

# Portion of check-off dollars eligible for tax credit

If you're an Alberta Barley

Commission member, you're eligible to claim an investment tax credit (ITC) on the 27 per cent of your check-off dollars the Commission uses for research and development.

You may also be eligible for ITC credit on the check-off dollars you pay to other producer groups; the allowable percentage varies by group.

If you're an individual farmer, claim an ITC of 20 per cent on the 27 per cent of your check-off dollars used for research and development.

For example, if your Commission check-off dollars were \$1,000, \$270 would be eligible to earn a tax credit (of \$54).

If your farm operation is incorporated, you can claim an ITC of 35 per cent. If your Commission check-off dollars were \$1,000, \$270 would be eligible to earn a tax credit (of \$94.50).

To qualify for the ITC, you'll need a receipt showing you've paid check-off dollars to the Commission or other producer groups. ITCs can be used:

- To offset federal tax owing in the current year
- As a refund, if you do not owe in the current year. Individuals can receive a refund of up to 40 per cent; corporations can receive a 100 per cent refund
- Or carried forward up to 20 years to offset federal tax
- Or carried back up to three years to reduce federal tax paid in those years.

You have up to 12 months after the filing due date to apply for the credit. The Canada Revenue Agency does ask that you apply for the ITC only after learning the eligible percentage of the member groups to which you belong. Visit [www.albertabarley.com](http://www.albertabarley.com) for more information and related 2009 CRA forms.