



CHANGES TO ADVANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM (APP) ANNOUNCED MAY 1, 2019

The Manitoba Corn Growers Association, as an administrator of the Advance Payments Program (APP), is committed to providing additional information on the changes made to the APP as announced on May 1, 2019. The APP is a federally-guaranteed loan program made available by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).

The federal government announced that they would amend the Agricultural Marketing Program Regulations to temporarily increase loan limits under the APP. Read the full press release at <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2019/05/government-of-canada-taking-action-for-canadas-canola-sector.html>. The regulatory amendment would change the loan limits for the APP for the 2019 year as follows:

- Advances of up to \$1 million will be available on all commodities, more than double the previous limit of \$400,000.
- The first \$100,000 will remain interest-free on all commodities, except canola. Canola advances will be eligible for up to \$500,000 (total) interest-free.

Currently, there is limited additional information the MCGA can provide to farmers on how the changes will be implemented until further direction is provided by AAFC. We will strive to provide information as quickly as it becomes available.

Farmers can still apply for an advance at the previous loan limits where each producer is entitled to \$100,000 interest-free and an additional \$300,000 at a reduced interest rate. Application forms are available at <https://manitobacorn.ca/cash-advance-program/>.

Please call Tammy or Rae at the MCGA office at 1-877-598-5685 if you have any questions regarding how to apply for a cash advance, or any general questions about the APP. Please keep in mind we may not be able to answer all your questions regarding the new loan limits.

For information on the Advance Payments Program, please visit AAFC's website at <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/programs-and-services/advance-payments-program/?id=1462198969862>, email at aafc.fgp-pgf.aac@canada.ca, or toll-free at 1-866-367-8506.