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Farm Registration Program

Fact Sheet

What is the Farm Registration Program?

Farm Registration is a voluntary, annual program. Farms eligible to file a farm tax return with the Canada Revenue Agency may register.

Farm Registration provides for:

- Managed access to government programs by farm businesses;
- Collection of farm information to develop agricultural policy; and
- Stable funding of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture

Who needs to register?

Farmers need to register to access government agricultural programs. Examples of programs that require a Farm Registration include Farm License Plates, Fuel Tax Exemption, Livestock Herd Health, and grant programs. Registered farms also receive a discount on some Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture laboratory analyses.

Who is eligible?

To register successfully, you must: 1) Complete the Farm Registration Application Form; 2) Provide **proof of farming income** (see notes below); and 3) Pay the required registration fee.

Proof of farming income is a requirement for all Farm Registrants:

For Sole Proprietors and Partnerships - In partnership with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), the gross commodity income of the farm will be verified on your behalf. The farm's gross commodity income is based on the amount declared on line 9659 of the farm's most recent filing of the Statement of Farming Activities (T2042) with the CRA. The primary owner of the farm must provide their legal name, social insurance number (SIN), date of birth, and signature, giving consent to income verification.

For Corporations - Proof of eligible gross commodity income must be provided, based on the Statement of Farming Activities, by submitting a copy of the appropriate page of the most recent version of one of the following documents: Income Statement Information – Schedule 125 – Farm Revenue (Line 9659) OR AgriStability/AgriInvest – Statement A – Corporation/Co-Operative (Line 9950). Alternatively, a Chartered Professional Accountant declaration form; or a Notarized Self-declaration form may be submitted to report your farm income. If you wish to have your income verification done in person at one of the Department of Agriculture Regional Offices or the Farm Registration Office, please call the appropriate office to book an appointment.

How do I apply?

Apply online now by logging in or creating an account and pay with your credit card or Interac® Online.

You can also apply by submitting a completed Farm Registration Application Form along with the appropriate fee using one of these methods:

Mail to:
Service Nova Scotia
Nova Scotia Business Registry
PO Box 1529
Halifax, NS B3J 2Y4

Drop off: Access Nova Scotia Centres

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If I need help completing the application, who do I contact?

For technical assistance completing your application Online, contact Service Nova Scotia at 902-424-5200; or 1-800-670-4357 toll free in Nova Scotia.

For program information, contact the Registrar of Farms, NSDA at 902-893-6377, 1-866-844-4276 or 902-893-6510.

How much does registration cost?

Registration fees range from $205.00 to $1,380.00, depending on Gross Farm Commodity Income (see registration fee table).

Registration Fees	
Gross Farm Receipts	**Annual Fee**
under $29,999	$ 205.00
$30,000 - $99,999	$ 325.00
$100,000 - $249,999	$ 500.00
$250,000 - $499,999	$ 675.00
$500,000 - $749,999	$850.00
$750,000 - $999,999	$ 1,030.00
$1,000,000 - $2,499,999	$1,205.00
$2,500,000 or more	$1,380.00

What does my registration fee pay for?

Registration fees provide funding for the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture (NSFA). The NSFA undertakes a review of membership fees every five years to ensure fee revenue will sustain the Federation's activities. A review of the five-year budget forecast determined that an increase in fees was needed to meet the financial commitments that support the organization's mandate. The proposed fee schedule and increases were presented and approved by the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture membership at the Annual General Meeting held November 29-30, 2018.

Registrants must indicate in Section 6 of the Farm Registration form whether they wish to be a member of NSFA. If they choose not to be a member their contact information will not be provided to NSFA.

For further information on NSFA membership and benefits, please contact:

Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture
7 Atlantic Central Drive
East Mountain, B6L 2A3
Phone: 902-893-2293
Fax: 902-893-7063
Email: info@nsfa-fane.ca

Or, visit their Website

Do I receive any documentation for registering, and how long does it take?

A wallet sized Farm Registration card is mailed to you as proof of registration approximately 10 business days from the date your application is received (provided all necessary information is submitted with the application).

Do I have to renew my registration?

Yes. Your registration is valid for 1 year, covering the period from April 1 of one year to March 31 of the next. Registration is renewable, and the Department will send you a renewal notice approximately 3 to 4 weeks before it expires.

What if I have changes to my business information?

Changes to your business name, address, partners, etc. should be reported to Service Nova Scotia at 902-424-5200 or 1-800-670-4357 toll free in Nova Scotia.

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I purchased an existing farm that was previously registered. What do I do?

Since farm ownership has changed, you must submit a new application to register. A new Farm Registration card will be issued with your information.

Where can I get more information about the Farm Registration program?

Further information and application forms are available on the Department of Agriculture Website, as well as the Service Nova Scotia Website. Information is also available by contacting:

Registrar of Farms	Tel 1: 902-893-6377
74 Research Drive	Tel 2: 1-866-844-4276
Bible Hill, NS B6L 3R2	Tel 3: 902-893-6510

Where can I get information on farm assistance programs?

Information on farm assistance programs can be found here, or by contacting the Programs & Business Risk Management Division, NSDA at the telephone numbers listed in the previous answer.