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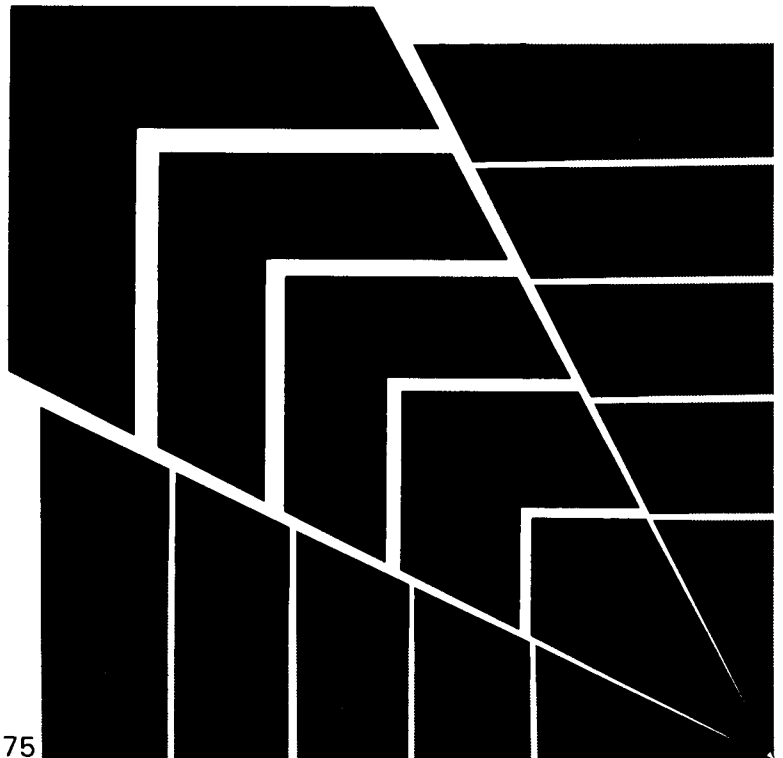


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CANADA - NEW BRUNSWICK
SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this 17th day of February, 1975

BETWEEN:

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA (hereinafter referred to as "Canada"), represented herein by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion,

OF THE FIRST PART,

AND:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK (hereinafter referred to as "the Province"), represented herein by the Premier of New Brunswick

OF THE SECOND PART.

WHEREAS Canada and the Province signed a General Development Agreement dated April 23, 1974, (hereinafter referred to as "the GDA"), to achieve the objectives stated in section 3 thereof;

AND WHEREAS in pursuit of these objectives, Canada and the Province have agreed to seek to achieve a coordinated application of relevant federal and provincial policies and programs through the process of identifying development opportunities and assisting in their realization through the coordinated and concentrated application of relevant federal and provincial programs, including the provision of specialized measures required for such realization;

AND WHEREAS Canada and the Province have agreed to establish a planning process leading to the identification and elaboration of agricultural development opportunities in the Province, and to assist the agricultural industry in the Province increase production in those commodities for which

it enjoys a comparative advantage on the domestic or export market, and to stimulate development of agriculture in the Province, having due regard to the presentation of environmental quality;

AND WHEREAS the Governor in Council by Order in Council P.C. 1975-14/102 of the 23rd day of January, 1975, has authorized the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to execute this Agreement on behalf of Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council by Order in Council No. 75-68 of the 29th day of January, 1975, has authorized the Premier of New Brunswick to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Province;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1. In this Agreement:

- (a) "capital project" means any specific project, as determined by the Management Committee, in which construction or activities related to construction are involved;
- (b) "eligible cost" means those costs defined in section 5;
- (c) "Federal Minister" means the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion of Canada and includes anyone authorized to act on his behalf;
- (d) "fiscal year" means the period commencing on April 1 of any year and terminating on March 31 of the immediately following year;
- (e) "initiative" means the subject matter of this Agreement and includes any program, project or other activity designed to implement the objectives of the GDA;
- (f) "Management Committee" means the committee referred to in section 8;
- (g) "Ministers" means the Federal Minister and the Provincial Minister;
- (h) "program" means a series of specific, related, individual activities;
- (i) "project" means a specific activity forming a self-contained unit within a program; and
- (j) "Provincial Minister" means the Premier of New Brunswick and includes anyone authorized to act on his behalf.

