



Mink Industry Enhancement Program Guidelines

2021-2022

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CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP (CAP)

The governments of Canada and Nova Scotia are committed to ensuring farmers and processors have the tools they need to innovate, grow and prosper. The *Canadian Agricultural Partnership* agreement is part of a commitment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to promote productivity and profitability for the sector. The programs are designed to help the industry position itself to respond to future opportunities and to realize its full potential as a significant contributor to the economy. Programs are also tailored with the flexibility to meet diverse regional requirements.

The partnership is a five-year, \$3-billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments that aims to strengthen the agriculture and agri-food sector and ensure continued innovation, growth and prosperity. The partnership includes \$1 billion for federal activities and programs, and \$2 billion in cost-shared programs delivered by provinces and territories on a 60-40 basis. In Nova Scotia, \$37 million will be invested through provincially delivered programs focusing on Markets and Trade; Science, Research and Innovation; Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change; Risk Management; Value Added Agriculture and Agri-Food Processing; and Public Trust.

In addition to cost-shared strategic initiatives, the partnership includes several business risk-management programs to help farmers manage risks that threaten the viability of their farms.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objective of this program is to support Nova Scotia Mink Producers in their efforts to achieve and maintain on-farm Mink Care Assessment Program (MCAP) certification. The program aims to support Nova Scotia mink farms certified under the Mink Care Assessment Program (MCAP) to strengthen the industry's position in the market and create market access opportunities while supporting the industry in its adoption of animal care standards.

ELIGIBILITY

Farm:

- possesses a Nova Scotia Fur Farming License and Site Approval Permit
- currently and properly registered in the correct income category under the *Farm Registration Act*.
- applicant is at least 19 years of age and actively farming in the program year.
- completion of the Mink Care Assessment Program
- member in good standing with Nova Scotia Mink Breeders Association

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Applicants are eligible for \$25.00 assistance per breeding female mink to a maximum of \$100,000 per applicant for the duration of the program. Applicant must provide all MCAP certifications to Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture (NSDA) up until March 31, 2023 or NSDA may revoke funding.
- No more than 100% of non-repayable funding can be received for any eligible project cost incurred and paid for by the applicant, regardless of source. No funding can be received for similar projects from other Nova Scotia Government sources. Applicants are required to disclose all funding sources.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for the Mink Industry Enhancement program, complete and submit the Application including:

1. Proof of certification in the Mink Care Assessment Program (MCAP)

Application Intake
April 1, 2021 – February 28, 2023

Late applications will not be accepted.

Note 1: Clients new to PBRM programs since 2018 must complete the Program Funding Registration form. Returning clients, must update the form as needed with any changes to business information including contact information, structure, commodities, environmental farm plan and Premise ID.

Note 2: Applications are limited to one application per farm for the duration of the program.

Note 3: Applications will be processed in order of receipt until available funds are committed.

APPROVAL PROCESS

1. Applications are assessed based on the information and supporting documentation provided. If an application requires further assessment or information, PBRM staff will follow up with the applicant.

AUTHORITY

NSDA shall have the authority to deny an application if there is evidence of misrepresentation of pertinent information or if NSDA believes that an application does not conform to the spirit of the Program.

EVALUATION AND AUDIT

Review and evaluation of projects may be carried out by NSDA, Government of Canada or other parties chosen by NSDA for the purpose of audit, analysis, evaluation, program development and determining financial assistance. This review and evaluation process may be conducted prior to project commencement, during work or upon project completion. Applicants may be asked to complete an evaluation survey related to their final claim.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Applicants consent to the release of their name and the amount of support received under the Program. This specific information is deemed to be public information, to be actively disseminated by NSDA. NSDA may provide any information from an applicant to another public body or a law-enforcement agency in Canada to assist in an investigation, undertaken with a view to a law-enforcement proceeding or from which a law-enforcement proceeding is likely to result. Any other information provided, unless disclosed in the manner and for the purposes stated above, will be subject to the confidentiality and disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please submit all documents related to the Mink Industry Enhancement Program to PBRM at the address, email or fax number below. For more information about the Program, please contact PBRM or your regional office.

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