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2025 Canada-Nova Scotia Drought Recovery Initiative Application

Applications will be accepted between **July 3, 2026**, and **August 31, 2026**, for Livestock Producers and **November 30, 2026**, for Wild Blueberry Producers

Step 1: Eligibility Requirements

I confirm that all the following conditions are met:

- ☐ Applicants new to Programs since 2023 must complete the Program Funding Registration form. Returning applicants must update the form as needed.
- ☐ A farm that is currently registered under the *Farm Registration Act*.
- ☐ Livestock applicants must have a minimum of 10 head of cattle or 30 head of sheep or goats as of August 1, 2025. Inventory records are required.
- ☐ Wild blueberry applicants must have a minimum of 10 acres of actively managed wild/lowbush blueberries in 2025. PIDs are required.
- ☐ Applicant is at least 19 years of age.

Note: The above requirements must be met, otherwise the application will not be processed. Reference program guidelines for eligible projects, project timelines, and claim dates. Only one application per farm will be accepted. Farms with both livestock and wild blueberries may contact Programs before the livestock deadline to indicate that they intend to submit their application in two parts.

Step 2: Applicant Information

Business/Farm Name				
Applicant Name				
CRA Business Number				
Phone Number				
Email				
Mailing Address				
City/Town		County		Postal Code
Self-Identification				
<i>The following section is voluntary and does not affect program eligibility. If completed, Department of Agriculture will share the provided information, identified only by a business name (farm name) or HST/GST ID, with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. This information will be used to improve the program and address access barriers for underrepresented and marginalized groups.</i>				
Select all that apply	☐ Youth (Individuals 40 years old and younger) ☐ African Nova Scotian ☐ Woman ☐ Not applicable ☐ Mi'kmaq ☐ Métis ☐ Inuit ☐ Decline to identify ☐ Other: _____			

Step 3: Details about your Business

County of Business Location (select one)

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| ☐ Annapolis | ☐ Antigonish | ☐ Cape Breton | ☐ Colchester | ☐ Cumberland | ☐ Digby |
| ☐ Guysborough | ☐ Halifax | ☐ Hants | ☐ Inverness | ☐ Kings | ☐ Lunenburg |
| ☐ Pictou | ☐ Queens | ☐ Richmond | ☐ Shelburne | ☐ Victoria | ☐ Yarmouth |

Does your business operate on rented or leased land?

- ☐ Yes – requires attachment of a copy of the lease ☐ No

Livestock Producers

Please indicate the number of livestock owned and/or leased on August 1, 2025

Livestock Type	Livestock Class	Total Number
Beef Cattle	Bred Cow	
	Bred Heifer	
	Replacement Heifer	
	Bull	
Sheep and Goats	Ewe / Replacement Ewe	
	Ram	
	Doe / Replacement Doe	
	Buck	
Dairy Cattle	Lactating	
	Non-Lactating	
	Replacement Heifer	
	Calf	

Please indicate the number of livestock owned and/or leased on June 15, 2026

Livestock Type	Livestock Class	Number
Beef Cattle	Bred Cow	
	Bred Heifer	
	Replacement Heifer	
	Bull	
Sheep and Goats	Ewe / Replacement Ewe	
	Ram	
	Doe / Replacement Doe	
	Buck	
Dairy Cattle	Lactating	
	Non-Lactating	
	Replacement Heifer	
	Calf	

Please record your total costs for each period in the following categories:

Costs for Reference Period (August 1, 2024 – May 15, 2025)	Amount
Forage Costs	
Grain, Commercially Prepared/Pelleted Ration, and Other Feed Ingredients	
Water Costs	
Feed/Water Hauling Costs	

Costs for Drought Period (August 1, 2025 – May 15, 2026)	Amount
Forage Costs	
Grain, Commercially Prepared/Pelleted Ration, and Other Feed Ingredients	
Water Costs	
Feed/Water Hauling Costs	

The following documentation must be provided with your application:

- ☐ Copy of Livestock Inventory Record for August 1, 2025.
- ☐ Financial records/tax returns covering the Reference Period (August 1, 2024 – May 15, 2025).
- ☐ Copy of paid invoices/receipts for all water and feed costs, including transportation, for August 1, 2024 - May 15, 2025. Invoices for feed must include either the weight of feed purchased OR the bale size. Use the attached worksheet if this information is not clearly stated on the invoice.
- ☐ Copy of paid invoices/receipts for all water and feed costs, including transportation for August 1, 2025 - May 15, 2026. Invoices for feed must include either the weight of feed purchased OR the bale size. Use the attached worksheet if this information is not clearly stated on the invoice.
- ☐ Proof of payment for all invoices/receipts.
e.g. E-transfer confirmation, debit slips, cleared cheques, or credit card/bank statements.
Invoices that are marked paid and signed by the supplier are not accepted. Invoices showing a zero-balance owing are accepted.

NOTE: For self-hauled feed and water, a trucking rate will be calculated based on the number of kilometers travelled one-way and the weight of the feed or water. The address of the vendor on the invoice will be used to calculate the distance unless a different pickup location is clearly indicated.

