

Frost Loss
Program
Guidelines
2018-2019



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Objective

The objective of this program is to assist Nova Scotia Farmers recover from crop production and financial losses due to frost/freeze in June 2018. The program will provide financial assistance in consideration with other Business Risk Management Programs that would be available.

Eligibility

The program is available to farmers/farm businesses in Nova Scotia who:

- are 19 years of age and older and a resident of Nova Scotia;
- are currently and properly registered under the correct income category under the Nova Scotia Farm Registration Act;
- is a commercial farm operation; and
- must be enrolled or show proof of new enrolment in either AgriStability, AgriInsurance (if available for the commodity impacted by the frost/freeze) and/or other business risk management mitigation programs.

Exclusions

Losses from value added or secondary processing is not eligible for compensation under this program. Wineries that process their own grapes into wine are not eligible.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance will be based on 50% of the value of a calculated production loss. The value of the production loss will be calculated by using the applicants average yield based in the previous three (3) crop years and subtracting of the 2018 crop yield and multiplying the difference at a predetermined price for the commodity, less an adjustment for AgriInsurance (insurable commodities only).

The AgriInsurance adjustment is the calculated benefit at a 70% coverage level less the producer premium cost for the coverage. Producers not enrolled in Agri Insurance, where a plan was available for their respective commodities, will still be adjusted at the 70% coverage level.

Any compensation received under the frost loss program would be considered eligible revenue for AgriStability.

Total compensation under the Frost Loss program cannot exceed the budget allocation for the program. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received. No payments will be issued to amounts less than \$100.

Examples of assistance for producers with and without insurable commodities:

1) Situation: (Commodity with available AgrilInsurance)

Jim and Jane harvested lowbush blueberries from 50 acres in 2018. Records from historical production revealed they averaged 200,000 pounds (4,000 pounds per acre) for the last three crop years on the same 50 acres. Their 2018 crop resulted in a harvest of 80,000 pounds (1,600 pounds per acre). Their total 2018 crop loss was 120,000 pounds of lowbush blueberries.

Calculation of Assistance

Under the Frost Loss Program, Jim and Jane will be eligible to receive assistance. In this case, assistance will be based on 120,000 pounds at a price of \$0.40 per pound. The value of this loss has been determined to be \$48,000. The AgrilInsurance adjustment was deemed to be \$8,483. The adjusted value is \$39,517. The program payment at 50% of the adjusted value is \$19,758.50.

2) Situation: (Commodity not covered through AgrilInsurance)

Tom operates a 100-acre Christmas tree farm. Over the past three years he sold on average 5,000 medium density Christmas trees per year. Due to the June frost/freeze he was only able to harvest and sell 2,500 medium density trees. The total 2018 production loss was 2,500 medium density trees. There is no AgrilInsurance program available for his commodity.

Calculation of Assistance

Under the Frost Loss Program, Tom will be eligible to receive assistance. In this case, assistance will be based on 2,500 medium density trees at a price of \$14.00 per tree. The value of this loss has been determined to be \$35,000. There is no AgrilInsurance adjustment because there is no Christmas tree plan available. The program payment at 50% of the value of the loss is \$17,500.

Application Process

Application Deadline: March 15, 2019

1. Complete the *Program Funding Registration Form* (unless previously submitted).
2. Complete the *Frost Loss Program Application Form*.
3. Provide copies of 2018 crop production records and either interim farm financial statements or farm income receipts for the crop(s) impacted by the frost/freeze in June 2018.
4. Provide copies of crop production records for the past three (3) crop years (2015, 2016 and 2017). Lowbush blueberry producers must provide the three (3) years previous crop production for the same area harvested in 2018 (ie. in most cases this would be 2012, 2014 and 2016).
5. Statement of Farming Activities (T2042, T1273) or Schedule 125 Farm Revenue – detailing sales by commodity revenue code that correspond with the historical production records for the past three (3) crop years.
6. Provide confirmation of enrollment in AgriStability in 2019 and/or AgriInsurance for the next available respective crop deadline.

Note: Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Please submit all the above required documents to:

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Authority

The Department will have the authority to deny an application if there is evidence of misrepresentation of pertinent information, or if the Department believes that an application does not conform to the spirit of the program.

Project Evaluation and Audit

Review and evaluation of projects may be carried out by officials of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture (NSDA) or other parties chosen by the NSDA for the purpose of audit, analysis, evaluation, program development and determining assistance.

Confidentiality Statement

Applicants consent to the release of their name and the amount of support received under the program as public information to be actively disseminated by the Department of Agriculture. Any other information provided, unless disclosed in the manner and for the purposes stated above, will be subject to the confidentiality and disclosure provisions to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act.

Contact Information

To find out more information about the Frost Loss Production and Income program, please contact PBRM at: 902-893- 6377, toll free 1-866-844-4276, or your regional office at the following locations:

Central Region	Truro office	902-893-6575
Valley Region	Kentville office	902-679-6021
Western Region	Cornwallis office	902-638-2395
Eastern Region	Antigonish office	902-863-7180
Cape Breton Region	Sydney office	902-563-2000