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On-Farm Water Management Program Application

Applications will be accepted between **April 1, 2026, and May 15, 2026.**

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.
- Is a farm that is currently registered under the *Farm Registration Act* or Mi'kmaq conducting farming activities in Mi'kmaq communities.
- Is a farm that generates an annual eligible gross income of \$30,000 or more. The eligible income will be based on the Farm Registration income level.
- Current (within five years) Environmental Farm Plan, including schedule A and B (projects applied for must be listed on these)
- 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.

Step 2: Applicant Information

Business/Farm Name			
Applicant Name			
CRA Business Number			
Phone Number			
Email			
Mailing Address			
City/Town	County	Postal Code	

Self-Identification

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.

Select all that apply	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (Individuals 40 years old and younger)	<input type="checkbox"/> African Nova Scotian
	<input type="checkbox"/> Woman	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mi'kmaq <input type="checkbox"/> Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to identify
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

Step 3: Details about your Proposed Project(s)

County of Project Location (select one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annapolis | <input type="checkbox"/> Antigonish | <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Breton | <input type="checkbox"/> Colchester | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumberland | <input type="checkbox"/> Digby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guysborough | <input type="checkbox"/> Halifax | <input type="checkbox"/> Hants | <input type="checkbox"/> Inverness | <input type="checkbox"/> Kings | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunenburg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pictou | <input type="checkbox"/> Queens | <input type="checkbox"/> Richmond | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelburne | <input type="checkbox"/> Victoria | <input type="checkbox"/> Yarmouth |

Do your projects take place on rented/leased land?

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

Livestock Management to Improve Wildlife Habitat	8-Digit PID	Total Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 127: Fencing and/or barriers for off-site watering and to prevent access by livestock to watercourses.		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 54: Fencing to manage grazing and improve riparian conditions / function		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 56: Improved grazing management on tame and native pasture and rangelands, such as cross-fencing and offsite watering to improve pasture health and wildlife habitat		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 130: Mobile water system: summer / winter water systems (solar, wind, pipeline, other)		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 133: Remote watering systems to manage livestock away from surface water (gravity fed, pump and pipeline system)		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 57: Improved stream crossing (rocking riprap, culverts, bridges)		
Drainage	8-Digit PID	Total Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> TILE DRAINAGE: Installation of a subsurface tile drainage system on farm fields yielding crop (a tile drainage plan must be completed by a qualified consultant or contractor and submitted at time of claim).		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 19: Control components for the tile drainage system (i.e: stop logs, risers, gates and valves)		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 29: Surface and subsurface drainage to remove excess water from active cropland. Includes design, open ditches and land forming for surface drainage. (Not tile drainage). Not intended for the drainage of wetlands or other environmentally sensitive areas.		

Irrigation	8-Digit PID	Total Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 16: Irrigation water and/or nutrient-use efficiency (Investment in purchase, modification and improvement of irrigation equipment to increase water, and/or nutrient use efficiency (e.g. variable rate irrigation systems, soil moisture sensors))		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 128: Improved infiltration galleries and irrigation intake systems		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 134: Renovation and upgrading of existing irrigation water supply infrastructure to reduce water loss, improve water use and or energy efficiency, and secure supplies.		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 137: Utilization of drainage water by recycling onto drained field to meet crop demand during dry period: irrigation and sub-irrigation equipment; engineering designs and written plans for implemented practices.		
Water Supply	8-Digit PID	Total Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 124a Wells. Hook-up installation and consultant costs, materials and contracted labour costs (for NEW development ONLY) Note: Well work must be done by a certified well driller / digger.		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 124/BMP 125: Ponds, dams, spring developments and reservoirs or tie-ins to a multi-use water supply pipeline as part of climate adaptation (pumps, power supply, monitoring devices, pump tests. Hook-up installation and consultant costs, materials and contracted labour costs for spring development – collection well, cutoff trench, or cutoff walls - for NEW development ONLY)		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 139: Water saving systems and management through cisterns, water use meters, and water level equipment. Including watering sanitation and cleanout systems		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 143: Professional consulting services required to assess, design or support implementation of water supply and water management projects where these services are not otherwise captured as an eligible expense under another BMP.		

Water Quality	8-Digit PID	Total Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 131: Well Protection (for existing wells only, earthwork, extending well head above ground, pitless adapter, casing seals and connections), Well Abandonment (proper sealing of abandoned well to prevent groundwater contamination)		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 135: Reservoir aeration systems for surface water supply		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 140: Water Treatment System (including UV light treatment, chlorination, reverse osmosis)		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 136: Upstream diversion around farm infrastructure and collection and downstream protection (catch basins, constructed wetlands)		
<input type="checkbox"/> BMP 121: Recycling of wastewater streams from milk houses, fruit and vegetable washing facilities, and greenhouses to recover nutrients		

For each activity you have applied for in Step 4, please complete the following. Note: not all BMPs require additional information, only those identified below.

For BMP Codes: **133** provide the # of head of cattle / livestock

Code: 133	# of Livestock:
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For BMP Codes: **16, 128, 134, 137, 125** provide the # of acres addressed

Code: 16	# of Acres:	Code: 128	# of Acres:
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Code: 134	# of Acres:	Code: 137	# of Acres:
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Code: 125	# of Acres:
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For BMP Codes: **121, 139, 140** provide water volume in liters treated or recycled

Code: 121	Volume Recycled (L):	Code: 139	Volume Treated (L):
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Code: 140	Volume Treated (L):
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For BMP Code: **136** provide the m² of diversion around the infrastructure (if applicable)

Code: 136

M² of diversion:

For BMP Code: **29** provide the area (m²) of drainage features

Code: 29

Area of drainage features (M²):

For BMP Code: **19** provide the # of controlled components installed / meter of tile

Code: 19

of controlled components:

Meter of tile:

For BMP Code: **131** provide the # of protected wells

Code: 131

of wells protected:

For BMP Code: **57** provide the # of improved crossing

Code: 57

of improved crossing:

For BMP Code: **56**, provide the stocking rate (average animal unit months per acre)

Code: 56

Stocking rate:

For BMP Codes: **54, 127** provide the km of fencing

Code: 54

of km:

Code: 127

of km:

Declaration, Authorization and Consent

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

- I have disclosed accurate, true and complete information to the program administration to date and I will continue to provide accurate, true and complete information which is not misleading;
- 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 information 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 consent to the use and disclosure of the information 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, 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 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; and
- I confirm that I have the authority to bind the applicant.

Applicant Name (print)

Applicant Signature

Date

Return completed application to:

**Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture
Programs Office**

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Bible Hill, NS B6L 2R2

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