



# Welcome to agriculture

## Reference Sheet for New Farm Producers

Did you know that as a farm producer you get access to a wide range of services and benefits, especially when you become a member of the Union des producteurs agricoles (UPA)?

Find all the information you need on this web page made for new farmers:  
<https://www.upa.qc.ca/en/new-farmers>

### The UPA is a network of entrepreneurs just like you. We offer:

- A network that is open to all
- An organization that respects and defends ALL farmers—no matter how big or small their operation is, what they produce, where they operate, how much income they generate, etc.
- A wide range of services specializing in agriculture
- A community that is actively building agriculture and private forestry for the Quebec of tomorrow
- A voice—your voice!

### United in feeding Quebec and making it grow!

The UPA is an organization that is both by and for farm and forest producers. The UPA is the ideal setting for you to meet other producers, get assistance, access specialized resources, defend your interests, and much more.

Become a member today at no extra cost by filling out the membership form at [fdu.upa.qc.ca](https://www.fdu.upa.qc.ca) or by contacting your **regional federation**.

To find out more about the UPA, its actions, and services, visit [www.upa.qc.ca/en/producteur](https://www.upa.qc.ca/en/producteur)

### UPA dues

As a producer recognized under the *Farm Producers Act*, you will be required to pay dues to the UPA. Because all producers, whether or not they are officially members of the UPA, benefit from the actions of the legally accredited organization and its achievements, these dues are mandatory for all (under the Rand formula, which underpins the province's union system). Your new status also gives you access to numerous assistance programs, special rates, and benefits that the UPA has secured over the years.

To learn about dues, payment, and the assessment credit program, visit <https://www.upa.qc.ca/en/farmer/resources-services-and-info/dues-service>

### Need help? Look no further. Contact us today!

#### Your regional federation and local syndicate

##### For general questions, issues, and business needs

Specialized services for farmers, regulations, land access, land-use planning, environment, relations with neighbours, labour, developing your business, health and safety, etc.

##### No matter what issue, question, or need you are facing, don't hesitate to contact your local syndicate or regional federation.

- [abitibi-temiscamingue.upa.qc.ca](https://www.abitibi-temiscamingue.upa.qc.ca)
- [bas-saint-laurent.upa.qc.ca](https://www.bas-saint-laurent.upa.qc.ca)
- [capitale-nationale-cote-nord.upa.qc.ca](https://www.capitale-nationale-cote-nord.upa.qc.ca)
- [centre-du-quebec.upa.qc.ca](https://www.centre-du-quebec.upa.qc.ca)
- [chaudiere-appalaches.upa.qc.ca](https://www.chaudiere-appalaches.upa.qc.ca)
- [estrie.upa.qc.ca](https://www.estrie.upa.qc.ca)
- [gaspesielesiles.upa.qc.ca](https://www.gaspesielesiles.upa.qc.ca)
- [lanaudiere.upa.qc.ca](https://www.lanaudiere.upa.qc.ca)
- [mauricie.upa.qc.ca](https://www.mauricie.upa.qc.ca)
- [upamonteregje.ca](https://www.upamonteregje.ca)
- [outaouais-laurentides.upa.qc.ca](https://www.outaouais-laurentides.upa.qc.ca)
- [saguenay-lac-saint-jean.upa.qc.ca](https://www.saguenay-lac-saint-jean.upa.qc.ca)

#### Your specialized federation or syndicate

##### Questions about production and marketing

The UPA includes specialized groups—federations and syndicates—which bring producers together by production type (grain, beef, produce, maple, etc.). The mission of these groups is to develop production through marketing, production techniques, disease and parasite management, improvements, product quality, traceability, promotion, research, etc.

##### To learn more, visit the website for your specialized group:

[www.upa.qc.ca/en/producteur/a-propos/syndicats-et-groupes-affilies](https://www.upa.qc.ca/en/producteur/a-propos/syndicats-et-groupes-affilies)

Note: If no group exists for your production sector, contact your regional UPA federation.

