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PROGRAMME BROCHURE



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Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP)

Start or purchase a farm in Alberta and secure Permanent Residency through Canada's dedicated Self-Employed Farmer Stream.

INVESTMENT FROM	TIMELINE	FAMILY
CAD 500,000	18 months	Spouse, children up to age 22

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At a glance

COUNTRY **Canada**	ROUTE **Residency by Investment - Entrepreneur / Self Employment**
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Overview

The **Alberta Self-Employed Farmer Stream** under the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) offers experienced farmers the opportunity to own and operate a profitable agricultural business in Alberta. This stream provides a **direct pathway to Canadian Permanent Residency (PR)** for individuals who demonstrate strong farming experience, financial capacity, and a viable business plan that supports Alberta's agricultural development.

Applicants must propose a **primary production farming business**, such as livestock, crop, dairy, or mixed farming, and invest a minimum of **$500,000 CAD**. Successful candidates can operate their farm under a temporary work permit before receiving a nomination for PR.

Investment Overview

Applicants must invest at least **$500,000 CAD** in a **primary production farm** located in Alberta. The investment can be used for purchasing land, livestock, equipment, or starting new operations. Applicants must also demonstrate a **net worth of at least $500,000 CAD**, verified by documents and/or a letter from a Canadian financial institution. A **detailed Farm Business Plan** outlining operations, profitability, and market contribution is mandatory.

Key benefits

- Pathway to Canadian Permanent Residency through farm ownership in Alberta.
- Best suited for experienced farmers and agri-entrepreneurs.
- Access Alberta's strong agriculture sector and market network.
- Eligible family members can live, work, and study in Canada.

Requirements

- Proven experience in farm management or ownership.
- Minimum investment of CAD 500,000 in a primary production farm.
- Net worth of at least CAD 500,000 verified through documentation.
- Approved farm business plan from Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation.
- Letter of financial support from a Canadian institution.

When this route may not fit

- Lack of proven farm management experience.
- Unverifiable financial resources or incomplete documents.
- Non-agricultural or passive investment proposals.

Costs and government fees

Programme costs

Item	Amount	Notes
Minimum Business Investment	CAD 500,000	At the time of establishing or purchasing the farm. Investment must be in a primary production farming business in Alberta.
Net Worth Requirement	CAD 500,000	Before submitting the application. Applicant must show verified assets to start and operate the farm.

Funds to show

Requirement	Amount	Notes
Proof of Net Worth	CAD 500,000	Documented financial capacity or letter from a Canadian financial institution.

How the process works

1. **Step 1 – Prepare Your Farm Business Plan**
   Develop a comprehensive farm business plan showcasing investment strategy, operations, and profitability potential.
2. **Step 2 – Submit Application to Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation**
   Mail your complete application package, including business plan and proof of funds.
3. **Step 3 – Attend Interview (if required)**
   Discuss your proposed farm and experience with Alberta officials.

4 **Step 4 – Receive Nomination Recommendation**
Once approved, Alberta issues a nomination recommendation for PR.

5 **Step 5 – Apply for Temporary Work Permit**
Begin farm operations in Alberta under a work permit.

6 **Step 6 – Apply for Permanent Residency**
After nomination, submit your PR application to IRCC for final approval.

Document checklist

Identity & Civil

- Passport copies for all applicants
- Marriage certificate (if applicable)
- Birth certificates for dependents

Financial

- Proof of funds and net worth verification
- Letter of financial support from Canadian bank
- Farm business financial plan

Business & Experience

- Farm management experience evidence
- Ownership records or prior business history
- Detailed Farm Business Plan

Questions clients ask

What type of farming business qualifies under the Alberta Self-Employed Farmer Stream?
Eligible farms include crop, livestock, dairy, poultry, and mixed agricultural operations focused on primary production.

Can my family accompany me to Canada?
Yes, your spouse and dependent children can live, work, and study in Canada.

Do I need to live in Alberta full-time?
Yes, applicants must reside in Alberta and actively manage their farm business.

Can I apply for PR immediately?
Applicants typically operate their farm under a work permit before being nominated for PR.

Important notes

- Alberta has allocated only 60 nominations across all its entrepreneur streams for 2026, against 217 applications already in process — a backlog of roughly 3.6 applications per available nomination.
- The stream is technically open, but on those numbers it is not a realistic route for most applicants. Speak to an adviser before committing funds.
- Alberta's total 2026 provincial allocation is 6,603 nominations across every stream.

Compliance

- The programme was renamed from the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program (AINP) to the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) in 2022.
- Eligibility: CAD $500,000 net worth and CAD $500,000 equity in an Alberta primary production farming business.

Official sources: Government of Alberta — AAIP Farm Stream; Government of Alberta — AAIP processing times and inventory.



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NEXT STEP

Plan your Canada application with our Dubai team

Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will confirm whether **Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP)** fits, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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