

FACT SHEET

FARM REGISTRATION

- ***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 agriculture programs. Examples of programs that require farm registration include Farm Licence Plates, Fuel Tax Exemption, Livestock Herd Health, Farm Investment Fund, ad hoc weather-related programs and BSE programs. Registered farms receive a sizeable discount on some Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture laboratory analyses.
- ***What does my registration fee pay for?***
Registration fees provide funding for the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture (NSFA). Following a change in the Farm Registration Act, refunds of farm registration fees are no longer an option (effective February 15, 2006). All registration fees will remain with the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture.

Registrants must indicate on Section 5 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
332 Willow Street
Truro, NS B2N 5A5
Phone: (902) 893-2293
Fax: (902) 893-7063
Email: info@nsfa-fane.ca

- ***How do I apply?***
Apply online at www.nsbr.ca and pay with your credit card or submit a completed farm registration application and appropriate fee to one of the payment locations listed on the text box to the right on the Fact Sheet.
- ***Where can I get an application form?***
Download an application from the Department's website at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/forms/> or contact the Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations at 424-5200; or 1-800-670-4357 toll free in Nova Scotia; or the Registrar of Farms, NSDA at (902) 893-6510.
- ***If I need help filling out the form, who do I contact?***
If you need technical assistance completing your application Online, contact Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations at 424-5200; or 1-800-670-4357 toll free in Nova Scotia; or for program information contact the Registrar of Farms, NSDA (902) 893-6510.
- ***How much does registration cost?***
Registration fees range from \$75.00 to \$975.00, depending upon gross farm income (see registration fee box on the next page)

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ON FARM REGISTRATION?

- Online – <http://www.gov.ns.ca/agri/newentrants/farmreg.shtml>
- By contacting the Department of Agriculture:
(902) 893-6510
Registrar of Farms
Harlow Institute, Room 106
176 College Rd
PO Box 550, Truro, NS B2N 5E3
- In person at above address.

- **Do I receive any documentation as a result of registering?**

A wallet size farm registration card is sent to the client once the application is processed.

- **How long does it take to get the registration documentation?**

Approximately seven days.

- **Do I have to renew my registration?**

Yes. This 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 out a renewal notice approximately 3 to 4 weeks before it expires.

- **Is there a fee to renew my registration?**

The annual fees are based on gross farm income, therefore annual fees will vary. Fees range from \$75 to \$975.

Effective April 1, 2009, annual farm registration fees in support of the NSFA have increased. This was initiated by the NSFA and approved at the Federation's 2008 annual meeting.

REGISTRATION FEES	
Gross Farm Income	Fee
\$10,000 or less	\$75.00
\$10,000 - \$24,999	\$140.00
\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$275.00
\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$350.00
\$100,000 - \$249,999	\$430.00
\$250,000 - \$499,999	\$620.00
\$500,000 - \$999,999	\$675.00
\$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999	\$750.00
\$2,000,000 and over	\$975.00

- **What if I have changes to my business information?**

Changes to business name, address, partners, etc., should be reported to Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations at 424-5200 or 1-800-670-4357 toll free in Nova Scotia to be recorded on the client's file.

- **I purchased an existing farm that has been registered, what do I do?**

Since farm ownership has changed you will have to submit a new application for registration, and a new farm registration card will be issued.

- **Where can I get more information about Farm Registration?**

Information and application forms are available on the Agriculture website at www.gov.ns.ca/agri/newentrants/farmreg.shtml or the Service Nova Scotia website at www.gov.ns.ca/snsnr/paal.

Information is also available by contacting:

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- **Where can I get more information on farm assistance programs?**

By visiting the NS government website at <http://www.gov.ns.ca/agri/prm/> or contacting Programs & Business Risk Management Division, NSDA at (902) 893-6510.