

Timeline

What began in 1995 with 46 farm groups, has now grown to 69 agricultural, agribusiness and rural organizations. To date, the Agricultural Adaptation Council has supported over 2,400 projects, with an investment of over \$190 million into projects with a total funding of over \$700 million.

During the first five years (1995 – 2000), seven programs were launched that became the initial source of funding for AAC administered projects. These programs included: The Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development Fund – CanAdapt/CARD (February/Summer 1996); Phase I of the Canada-Ontario Research and Development Program – C-ORDP (Fall 1996); The National Soil and Water Conservation Program – NSWCP (October 1997); the CanAdapt Small Projects Initiative – SPI

(October 1998); Phase II of the Canada-Ontario Research and Development Program (Spring 1999); the Agricultural Environmental Stewardship Initiative – AESI (June 2000).

Additional highlights from this era include the incorporation of the AAC in December 1995 under the Agricultural & Horticultural Organizations Act; the first AAC Board meeting in January 1996; the hiring of the AAC’s first employee in June 1996; and the first AAC project showcase in November.

Following is an ongoing summary of the key events since 2000. We look forward to many more years of continued service to the agricultural, agri-business, and rural sectors.

2000

JUNE

AAFC announced Agricultural Environmental Stewardship Initiative (AESI)

AUGUST

Office relocated to 192 Nicklin Road, Guelph
C-ORDP I & II “Today’s Needs – Tomorrow’s Challenge”
1996 – 2000, report completed

2001

FEBRUARY

AAC membership increased to 52

MARCH

AAC undertook a member organization survey
C-ORDP Phase III launched

SPRING

AAC became a member organization of Food & Consumer Products of Canada

2001

MAY

Agricultural Environmental Stewardship Initiative (AESI) launched

JULY

CanAdapt & SPI commitments topped \$50 Million

2002

FEBRUARY

AAC Board of Directors expands to 18 directors; AAC membership increased to 54

SPRING

Extensive review of CARD fund initiated by AAFC

MAY

AAC participated in CARD showcase in Ottawa for provincial and territorial CARD councils

JULY

1,000th project approved since AAC's incorporation

SEPTEMBER

AAC hosted provincial and territorial CARD councils in Niagara Falls for a National CARD council meeting

2003

JANUARY

AAFC announced CARD fund extension to March 31, 2004

FEBRUARY

AAC membership increased to 55

JUNE

AAC hosts National Value Chain Conference
AAC and Quebec CARD councils host Member of Parliament Reception on Parliament Hill, Ottawa

SEPTEMBER

Industry stakeholders, invited by AAFC, met in Kingston to provide input into the next round of AAFC funding

2003

OCTOBER

CanAdapt Value Chain Initiative (VCI) launched

NOVEMBER

Results from extensive review of CARD Fund released

2004

FEBRUARY

AAC membership increased to 58

MARCH

CARD Fund ended March 31, 2004
C-ORDP Phase III ended March 31, 2004

APRIL

Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAF) Program announced by AAFC

JULY

Application deadline for AAC's CARD Fund programs

NOVEMBER

AAC confirmed as the delivery agent for the ACAAFF Program

DECEMBER

New AAC website launched
Pre-proposal and application forms available for the AAC's CanAdvance program, funded through the ACAAFF Program

2005

FEBRUARY

First CanAdvance project approved

MARCH

First collective outcome project approved

JUNE

\$35 million for the CORD IV program announced
Annual Summer Meeting held in Waterloo
AAC Board approved more than \$13 million for 152 projects under CanAdvance and CORD IV since the start of the programs

2005

JULY

CanAdvance Speaker Investment Initiative launched

SEPTEMBER

Canada-Ontario Water Supply Expansion Program (COWSEP) announced
AAC relocates office to Ontario AgriCentre, Guelph

OCTOBER

Agricultural Management Institute (AMI) launched

NOVEMBER

First application deadline for COWSEP

DECEMBER

First AMI project approved

2006

JANUARY

First COWSEP project approved

FEBRUARY

AAC membership increased to 64
AAC hosts 10th Annual Meeting
On-Farm Biosecurity Initiative (OFBI) announced

SPRING

Sector Consultation Sessions for AAC Member Organizations held to discuss the industry and collaborate on important issues

MAY

Second application deadline for COWSEP

JUNE

Largest AAC grant awarded—over \$3 million to Ontario Pork to develop an Ontario red meat consumer strategy
Annual Summer Meeting held in Richmond Hill

SEPTEMBER

Biofuels Opportunities for Producers Initiative (BOPI) announced

DECEMBER

CARD residual funds Call for Proposals issued

2007

FEBRUARY

AAC hosts 11th Annual Meeting AAC membership increased to 65
CARD residual Call For Proposals closed

MARCH

AAC approves 2,000th project
BOPI phase II Call For Proposals launched
AAC membership increased to 68
CORD IV funds allocated

JUNE

Annual Summer Meeting held in Collingwood
AAC membership increased to 70

AUGUST

AAC membership increased to 71

OCTOBER

COWSEP funds allocated
BOPI Phase II projects approved by AAFC

DECEMBER

CORD, AMI and COWSEP programs close

2008

JANUARY

Ontario Research and Development Program announced

FEBRUARY

AAC holds 12th Annual Meeting
AAC membership increased to 72

MARCH

Growing Capacity Initiative (GCI) Call for Proposals Issued
AMI phase II Call For Proposals launched

APRIL

ORD Program begins accepting applications
GCI Call for Proposals Closed
COWSEP Call For Proposals issued

2008

MAY

AAC membership increased to 73
COWSEP Call For Proposals closed
AMI phase II Call For Proposals closed

JULY

Annual Summer Meeting held in Niagara-on-the-Lake

AUGUST

Food and Beverage Industry Innovation Fund (FBIIIF) announced and Call for Proposals Issued

SEPTEMBER

FBIIIF Call for Proposals closed

DECEMBER

AAC hosts 13th Annual Meeting

2009

APRIL

AAC announced as a delivery agent for the Cosmetic Use Pesticides Research and Innovation Program, funded through the Ontario Ministry of the Environment

MAY

AAC welcomes the Ontario Restaurant Hotel & Motel Association as a new member organization

AUGUST

The Farm Innovation Program was announced and a Call For Proposals was issued

OCTOBER

The FIP Call for Proposals closed

NOVEMBER

The CanAdvance program and the CanAdvance Speaker Investment Initiative close
The FIP issued a second Call for Proposals

DECEMBER

The Agricultural Biosecurity Program launched
The Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program launched
The AAC hosts 14th Annual Meeting

2010

JANUARY

The Food Safety and Traceability Education Program was announced and a Call for Proposals was issued