



**Our  
little  
farm**



## Cultivating financial support for new farmers: Successful programs in Qc

### **My farm**

- Small-scale organic vegetable farm
- 4 acres in production
- CSA baskets & farmers markets-feeding approx. 180 families
- Rent land on a farm incubator

# Centre locaux de développement (CLD)

- Business start-up help
- Business plan development support
- Financing

## **SUPPORT FOR SELF-EMPLOYMENT MEASURE** (SOUTIEN AU TRAVAIL AUTONOME)

- **Federally funded** - 1 year wage subsidy administered by CLD and Employment Quebec (about \$20,000).
- **Support to develop your business plan** and start up your business.

## **JEUNES PROMOTEURS**

- **Business start-up:** up to \$6,000 for starting-up a business
- **Training:** up to \$1,000 for relevant training.



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# Financière agricole

**Prime à établissement (Establishment Grant)** An additional \$20,000 to \$40,000 grant for start-up, expansion or diversification (depending on education level)

- \$10,000 available in the first year.

## Loan Guarantees

- Guaranteed loans allow farmers to access loans at near residential mortgage rates.

**Agriinvest & AgriQuebec** A savings measure where a percentage of profits may be deposited in an account with contributions matched dollar-for-dollar by the government.



# Ministry of Agriculture (MAPAQ)



## Support for young farmers

- Covers 50% of new equipment related to production (up to \$10,000).
- Covers costs associated with agriculture related courses, workshops and conferences necessary to start your business.

**Support for Agronomic consulting services 50% to 75% of eligible costs for individual and collective agriculture consulting services.**



# Challenges



- Many new farmers do not come from farm families

- Land prices are rising faster than inflation



- Recreational farming tends to be developed around urban centres and competes for best land



Thank you!

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