OBJECTIVE, PURPOSE AND SUBJECT MATTER

2. (1) Pursuant to section 3 of the GDA, the objective of this Agreement is to enable Canada and the Province to jointly participate in initiatives directed towards the attainment of maximum economic and socioeconomic benefits from the agricultural resources of the Province of New Brunswick, and particularly to reinforce federal and provincial government policies and programs relating to the development of or support of all aspects of the agricultural sector.
 - (2) Pursuant to the objective stated in subsection (1) subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, contributions may be made for the purposes of:
 - (a) identifying and pursuing new or unexploited development opportunities;
 - (b) expanding employment in those existing aspects of the agriculture industry in New Brunswick which enjoy a demonstrated competitive advantage on the provincial or export market; and
 - (c) improving the viability of the existing industry and its ability to sustain growth.
 - (3) Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Agreement contains details of the programs identified for implementation.
 - (4) Schedule "B" contains background and rationale for the programs and projects.
3. (1) The Province shall take over, or arrange to be taken over, on completion, each capital project undertaken under this Agreement and shall accept full responsibility for its operation, maintenance and repair, except in cases where other federal-provincial arrangements may apply.
 - (2) The Province shall arrange for the takeover and acquisition of all lands and interests in lands that are required for program implementation.
 - (3) It is understood and agreed that where a project under this Agreement is to be undertaken by a municipality or other institution or agency under provincial jurisdiction, such arrangements as are necessary with respect to such undertakings shall be the responsibility of the Province.

4. No program or project shall be approved after the expiry date of this Agreement and, unless the Federal Minister otherwise agrees, no claim made in respect of any program or project or parts thereof under this Agreement shall be paid unless it is received by Canada within one year following the said expiry date.
5. (1) Subject to subsection (3), the eligible costs of capital projects to be financed or shared under this Agreement in respect of the capital projects or portions thereof listed in Schedule "A" are:
 - (a) all direct costs, including those relating to public information that in the opinion of the Management Committee have been reasonably and properly incurred by the Province for the implementation of the capital projects, but excluding administrative, survey, engineering and architecture costs; and
 - (b) ten per cent (10%) of the costs pursuant to paragraph (a) as an allowance towards the exclusions specified therein.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the eligible costs of non-capital projects to be financed or shared under this Agreement in respect of the projects or portions thereof listed in Schedule "A" are:
 - (a) all costs reasonably and properly incurred by the Province under all contracts entered into in accordance with this Agreement by the Province with any person or corporation for the acquisition of equipment or the performance of work or services for the execution of the project; and
 - (b) the gross salaries, employer's share of contributions for Canada Pension Plan and Unemployment Insurance, and reasonable travel and removal expenses in accordance with applicable provincial regulations of those provincial employees determined by the Management Committee to be or to have been engaged in the implementation of projects; provided that such costs, as determined by the Management Committee, are incremental to the Province and are in addition to such staff, services and facilities as are normally available or already in existence within the Province, it being expressly understood and agreed that costs for accommodation in provincially-owned buildings and costs for regular provincial telephone and other utility systems and other services shall be excluded, except as otherwise agreed by the Management Committee.