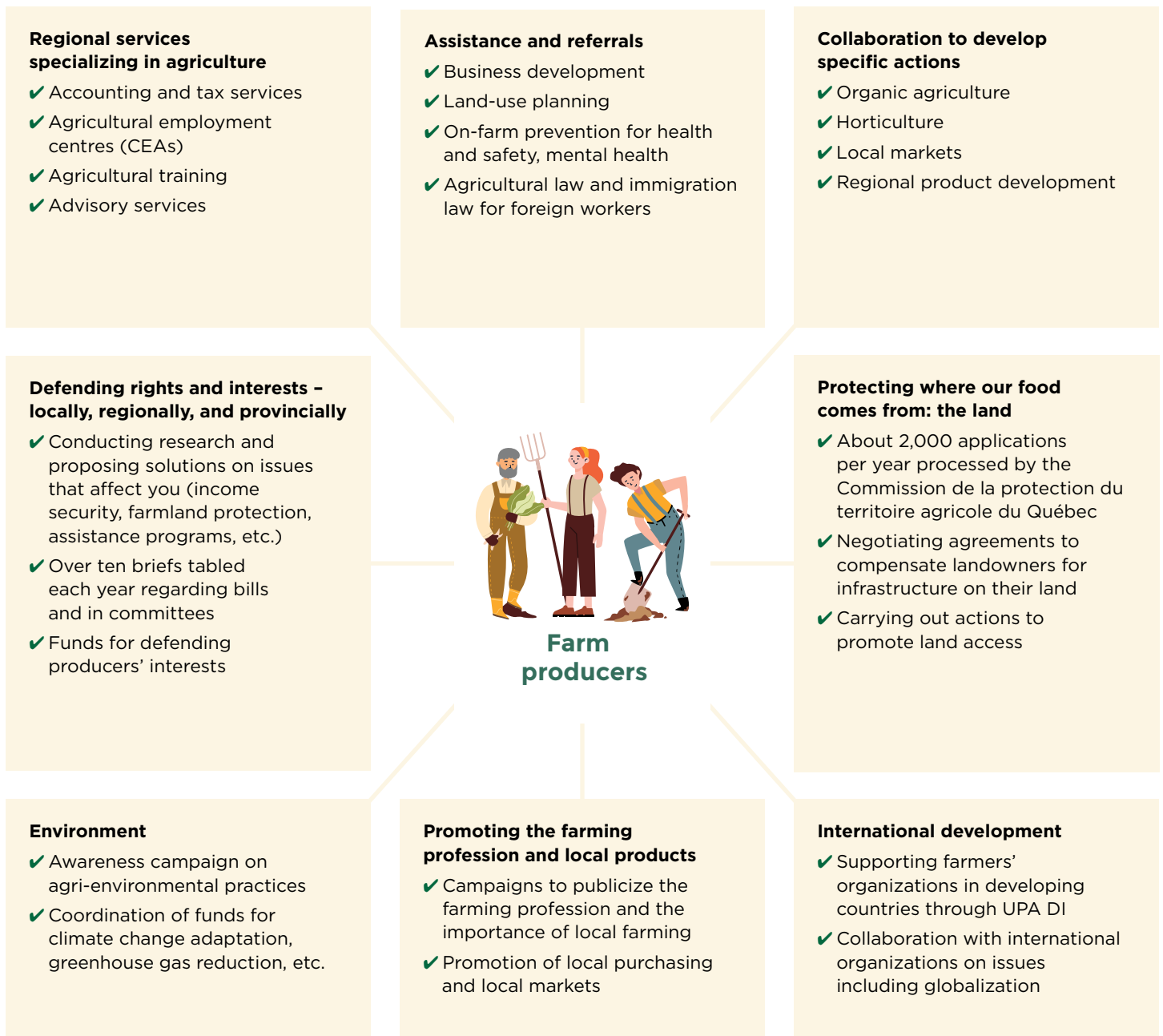
# What is the money collected by the upa used for?

## The UPA's actions at a glance

The UPA is the official voice when it comes to representing your interests to political, governmental, regional, and municipal leaders, as well as agri-food sector stakeholders and others. We speak on behalf of all of agriculture.

The money paid by producers is redistributed among the organization's different bodies (i.e., local syndicates, regional federations, and the Confederation) according to needs reflected in the current financial plan, which is approved by delegates at the annual UPA General Congress.

To learn more about how the UPA is financed, visit <https://www.upa.qc.ca/en/farmer/about/upa-financing-explanation>.



### Did you know?

Your status as a farm producer and your membership in the UPA come with a number of benefits. Find out about them here: [www.upa.qc.ca/benefits](http://www.upa.qc.ca/benefits).

### And there's more!

To find out more, visit [www.upa.qc.ca](http://www.upa.qc.ca)

## Other commonly requested resources

### Dues Service - Your UPA file

Contact your regional federation or call 1-855-534-7120

### Farm Property Tax Credit Program - Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec (MAPAQ)

1-866-822-2140

[www.mapaq.gouv.qc.ca/fr/productions/taxes](http://www.mapaq.gouv.qc.ca/fr/productions/taxes)

### Government programs and financing

MAPAQ  
1-888-222-6272

[www.mapaq.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.mapaq.gouv.qc.ca)

La Financière agricole du Québec  
1-800-749-3646

[www.fadq.qc.ca/en/home](http://www.fadq.qc.ca/en/home)

### Advisory services - VIA Pôle d'expertise en services-conseils agricoles

450-679-0540, ext. 8932

[www.vialepole.com](http://www.vialepole.com)