Manitoba Backgrounder

TARIFF SUPPORTS

The Manitoba government's tariff hotline provides information and assistance to businesses and workers affected by tariffs. Call 204-945-8011 or toll-free at 1-877-827-4330 (1-877-TARIFF-0) within Manitoba or submit an inquiry online at https://U.S. Tariff Inquiries.smartsheet.com/b/form/.

Manitoba Trade Resilience Loan Program

- provides repayable working capital financing at low interest with up to one-year principal deferral for businesses directly affected by trade disruptions;
- businesses can access loans between $100,000 and $1 million for costs such as payroll, lease and utility obligations, tariff-related fees, bridge financing and other operating expenses; and
- loan authority of up to $50 million.

Export Support Program

- enhancements to the program, including an additional $500,000; and
- helps businesses move from immediate tariff mitigation toward longer-term market diversification and export growth.

Enhanced Export Advisory Services

- Manitoba to enter into contribution agreements with trade-related partner organizations to support export readiness and market development;
- funding will enhance existing export advisory services including export planning, market research and building internal capacity; and
- provides $250,000 in 2026-27.

Additional Support to Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters

- Provides up to $500,000 in 2026-27 to expand partnerships for the Made-in-Manitoba initiative including programming for broader interprovincial business-to-business connections.

Support to Manitoba Alcohol and Craft Breweries

- Provides up to $500,000 in 2026-27 to support targeted interprovincial trade for alcohol producers, in partnership with the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries.

Tariff Workforce Stabilization and Youth Employment Program

- working with the Business Council of Manitoba to provide temporary wage-subsidy support to employers affected by tariff-related disruptions that are not already covered by federal or provincial supports; and
- up to $3.4 million in 2026-27 and $10.3 million in 2027-28, for a total of $13.7 million.

Agricultural Supports through Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation

- Increases Operating Credit Guarantee program, which assists producers in obtaining lines of credit from participating lending institutions with reasonable terms:
  - the program guarantees loans that can be used for general farm expenditures, living expenses, current-year's principal and interest payments on existing loans, and in emergencies, limited capital purchases;
  - increases the maximum loan amount for individuals, corporations, and partnerships to $3 million; and
  - increases the guaranteed portion of loans to 33.33 per cent from 25 per cent.
- Expands eligibility to the Diversification Loan Guarantee program, which assists producers and agricultural enterprises in diversifying and/or adding value to agricultural commodities by guaranteeing funds borrowed from participating commercial lenders:
  - eligibility now includes grain and oilseed operations along with "investment in primary agricultural infrastructure in Manitoba"
  - increases the guaranteed portion of loans to 33.33 per cent from 25 per cent; and
  - increases the maximum loan guarantee amount to $5 million from $1.5 million.
- Honey producer support program;
- Collaborative table with industry to develop and implement targeted sector-specific supports.

Tax Deferral Program

- The Department of Finance will implement a tax-deferral program that allows tariff-affected businesses to defer provincially administered tax payments, from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31.