- (3) The costs to be shared by Canada do not include any costs relating to the acquisition of lands or interests in lands, or costs arising from conditions of acquisition, except where otherwise specified in Schedule "A".
 - (4) Subject to the approval of the Federal Minister, costs incurred on approved programs and projects by either party are eligible if incurred within twelve months prior to the date of this Agreement.
6. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement, the total amount payable by Canada under this Agreement with respect to the programs listed in Schedule "A" shall not exceed eighty per cent (80%) of the total eligible costs up to an amount of \$6,988,780, which amount includes a fifteen per cent (15%) contingency allowance.
7.
 - (1) Unless otherwise agreed by the Ministers, the eligible costs of each program shall be limited to the estimated total costs specified in Schedule "A".
 - (2) If, at any stage of a program or project, it appears to the Province that the costs thereof will exceed the estimated costs specified in Schedule "A", the Province shall promptly so inform the Management Committee and state the reasons for such increase.
 - (3) Upon being informed, the Management Committee shall consider the circumstances which have contributed to the increase in the estimated costs and shall prepare and present a report and recommendations to the Ministers in respect of the action proposed to be taken if adjustments in program costs are required.
8.
 - (1) Canada and the Province shall through the Ministers appoint a Management Committee consisting of an equal number of representatives of each party.
 - (2) The Management Committee shall be responsible for the overall management of this Agreement and, in particular, for the following:
 - (a) approval of all programs and projects necessary for the implementation of this Agreement;
 - (b) submission for the approval of the Ministers annually, and no later than September 1, of the projected budget required for the subsequent fiscal year;
 - (c) coordination of all cost-shared programs and projects under this Agreement;

- (d) modifications necessary in the course of the fiscal year within the annual budget, following its approval by Canada and the Province;
 - (e) reporting to the Ministers its evaluation of the progress of this Agreement and its recommendations with respect to the progress of implementation;
 - (f) establishing at its discretion, in order to facilitate implementation, advisory, coordinating or steering committees consisting of representatives of the departments and agencies of Canada and the Province involved in the implementation of programs and projects under this Agreement;
 - (g) applying the procedures specified in section 11;
 - (h) recommending to the Ministers amendments to be made to this Agreement;
 - (i) performing any other functions that may be assigned to it by the parties hereto; and
 - (j) providing to the officials designated under subsection 9.2 of the GDA such information and advice as they may determine to be necessary for the performance of the functions assigned to them under the GDA by the Ministers designated therein.
- (3) (a) Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement or agreed by the Management Committee, the Province shall be responsible for operational program and project development and, under the overall supervision of the Management Committee, for implementing all cost-shared programs under this Agreement, and shall also ensure the provision of the staff and administrative machinery for the implementation of programs and projects under this Agreement assigned to the Province.
- (b) The Province, through its representation on the Management Committee, shall be responsible for liaison and program coordination between the agencies of the Province administering the programs included in this Agreement or whose activities affect the implementation of this Agreement.
- (4) The Department of Regional Economic Expansion, through its representation on the Management Committee, shall be responsible for liaison and program coordination between the agencies of

Canada administering the programs included in this Agreement or whose activities affect the implementation of this Agreement.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

9. Subject to section 10, payments by Canada shall be made promptly to the Province on the basis of provincially audited progress claims setting out the eligible costs incurred and paid for eligible programs and projects, and submitted in a form and verified in a manner satisfactory to the Federal Minister.
10. (1) In order to assist with the interim financing of programs and projects, Canada may, if the Province so requests, make interim payments to the Province of one hundred per cent (100%) of Canada's share of claims submitted, based on estimates of costs actually incurred, certified by a senior officer of the Province.
(2) The Province shall account for each interim payment by submitting to Canada, within the quarter following such payment by Canada, a detailed statement of the actual costs incurred and paid, verified in a manner satisfactory to the Federal Minister. Any discrepancy between the amounts paid by Canada by way of interim payments and the amounts actually paid by the Province shall be promptly adjusted between Canada and the Province.
- 10.1 Payment of claims under sections 9 and 10 shall be augmented by ten per cent (10%) for capital projects as provided for in paragraph 5 (1) (b).

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

11. The financing by Canada of the programs and projects listed in Schedule "A" is conditional upon the following procedures being observed in the implementation of each of the programs and projects:

A - Capital Projects (Cost Exceeding \$20,000)

(1) Definition

The Management Committee shall establish a definition of the project for the purpose of identifying the work to be financed.

(2) Tenders and Contract Awards

- (a) Unless the Management Committee otherwise agrees, all construction, purchase and other contracts shall be reviewed by the Management Committee and shall be let pursuant to tenders invited by public advertisement acknowledging the financial participation of the parties hereto;
- (b) opening of all tenders shall be public and the Management Committee shall be supplied with copies of each advertisement for tender together with notice of the time and place for tender opening, in sufficient time to enable any member of the Management Committee or his representative to be present at all tender openings and to participate in the evaluation of tenders;
- (c) all contracts shall be awarded to the responsible and responsive tenderer who submitted the lowest evaluated bid, unless otherwise agreed by the Management Committee; and
- (d) all announcements of contract awards shall be made jointly by Canada and the Province.

