

Fiona Agriculture Disaster Assistance Guidelines

Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture
Applications will be accepted until February 24, 2023

Mission

To support the agriculture industry in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona by providing financial support using a simplified intake process and individualized client service.

The Solution

The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture has developed a one window financial response to help the industry recover from extraordinary costs caused by Hurricane Fiona. The Fiona Agriculture Disaster Assistance one window approach will provide assistance through the provincial Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements for small businesses and any future federal or provincial assistance program as they are developed with the intention to provide support for items that could not be addressed by insurance.

Losses and damages fall into five main streams:

- Equipment and Infrastructure
- Crops and Cropping
- Livestock and Feeds
- Agricultural and Debris Clean-Up
- Fuel and Alternative Power Expenses

Applicants must complete the [Fiona Agriculture Disaster Assistance Intake Form](#) by February 24, 2023, to be considered for financial assistance.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are/have:

1. At least 19 years of age
2. An annual eligible gross commodity income of \$10,000
3. Damage or loss which occurred during the Hurricane Fiona disaster September 23-24, 2022
4. Owners of the damaged property, or a lease agreement exists
5. Able to provide a partnership/ownership agreement if requested
6. For non-registered farms, able to provide tax return and additional information as required

Process

1. Complete and submit the intake form
2. A case manager assigned to your file will contact you

Stream 1: Equipment and Infrastructure

Eligible	Ineligible
Agricultural building repair	Anything covered by insurance plans whether the applicant is enrolled or not. Damages not directly used for farming or processing of agricultural products.
Farm machinery	
Silo and grain tank repair	
Greenhouse repair	
Feeding systems	
Refrigerated and cold storages	
Crop infrastructure	
Other expenses evaluated on a case by case basis	

Stream 2: Crops and Cropping

Eligible	Ineligible
Extraordinary harvest costs due to Fiona	Anything covered by insurance plans whether the applicant is enrolled or not.
Crop destruction	
Replacement of perennial productive units	Damages not directly used for farming or processing of agricultural products.
Land preparation to replace perennial crops	
Other expenses evaluated on a case by case basis	

Stream 3: Livestock and Feeds

Eligible	Ineligible
Animal death and veterinary fees	Anything covered by insurance plans whether the applicant is enrolled or not.
Rental of alternative facility or pasture for animals displaced due to Fiona	
Some animal transportation costs	Damages not directly used for farming or processing of agricultural products.
Replacement of damaged stored feed	
Extraordinary costs to provide water to animals	
Deadstock removal for animals killed/injured by Fiona	
Feed purchased to replace unharvested crop	
Other expenses evaluated on a case by case basis	

Stream 4: Agricultural and Debris Clean-Up

Eligible	Ineligible
In-kind and hired labour: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ to clean up downed trees○ for fence repair○ for road and bridge repair○ for erosion repair	Poorly maintained or abandoned fence clean up
Equipment rental for clean up	Clean-up of abandoned or non-productive land
Some fencing supplies	Downed trees that do not hinder farming
Other expenses evaluated on a case by case basis	Removal of existing hedgerows
	Anything covered by insurance plans whether the applicant is enrolled or not.
	Damages not directly used for farming or processing of agricultural products.

Stream 5: Fuel and Alternative Power Expenses

Eligible	Ineligible
Estimated generator fuel costs (see intake form)	Anything covered by insurance plans whether the applicant is enrolled or not.
Other expenses evaluated on a case by case basis	Damages not directly used for farming or processing of agricultural products.

Payments

- The Department of Agriculture has the sole discretion to determine eligibility of applicants, verify damage, loss and expenses, and approve payments.
- Payments cannot be assigned or deferred.
- Assistance streams and funding sources are subject to change as work progresses to maximize support to the industry.
- Financial assistance may come from multiple funding sources and an applicant may receive more than one payment

Form Submission

Completed forms may be submitted in one of the following ways:

Email: fada@novascotia.ca

Mail: Fiona Agriculture Disaster Assistance
74 Research Drive Bible Hill, NS B6L 2R2

Fax: (902) 893-7579

For more information or assistance please send an email to the address above or call **902-890-0542**