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Plant Your Roots Interest Rebate Application

Applications will be accepted until **February 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.
 - ☐ A farm that is currently registered under the *Farm Registration Act*.
 - ☐ Applicant is at least 19 years of age and a resident of Nova Scotia.
 - ☐ Acquired loan approval within 6 months of submitting application.
 - ☐ Owned a farm business for less than 5 years and have not yet achieved \$30,000 in farm revenue
- OR**
- ☐ Purchasing a commercial farm or purchasing at least 25% interest in a commercial farm for the first time

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"/> Women	<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 business

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 |

Step 4: Loan Information

☐ **Stream 1: Beginning Farmer** ☐ **Stream 2: Commercial Farm Purchases**

Have you ever owned a farm business before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is this your first loan for the farm business? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name and address of Financial Institution

Name loan was taken out under

Date of loan offer acceptance

Amount of loan (\$)

Interest rate (%)

4-year interest calculation (\$)

Describe the purpose of the loan (only use the space provided)

Step 5: Farm Structure

Identify the farm structure:

☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Partnership ☐ Company

If the farm structure is a partnership or company, please provide the following shareholder information:

Name:	% Ownership/Voting Interest:
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Step 6 – Attachments Required

- ☐ Signed loan agreement including:
 - ☐ loan details (amount and purpose)
 - ☐ loan amortization
 - ☐ interest rate
- ☐ 4-year interest calculation
- ☐ Proof of percentage (%) of ownership
- ☐ Business plan and income projections (Stream 1 as well as Stream 2 loans from lenders that are not farm focused)

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;
- that 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 (FOIPOP)*;
- 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
74 Research Drive
Bible Hill, NS B6L 2R2
Phone 902-893-6377 or toll-free 1-866-844-4276
Email: prm@novascotia.ca
Website: novascotia.ca/programs/

☐ Je préfère recevoir tous les formulaires en français.