

# MARKETING AND VINEYARD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MVIP) PROGRAM GUIDELINES 2017 – 18

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## Program Overview

The Marketing and Vineyard Improvement Program (MVIP) supports wine grape growers by providing funding for eligible vineyard improvements to adapt to ongoing and emerging vineyard challenges, and to enable growers to produce quality grapes to meet the growing demands of Ontario wine manufacturers. MVIP is part of the Ontario government's five year, up to \$75 million Wine and Grape Strategy to help increase the sale of Ontario wines, and to enhance the marketing of Ontario's wine regions as tourist destinations.

MVIP will be delivered for the remaining three years of the five year Wine and Grape strategy with application intakes occurring in 2017-18 and 2019-20. Note that the 2017-18 application intake for non-priority access applicants is for the 2017-18 Project Year and the 2018-19 Project Year. MVIP will be delivered by Agricorp, an agency of the Ontario government.

These guidelines apply to the vineyard improvement component of MVIP for 2017-18 and 2018-19.

## Program Definitions

**“Active Grower”** means a wine grape grower that has marketed processing grapes or late harvest juice within the past two years, or is a wine grape grower with established grape vines who can demonstrate a clear plan to market grapes within two years of applying to the MVIP.

**“Affiliated Active Growers”** means a group of Active Growers where:

- One of them is a subsidiary of the other, or
- They are subsidiaries of the same body corporate, or
- Each of them is controlled by the same person.

**“Funding Cap”** means \$1,000 for each acre under production of hybrid or vinifera wine grapes (classes 5 to 10f) up to the Maximum Available Grant.

**“Grant Payment”** means the amount of MVIP funding provided to an applicant, based on the value of receipts for up to 35% of eligible expenditures incurred in the Project Year, up to the applicant's Maximum Available Grant.

**“Maximum Available Grant”** means maximum payment that each eligible applicant, including its Affiliated Active Growers, can receive over the five years of the Wine and Grape Strategy, and is capped at \$100,000 per eligible applicant, including Affiliated Active Growers.

**“MVIP”** means the Marketing and Vineyard Improvement Program.

**“Project Year”** means the period commencing April 1 and ending on the following March 1, and is the period when the application was approved and eligible expenditures were incurred.

**“Recipient”** means a successful eligible applicant who has received an offer to proceed for their project.

**“Wine Grape Acreage”** means acreage under production of wine grape varieties and is calculated on the basis of growing acreage registered by the applicant in eGrape, the electronic vine management database.

## **Applicant Eligibility**

To be eligible to apply for funding, applicants must meet ALL of the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a sole proprietor, corporation, partnership or unincorporated association- articles of Incorporation or other acceptable proof of status must be available upon request
- Be an Active Grower
- Hold a Farm Business Registration number or an Agricorp accepted equivalent such as:
  - Farm Business Registration (FBR) Exemption Certificate
  - Indian Agriculture Program of Ontario (IAPO) letter
  - T1 General 2016 pages 1 & 2 of your Income Tax and Benefit Return with gross farm income declared on line 168 and a copy of your Statement of Farming Activities- Farm Income & Expenses (T2042E)
- Hold a Grape Growers of Ontario (GGO) Number
- Have a Premises Identification number for the vineyards included in the application
- Must own or lease the land upon which Wine Grape Acreage is planted. Applicants who lease the land upon which Wine Grape Acreage is planted are eligible to apply provided that the owner of the land has provided written consent to Agricorp
- Submit the application form by the date and time indicated in these guidelines
- Agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the program as set out in these guidelines
- Declare all sources of federal, provincial or municipal funding in relation to Wine Grape Acreage
- Shall not have received funding from any other federal, provincial or municipal government program for similar expenses to those that may be incurred under the MVIP

- Be in compliance with and remain in compliance with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws.

**Note** that only one Active Grower of a group of Affiliated Active Growers may apply for MVIP in an application intake period. Incorporated Active Growers that are affiliated body corporates within the meaning of the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) will be considered to be one entity for the purpose of applying for MVIP in an application intake period.

