

AgriStability Interim Application Guide

This guide explains how the AgriStability Interim Payment works and provides instructions on how to complete the application form. It does not contain all program rules or participation requirements. For more detailed information on AgriStability, visit the AgriStability website at www.afsc.ca.

About the Interim Application

The AgriStability Program is designed to help producers protect their farming operations from large declines in income. As a program participant, you cannot receive your full AgriStability payment until your AgriStability current program year is complete, visit the AgriStability website at www.afsc.ca. However, by using the Interim Application, you can receive a portion of this payment early if your estimated income (program year margin) declines by 30% or more relative to your reference margin.

Am I Eligible?

To be eligible to receive assistance through the Interim Application, you must (in the current program year):

- 1) Have completed a minimum of six consecutive months of farming activity;
- 2) Have completed a production cycle; and
- 3) Be farming in Canada and reporting farming income as an individual, a corporation/co-operative, or a trust/communal organization to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

How Do I Apply?

Complete and submit your AgriStability Interim Application and all required supporting documents to AFSC no later than 90 days after your fiscal year end.

- If you are involved in **multiple farming operations**, you must complete an application for each operation and assign a number to each (all applications should be submitted together).
- **Partners** are eligible to apply to the program as individuals. If you farm as a partnership, each partner who wishes to apply must submit separate forms reporting 100% of the partnership's income and expenses. AFSC will calculate the government contributions to each partner based on their respective share of the partnership.
- Submit Interim Applications by mail, email or fax to:

Mail: AgriStability
C/O AFSC
5718 56 Avenue
Lacombe, AB. T4L 1B1

Email: info@afsc.ca

Fax: 403.782.8348 or toll free 1.855.700.2372

Important Notes

- The Interim Application is an optional application. You do not have to apply for an Interim payment to participate in AgriStability. However, if you receive an Interim payment, you are required to meet all AgriStability participation requirements.
- You must also submit copies of your Statements of Farming Activities as reported to CRA for any of the previous five years plus current year **unless this information was previously provided to AgriStability**.
- Because an Interim Payment is based on an estimate of your income, it is possible that you will receive more or less money than you are entitled to. If your Interim Payment is more than you are entitled to, you are required to repay the difference. If it is less than you are entitled to, you will receive the difference at the time that your final application is processed.

Completing the Application

Enter your AFSC Identification Number (AFSC ID) or your Personal Identification Number (PIN) and the Year you are applying for.

Client Information

Enter your Business Name, Business Address and Contact Person.

Fiscal Year End

Enter the Year, Month and Day of your Fiscal Year End

- a. If you were a landlord involved in a crop/production share agreement for the current program year, check the 'Yes' box. If you were not, check the 'No' box.
- b. If you were farming with anyone else in the program year, explain the nature of the relationship and provide the names of the individuals you are farming with.
- c. If you have significantly altered the size of your farming operation during the current program year, provide an explanation in the space provided.
- d. Report any amounts received, or that you expect to receive related to the current program year. To avoid duplication of government support, the following will be included as income in the calculation of any Interim payment; production and Hail Insurance payments, LPI Program Payments, AgriRecovery Program Payments, and other allowable program payments.
- e. Under Crop/Forage Description, report the type of crop that you harvested. Provide as much detail as possible in describing your crops (for example, specify "Wheat CWRS #1, rather than just "Wheat").
 - Under Number of Acres, report the number of acres of this crop that were seeded in the program year. If you could not seed any part of your acres due to disaster circumstances, attach a written explanation of why you could not seed these acres, the number of acres affected, and your seeding intention.
 - Under Estimated yield per acre, estimate your total program year production for this crop, on a yield per acre basis (by bushels per acre or tonnes per acre). If you could not seed/harvest any acres, enter zero in this column and attach a sheet explaining why you could not seed/harvest, and the number of acres affected.
- f. Under Livestock identify the cattle as Purebred or Commercial.
 - Under Cows Calved, enter the total number of cows calved and expected to calve in the current program year. Do not include calves held over from the previous year.
 - Under Market Hogs Sold, enter the total number of hogs sold and the number of hogs you expect to be sold in the current program year.
 - Under Weaner/Feeder Hogs Sold, enter the total number of hogs sold and the number of hogs you expect to be sold in the current program year.
 - Under Other, specify estimated livestock production should be listed in as much detail as possible (for example, list "Hives producing" rather than just "Bees").
 - Under Feeder Cattle, enter the number of head purchased, sold and animal feed days you expect your operation to feed during the current program year. Animal feed days for cattle weighing 1200 pounds or less must be shown in "Feeder Cattle", cattle weighing more than 1200 pounds must be shown in "Fat Cattle".

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Read and sign the FOIP consent statement.

Contact Information

Complete only if there are changes to the information on file.

