

The 2006 Farmland School Tax Rebate

What is the Farmland School Tax Rebate?

The farmland school tax rebate is part of the Manitoba government's continuing commitment to support the rural economy and provide farm families with school tax relief. Owners of farmland will receive a rebate equal to 60% of the school taxes paid on their farmland.

How does the rebate work?

Every property currently assessed as farmland in Manitoba will be eligible for a 60% rebate. Rebates apply only to farmland and do not include taxes paid on farm residences or buildings.

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

Locate the assessment area on your property tax bill. You may qualify for the rebate if there is a value indicated in the Land column with a Class "Farm".

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 1-204-867-6554 for more information.

How do I apply for a rebate?

If you received a rebate for 2005, an application listing the land you received a rebate for will be mailed to you. If there are additional properties (not included on the 2006 application form), add them. If there are properties listed on the application that you are not claiming, put a line through them.

If 2006 is the first time you are applying for the rebate, or if you require additional application forms, they are available through your local MAFRI, MASC and RM office, or online at www.gov.mb.ca/farmland

If you sold or purchased property in 2006, make note on the application and include the requested information.

Sign the application, attach a photocopy of the receipt from the municipality showing property taxes paid and forward the application to the MASC office that is nearest to you

Is the rebate considered taxable income?

If you claim property taxes as a deduction on your income tax return, you must reduce the claim by the amount of this rebate.

Can I still apply for my rebate from last year?

Yes, you may apply for a rebate up to three years after the taxes were due.

Are there any changes to the program for 2006?

As the owner of the eligible properties, you may be able to assign the payment of the rebate to a tenant. Call the Program Coordinator at 1-204-726-7068 to obtain the assignment form.