

➔ Program Questions & Answers



Does this program qualify for funding under the Canadian Agricultural Skills Service program? Yes, Traction qualifies as skills training that can be included in your Individual Learning Plan through the Canadian Agricultural Skills Service (CASS) program. Completion and submission of your Individual Learning Plan meets your Options program requirement.

What will I get from the Traction Workshop?

- New business ideas
- Alternative markets
- Different ways of approaching your current market
- A solid assessment of your skills and strengths
- A simple, systematic goal-setting process
- Time-proven negotiation skills
- A Traction Toolkit that shows you where to go to get what you need

What is the “CASS” program?

The Canadian Agricultural Skills Service (CASS) program provides farmers and their spouses with opportunities to access skills assessment services designed to enable participants to set farm and personal goals that can lead to improved farm profitability and net family income.

As a qualified CASS participant, you will receive professional assistance to develop your Individual Learning Plan (ILP). Depending on your net family income, you may also receive financial assistance to complete the activities in your Plan.

How do I qualify for CASS funding?

CASS eligibility is based on two levels of requirements.

1. You can qualify as an active agricultural producer if you have an annual gross farm income of at least \$10,000. Even if you are a beginning farmer, you can qualify by showing you have a solid plan to farm and can show that you will have at least \$10,000 in annual gross farm sales within six years of start-up.
2. If you are an established farmer, your eligibility for CASS is determined on the basis of your average net family income during the previous three years. If you are a beginning farmer, your eligibility for CASS is determined on the basis of your net family income for the previous year only.

Using the above guidelines, if your total net family income was no more than \$45,000, you may qualify for the full range of CASS benefits. Beginning farmers are given the opportunity to work with a Skills Assessment Advisor to develop an ILP at any income level, even if your net family income may be too high to receive financial benefits.

For more information about your eligibility, call 1-877-830-0200 or visit the CASS website at www.ontario.ca/cass

2009 WORKSHOP DATES

Date	Location
Jan. 19-20 '09	ANCASTER
Jan. 22-23 '09	ORANGEVILLE

Deadline to Register:
2 weeks prior to start date

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