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Association Canadienne pour les Plantes Fourragères



CFGA launches Biodiversity Tool: Guide to agricultural practices (Biodiv+) for Quebec

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FREDERICTON, N.B. (May 12, 2025) - The Canadian Forage and Grassland Association (CFGA) today launched Biodiversity Tool: Guide to Agricultural Practices (Biodiv+). The tool was adapted for Quebec in collaboration with the Fédération de l'UPA Mauricie and the Union des producteurs agricoles. The two-hour webinar presented the background to the project and the Biodiv+ tool, introduced the key players who contributed to its development, demonstrated how it works, interpreted the report generated and outlined its potential use on farms in the province.

This online tool enables farmers to identify the habitats on their farms that play an essential role in biodiversity. It proposes a prioritised list of agri-environmental practices, adapted to their particular context, to be implemented in order to promote this biodiversity. The tool is based on the potential presence of species in the region, without revealing any sensitive information about species at risk. The aim is to encourage farmers to adopt practices that better reconcile agriculture and agricultural biodiversity.

“The ease of use of the Biodiv+ tool will enable agricultural producers to take concrete action to help populations of vulnerable species in Quebec,” says Stéphane Tremblay, director of development and the Agroenvironnement at the UPA de la Mauricie and one of the key players in the development of the tool.

The launch of Biodiv+ in Quebec is the final one in a series of habitat and biodiversity assessment tools the CFGA launched across the country. Tools are also available for Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan. The Quebec launch marks the sixth and final year of the \$1.2 million project, which began in 2020 with financial support from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) under the Canadian Wildlife Fund.

More info

For more information about the Biodiv+ project, and to access the Quebec tool, visit [the CFGA website](https://canadianfga.ca).

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About Canadian Forage and Grassland Association

Incorporated in 2010, the CFGA provides a national voice for all Canadians who produce hay and forage products and for those whose production is dependent upon forage/grassland production.

