AgriStability Application for Fee Notice Guide

This guide provides additional details about how to complete the Application for Fee Notice. You will use this form if you wish to receive a fee for the 2026 Program Year.

General Information

The annual program fee is approximately $315 for every $100,000 of reference margin coverage. For new participants or participants returning after being out of the program, the fee is calculated using estimated productive capacity along with industry benchmarks to establish an estimated reference margin. The minimum AgriStability program fee is $45. In addition to the program fee, an administrative cost share (ACS) fee of $55 is payable to cover a portion of program administrative costs.

For participants entering the program under late participation, a $300 fee will be charged upfront - which is a $245 program fee plus a $55 ACS fee. Any additional calculated fees will be deducted from final program benefits, if applicable. If final program benefits are zero, no additional fees will be charged to the participant.

Client Information

Enter your Identification Number (AFSC ID), if available, and PIN (Participant Identification Number). Enter your Business Name, Address, Contact Information, Contact Person, and Social Insurance Number or Business Number.

Important – each partner in a partnership must complete and submit their own Application for Fee Notice.

Farming History

This section of the form collects basic information about the history of your farming operation so that we can ensure proper setup of the reference margin.

Estimated Crop/Livestock Productive Units

Enter your estimated productive units for the 2026 Program Year. The units should be for the entire farming operation, but exclude landlord share, if applicable. You can use the 'Comments' box to list productive units not specifically identified on the form. For a full list of other productive units, see the charts below.

SPECIALTY CROPS

Canary Seed	# of seeded acres
Chickpeas (Desi)	# of seeded acres
Chickpeas (Kabuli)	# of seeded acres
Corn (processing)	# of seeded acres
Corn - Sweet (fresh)	# of seeded acres
Dry beans	# of seeded acres
Forage seed (dryland)	# of seeded acres
Forage seed (irrigated)	# of seeded acres
Green peas (processing)	# of seeded acres
Hemp seed (dryland)	# of seeded acres
Hemp seed (irrigated)	# of seeded acres
Hybrid Canola	# of seeded acres
Lentils (dryland)	# of seeded acres

Lentils (irrigated)	# of seeded acres
Mustard - Brown	# of seeded acres
Mustard - Oriental	# of seeded acres
Mustard - Yellow	# of seeded acres
Potatoes - Processing	# of seeded acres
Potatoes - Seed (dryland)	# of seeded acres
Potatoes - Seed (irrigated)	# of seeded acres
Potatoes - Table	# of seeded acres
Sugar Beets	# of seeded acres
Sunflower	# of seeded acres
Timothy for export	# of seeded acres
Trees	# of trees on opening inventory
Veggie Basket	# of seeded acres

GREENHOUSE CROPS

Bedding Plants	# of square feet
Cucumbers	# of square feet
Peppers	# of square feet
Tomatoes	# of square feet

LIVESTOCK

BISON AND ELK

Bison cow/calf	# of calves born
Bison feeders > 700 lbs	# of feeders sold
Elk cow/calf	# of calves born
Elk velvet	# of velvet bulls

POULTRY

Chicken broilers	# of birds or kg sold
Eggs (table)	# of dozen sold
Eggs (hatchery)	# of dozen sold
Turkey broilers	# of birds or # of kg sold

HOGS

Farrow to finish	# of finishers sold
Farrow to wean	# of weaners sold
Wean to finish	# of finishers sold

OTHER LIVESTOCK

Dairy	# of hectoliters sold
Honey	# of producing hives

CATTLE – OTHER

Feeders custom fed	Total head days
Fats custom fed	Total head days

SHEEP

Ewe/lamb	# of lambs born

Reference Margin Election

There are two methods of reference margin calculation available in AgriStability, the Accrual Adjusted Reference Margin and Optional Reference Margin.

The Accrual Adjusted Reference Margin is calculated using your income and expenses as reported for tax purposes, including accrual adjustments. Accrual adjustments include changes in inventories, accounts payable, accounts receivable and purchased inputs. **The Accrual Adjusted Reference Margin is the default calculation method.**

The Optional Reference Margin is calculated using the same method of accounting that is filed for tax (cash or accrual). **Accrual information will still be required for the Program Year, but not the reference years.** If you choose to elect the Optional Reference Margin, you need only elect once and your election will continue until such time that you make the request to elect out, subject to Program requirements. The deadline to elect in or out for a Program Year is April 30 of that same year. For the 2026 Program year this deadline has been extended to October 1, 2026. Should you wish to elect back to the Accrual Adjusted Reference Margin, you must complete and submit the Reference Margin Election Form and your request will be reviewed.

On page 2 of the application form, select the reference margin calculation. **If you do not make a selection, or if both options are selected, the default method will be applied.**

Reference Margin Selection

Producers who have not participated in AgriStability for four (4) years preceding the program year have the option to provide either three (3) or five (5) years of tax and accrual information, including productive units, to create their reference margin. Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) considers a producer to have participated in the Program if they have met all the eligibility requirements. For additional information see the AgriStability Program Handbook available at AFSC.ca.

Client Declaration and Acknowledgement

Read the declaration and consent statement. Print your name, sign and date the declaration.

What Happens Next?

After we receive the signed Application for Fee Notice, the information will be reviewed and a fee notice will be issued to you, along with a new participant package. Once you receive the fee notice, you must pay the fee by the deadline specified on the fee notice to avoid penalty. If you do not meet the deadline, a 20% penalty will be applied. The final deadline to pay the fee, with penalty, is December 31 of the Program Year. If the fee is not paid by that time, you become ineligible to participate for that Program Year and the program fee, ACS fee and penalty **are still due and owing to AFSC.**