. companies

These 12 projects received \$1,024,319 in support from the Canadian Agricultural Partnership under the Canada-BC Agri-Innovation Program, bringing the total funding to nearly \$2.6 million since the program began in April 2018.

Brightside Poultry: \$25,000 to purchase a specifically designed vending machine to sell eggs at the farmgate.

Certified Organic Association of BC: \$118,000 to engage organic producers to adopt a new online certification tool to streamline the certification process and encourage more producers to follow up with organic certification.

Consolidated Fruit Packers: \$188,810 to purchase and implement a blueberry grading machine that can consistently grade size, colour classification and quality with high accuracy.

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Farming Karma Fruit Company: \$55,000 to develop an industrial-scale machine to remove apple cores with seeds and stems prior to juice pressing.

Howling Bluff Estate Winery: \$47,871 to study the capability of a flex cube, an alternative storage container that could replace traditional oak barrels to reduce the cost of producing wine.

Joppa Wills Inc.: \$40,688 to develop a commercial-scale fruit dehydrator to divert about 45,360 kilograms (100,000 pounds) of raw-grade food waste back into the food supply.

Kwantlen Polytechnic University: \$10,000 to develop and confirm scientific protocols for effectively assessing the microbial health of soil.

Mirochembiotech Ltd.: \$70,000 to pilot test amino-acid chelated minerals to make them more readily available in Canada.

University of British Columbia: \$90,000 to research and demonstrate a suitable methodology for the detection of norovirus in fresh produce in B.C.

University of British Columbia: \$54,000 to develop a sustainable, cost-effective approach to manage dairy manure and recover value-added nutrients.

Van Eekelen Enterprises Ltd.: \$136,500 to develop and test a system for growing Witloof (leafy vegetable) to improve cleanliness, reduce repetitive labour and increase efficiency.

Vintality: \$57,000 to develop a GPS fertilization trailer to precisely apply fertilizer according to plants' needs.

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