## Application Intake Periods

### Priority Access Applicants' Intake

Active Growers who may be eligible for priority access funding for the 2017/18 Project Year will receive a letter from Agricornp informing them that priority access for funding for the 2017/18 Project Year will be given to any eligible applicant who:

- Applied for funding for an eligible project in the 2015/16 application intake period, but did not receive an offer to proceed in 2015/16 or 2016/17; and
- Who applies between **May 15, 2017 and May 26, 2017** for the same or new eligible project, which:
  - Must be an eligible cost as set out in Schedule A of these guidelines;
  - Cannot be for more than what was previously applied for in the 2015/16 application intake period; and
  - Cannot exceed the Funding Cap as set out in these guidelines.

If an application is received after **May 26, 2017**, it will be treated on a first come, first served basis subject to available MVIP funds.

### All Other Applicants' Intake

For all Active Growers who do not apply pursuant to the priority access applicants' intake, intake for **applications for projects in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Project Years will start at 10:00 AM on May 30, 2017 and will not be accepted prior to that time.** All applications for this intake period will be time and date stamped.

This application intake will proceed on a first come, first served basis, subject to the maximum annual allocation for the MVIP. Applicants for this application intake should therefore apply as soon as possible after it opens so as to maximize their opportunities to be considered for the MVIP. After the application intake closes, applicants will be provided with notice regarding the status of their application.

**NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE AN APPLICATION INTAKE OFFERED IN 2018/19.** All applications received during the 2017/18 application intake will, if successful, receive an offer to proceed for either the 2017/18 Project Year or the 2018/19 Project Year on a first come, first served basis. The 2017/18 application intake will close once a sufficient number of applications have been received so as to enable the program to reach the maximum annual allocation for the MVIP for each of the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Project Years.

### Determination of Grant Payment

Under MVIP, the Government of Ontario will reimburse up to 35% of eligible costs (as set out in Schedule A of these guidelines) up to a maximum Funding Cap per Recipient. The Funding Cap for each applicant equals \$1,000 for each acre under production of hybrid or vinifera wine grapes (classes 5 to 10f) up to the Maximum Available Grant.

The Maximum Available Grant that each eligible applicant, including its Affiliated Active Growers, can receive over the five years of the Wine and Grape Strategy is \$100,000 per eligible applicant. Active Growers can apply to more than one application cycle for MVIP funding, but the Maximum Available Grant for a Recipient over all of the application cycles of the Wine and Grape Strategy is \$100,000. Recipients shall bear the remaining percentage of costs for the project.

### Chart of Grant Payment Calculation Examples

Classes 5-10f Wine Grapes Currently Under Production	Calculation for Maximum Funding	Maximum Funding (net of HST)	Maximum Eligible Costs at 35% Funding	Applicant Contribution Required
50 acres	50 x \$1,000 / acre	\$50,000	Approx. \$142,850	Approx. \$92,850
100 acres	100 x \$1,000 / acre	\$100,000	Approx. \$285,700	Approx. \$185,700

### Assessing Wine Grape Acreage to Determine the Funding Cap

Wine Grape Acreage for MVIP will be calculated on the basis of growing acreage registered by the applicant in eGrape, the electronic vine management database. Applicants who do not have some, or any, of their Wine Grape Acreage (owned and/or leased) registered in eGrape may make a request to Agricorp and/or to GGO to have their vineyard information added to the database.

By signing the application form, applicants will authorize Agricorp staff to have view only access to acreage data in the eGrape database.

For the purposes of MVIP, each acre of Wine Grape Acreage is assigned to only one applicant. If two or more applicants co-farm Wine Grape Acreage, and there is a dispute as to which applicant should be assigned the Wine Grape Acreage for the purpose of calculating the Funding Cap, the acreage at issue would be assigned to the landowner.