(3) Construction and Implementation

- (a) All substantive amendments to contracts shall require the prior approval of the Management Committee;
- (b) any member of the Management Committee or his representative shall be permitted to inspect the project at all reasonable times for the purpose of verifying progress claims and obtaining any other information concerning the project which may be required by the Federal Minister or the Provincial Minister; and
- (c) the Province shall forward to the Management Committee a report as to the progress of the work, in such detail and at such time as may be required by the Management Committee.

B - Non-capital Projects

(1) Definition

The Management Committee shall establish a definition of the project for the purpose of identifying the work to be financed, outlining the work program, method of

implementation, types of services to be employed, equipment and materials required and estimates of cost.

(2) Implementation

- (a) All contracts for professional services in excess of \$25,000 shall be awarded and supervised in accordance with procedures to be established by the Management Committee, unless in its opinion it is impractical to do so;
 - (b) reports produced by consultants or resulting from projects under this Agreement shall become the property of both parties hereto; and
 - (c) the Province shall forward to the Management Committee a report as to the progress of the work, in such detail and at such time as may be required by the Management Committee.
12. Subject to the express provisions of subsection 5 (4), contracts and purchases made and work done prior to the date of this Agreement in respect of projects listed in Schedule "A" may be accepted as complying with the provisions of this Agreement if they are consistent with the provisions of the GDA and if they are approved in writing by the Federal Minister on the recommendation of the Management Committee.

13. Public Information

- (1) Canada and the Province agree to cooperate in the development and implementation of a program of public information respecting implementation of projects under this Agreement, and further agree to supply, erect and maintain on the direction of the Management Committee:
 - (a) during the course of construction of capital projects, a project sign or signs specifying that the relevant project is a Canada-New Brunswick Regional Development Project financed by contributions by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion of the Government of Canada (and any other Federal agency, where relevant) and the Government of the Province of New Brunswick or such other wording to the like effect as may be agreed to by the Ministers; and
 - (b) where relevant upon completion of each project, a permanent sign or plaque to the effect set forth in (a).

- (2) Any public announcement of the measures covered by this Agreement, and any official opening ceremony for each project outlined in Schedule "A", shall be arranged jointly by the Ministers.

RECORDS AND AUDIT

14. Each of the parties hereto shall keep detailed and accurate accounts and records of its expenditures in respect of all programs and projects the cost of which is to be shared between them under this Agreement, and shall make such accounts and records available at all reasonable times for inspection and audit by the other party. Any discrepancy between the amounts paid by either party and the amounts actually payable by it, as disclosed by any such audit, shall be adjusted by means of subsequent progress claims.

GENERAL

15. (1) The provision of financing by Canada and the Province for the implementation of programs under this Agreement is subject to the Parliament of Canada and the Province having provided funds for such financing for the fiscal year in which such financing is required.
- (2) No member of the House of Commons or of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick shall be admitted to any share or part of any contract, agreement, or commission made pursuant to this Agreement, or to any benefit to arise therefrom.
- (3) Any dispute between the parties hereto on any question of law or fact arising out of this Agreement shall be submitted to and determined by the Federal Court of Canada pursuant to the Federal Court Act of Canada.
- (4) Where one party hereto is responsible for the implementation of a cost-shared program or project it shall indemnify and save harmless the other party, its officers, servants and agents, against all claims and demands of third parties in any way arising out of the implementation of such program or project, except as such claims or demands relate to the act or negligence of any officer, employee or agent of the other party.
- (5) This Agreement shall terminate on March 31, 1977.
- (6) Subject to the terms and conditions of section 14 of the GDA, this Agreement may be renewed for any further period

agreed upon by the parties hereto, but such renewal shall be subject to the approval of the Governor in Council and Lieutenant Governor in Council.

