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**Water Adaptation Management and Quality Initiative (WAMQI)**  
*More resilient farm practices related to water quantity and water quality*

February 4, 2014 – Growing Forward 2 (GF2), a federal-provincial-territorial initiative, is providing \$1.5 million to support farm water quality and water quantity projects that will benefit Ontario agricultural producers and organizations. Farm & Food Care Ontario will administer the program.

The Water Adaptation Management and Quality Initiative (WAMQI) will support demonstration and applied research projects that showcase innovative technologies and solutions for agricultural water conservation and water efficiency activities related to adapting to climate change. Projects that support the efficient use of nutrients and effective nutrient management related to water quality are also eligible for funding.

WAMQI will help Ontario farmers:

- Prepare for, and better manage, the impacts of climate change through the development of resilient farm practices;
- Address issues of water supply by adopting water conservation and water use practices; and
- Improve water quality through better nutrient management practices.

Agricultural commodity groups, marketing boards, recognized industry associations and non-profit organizations, First Nation groups and universities and colleges can apply for cost-share funding. WAMQI provides cost-share funding of 40 per cent to 100 per cent of the eligible project costs, with a maximum funding contribution of \$70,000 per project.

**The deadline for application is Tuesday, March 4, 2014.**

For more information or an application form, please refer to the “*Request for Proposals for Applied Research Studies, Demonstrations and Pilot Projects*” under the Environment Button at [www.farmfoodcare.org](http://www.farmfoodcare.org).

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**About Farm & Food Care:** Farm & Food Care Ontario represents thousands of farmers and related businesses with a mandate to provide credible information on food and farming in Ontario.

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