If an eligible applicant **acquires additional** Wine Grape Acreage during the course of the MVIP that would qualify for an increased Funding Cap (not exceeding the \$100,000 Maximum Available Grant), the applicant may be eligible to apply for additional funding in a future application intake period. On the other hand, if an eligible applicant's Wine Grape Acreage decreases during the course of MVIP, the applicant's Funding Cap would decrease in a future application intake period.

If, after applying for funding under the program, an eligible applicant **ceases** wine grape production on acreage that was used in the calculation of the applicant's Funding Cap, or sells/leases out that Wine Grape Acreage, this will not affect the amount of funding the applicant is able to access in the Project Year in which they were approved to receive funding.

## Considerations for Applicants

**Eligible costs must be incurred by the Recipient in the Project Year in which the application was approved.** Applicants should only apply for improvements that can be realistically completed and expensed in a single Project Year. The complete list of eligible costs and eligible vineyard improvements is outlined in Schedule A of these guidelines.

### For projects approved in the 2017/2018 Project Year:

- All vineyard improvements (goods and services) must be undertaken and completed by March 1, 2018.
- All eligible costs relating to the improvements must be incurred by the applicant between April 1, 2017 and March 1, 2018.
- Applicants who incur expenditures prior to application approval do so at the risk of not being reimbursed if:
  - The application is not approved;
  - All terms and conditions are not satisfied;
  - Funding is not available.

### For projects approved in the 2018/2019 Project Year:

- All vineyard improvements (goods and services) must be undertaken and completed by March 1, 2019.
- All eligible costs relating to the improvements must be incurred by the applicant between April 1, 2018 and March 1, 2019.
- Applicants who incur expenditures prior to application approval do so at the risk of not being reimbursed if:
  - The application is not approved;
  - All terms and conditions are not satisfied;

- Funding is not available.

There is no guarantee that Agricornp will approve an applicant’s request to change projects. Agricornp reserves the right to approve and to reject project changes.

## Group Applications

Group applications will be considered under MVIP. Applicants may link their applications together in order to pool funding for which they may separately be eligible.

Only equipment and infrastructure items indicated in Schedule A are eligible to be included in group applications. Applicants must clearly identify on the application form:

- The identity of the co-applicant(s);
- The eligible vineyard improvement(s) against which the Funding Caps are to be pooled;
- The value of the Funding Cap that each co-applicant wishes to allocate against the item(s) for which they are requesting support.

All co-applicants must be eligible for MVIP support in order for group applications to be considered.

Projects that are being submitted as part of a group application will be assigned a time and date stamp based on the time and date the last of the co-applicants submits their completed application form.

For the purposes of making a claim, group applicants must each submit receipts indicating the names of all co-applicants.

Depending upon the available Funding Cap of each applicant and the amount of the applicant’s respective Funding Caps that each applicant chooses to allocate against the vineyard improvement, payments for the jointly acquired vineyard improvement could be as follows:

### Chart of Group Funding Example:

Co-applicants	Available Funding Cap	Applicant’s Funding Cap allocated to vineyard improvement/Grant Payment	Funding Cap remaining after Grant Payment
1	\$30,000	\$19,000	\$11,000
2	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
3	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$20,000

## Payment Stacking Policy

MVIP applicants may not receive grant funding under any program financed in part or in whole by the Government of Ontario for the same vineyard improvement(s).

Applicants are required to declare all sources of federal, provincial and/or municipal funding, including the program(s) under which the funding is being provided, in relation to their vineyards.

## Application Process

### 1. Complete and Submit an Application Form

Visit the Agricorp website for program information, forms and other resources at [www.Agricorp.com](http://www.Agricorp.com).

The Grape Growers of Ontario can assist you with your application. There is a computer available at GGO for growers to use. For assistance from GGO please call Nick Lemieux at 905-688-0990.

For more information about the program, please contact Agricorp staff by calling 1-888-247-4999 or by emailing [mvip@Agricorp.com](mailto:mvip@Agricorp.com).

