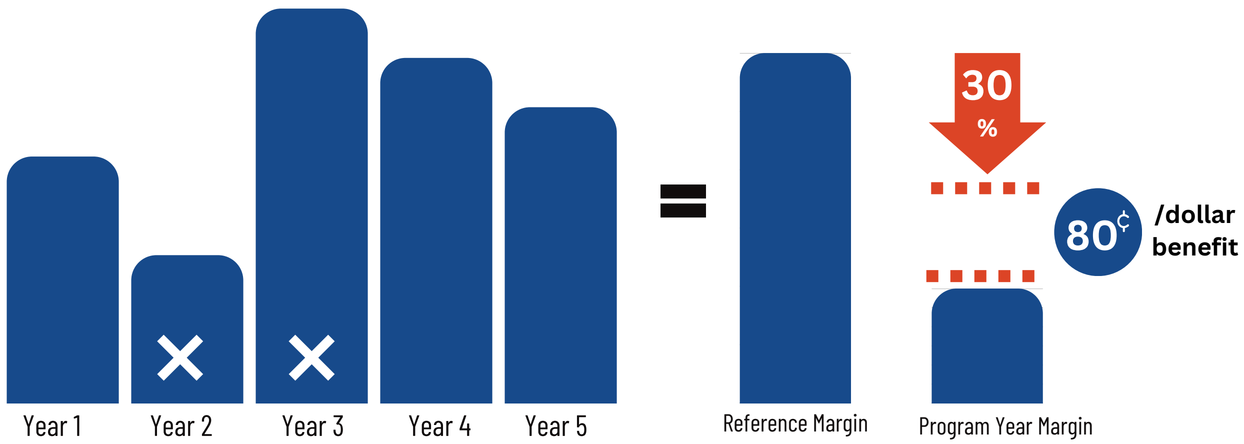
AgriStability

What is AgriStability?

AgriStability is a federal-provincial-producer cost-shared program, delivered federally, that protects Canadian producers against large declines in farming income for reasons such as production loss, increased costs and market conditions.

AgriStability is a margin-based program designed to help producers manage large income declines. Each year, you must enrol in the program, pay your fee and submit a form by the applicable deadlines.

You may receive a payment if your production margin in the current year falls below your historical reference margin by more than 30%. AgriStability currently covers 80% of the loss for every dollar below the threshold.



How does it work:

A production margin is calculated by subtracting your allowable expenses from your allowable income for the program year. If you report on cash basis, there are accrual adjustments that are also looked at.

Your reference margin is calculated based on your production margins for the previous five years. The highest and lowest years are dropped and average the remaining three years. This is called an Olympic average and is used to calculate your reference margin. (If you experienced a significant change in the type or size of your farming operation, a structural change adjustment may be applied to your reference margin.)

Your program year margin is compared to your reference margin. Your payment trigger is 70% of your reference margin. If your production margin in a year falls below your payment trigger. AgriStability will pay you 80% of the difference.

For Nova Scotia, AgriStability is delivered by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).

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