

Farm Sustainability Readiness Tool

Web Platform and
Self Assessment

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About AFSE

- Collaborative approach to sustainability by Alberta Barley, Alberta Canola, Alberta Pulse Growers and Alberta Wheat
 - Working on behalf of our producer membership, we are committed to assessing and meeting areas of need for on-farm sustainability extension and education
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Background

What's Happening?

- AFSE is launching a new initiative to increase growers' readiness and familiarity with on-farm sustainable production practices and sustainable sourcing standards
- The project will provide a “one-stop-shop” for growers where they can learn about sustainability in the crops sector and assess their farm against internationally recognized certification programs
- Timeframe: May 2017 - February 2018

Background

Why is this project being done?

- Previous AFSE survey showed a lack of knowledge and familiarity with sustainability and sustainable sourcing among growers
- There is a need to prepare crop growers to meet these new requirements and to provide them with tools and resources
- There is also an opportunity for AFSE and partners to consolidate data at the provincial level about the level of readiness and the overall performance of the sector

Background

The tool covers 3 sustainability programs:

- International Sustainability and Carbon Certification PLUS (ISCC PLUS)
- Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) Farmer Self-Assessment (FSA) 2.0
- Unilever's Sustainable Agriculture Code (ULSAC)

- ✓ Internationally recognized
- ✓ Robust
- ✓ Compatible

Background

What will the benefits be?

- Will help the entire industry assess their position toward the requirements of three internationally recognized sustainability programs
- Will provide resources and an action plan to growers in order to address the gaps between program requirements and their current practices
- Will streamline the self-assessment process
- Will support the overall cropping sector's reporting effort
- Will be useful to engage in discussion with stakeholders

Purpose

Extension and Education

- This is a tool designed to increase the readiness of producers for the eventuality that sustainability certification will become common place in our markets
- This is not a new assurance protocol or certification standard



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