- (7) The following conditions relevant to employment and the award of contracts shall apply in respect of all programs and projects carried out under this Agreement:
- (a) recruiting of labour shall be conducted through the Canada Manpower Centres unless the Management Committee considers that this service cannot reasonably be provided;
 - (b) in the employment of persons on a project, there shall be no discrimination by reason of race, sex, age, marital status, national origin, colour, religion or political affiliation; it being agreed, however, that the foregoing shall not prevent the implementation of special measures designed to benefit native people or disadvantaged groups;
 - (c) the provisions of the Labour Standards Arrangement proposed by the Federal Department of Labour in 1970 shall be applicable to this Agreement; and
 - (d) Canadian material and manpower shall be used in respect of all programs and projects to the extent to which it is procurable and consistent with proper economy and the expeditious performance of the initiatives.

EVALUATION

16. During this Agreement, Canada and the Province shall jointly effect an assessment of the programs listed in Schedule "A" with regard to the stated objectives. Annual progress reports shall be submitted by the Management Committee to the Ministers on or before the annual meeting of the Ministers as prescribed under subsection 9.1 of the GDA. In addition, Canada and the Province shall also jointly effect an evaluation of all the programs with respect to the general economic and socioeconomic development objectives of this Agreement.
17. (1) Substantive changes to this Agreement, and to Schedule "A" thereof, may be effected as agreed from time to time by the Ministers in writing. Each program added to Schedule "A" shall form part of this Agreement as if it had originally been included in this Agreement. It is expressly understood and agreed, however, that any amendment to section 6 shall require the approval of the Governor in Council and Lieutenant Governor in Council.

- (2) Subject to subsection (1), the Management Committee may make adjustments during the fiscal year to the programs in Schedule "A" to this Agreement provided, however, that such adjustments do not increase the total amounts of the Schedule nor conflict with the objectives of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Agreement has been executed on behalf of Canada by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and the Minister of Agriculture, and on behalf of the Province by the Premier of New Brunswick and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

In the Presence of:

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Witness

Minister of
Regional Economic Expansion

Witness

Minister of Agriculture
GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE
OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Witness

Premier of New Brunswick

Witness

Minister of Agriculture
and Rural Development



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SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
SCHEDULE "A"

Program Description	Estimated Cost of Program (\$'000)	Federal Share, Including (a) Direct Cost (b) 10% Allowance (where applicable) (\$'000)
1. <u>Planning and Development</u>	1,006	
1.1 Planning and Development: To review the sector and develop long-term program and policy directions. Provision for technical support.		285.6 *
1.2 Land Planning: Establishment of land planning unit.		302.4 *
1.3 Greenhouse Industry: Feasibility studies on market location and energy source.		28.0
1.4 Beef Industry: Testing of cross breeds.		28.8
1.5 Dairy Industry: Synthesis of current situation and identification of opportunities.		48.0
1.6 Feed Production: Development of action plan for increased grain and protein production.		40.0
1.7 Potato Industry: Identification of new seed production areas and development of action plan.		72.0

* Eligible costs for items 1.1 and 1.2 are 7/8 of actual costs to be incurred.

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SCHEDULE "A"

Program Description	Estimated Cost of Program (\$'000)	Federal Share, Including (a) Direct Cost (b) 10% Allowance (where applicable) (\$'000)
2. <u>Development Opportunities</u>	3,673	
2.1 Blueberry Industry: Contribution toward construction of nursery structures, field increase and field recovery.		67.6
2.2 Greenhouse Industry: Capital grants for greenhouse construction.		476.0
2.3 Apple Industry: Contribution to stimulate orchard renovation and re-establishment.		216.0
2.4 Vegetable Production: Contributions to increase production of vegetables for processing.		46.0
2.5 Sheep Industry: Contributions to increase size of ewe flock.		96.0
2.6 Beef Industry: Contributions to increase size of provincial beef cow herd.		209.6
2.7 Dairy Industry: Provision of enlarged and improved provincial large animal diagnostic and breeding fac- ilities; consolidation of industrial milk plants.		393.6

