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Wild Blueberry and Apple Harvest Efficiency Program Application

Applications will be accepted between **January 24, 2025** and **February 19, 2025**

Step 1: Eligibility Requirements

- I confirm that all the following conditions are met:
- √ Clients new to Programs since 2023 must complete the Program Funding Registration form. Returning clients must update the form as needed.
 - √ Is a farm that is currently registered in the correct income level under the *Farm Registration Act*, or Mi'kmaq conducting farming activities in Mi'kmaq Communities.
 - √ Is a wild blueberry and/or apple producer.
 - √ 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.
 - √ Client 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

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| 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.

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| 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: Proposed Project Details

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 |

The equipment will be delivered by March 28, 2025 and I will be submitting a claim for the full amount of funding by March 28, 2025.

The equipment will **not** be delivered by March 28, 2025. I will be placing a minimum **25% deposit**, and I will be submitting a claim for 50% funding by March 28, 2025 and the remaining 50% by September 30, 2025 once the equipment is delivered.

| Eligible Projects | Total Project Cost \$ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest assist platforms for apples | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 60" harvester heads | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 48" harvester heads and front-mounted push rakes | |
| Total \$ | |

Degree of Impact – Describe how the new equipment will financially impact your business (i.e.: reduce costs, increase revenue, improve fruit quality, improve harvested yield, etc.) (50 points)

Labour Impact – Describe how the new equipment will change your labour requirements (25 points)

Industry Impact - Describe the degree to which the new equipment reaches the wider Nova Scotia wild blueberry and/or apple industry (25 points)

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**

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