

The Farmland School Tax Rebate

What is the Farmland School Tax Rebate?

Owners of farmland will receive a rebate equal to 33% of the school division taxes paid on their farmland in 2004.

How does the rebate work?

Every property currently assessed as farmland in Manitoba will be eligible for a one-third reduction. Rebates apply only to farmland and do not include taxes paid on farm residences and buildings. The farmland owner must submit an application with proof that the property taxes have been paid in full. The rebate will be calculated and payment forwarded to the owner.

How do I know if my farmland property qualifies for the rebate?

Locate the Property/Assessment Information box on your 2004 property tax statement. You may qualify for this rebate program if there is a value indicated in the "Current Assessment" column under "Land" with a "Class" code of 30 (or 31).

If you own farmland within the City of Winnipeg, please contact the Manitoba Tax Assistance Office at 948-2115 to determine if you are eligible for a rebate.

Am I eligible for the rebate if I rent agricultural Crown land from the Manitoba government?

Yes. Please contact the Agricultural Crown Lands Office in Minnedosa at 1-204-867-6561 for more information.

How can I determine how much my rebate will be?

The rebate will be calculated for you when your application is processed. The rebate will be calculated based on the following formula:

$$\boxed{\text{Current assessed land value, class code 30 (or 31)}} \times \boxed{\text{portion \%}} \times \boxed{\text{school division mill rate divided by 1000}} \times \boxed{33\%} = \text{Rebate amount}$$

How do I apply for a rebate?

Application forms are available through your local Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives office, online at www.manitoba.ca, or by calling 1-866-Manitoba (1-866-626-4862).

What information is required on the application?

Basic information such as the registered owner's name and mailing address, and some additional verification information such as a list of properties you own that are classified as farmland, as well as proof of payment of your 2004 property and school taxes is required.

How long will it take to receive the rebate?

Applications should be processed and payment forwarded in approximately eight weeks.

Is this a one-time rebate?

No. The rebate is a permanent reduction in your farmland school taxes.