Program Description	Estimated Cost of Program (\$'000)	Federal Share, Including	
		(a) Direct Cost	(b) 10% Allowance (where applicable) (\$'000)
2.8 Feed Production: Establishment of integrated feed production network including facilities for feed grain and protein storage, drying and distribution.			1,033.6
2.9 Potato Industry: Acquisition of new seed production areas for lease or resale.			400.0
3. <u>Entrepreneurial Development</u>	1,794.5		
3.1 Blueberry Industry: Establishment of demonstration plots and conduct of grower demonstration.			15.2
3.2 Greenhouse Industry: Establishment of greenhouse education centre and grower association.			128.0
3.3 Apple Industry: Demonstrations of high performance concepts.			31.2
3.4 Vegetable Production: Demonstration of new techniques and establishment of grower's association.			33.2
3.5 Sheep Industry: Demonstration of new management techniques and assistance to Sheep Breeders' Association.			75.2

Program Description	Estimated Cost of Program (\$'000)	Federal Share, Including	
		(a) Direct Cost	(b) 10% Allowance (where applicable) (\$'000)
3.6 Dairy Industry: Establishment of a relief herdsman service, supervised progeny testing of dairy bulls and establishment of cattle exchange service.			216.0
3.7 Feed Production: Development of center to improve dissemination of technical knowledge on farm machinery, improve availability of parts and coordinate provision of custom services.			240.0
3.8 Potato Industry: Establishment of an agricultural extension and demonstration center to service the needs of farmers in the potato and seed industries.			263.2
3.9 Consultation and Entrepreneurial Development: Establishment of project development units, and agricultural communications program in N.B. Department of Agriculture, core funding for development groups, provision of technical and consulting services.			433.6

Program Description	Estimated Cost of Program (\$'000)	Federal Share, Including	
		(a) Direct Cost	(b) 10% Allowance (where applicable) (\$'000)
4. <u>Implementation Support Program</u>	1,123		
Provision of a wide variety of professional and technical staff to develop, implement and administer projects under the Agreement.			898.4

PROGRAM TOTAL: 7,596.5

DREE SHARE: 6,077.2



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SCHEDULE "B"
PROGRAM SUMMARY
BACKGROUND

Schedule "B" consists of a description of the program and policy measures which appear to be the best means of achieving the objectives as set out in Part 2 of this Agreement. The measures which the Province shall arrange to undertake with Canada's assistance are described below.

- (a) Measures to ensure a fuller utilization of the existing land, labour and capital resources in each region of the Province.

At present, there are 3,258,000 acres of C.L.I. capability classes 2, 3, and 4 agricultural land in New Brunswick. Utilization of this land base requires a more efficient allocation of the resource amongst potential users and the judicious application of land development policies. Such measures will be based upon full knowledge of the capability, suitability, tenure and present use of the land resource.

The current agricultural labour force lacks organization and many of the skills required for modern agriculture. A serious shortage of revealed entrepreneurship is also apparent throughout the Province. Immediate action will be undertaken to accelerate training and facilitate the organization of the manpower element as well as to encourage the development of latent entrepreneurs.

Capitalization and capital availability is a constraint on full development of the industry in the Province. Immediate measures will be applied to ensure a more equitable and developmental approach to the application of government capital assistance programs and full exploitation of commodity and regional development opportunities.

- (b) Measures to stimulate fuller exploitation of Provincial and/or export markets' opportunities. Fulfillment of existing and potential markets constitutes the key element to employment expansion in the New Brunswick agricultural industry. These markets will be exploited by defining the degree to which each region of the Province can participate in realizing opportunities; by promoting opportunities through direct contact with individual entrepreneurs and the vigorous application of existing agricultural extension programs; and by fostering the development of community and commodity groups to develop and pursue opportunities.

- (c) Measures to enhance the industry's ability to consult with government on the establishment of development goals and identification of possible development initiatives.

Government interventions must be tailored to accommodate economic, social, cultural and regional differences, and the variance in ability of different participants to identify and realize development opportunities. Consultative mechanisms will therefore be put in place to ensure adequate involvement of industry participants in planning, policy formulation and program implementation.

