

# Application

## Growing Future Opportunities Initiative

### Apples

Complete this application to apply for funding under the Growing Future Opportunities Initiative for apples. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis beginning **November 20, 2023 at 10:00 am**. **Applications will not be accepted before this date.** For full details, see the initiative guidelines (available on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com)).

#### Section A: Other funding (if applicable)

If you received funding from any federal-provincial-municipal source meant to address the costs incurred that are covered by this Initiative, provide details below.

**Important:** Acres already replanted using other funding sources are not eligible under this Initiative.

#### Section B: Applicant information

Business name (for sole proprietor, use first, middle and last name; for corporations, use incorporated name)						Correspondence language <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French					
Operating name (if different from above)						Website address					
Agricorp ID (if you have one)				Business number (Canada Revenue Agency)				Farm Business Registration number			
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#### Section C: Mailing address

If you have provided an Agricorp ID, skip to **Section D**.

Business mailing address (include civic number and road name)

City/Town						Province		Postal code			
Primary business telephone number				Alternate business telephone number				Business fax number			

## Section D: Signing authority

Please list up to two signing authorities for your business. Signing authorities can conduct all transactions related to your business, including signing cheques, enrolling in a program, and renewing, changing or cancelling your coverage.

### Primary contact

First name		Last name
Business telephone number	Extension	Email address

### Secondary contact

First name		Last name
Business telephone number	Extension	Email address

## Section E: Your operation

Provide the following information about your operation. For definitions of terms, see the initiative guidelines.

### Business structure

- Sole proprietor       Corporation       Partnership       Unincorporated association

### Business type

- Primary producer       Processor

### Gross annual revenue

- Under \$10,000       \$10,000–\$24,999       \$25,000–\$49,999       \$50,000–\$99,999       \$100,000–\$249,999
- \$250,000–\$499,999       \$500,000–\$999,999       \$1M–\$1.99M       \$2M–\$4.99M       \$5M–\$9.99M
- \$10M–\$49.99M       \$50M–\$99.99M       \$100M–\$199M       \$200M and over       Not-for-profit

### Employees

No. of full-time employees (30 hours or more per week)	No. of part-time employees (Less than 30 hours per week)	No. of temporary/seasonal employees

## Section F: Eligibility

Please certify your eligibility for the Growing Future Opportunities Initiative for Apples.

1. I have confirmed a market for the variety or sport of apples being planted with funding under this Initiative.  Yes  No
2. I will plant the apples using a high density approach (e.g., a minimum of 900 trees per acre).  Yes  No
3. I am not planting or claiming for acreage already covered under another program offered by any level of government.  Yes  No
4. The land has been used for the commercial production of apples within the past 3 years.  Yes  No

## Section G: Project information

Provide the following information about your project.

**Important:** You may be eligible to receive a maximum of \$50,000 in total funding for **all** commodity categories (e.g., apples, pears, peaches, nectarines, plums, apricots, cherries, table grapes, and wine grapes).

### Funding for commodity category – Apples

Cost of new nursery stock (A)	Total project value (replant and other costs) (B)	Funding amount requested (C) (A × 75%)	
\$	\$	\$	

### Wine grapes (if applicable)

I am interested in applying for funding for wine grapes under the Growing Future Opportunities Initiative at a later date.  Yes  No

**Note:** You must apply for funding for wine grapes separately. The application form will be available on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com).

### Project location (largest field you will be replanting)

Orchard ID/name	Address (include civic number and road name)		
City/Town	Municipality	Province	Postal code
Premises ID			
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## Section H: Agreement and signature

### I understand, agree and certify that:

#### General

1. I have read, understand and agree to be bound by all of the Growing Future Opportunities Initiative terms and conditions, including its eligibility requirements, entitlements and obligations as contained in this application and described in the Guidelines.
2. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all information submitted on this application is accurate and true.
3. In the event of an error, omission, conflict or inconsistency between this application and the Guidelines, the Guidelines will prevail. I further accept that in the event of an error, omission, conflict or inconsistency between the Guidelines and the Minister's Order, the Minister's Order prevails.

