

ALP is very pleased to advise you of our successful lobbying on behalf of sheep producers to address an industry problem. Producers needed ALP to lobby for easier access to foreign seasonal workers in the sheep industry. Since 2009, ALP has been working with provincial and federal governments to have sheep added to eligible commodity groups to allow producers to access seasonal workers from overseas. Progress takes time and persistence but the following announcement has now been made.

Thanks to everyone that participated and provided information to support this achievement.

National List of Commodities for the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program and the Agricultural Stream of the Pilot Project for Occupations Requiring Lower Levels of Formal Training

On August 1, 2011, an updated list of eligible commodities under the [Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program](#) (SAWP), took effect. This standard list of commodities is extended to all provinces participating in the Program. Wages for these commodities are indicated below and also apply to workers hired for these commodities under the Agricultural Stream of the Pilot Project for Occupations Requiring Lower Levels of Formal Training (NOC C and D).

The national SAWP commodities list restricted to on-farm [primary agriculture](#), include:

- [Fruits, Vegetables \(includes canning/processing\), greenhouses, and nurseries](#)
- [Apiary Products](#)
- [Tobacco](#)
- [Sod](#)
- [Flowers](#)
- [Christmas Trees](#)
- [Pedigreed Canola Seed](#)
- [Swine](#)
- [Dairy](#)
- [Bovine](#)
- [Poultry](#)
- [Duck](#)
- [Sheep](#)
- [Horse](#)
- [Mink](#)

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