

Science and Innovation - Agricultural Demonstration of Practices and Technology (ADOPT)

The purpose of the ADOPT program is to accelerate the transfer of knowledge to Saskatchewan producers and ranchers. The ADOPT program will provide funding, from the Saskatchewan government, to help producer groups evaluate and demonstrate new agricultural practices and technologies at the local level. The results of successful trials can then be adopted by farming operations in the region.

Eligible recipients include Saskatchewan-based producer groups, such as Agri-ARM sites, the Western Beef Development Centre (WBDC), the Irrigation Crop Diversification Corporation (ICDC) and commodity groups. Individual producers are not eligible to receive funding under this program, but are encouraged to bring project ideas forward through a local producer group.

There will be two deadlines for submission of applications: July 31, 2009 for fall projects and January 1, 2010 for spring projects

The program's goal is to increase the adoption of new technology at the local level and is focused on demonstration. Projects that would be eligible under the Agriculture Development Fund will not be considered eligible for funding under the ADOPT program.

Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis. Each producer group will be eligible for funding of up to \$10,000 per project to a maximum of \$50,000 per year. Generally, funding will be awarded for projects with a duration of one year. Exceptions will be considered for demonstrations that require more than one year to complete, such as biennial or perennial crops. Applicants will be required to submit a work plan, a report at the end of the project, and a financial statement, including receipts.

Please contact Brenda Frick at organic@usask.ca or Angie Tunink at atunink@ocia.org if an OCIA Chapter is interested in applying for the ADOPT program. After harvest, Brenda will be conducting a meeting to discuss potential projects for this funding.