A complete application submission will include:

- Signed Application Form

If the submission is incomplete, Agricorp reserves the right to deem it ineligible for review and approval. There is no guarantee that Agricorp will provide applicants with a grace period to remedy deficiencies.

Completed applications may be submitted in one of two ways:

- By email: [mvip@Agricorp.com](mailto:mvip@Agricorp.com)
- By fax: (519) 826-4118

For more information about our partners in MVIP, visit:

- [Agricorp](#)
- [Grape Growers of Ontario](#)
- [Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association](#)

### 2. Application Review

Agricorp staff will review completed application forms, verify the applicant's eligibility, Wine Grape Acreage and calculate the applicant's Funding Cap.



### **3. Offer to Proceed**

Once an application is approved, Agricorp will send an Offer to Proceed to the successful applicant (Recipient) outlining the terms and conditions of the funding, including the list of vineyard improvements approved for reimbursement.

Recipients must pay strict attention to the eligible invoice dates, and adhere to the project claim submission deadlines; otherwise, costs may be considered ineligible for reimbursement.

The Recipient must sign the Offer to Proceed and return it to Agricorp.

### **4. Claims Process**

Upon the completion of one or more approved vineyard improvements, Recipients are required to sign and submit a completed Claim Form in order to obtain reimbursement for eligible costs.

MVIP does not fund cost over-runs; the approved funding in any year cannot be exceeded.

To be eligible to receive 2017/18 MVIP funding, the Recipient must have completed the 2017/18 benchmarking survey of wine and grape businesses that will be conducted as part of the Ontario government's wine and grape strategy.

To be eligible to receive 2018/19 MVIP funding, the Recipient must have completed the 2018/19 benchmarking survey of wine and grape businesses that will be conducted as part of the Ontario government's wine and grape strategy.

As a condition of MVIP funding, the Recipient must provide proof to Agricorp that the Recipient or an appointed designate has completed the Growing Your Farm Profits Workshop offered by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) within the last five years. To find out when and where the workshops are being held, visit [http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/en/programs/workshops/grow\\_your\\_farm\\_profits.htm](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/en/programs/workshops/grow_your_farm_profits.htm)

If the Recipient or their designate has provided Agricorp with proof that the Recipient or an appointed designate has completed the Growing Your Farm Profits Workshop within the last five years, that Recipient will not be required to complete the course again. Active Growers are strongly encouraged to complete the workshop before applying for MVIP funding.

Vineyard improvements are subject to verification by an Agricorp field adjuster at Agricorp's discretion. Vineyard improvement work may need to be verified while the work is being completed and prior to payment.



The claim submission will include the following where applicable:

- Copies of invoices and receipts for the work undertaken or equipment purchased;
- Equipment serial numbers and a detailed description of equipment purchased; and
- Proof of completion of the Growing Your Farm Profits Workshop by the Recipient or Recipient's designate.

## **Additional Requirements for Applicants Accepted Under MVIP**

### **Compliance**

As a condition of MVIP funding, Recipients are responsible for complying with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations.

Failure to comply in any material respect with applicable laws and regulations may result in the termination of the Offer to Proceed and MVIP payments and may require the repayment of any funds received under MVIP to Ontario.

Take notice that Agricorp and the Government of Ontario, including its ministries and public bodies, are not legally responsible for the consequences if MVIP Recipients fail to comply with any applicable laws and regulations.

### **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy**

Please note that OMAFRA is subject to the Freedom of information and Protection of Privacy Act (Ontario). The Act provides every person with a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of OMAFRA, subject to a limited set of exemptions.

For example, the names and addresses of grant Recipients, the amount of the Grant Payment, and the purpose for which Grant Payments are awarded is information that OMAFRA may make public.

### **Information Sharing, Compliance, Audits and Site Inspections**

As a condition of MVIP funding, recipients must agree to authorize ministry use of data collected under the Grape Growers of Ontario's electronic vine management system (eGrape) to enable individual funding caps to be calculated, to provide data for use in verifying applications and to measure performance.

