



## DELIVERY OF EFP PROGRAM ACROSS ALBERTA

The EFP program depends on a network of EFP technicians across the province to assist in the delivery of the EFP Program in Alberta.

- EFP can act as an introduction to producers in the EFP Tech's region so they can point these producers to other regional programs and services.
- In the last 5 years, Alberta EFP has maintained a network of 40+ technicians.
- EFP techs are usually involved through their municipality or local research association, and they provide producers with the local context to make their plans as relevant as possible.
- EFP Technicians are key for promoting EFP in their area.

## SUPPORTING EFP DELIVERY IN YOUR REGION

The Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is free, voluntary, and helps farmers highlight their commitment to the land. The program covers the entire farm using a self-assessment tool that identifies potential on-farm environmental risks. At the completion of the program, the farmer has an itemized list of adjustments that can be made to their operation as time and resources allow. The main purpose of the EFP is education and awareness for Alberta producers. One of the ways we support producers through the program is with local, knowledgeable assistance by one of our trained EFP Technicians. These Technicians are imperative for the success of the EFP program.

### ROLE OF AN EFP TECHNICIAN

EFP Technicians are direct lines of support for producers completing the EFP program. Upon completion, the assigned technician reviews the completed workbook to provide resources, insights and feedback. The time commitment for being an EFP technician is dependent on the current demand for EFPs in the area. Some producers will require more support throughout the process depending on individual needs. EFP Technicians may choose to host workshops (supported by EFP staff) to work with more producers all at once.



Scan the code for more information on the EFP program

#### Become an EFP Technician

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#### Get Involved

Contact Lisa Nadeau the EFP director, at [lisa@areca.ab.ca](mailto:lisa@areca.ab.ca).

Our technicians typically are employed by municipalities or research or forage associations throughout the province. We ensure that each producer who registers for an account will get an assigned technician based off their municipality. Without these great EFP technicians assisting producers in their areas of the province it would be significantly more difficult to have the reach and impact that we do. We rely on the efforts and dedication of these trained EFP technicians to support producers through the workbook, review and provide feedback on their action plans, and promote uptake of the program within their region.

## TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROCESS

Initial training generally takes 3-4 days spread over a few weeks or months. This training program varies in length (time spent) and duration (how long it takes to complete the training). Technicians-in-training will be assigned a senior EFP technician for mentorship and support through the process.

### 1 | INITIAL OVERVIEW TRAINING

Held virtually one-on-one with EFP staff, EFP Technician candidates run through the basics and policies of the EFP Program, how to navigate the online EFP Webbook, and the next steps in their training process.

### 2 | HANDS ON TRAINING WITH EFP

Technicians-in-training are assigned to a senior EFP Technician for hands on training of delivering EFPs to producers.

### 3 | BECOME A FULL EFP TECHNICIAN

When the mentor feels the tech-in-training is ready to deliver EFPs on their own, they give the official sign off on the tech-in-training's checklist. They can then start delivering EFPs in their region.

We deliver on-going training to ensure EFP technicians are familiar with program changes and to solidify their knowledge. These are offered virtually throughout the year and we host an annual training event in person in the fall.

## OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Some organizations may be looking to get involved but cannot commit the resources to an EFP technician. Here are some other ways organizations can support the delivery of EFP in their region:



### Hosting EFP workshops

We'll provide EFP Technicians to facilitate the workshop.



### Host EFP Info Sessions

Easy add-ons to other events you are already hosting.



### Share EFP Information

Reach out to us to have the latest information sent to you for your newsletters, publications, websites and more.



### Workbook Participation

Contribute to workbook content development and revision.



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