#### Using and sharing information

4. The information collected for the purposes of this Initiative is subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and other applicable laws. The information collected under the Initiative, or under other programs administered by Agricorp or the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), may be shared between Agricorp and any government department/ ministry, agency or third party to verify compliance with other provincial and federal funding initiatives, to confirm the information provided, to verify eligibility for Initiative funding, and to identify funds that may be owing to the Province of Ontario under any other provincial funding program. Information may also be shared for the purposes of

administering and auditing the Initiative as well as other programs administered by Agricorp or by OMAFRA, or for developing other programs and agricultural policies.

5. Agricorp may use information mapped by Agricorp for the Ontario Apple Growers contained in the Data Management System (DMS) for the purpose of evaluating eligibility and administering the Initiative.

#### Overpayments and recoveries

6. Any payments that I receive under the Growing Future Opportunities Initiative beyond the amount I am entitled to in the program year, or in contravention of: (a) any program requirements, (b) the obligations set out in this form, or (c) the laws of Ontario, will be considered an overpayment and a debt due and payable to the Crown in right of Ontario. I confirm that any overpayments, plus any interest accruing at the quarterly rate set by the Ontario Ministry of Finance, will be repaid either by: (a) offset from payments owing to me under this or any other initiative or program administered or delivered by Agricorp, or under other federal and/or provincial income tax and other federal and/or provincial programs, or (b) payment to Agricorp upon demand. My obligation to repay and Agricorp's right to recover overpayments are not subject to any limitation period and will survive even if I stop participating in the Initiative.
7. If I have any pre-existing debts to the Crown in right of Ontario or Canada, the amounts of these debts may be deducted from any funds otherwise payable to me under this Initiative.

I have read and agree to the terms outlined above.

Name of applicant (please print)	Signature (not required for emailed applications) <b>x</b>	Date (YYYY/MM/DD)
Name of partner (please print)	Signature (not required for emailed applications) <b>x</b>	Date (YYYY/MM/DD)

Attach additional pages as required.

#### Notes

For corporations, the signatory must be an authorized signing authority. For partnerships, all partners must sign. Your submission of this application by email will be treated as the equivalent of an electronic signature.

## Section I: Submit completed form

#### Email or fax

GFOI@agricorp.com  
Fax: 519-826-4118

#### Questions?

1-888-247-4999  
agricorp.com  
GFOI@agricorp.com  
TTY: 1-877-275-1380  
Accessible formats available

# Appendix

## Demographic Questions (voluntary)

Answering the following questions is voluntary. You will still be eligible to participate in the Growing Future Opportunities Initiative if you decline to provide this information. Your answers to the questions will have no impact on the assessment of your application.

1. Are the shares of your business/organization owned by a majority of individuals (50% or more) who identify as being one or more of the following Persons? (Select all that apply)
  - Indigenous Person: First Nations
  - Indigenous Person: Métis
  - Indigenous Person: Inuit
  - Indigenous Person: Unknown/Other
  - Women: refers to all people, including trans people who identify as a woman
  - Youth: 40 years old and younger
  - Not applicable
  - Decline to identify
  
2. On your Board of Directors, are one or more of the following groups significantly represented? (i.e., 30% or more) (Select all that apply)
  - Individuals who identify as being an Indigenous Person: First Nations
  - Individuals who identify as being an Indigenous Person: Métis
  - Individuals who identify as being an Indigenous Person: Inuit
  - Individuals who identify as being an Indigenous Person: Unknown/Other
  - Women: refers to all people, including trans people who identify as a woman
  - Youth: 40 years old and younger
  - Not applicable
  - Decline to identify
  
3. Will any of the following groups benefit from the activities of your project? (Select all that apply)
  - Individuals who identify as being an Indigenous Person: First Nations
  - Individuals who identify as being an Indigenous Person: Métis
  - Individuals who identify as being an Indigenous Person: Inuit
  - Individuals who identify as being an Indigenous Person: Unknown/Other
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