

THE MANITOBA YOUNG FARMER PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM



Manitoba, Canada
**Open to Farming
Through Immigration**



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Manitoba



Farming Opportunities in Manitoba, Canada

Manitoba reflects the finest elements of our nation, Canada, which the United Nations frequently names the world's best place to live. Our province offers farming and career opportunities, family activities and a balanced lifestyle that you may be seeking in a new home.

Immigrants from many nations built our prairie communities, and today people from around the world continue to choose to make their homes in Manitoba. Our province offers a rich, varied geography, abundant natural resources, an enviable standard of living and a diversified, growing economy. It is an ideal place to live, do business, work and raise a family.

Manitoba offers you and your family many advantages. Overall personal living costs are lower in Manitoba than in most provinces of Canada. Our automobile insurance, electricity and retail sales tax rates are among the lowest in the country. Manitoba also offers publicly funded health care and a world-class education system that compares with the best anywhere. Added advantages include Manitoba's central North American location, excellent transportation links, inexpensive, abundant hydro-electric power and productive, affordable agricultural land and operating costs.

Farming in Manitoba

As a farmer in Manitoba, you may choose tilling soil, raising and exhibiting livestock, raising horses for racing, raising poultry, farming fur, farming dairy, growing mushrooms and fruit, and beekeeping. You may also want to consider running a nursery, greenhouse or chick hatchery, market gardening or fish farming. There are over 20,000 farms in Manitoba and about 98 per cent are family-operated. The average farm size is about 317 hectares. Many farm families also work at jobs off the farm to supplement their incomes.

Manitoba has a total land area of 55.4 million hectares with 14.6 million hectares (26.5 per cent) used for agriculture.

Major Manitoba farm products include wheat, barley, oats, rye, oilseeds such as canola, flaxseed and soybeans, a variety of vegetables and fruits, beef and dairy cattle, swine and poultry. Many farms also grow specialty crops and livestock. The average value of capital (both debt and equity) used by Manitoba farmers is about \$702,000 (Cdn) per farm operation. Capital investment averages 67 per cent for land and buildings, 22 per cent for machinery and equipment and 11 per cent for livestock and poultry inventories.

For information on the diversity of Manitoba's agriculture industry and available opportunities, visit these websites:

- profiles on agricultural and its individual crop and livestock sectors: www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/statistics/index.html
- cost of production guidelines; various assistance programs and services: www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/financial/farm/farm.html
- news, information and programs for younger farmers: www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/financial/youngfarmers/index.html





Manitoba Young Farmer Nominee Program Criteria

Manitoba welcomes experienced, young farmers with business skills to take part in farming ventures that create opportunities for themselves and add to the economic growth of the province. The Manitoba Young Farmer Nominee Program helps young farmers through the immigration process. To qualify under the program,

applicants must meet the following criteria:

- have a minimum personal net worth of \$150,000 (Cdn) after relocating to Manitoba
- invest a minimum amount – \$150,000 (Cdn) – of equity in a farm in Manitoba
- the principal applicant, be under 40 years of age
- have demonstrated experience in managing a farm operation and/or finances
- have marketable skills (principal applicant and/or spouse) to supplement farm income
- provide a cash deposit to the Manitoba Development Corporation – a \$75,000 (Cdn) – to guarantee the purchase of a farm in Manitoba

A decent standard of living for an average farm family of four is a minimum of \$35,000 (Cdn) per year. This minimum family living expense can be earned from farming and/or work off the farm.

How to Apply for the Manitoba Young Farmer Nominee Program

STEP # 1 Contact Manitoba Industry, Economic Development and Mines (IEDM) to obtain an application kit for the Manitoba Young Farmer Nominee Program. You can print a copy of the application from our website at www.manitoba-canada.com/yifp.

STEP # 2 Contact IEDM at 204-945-2466, or by e-mail at: pn-p-b@gov.mb.ca to arrange for a visit to Manitoba (minimum seven days) to explore the options available to you in the province. This visit will include an interview with an immigration officer.

STEP # 3 Send your completed application to the Investment and Business Immigration Branch of IEDM.

STEP # 4 If your application is approved for nomination, you will be required to sign a Deposit Agreement (contract). You will also receive instructions on how to pay your \$75,000 deposit, information on other fees and the documents you need to complete the application process. Note: In most cases, the deposit can be used toward the purchase of your farm in Manitoba.

STEP # 5 The Canadian Embassy will review the file, conduct a security and health check, and may ask for an interview with you. They will then decide if they will issue you a permanent resident visa.

STEP # 6 If the embassy grants you a permanent resident visa you must contact IEDM upon your arrival in Manitoba. IEDM will provide you with settlement and business information. Once your investment has been verified, your \$75,000 deposit will be returned to you. Any changes to the Deposit Agreement must be discussed and approved by IEDM before you start your business. (Including the type of farming activity).

Manitoba Welcomes You...

Manitoba is the ideal size and place to start a farm and to raise a family. It has a population of 1.1 million people who have diverse skills and multicultural backgrounds. Manitobans have a history of welcoming newcomers and we know how important farm immigrants are to our province's cultural and economic growth.

We encourage you to take advantage of the many services available to newcomers. We are committed to helping you and your family settle successfully and establish your farm in the province.



This program is coordinated by the Investment and Business Immigration Branch of Manitoba Industry, Economic Development and Mines and the Immigration Promotion and Recruitment Branch of Manitoba Labour and Immigration.

For more information on farming in Manitoba:

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