

Interim Implementation Review:
Cultivating Our Future: 2020 Yukon Agriculture Policy
Completed by: Agriculture Industry Advisory Committee – January 2026

Background

The [Agricultural Industry Advisory Committee \(AIAC\)](#), made up of representatives from across Yukon's agriculture and agri-food sector, undertook an interim review of the implementation of [Cultivating Our Future: 2020 Yukon Agriculture Policy](#). The review took place from October 2024 through April 2025 and was designed to assess progress made towards implementation of commitments in the policy, and to identify actions needed to support continued implementation for the lifetime of the policy.

About the Policy

The 2020 Agriculture Policy sets out a vision for a thriving agricultural industry that:

- Increases Yukon's self-sufficiency in food production;
- Produces high-quality products that feed our vibrant communities;
- Contributes to our local economy; and
- Leaves positive cultural and environmental legacies for future generations.

To achieve this vision, the policy includes four objectives, 24 action areas, and 101 commitments:

1. **Objective 1:** Support the Agricultural Economy (eight action areas; 44 commitments)
2. **Objective 2:** Create and Protect Agricultural Land (five action areas; 20 commitments)
3. **Objective 3:** Promote Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture (four action areas; 20 commitments)
4. **Objective 4:** Foster Growth through Partnership and Community (seven action areas; 17 commitments)

Review Process

AIAC's interim review of Cultivating our Future focused on determining an implementation status for each commitment and then conducting a preliminary assessment of the implementation efforts or progress to date.

Each commitment was assigned a status from the following options:

- Ongoing: regular work of the Agriculture Branch that is expected to extend beyond the policy's lifetime
- In progress: focused work related to implementing the commitment is underway
- Complete: fully implemented commitment
- Not started: no actions taken to date

The AIAC then assessed how well each commitment is being implemented, based on the committee's collective knowledge of the topic or issue. The Committee assessed if implementation thus far is generally:

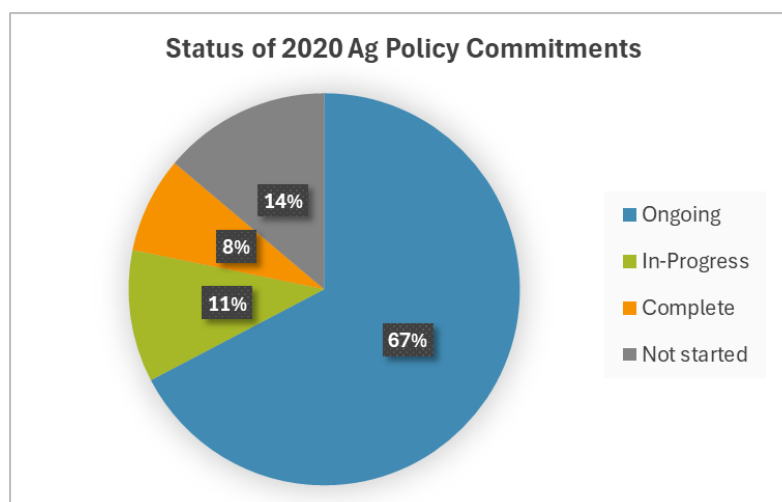
- Working well
- Partially working, but needs changes/improvements
- Not working
- N/A (not yet implemented)

The evaluation status for each commitment was arrived at by consensus. Additionally, the group considered if there were any unintended consequences to the implementation of a given commitment or other important observations or considerations.

What We Found

Status Updates

- 67% of policy commitments are considered "Ongoing"
- 11% of policy commitments are "In-Progress"
- 8% of policy commitments are "Complete"; and
- 14% of policy commitments are "Not started"



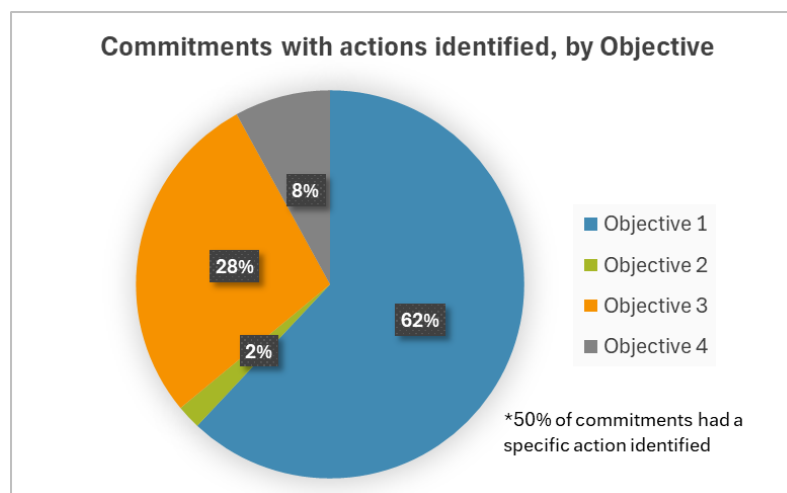
Common reasons for “not started” policy commitments included:

- commitment is best suited as a sector-driven initiative (3 commitments)
- limited Government of Yukon capacity or resources to implement the commitment (6 commitments)
- limited current relevancy of the commitment (4 commitments)

Implementation Assessment

As a result of the implementation assessment, it was determined that 50% of policy commitments required specific actions to either initiate or improve implementation efforts.

Most of the specific actions that were identified for initiating or improving implementation efforts were for commitments under Objective 1: Support the Agricultural Economy (62%); followed by Objective 3: Promote Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture (28%); then Objective 4: Foster Growth through Partnership and Community (8%); and lastly Objective 2: Create and Protect Agricultural Land (2%).



Emerging implementation themes

Focusing on those commitments that had specific actions identified for initiation or improvement of implementation, four key themes emerged:

- **Theme 1: More resources, expertise, outreach and extension to sector** are needed to initiate or improve implementation (identified for 31 commitments)
- **Theme 2: Increased/improved communication and collaboration across government departments** is needed to initiate or improve implementation (identified for 10 commitments)
- **Theme 3: Stronger federal support and programming for Yukon agriculture** is needed to initiate or improve implementation (identified for 6 commitments)

- **Theme 4: Increased public awareness of Yukon's agriculture sector** is needed to initiate or improve implementation (identified for 4 commitments)

Next Steps

The AIAC will continue work on policy implementation as part of regular committee meetings. Using the emerging themes, the committee will develop priorities for implementation of commitments over the remainder of the policy lifetime. Continued work on policy implementation will recognize that implementation is dynamic and should adapt to evolving sector needs, markets, and climate; and consider both current and future government and sector capacity.