



Production Insurance

Serving Nova Scotia Farmers

Nova Scotia Crop & Livestock Insurance Commission



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► Protection

Production Insurance provides protection against crop losses caused by natural hazards. Insurable perils covered include:

- excessive moisture/rainfall
- drought
- frost
- hail
- wind
- wildlife
- insects
- diseases
- winter injury/kill
- unavoidable pollination failure
- adverse weather
- flood

Note: Not all perils apply to all crops - please see plan regulations for further details.

► Insurance Plans

The following Production Insurance plans are currently offered:

- Blueberry- lowbush, highbush
- Strawberry
- Raspberry
- Forage Establishment
- Spring Grain - barley, oats, mixed grain, feed wheat, milling wheat
- Winter Grain - feed wheat, milling wheat, rye
- Corn
- Soybean
- Tree Fruit - apples, pears
- Tree - apple and pear trees
- Potato - processing, seed, tablestock
- Vegetable - broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, fresh carrots, processing carrots, lettuce, onions, parsnips, rutabagas, winter squash
- Dairy Livestock & Loss of Income

► Average Insurable Yield (AIY) Methodology

Production Insurance in Nova Scotia is designed to give coverage that reflects crop management on an individual's farm. A number of methodologies are used to calculate average insurable yields (AIY's) depending on the crop.

Buffered Average Insurable Yield (spring/winter grain, soybean, potato, corn)

The average insurable yield is currently based on 10 years of yield records. In future, this period which determines average production will be increased to 15 years. This will give more stability to production averages. Where production records are not available, indexed industry averages are used. Yield records are buffered to + or - 30% of the indexed industry average.

Year	Crop Yield History	Provincial Avg.	Productivity Index	Missing Indexed Yields	Indexed Floor	Indexed Ceiling	Yield to Count
1		3000		3189	2233	4146	3189
2		2500		2658	1860	3455	2658
3		3500		3721	2605	4837	3721
4		2000		2126	1488	2764	2126
5	3500	2400	1.4583		1786	3317	3317
6	3800	3700	1.0270		2753	5114	3800
7	3500	3000	1.1667		2233	4146	3500
8	1000	2500	0.4000		1860	3455	1860
9	3200	2600	1.2308		1935	3593	3200
10	2500	2100	1.1905		1563	2902	2500
Average Index:			1.0789	Individual Average Insurable Yield		2987	
Credibility:			0.8000				
Weighted Index:			1.0631				

Note: Weighted Index is calculated using the credibility and average index.

$$[(\text{Average Index} \times \text{Credibility}) + (1 - \text{Credibility})]$$

The average index is weighted according to the number of crop yield records. In this example, based on six years, this grower has a weighted index of 1.0631, which indicates that the production level for this crop is approximately 6% above the provincial benchmark. The four years for which no records exist will be calculated using the provincial average for the given year increased by 6% to reflect the farm's production potential.

Buffering has been applied in year five and year eight as seen in the example. The buffering feature provides stability to your individual average insurable yield.

YEAR 5: Buffered Down
Actual Yield = 3500 Buffered Yield = 3317
YEAR 8: Buffered Up
Actual Yield = 1000 Buffered Yield = 1860

Average Insurable Yield With Benchmarks (lowbush/highbush blueberries, strawberries)

The average insurable yield is calculated using the production records of each insured for the past 10 years. Where records are not available, the producer will be assigned a benchmark yield for insured yield purposes. Average yields for lowbush blueberries are calculated separately for odd and even cropping years with the most recent five years even/odd being used.

Lowbush Blueberries

Year	Harvested Yield (lbs)	Insured Acreage (ac)
1	35,000	25
2	45,000	25
3	52,500	25
4	37,500	25
5	50,000	25
Totals	220,000	125

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average Insurable Yield} &= \frac{220,000 \text{ lbs}}{125 \text{ ac}} \\ &= 1760 \text{ lbs/ac} \end{aligned}$$

Highbush Blueberries
Mature Yield (4 years and older)

Year	Harvested Yield (pts)	Insured Acreage (ac)
1	75,000	10
2	81,000	10
3	84,000	10
4	87,000	12
5	100,800	12
6	115,200	12
7	110,400	12
8	133,500	15
9	135,000	15
10	136,500	15
Totals	1,058,400	121

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average Mature Yield} &= \frac{1,058,400 \text{ pts}}{121 \text{ ac}} \\ &= 8747 \text{ pts/ac} \end{aligned}$$

Immature Yield (1-3 years old)

Year	Harvested Yield (pts)	Insured Acreage (ac)
1	3,300	3
2	9,200	4
3	18,400	4
Totals	30,900	11

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average Immature Yield} &= \frac{30,900 \text{ pts}}{11 \text{ ac}} \\ &= 2809 \text{ pts/ac} \end{aligned}$$

The average insurable yield (AIY) is the sum of the simple average of the mature yield (4 years and older) and twice the simple average of the immature yield. The immature yield is expected to double each year.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{AIY} &= 8747 \text{ pts/ac} + (2809 \text{ pts/ac} \times 2) \\
 &= 14365 \text{ pts/ac}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: Detailed production records are required to accurately write coverage for immature blocks, otherwise there will be no immature adjustment.

