

FaRM Agronomy Program Manager, Eastern Canada

Farmers for Climate Solutions (FCS) is a national farmer- and rancher-led coalition advancing solutions that help the agriculture sector prosper in a changing climate. We offer peer-to-peer field programming that supports farmers and ranchers to adopt on-farm practices that build resilience and improve economic and environmental sustainability. We amplify farmer and rancher voices to policy-makers, industry, and financial institutions so that, together, we can build a future in which Canadian agriculture thrives.

The <u>Farm Resilience Mentorship</u> (<u>FaRM</u>) <u>Program</u> is a free, national training program that works through regional and provincial partners and agronomists to support farmers and ranchers to adopt low emissions, high resilience management practices like cover cropping, improved nitrogen management and rotational grazing. FaRM has had a successful first 4 years and is now scaling its efforts for the next 4 years to work with more producers and agricultural professionals.

FCS is seeking an FaRM Agronomy Program Manager, Eastern Canada to lead the execution of all aspects of the FaRM Program's Eastern Canada agronomy program work in Eastern Canadian provinces (Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic) and to support program implementation nationwide. This work includes overseeing an agronomist and producer-led field trials program, curating knowledge transfer and extension materials to publish in an extension journal, and expanding and maintaining a network of diverse sector partners to advance the ultimate outcome of supporting farmers and ranchers in adopting low emissions, high resilience practices. This is an opportunity to work with partners across Canada (with a focus on Eastern Canada) to advance low emissions, high resilience farming and ranching on millions of acres of farmland.

Experience we are seeking

The table below describes the mandate of the FaRM Agronomy Program Manager, Eastern Canada, and the experience/qualifications needed to succeed in the job. If you possess approximately 80% of the essential experience/qualifications, we encourage you to apply.

The FaRM Agronomy Program Manager, Eastern Canada will report to the FaRM Program Director and collaborate with the rest of the FCS team to fulfill the following mandate described below.

Mandate of the FaRM Agronomy Program Manager, Eastern Canada

Lead and strengthen the FaRM program's Agronomy initiatives (including field trials and extension journal publication), partnerships, producer and agronomist recruitment and engagement, and learning material development, with a specific focus on Eastern Canada provinces, by:

- Actively leading recruitment of new agronomists, delivery partners, value-chain partners, and producers to the program in Eastern provinces
- Working to continually improve program participant quality of experience based on participant feedback and program data collection
- Working with partners to develop and curate learning materials focused on low emissions, high resilience Beneficial Management Practices (BMP) adoption
- Supporting the FaRM Program
 Implementation Partners to deliver impactful BMP content to program participants
- Working with the FaRM Program team and a Scientific Advisor to coordinate, supervise and advise on Eastern Canada field trials execution, application review and selection, troubleshooting, and dissemination of results
- Supporting creation of regional BMP implementation partial budget analyses and case studies focused on BMP profitability and Return on Investment (ROI) and integrating these into existing BMP learning

Experience/Qualifications

ESSENTIAL:

Post-secondary degree or diploma in related field

3-5 years experience as an agronomist (CCA or P.Ag) or equivalent experience in a professional environment in a related field

Strong and vast networks in Eastern Canada agriculture, especially in agronomist and industry circles

Clear understanding of climate change science and how agriculture can be a climate solution, with strong communication skills to a diverse audience with a wide range of beliefs on climate change

Awareness of the diversity of challenges, values, needs and demographics of farming and ranching communities and organizations in Canada

Experience with on-farm field trials and communicating technical results to agronomist and producer audiences

Experience synthesizing complex information and tailoring messages to communicate clearly and plainly to various audiences

Ability to build bridges between FCS and partners, with acute sensitivity to the realities and pressures faced by producer audiences

Experience coordinating and/or delivering peer-to-peer farmer and/or rancher

materials

- Coordinating, curating, and disseminating an online extension journal, including critically reviewing field trial knowledge transfer material and partner submissions to maximize journal impact
- Supporting the FaRM Program's data analysis from field trials, impact survey and other sources

training, extension and/or field programming

Experience developing agronomist and/or producer-friendly knowledge transfer and learning materials for virtual and in person learning

Experience widely disseminating knowledge transfer materials, and experience publishing in peer-reviewed journals and/or through other industry-focused channels

ASSET:

Training and/or licensing as a professional agricultural economist, and/or demonstrated strong understanding of the economics of low-emissions, high-resilience agriculture practices

Data analysis experience and skill

Contribute to the FaRM Program's general strategy and implementation, as needed, by:

- Coordinating with and helping to prepare for and attend meetings of program advisors
- Contributing to short-medium-term work planning and long-term strategic planning for the FaRM Program
- Supporting launch of the FaRM
 Program's Request for Proposal
 processes, and leading application
 review and selection process for
 Eastern Canada
- Supporting data collection, management, analysis and continuous program improvement within a Monitoring, Evaluation and

ESSENTIAL:

Proven Project Delivery and Management training and/or experience

Excellent organizational skills and ability to meticulously track and re-prioritize multiple tasks and details based on changing project needs

Ability to be flexible and adapt to changing project needs and priorities

ASSET:

Experience coordinating and facilitating/moderating events, networks

- Learning framework
- Leading and supporting relationship-building with a wide diversity of sector partners
- Co-leading ongoing sector consultations and focus groups to assess emerging sector needs and how the FaRM Program can best meet them
- Preparing for and attending speaking engagements to promote the FaRM Program and FCS' work
- Managing contractors as required
- Contributing to the FaRM Program fundraising and funder reporting to increase impact and ensure program sustainability

General understanding of program evaluation and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (M.E.L.) frameworks

Experience negotiating, drafting, appropriately scoping work for contracts, and successfully managing contractors to drive project outcomes

Experience applying and reporting to funders

Support FCS daily operations, as required, by:

- Assisting FCS' communications team in developing communications tools, campaigns, products and messages for the FaRM Program with target audiences in mind
- Contributing to funding applications and reporting related to strategic projects.
- Collaborating with all FCS staff, teams and external partners to carry out FCS' mission and acting as an ambassador for FCS and its mission at all times
- Supporting in translating the FaRM
 Program's results and learnings into select policy advocacy and Strategic Initiatives, such as Agricultural
 Policy Framework negotiations or piloting De-risking tools

ESSENTIAL:

Ability to manage work and deadlines independently, and collaborate with a team and diverse stakeholders, ensuring colleagues are informed and able to contribute as needed

Solid computer skills with demonstrated competence in the Google Workspace environment and other user-friendly apps such as Zoom

Available to travel occasionally for staff retreats, conferences, partner meetings or trainings

ASSET:

Based in Eastern Canada (Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic)

Comfortable speaking confidently about agronomy in a policy lobbying/advocacy setting

Ability to communicate clearly in written and verbal French
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Term and benefits

This is a full time, permanent position that begins as soon as possible. You must be based in and have the legal right to work in Canada. Strong preference for a candidate who lives and has significant agricultural experience in Eastern Canadian provinces (Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic). Benefits available for this position include:

- Extended health, pharmaceutical, and dental coverage
- Life and disability insurance
- Pension plan
- 4 weeks of annual vacation, as well as emergency and sick leave (plus office closure between Dec 25th and Jan 1st)
- Flexibility regarding working hours and location within the Eastern provinces
- 35 hour work week
- Salary starts at \$77,326.95 with annual wage step increase to a top step of \$84,137.55
- Benefits and protections as a member of the Public Service Alliance of Canada

FCS staff work remotely from locations across Canada. Staff require reliable internet service that allows for smooth online video and audio communication. FCS staff receive a computer, a contribution to a phone and internet plan, and other support to facilitate a virtual workplace.

Commitment to Equity

FCS works within, and is representative of, a Canadian agricultural sector that has significant work to do to advance action for reconciliation and decolonization, improve intersectional analysis, and amplify the voices and leadership of equity-deserving farmers (i.e. young farmers, women farmers, farmers with disabilities, Black farmers, Indigenous farmers and food providers, farmers of colour, small-scale farmers, and 2SLGBTQ+ farmers). We are committed to policy and programming that acknowledges and serves the diversity within our sector. FCS believes that our sector, and our work as a coalition, will be stronger with decreased barriers to entry and better opportunities to succeed for equity-deserving individuals. If you belong to an equity-deserving group, we encourage you to apply to join our team and self-identify in your application if you feel comfortable doing so. If you require accommodations during the recruitment process, please let us know. All information received in relation to accommodation will be kept confidential.

Application instructions

To apply for the position please click on this application link: https://fcs.bamboohr.com/careers/30

Please include a cover letter referencing your motivation to apply for this role, reflections on your relevant experience and skills, and any other information you would like to share, as well as a résumé and an abbreviated list of relevant extension and/or peer-reviewed publications or materials you have created and/or collaborated on.

The deadline for applications is August 27th, 2025.

Interviews of short-listed candidates are anticipated to be held during the weeks of September 1 and 8, 2025.

Only candidates short-listed for the position will be contacted. We are unable to accept questions about the position or recruitment. Thank you for your interest in working with Farmers for Climate Solutions!