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.

**Consolidated Fruit Packers:** $131,450 to develop a perfect eating-stage preconditioned pear.

**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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