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## Technology Adoption Program

### Stream 1: Automation, Packaging, Food Processing, and Preservation Application

Applications will be accepted between **April 1, 2026, and May 31, 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*, an agri-business, or Mi'kmaq conducting farming activities in Mi'kmaq communities.
- 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.
- Proof of income for agri-business.
- Proof of purchase of local ingredients for agri-business.
- Applicant is at least 19 years of age.
- Project quotes are attached.

**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

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

#### 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.*

<b>Select all that apply</b>	<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  |

#### Stream of Project (select one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Stream 1:</b> Automation, Packaging, Food Processing, and Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Stream 2:</b> On-Farm Innovation                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Stream 3:</b> Precision Agriculture                                    |

**Stream 1: Automation, Packaging, Food Processing, and Preservation projects ONLY**

Describe Proposed Project	Total Project Cost
<p><i>Briefly outline what the project is, why it is needed, and the expected outcomes.</i></p>	

Check all that apply to this project and provide estimated values where possible. This project will:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase profits: \$ _____ (CAD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Create jobs. # of full-time created: ____; # of part-time: ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase production	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce labour needs. # of full-time: ____; # of part-time: ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase competitiveness	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase exports: <input type="checkbox"/> dollars <input type="checkbox"/> volume <input type="checkbox"/> # of products
<input type="checkbox"/> Help improve product quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Displace imports: <input type="checkbox"/> dollars <input type="checkbox"/> volume <input type="checkbox"/> # of products
<input type="checkbox"/> Help create new value-added product(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Create new or expanded markets

**Expand on the selected check boxes above relating to the financial benefits of adopting this technology. (60 points)**

*Expand on the checkboxes you selected above by describing the financial benefits of adopting this technology. Include details such as cost savings, increased revenue, labour efficiencies, or other measurable financial outcomes.*

**Expand on the selected check boxes above relating to the level of positive impact on the Nova Scotia agriculture industry. (40 points)**

*Expand on the checkboxes you selected above by describing the level of positive impact this project will have on the Nova Scotia agriculture industry. Your response may include impacts such as competitiveness, market growth, product quality, innovation, or broader sector benefits.*

## Stream 2: On-Farm Innovation projects ONLY

### Describe Proposed Project

*Briefly outline what the project is, why it is needed, and expected outcomes.*

### Breakdown of Proposed Project Costs

### Project Cost

Technology/equipment

Contracted labour

Training related to the new technology

Specialized software purchases/subscriptions related to the new technology

Knowledge and technology transfer activities

**Total Project Cost**

**Level of Innovation (e.g. testing technology or practices novel or new to Nova Scotia) (30 points)**

*Describe the innovative aspects of this project. Explain whether the technology, practice, or approach is new or novel to Nova Scotia, or represents a significant improvement over current methods. Include details on how the project tests, demonstrates, or introduces new practices or technologies within the sector.*

**Check all that apply to this project and provide estimated values where possible. This project will:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase profits: \$_____ (CAD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Create jobs. # of full-time created: ____; # of part-time: ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve competitiveness	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce labour needs. # of full-time: ____; # of part-time: ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce production costs: \$_____ (CAD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase exports: <input type="checkbox"/> dollars <input type="checkbox"/> volume <input type="checkbox"/> # of products
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve processing productivity/efficiencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Displace imports: <input type="checkbox"/> dollars <input type="checkbox"/> volume <input type="checkbox"/> # of products
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve facility or equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Create new or expanded markets
<input type="checkbox"/> Help improve product quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Help create new value-added product(s)

**Degree of Potential Impact (20 points)**

*Expand on the selected check boxes above by explaining how this project will create meaningful benefits for the Nova Scotia agriculture industry.*

**Collaboration (e.g. other industry partner involvement - including indigenous and other equity-deserving communities) (20 points)**

*Describe how this project involves working with others. You may include partnerships with producers, processors, researchers, Indigenous communities, or other under-represented and under-served communities. Explain what each partner will do and how the collaboration will strengthen the project.*

**Effective knowledge transfer plan (e.g. degree to which the project reaches the wider Nova Scotia agricultural industry, creates a climate for innovation adoption) (25 points)**

*Describe your knowledge transfer plan, including how you will share the results of this project with the wider Nova Scotia agriculture industry. Explain the methods you will use (such as demonstrations, field days, reports, workshops, online resources, etc.) and how these activities will support learning and the adoption of new practices or technologies across the sector.*

**Stream 3: Precision Agriculture projects ONLY**

Projects	Project Cost
Variable rate product application	
GPS and/or autosteer	
Weed wipers	
Soil moisture sensors	
Field mapping	
Ultrasounds	
Other:	

## 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.

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Applicant Name (print)

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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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