Wild Blueberry Producers

Please indicate the number of crop & sprout fields for Reference Year, 2025, and 2026

PID	Reference Year: ☐ 2023 or ☐ 2024		2025 Drought Year		2026	
	Crop Acres	Sprout Acres	Crop Acres	Sprout Acres	Crop Acres	Sprout Acres

*If more space is required, please use the Worksheet for Blueberry PIDs.

Please record your total costs for each period in the following categories:

Reference Year Season Input	Reference Year Season Costs	Season Input	2025 Season Costs	2026 Season Costs
Fertilizer		Fertilizer		
Pesticides		Pesticides		
Pollination		Pollination		

The following documentation must be provided with your application:

- ☐ Financial records/tax return for the Reference Year.
- ☐ Copy of paid invoices/receipts and/or product application and hive placement records for all fertilizer, pesticides, and pollination for Reference Year (2023 or 2024).
- ☐ Copy of paid invoices/receipts and/or product application and hive placement records for all fertilizer, pesticides, and pollination for 2025 and 2026.
- ☐ Proof of payment of invoices/receipts.
e.g. E-transfer confirmation, debit slips, cleared cheques, or credit card/bank statements.
Invoices that are marked paid and signed by the supplier are not accepted. Invoices showing a zero-balance owing are accepted.

Acreage Verification

Reported wild blueberry acreage must be independently verified. Programs will first cross-reference reported acreage with acreage insured through the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission. If you do not consent to the release of your crop insurance information, or if you are not a crop insurance client, Programs will contact you for additional information to verify your managed wild blueberry acreage.

- ☐ I give consent to Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance to share my insured acreage information with Programs for the purposes of acreage verification.

Step 4: Information About Financial Assistance

Provide information about any other financial assistance received for 2025 drought-related expenses that are eligible under this program. This includes assistance from federal, provincial (other than Department of Agriculture), or municipal governments, such as municipal water subsidies. Do not include payments from Crop Insurance, AgriStability, Department of Agriculture Programs, or product sales.

Attach supporting documents for any financial assistance reported, such as funding agreements or statements.

Financial Assistance Source	Amount Received

☐ I have not received other financial assistance for eligible 2025 drought-related expenses.

Step 5: Program Impact

If you are eligible to receive payment, would the payment play an important role in your farm's recovery?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Attachments: Forage Type/Weight Worksheet; Worksheet for Wild Blueberry PIDs; Worksheet for Wild Blueberry Product Application Records.

Declaration, Authorization and Consent

By submitting this application form, I acknowledge and agree with the following:

- I confirm I meet the conditions and requirements of the Program;
- I have submitted accurate, true and complete documents and information to the program administration to date, and I will continue to provide accurate, true and complete information and documentation as requested;
- I have read the Program Guidelines and, if the application is approved in whole or in part, I agree to abide by the terms and conditions as set out in the Program Guidelines;
- I consent to the audit and verification of the documents and information I submit at any time prior to project commencement, during work, or upon completion of the project. Such audit and verification may be performed by the Province of Nova Scotia, Government of Canada or other parties chosen by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture for audit and verification purposes;
- I authorize the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture to collect information from any provincial or federal government department, agency or third party for the purposes of verifying the contents of this application and supporting documents.
- I consent to the use and disclosure of the documents and information I submit by officials of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, officials of programs offered by the Government of Canada or Province of Nova Scotia, and cooperating funding partners, where the information is relevant for the purposes of audit, analysis, determining eligibility, verifying information, program evaluation, program development and determining program funding;
- I agree to repay any amount determined through audit or inspection that is deemed to have been provided in excess of the program funding to which I am entitled;
- I consent to the release of my name and the amount of any funding received under the Program as public information, to be actively disseminated by the Province of Nova Scotia and Government of Canada;
- I acknowledge that any other information provided, unless disclosed in the manner and for the purposes to which I have consented above, will be subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOI/POP)*;
- I consent to representatives of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture or the Government of Canada contacting me to discuss the results of the Program;
- I consent to the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture publishing the results of the Program with respect to the farm which may include my name, my farm location, the amount received and details about the projects associated with this Program;
- I acknowledge that any person lobbying, as defined in the federal *Lobbying Act*, on behalf of me must be registered pursuant to the *Lobbying Act*;
- I acknowledge that individuals who are subject to the provisions of the *Conflict of Interest Act* (S.C. 2006, c. 9, s. 2), the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons, the Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators, the Values and Ethics Code for the Public Sector or any other conflict of interest and/or values and ethics codes applicable within provincial or territorial governments or specific organizations, shall not derive any direct benefit resulting from this application unless the provision or receipt of such benefit is permitted in such legislation, policy or codes; and
- I confirm that I have the authority to bind the applicant.

Applicant Name (print)

Applicant Signature

Date



**Department of Agriculture
Programs
2026-2027**

Return completed application to:

**Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture
Programs Office**

74 Research Drive

Bible Hill, NS B6L 2R2

Phone 902-893-6377 or toll-free 1-866-844-4276

Email: agrirecovery@novascotia.ca

Website: novascotia.ca/programs/

☐ Je préfère recevoir tous les formulaires en français.