As a condition of MVIP funding, Recipients must agree to provide project financial information and permit access for audits, which may include site inspections, to be conducted by Agricorp and/or its agent(s).

### Benchmarking Survey

As a condition of MVIP funding, Recipients must agree to participate in the annual benchmarking survey of wine and grape businesses that will be conducted as part of the Ontario government's wine and grape strategy.

As a condition of MVIP funding, Recipients must agree to share information on file with the Government of Ontario, or any of its agencies, in relation to any program which the Government of Ontario has funded, in whole or in part, for the purpose of ensuring against funding duplication and identifying funds that may be owing to the Province under any other provincial funding program.

Once applicants are approved for funding, Recipients must comply with the terms and conditions as outlined in these guidelines, the Application Form and the Offer to Proceed.

All signatories to an Application Form are responsible for ensuring the veracity and accuracy of all information provided to Agricorp and/or its agent(s). Any signatory to an Application Form who provides false or misleading information to Agricorp and/or its agent(s) may be disqualified and required to repay any payments received under MVIP.

Agricorp will seek to recover any payments from Recipients who received a payment under MVIP that they were not eligible to receive in accordance with Agricorp's recovery policy and all applicable Acts and Government of Ontario directives regarding the collection of debt- all rights reserved. Should a Recipient have any pre-existing debts owing to Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, Agricorp may recover against that pre-existing debt through a recovery against any payments a Recipient may be eligible to receive under MVIP.

Note that Agricorp reserves the right to revise these guidelines from time to time. It is recommended applicants confirm they have the most recent version of the program guidelines prior to making an application

## Schedule A

### Eligible Costs

Direct and necessary, one-time vineyard improvement costs from the following categories:

1. Vineyard modifications or upgrades intended to enhance or improve grape quality and production
2. The purchase of eligible innovative equipment or machinery\*
3. Materials and one-time labour charges directly related to the development or implementation of a project may be eligible for reimbursement if they are directly attributable to the development, implementation and completion of the project in one of two ways:
  1. Actual cash outlays documented through invoices, receipts and proofs of payment (net of HST) (see Schedule A for more details); or
  2. Flat rate cost activities subject to verification by an Agricorp Adjuster. This may include work performed in the vineyard by a third party or the applicant. (See Schedule A for more details).

In order to be eligible, costs must be incurred in the applicable Project Year. Work must be completed on the vineyard(s) indicated in the application. All vineyard improvements may be subject to verification by an Agricorp Adjuster or other auditors. Agricorp will have the sole discretion to determine eligibility for program funding.

**\*Equipment Policy:** Recipients must retain ownership of all machinery and equipment purchased at a cost of \$5,000 or more, funded under MVIP for a period of four years after purchase. Recipients are required to provide invoices for all machinery and equipment purchases, new and used. Used equipment purchases may be eligible for funding under the following conditions:

- Equipment is purchased at fair market value;
- Equipment is purchased from an authorized dealer; and
- No previous owner has received cost share funding for the purchase of the equipment under any program funded in part or in whole by the Government of Ontario.

## Eligible Vineyard Improvements

### 0101 Wine Grape Vine Removal

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Removing wine grape vines/stumps/roots (includes roguing) that are infected with virus or have cold injury or lack of productivity. Removal from trellis and disposal; trellis, posts, and wire may also be removed and disposed of or left in place, where practical.

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Flat eligible cost rate of \$3,066 per acre; must be verified by Agricorp at time of removal.

