



**FARMERS
FOR CLIMATE
SOLUTIONS**

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

About Farmers for Climate Solutions

Launched in February 2020, Farmers for Climate Solutions (FCS) is a national coalition of farmer-led and farmer-supporting organizations advancing policies and programming that support farmers to reduce emissions and build resilience in the face of climate change. FCS is embarking on an exciting phase of developing a national Farmer Mentorship Program that will scale adoption of on-farm climate-friendly practices across 2 million acres of farmland in Canada.

We want to inspire change from fence post to fence post!

Through online peer-to-peer learning, this Program will provide training and mentorship to farmers on these three streams:

- 1** Advanced Nitrogen Management (Curriculum by [Climate Smart Soils](#))
- 2** Advanced Grazing Systems (Curriculum by [Canadian Forage and Grasslands Association](#))
- 3** Cover Cropping (Curriculum by [Canadian Organic Growers](#))

Our goal is to provide farmers with a comprehensive and supported Mentorship Program, equipping them with concrete tools to adopt practices that can benefit the environment and their livelihoods. Throughout the Mentorship Program, farmers will have access to Communities of Inquiry, where they can troubleshoot and brainstorm with other farmers, and receive input from mentors. Farmers who complete the Program will leave with a management plan to support on-farm implementation.

What is a Community of Inquiry?

Meeting spaces that foster learning, knowledge sharing and support among peers. Communities of Inquiry can help overcome isolation and build community in a meaningful way.

Our timeline

FCS' Mentorship Program will run for four years, and will be launched for the 2022 growing season. Our goal is to provide Farmer Mentors with access to the online learning system in May 2022, so they can familiarize themselves with the material and platform.

- Coaching Farmer Mentors: late June 2022
- First Farmer Training sessions: July 2022
- Second Farmer Training sessions: Fall 2022

What we will provide

- A robust curriculum for each learning stream
- A one-stop shop online learning system to host training sessions, learning materials and Communities of Inquiry
- Access to Farmer Mentors to guide learning and provide helpful input
- Partnership opportunities with farmer organizations across Canada who will be delivering the Mentorship Program
- Useful resources and fact sheets (ex: cover crop description and seeding rate charts, advanced grazing system plan templates, nitrogen management calculations.)

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