- (d) Measures to provide the support and developmental assistance required to implement the strategy. These measures include:
- (i) the focused application of Federal and Provincial policies and programs on specific development opportunities;
 - (ii) the provision of staff, consultants, technical and capital resources to support the planning development-consultation process;
 - (iii) the strengthening of existing and/or the establishment of new agricultural organizations to enable an effective consultative process between governments and the industry;
 - (iv) the provision of the technical expertise required to support the identification, pursuit and execution of development opportunities by individual entrepreneurs, corporations or commodity groups; and
 - (v) the provision of financial assistance to the industry for investments in agricultural infrastructure, farm improvements, agricultural services facilities and special development assistance to entrepreneurs and/or development groups, and financial assistance for other measures directly related to strategy implementation.

PROGRAMS

The following programs have been designed to include those broad functions which appear at this time to be the best means of assisting New Brunswick undertake those measures described in the background section of this Schedule. It is understood that as circumstances change, and as programs are applied, it may become necessary to modify or add to the programs and program elements in this Schedule.

I - Planning and Development Program

Program Objectives

- (a) To provide a Provincial agricultural policy and planning framework within which development opportunities may be elaborated by government, individuals and commodity groups.

- (b) To support research and studies designed to identify specific employment opportunities within the agriculture sector.

Program Initiatives

This program will include the necessary research, and technical staff and fiscal inputs required to:

- (a) develop a Provincial agriculture policy framework including a statement of employment and commodity goals for the several agricultural regions of the Province;
- (b) review and recommend upon the integrated application of Federal and Provincial policies and programs. It is intended that the relevant Federal and Provincial departments and agencies will be involved in this review;
- (c) develop and implement mechanisms and measures required to identify and pursue production and employment opportunities jointly with representatives from various segments of the industry;
- (d) identify and develop measures to influence the creation of an environment conducive to the exploitation of commodity opportunities; and
- (e) support research and studies designed to identify specific opportunities for employment within the sector.

II - Development Opportunities Program

Program Objective

To provide the financial assistance required to stimulate the development of those agricultural commodities for which New Brunswick enjoys a comparative advantage on either the Provincial or export market.

Program Initiatives

This program provides for financial assistance to the industry for investment in agricultural infrastructure, agricultural service facilities, land acquisition and development, and other measures directly related to the achievement of the objectives of this Agreement. Subject to revisions and modifications as a result of information flowing from Program I - Planning and Development, the following commodity areas will be assisted under this program:

- (i) development of the blueberry industry;
- (ii) development of the greenhouse, flower and vegetable industry;
- (iii) development of the apple industry;
- (iv) development of selected vegetables;
- (v) development of the sheep industry;
- (vi) development of the beef industry;
- (vii) development of the dairy industry;
- (viii) development of feed grain and protein supply; and
- (ix) development of the export seed potato industry.

III - Entrepreneurial Development Program

Program Objectives

- (a) To provide meaningful opportunities for present and potential future participants in the agricultural industry to consult with government in shaping policy and programs.
- (b) To provide the mechanisms required to encourage the emergence of latent entrepreneurship and to influence existing entrepreneurs to develop new and/or existing opportunities in the sector.
- (c) To provide for improvements in the productivity and efficiency of the Provincial agricultural labour force.

Program Initiatives

This program will provide for:

- (a) measures to improve existing and develop new mechanisms for the establishment of industry-government consultation on all aspects of the sector;
- (b) assistance for the establishment and initial operation of community and commodity groups capable of fostering management and entrepreneurial abilities and realizing development opportunities;
- (c) assistance in cooperation with Canada Manpower for improvements in labour force organization and training, including management and entrepreneurial development;
- (d) assistance for improvements in those specialized custom and other services which have been or may be identified as constraints to the realization of development opportunities;

- (e) professional and technical assistance to individuals and development groups in the identification and elaboration of specific development opportunities; and
- (f) assistance to provide specialized extension, information and demonstration services.

IV - Implementation Support Program

Program Objective

To provide the financial assistance required to administer and implement the broad range of activities included in this Agreement.

Program Initiatives

- (a) Provision of the professional and technical staff required to implement programs and projects under this Agreement.
- (b) Assistance for program and project evaluation.
- (c) Assistance in support of activities under other programs in this Agreement when such assistance is not provided for in Programs I, II, or III.