### 0301 Vine Trellis Systems

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Posts, wires and anchor materials for vines removed because of cold injury or virus or lack of productivity

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0302 Vine Trellis Systems

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Installation of trellis posts, wires and anchors for vines removed because of cold injury or virus or productivity

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Flat eligible cost rate of \$1.50 per meter to a cap of 60% of material costs or receipt-based claim. Installation measured end post to end post of new rows; must be verified by Agricorp at time of installation

### 0401 Consultation with a Viticulture Expert

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Consultation with a viticulture expert for new technology and innovation; Crop protection consultation;

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim, GGO approved list of qualified viticulture experts only

### 0501 Improved Viticulture Practices

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Mechanical pre-pruning machine

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0502 Improved Viticulture Practices

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Mechanical leaf remover (excluding current industry standard mechanical leaf removers)

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0503 Improved Viticulture Practices

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Soil amendment spreading machine (side dressing-type equipment for compost or mulch, but not manure spreaders)

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0504 Improved Viticulture Practices

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Weed control equipment other than sprayers and not including a grape hoe

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0506 Improved Viticulture Practices

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Purchase of drift reduction sprayers and nozzles, 4 row sprayer or equipment modification for improved spray application

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0507 Improved Viticulture Practices

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Prunings shredder (not mowers) and other tools used to reduce disease inoculum or overwintering insects

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0508 Improved Viticulture Practices

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Specialized Equipment (harvester attachment that removes stems and leaves, optical sorting equipment, MOG removers)

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0509 Improved Viticulture Practices

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Installation of a GPS guidance system on vineyard equipment and/or spray monitors

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0601 Reducing Cold Injury

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Purchase and installation of wind machine or like equipment for acreage not previously protected by a wind machine

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim from qualified contractor

### 0602 Reducing Cold Injury

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Relocating stationary wind machine to acreage not previously protected by a wind machine

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim from qualified contractor; must be verified by Agricorp at time of relocation

### 0604 Reducing Cold Injury

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Insulating fabric for winter protection (including equipment for application and removal)

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0701 Improved Irrigation Infrastructure

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Purchase of trickle irrigation equipment, including flow meter (mandatory)

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0702 Improved Irrigation Infrastructure

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Installation of trickle irrigation system (including the installation of ponds as a component of a trickle irrigation system)

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

Flat eligible cost rate of \$0.40 per metre of grape row; will be subject to Agricorp verification

### 0801 Pest Management

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Non acoustical pest management systems (bird netting, night guard retrofit, electric fencing)

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0802 Pest Management

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Sampling/testing for red blotch and leaf roll

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0901 Improved Environmental Monitoring

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Purchase or modification of sensing/monitoring equipment related to wind machine operation (including transition to natural gas)

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim from a qualified contractor



### 0902 Improved Environmental Monitoring

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Purchase of soil moisture sensors, remote sensors, weather stations to measure temperature, wind speed and direction, leaf wetness, and rainfall and like equipment

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

### 0903 Improved Environmental Monitoring

**Eligible Vineyard Improvements:** Purchase of purpose-designed software to manage weather data

**Claim Method and Cost Allowance:** (receipt-based claims may be subject to Agricorp verification) Receipt-based claim

## Schedule B

### Ineligible Costs

Ineligible costs include, but are not limited to:

- Ongoing operational costs such as labour, materials or overhead costs
- Equipment depreciation and maintenance
- General working capital requirements including debt servicing and taxes
- Purchase of land or buildings
- Cost of new vines
- Cost of planting new vines
- Any winery specific equipment
- Purchase or rental of land and buildings
- Purchase of used machinery and equipment other than from an authorized dealer
- Lease or rental costs of machinery and equipment (unless included in cost per acre limits)
- Purchase of general farm equipment (e.g., manure spreader, tractor)
- Materials in a farm's inventory
- Costs for on-going testing in the vineyard, except for leaf roll and red blotch testing (0802)
- Pesticides or other pest control chemicals or substances
- Purchase of general purpose computer software
- Direct wage subsidies for employees
- Debt restructuring, fundraising or financing costs
- Meals, entertainment and alcohol
- Costs incurred outside of the Project Year
- Costs incurred outside the eligible invoice dates
- Costs associated with completing the Application Form, Claim Form or any other program-related forms
- Costs associated with project planning, supervision, or administration
- Normal or on-going business costs
- Legal costs
- HST

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