

## Planning for Cluster 4 – Proposed Steps & Timelines

*Subject to change; based on Cluster 3 experience and estimates from AAFC for Cluster 4*

Activity	Timelines										
Commodity group Research and Innovation Strategy document review: ongoing discussions	2021										
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Finalize Priority Lists	Fall 2021										
Call for Expressions of Interest	<p>December 1, 2021 (Apple, Berry, GHVeg, Field Veg)</p> <p>January 18, 2022 (Potato)</p>										
Deadline for EOIs	<p>January 30, 2022 (Apple, Berry, GH Veg, Field Veg)</p> <p>February 28, 2022 (Potato)</p>										
Commodity Group review of EOIs (including discussions on possible Industry Contributions) & Decisions on Request for Proposals	February-March 2022										
Request for Proposals	End of March 2022										
Deadline for Proposals (first draft, ready for peer review)	June 15, 2022										
Ongoing discussions on Industry Contributions (Letter of Support requests)	Spring 2022										
Peer Review Process	Spring & Summer 2022										
Project leads finalize proposals and project details, based on peer review results	Summer & Fall 2022										
Finalize details on Industry Contributions	Fall 2022										
Final deadline for all project details (budgets, workplans, summaries, etc.)	December 15, 2022										
Cluster 4 application is completed & submitted	January 2, 2023										

### What to think about now

While it seems like we've really just started Cluster 3 and are far away from Cluster 4, research is long term and we need to be strategic about future priorities (industry's and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's) and activities.

- Review Cluster 3 activities (progress to date, possible outcomes, ongoing work, etc.)
- Review your commodity group's Research and Innovation Strategy
- Start discussions within your province/region about possible partners, including:
  - Researchers
  - funding contributors
  - Value chain participation

For more information on Cluster 3 and future projects, please visit CHC's website

(<https://www.hortcouncil.ca/en/projects-and-programs/current-projects/>)

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