Strawberries

Year	Harvested Yield(qts)	Insured Acreage (ac)
1	32,000	5
2	25,000	5
3	30,000	5
4	26,000	5
5	32,500	5
6	34,500	5
7	36,000	5
8	27,000	5
9	37,500	5
10	38,000	5
Total	318,500	50

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Average Insurable Yield} &= \frac{318,500 \text{ qts}}{50 \text{ ac.}} \\
 &= 6370 \text{ qts/ac}
 \end{aligned}$$

When there is a complete set of records for 10 years, the average insurable yield (AIY) is calculated as a weighted average (total yield/total area). If there are years with no yield history, then a potential yield benchmark is assigned based on production records and field inspection. The average insurable yield is the simple average of the ten years.

Indexed Average Insurable Yield (forage production, raspberries, vegetables)

Year	Crop Yield History	Provincial Avg.	Productivity Index	Missing Indexed Yields	Yield to Count
1		3000		3189	3353
2		2500		2658	2794
3		3500		3721	3912
4		2000		2126	2235
5	3500	2400	1.4583		4000
6	3800	3700	1.0270		3800
7	3500	3000	1.1667		3500
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Average Index:		1.0789	Individual Average Insurable Yield		2919
Credibility:		0.8000			
Weighted Index:		1.0631			

Note: Weighted Index is calculated using the credibility and average index

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The average index is weighted according to the number of crop yield records. In this example, based on six years, this grower has a weighted index of 1.0631, which indicates the production level for this crop is approximately 6% above the provincial benchmark. The four years for which no records exist will be calculated using the provincial average for the given year, increased by 6% to reflect the farm's production potential.

► **Coverage Level Options**

Production Insurance guarantees a percentage of your average insurable yield for each crop. If the harvested yield falls below the guaranteed yield due to an insurable peril, then you are eligible for a claim.

	%	%	%	%
Blueberry	70	80	85	90
Corn	70	80	85	90
Potato	70	80	85	90
Raspberry	70	80	85	90
Soybean	70	80	85	90
Spring Grain	70	80	85	90
Strawberry	70	80	85	90
Tree Fruit	70	80	85	90
Vegetable	70	80	85	90
Winter Grain	70	80	85	90

A coverage quote is mailed to all insured clients before the start of the crop year, outlining coverage options and premium costs based on crops insured the previous year. Failure to return this coverage quote will result in no coverage offered for the current crop year.

► Cost-sharing Agreement

The Governments of Canada and Nova Scotia provide financial assistance by jointly contributing 60% of the premium costs and all of the administrative costs. The only cost to producers is 40% of the premium for low risk crops (please refer to the list below). For some high risk crops the cost-sharing will differ. Depending on the coverage level, producers will pay more than 40% of the premium for increases in coverage level. Premium rate calculations are actuarially certified and rates are reviewed annually.

Low Risk Crops

- ▲ 40% Producers
- ▲ 36% Government of Canada
- ▲ 24% Government of Nova Scotia

High Risk Crops (cost-sharing changes for coverage level of 85% or higher)

- ▲ 20% Government of Canada
- ▲ 2/3 of Government of Canada's share equals the Province of Nova Scotia's share
- ▲ Remaining amount is the Producers' share

<u>Low Risk:</u>	Coverage Level (%)
Tree Fruit	All
Corn	All
Blueberry	All
Potato	85
Raspberry	85
Spring Wheat	85
Winter Grain	85

<u>High Risk:</u>	Coverage Level (%)
Barley	85, 90
Oats	85, 90
Mixed Grain	85, 90
Strawberry	85, 90
Vegetables	85, 90
Soybean	90
Spring Wheat	90
Winter Grain	90
Potato	90
Raspberry	90

► **Premium Discount/Surcharge**

The premium rate shall be adjusted by giving a discount when an insured's total claims paid are less than the total premiums paid, or by adding a surcharge when total claims paid are greater than total premiums paid based on the number of years insured. Premiums used in this calculation include both producer and government shares.

BLUEBERRY VOLUME DISCOUNT

An additional discount will apply to the base rate if a producer currently has a discount and manages 50 or more acres in a producing year. This additional discount can range from 5% to 30% of the base rate depending on the producer's premiums/claim history.

► **Spring Grain Whole Farm Option**

This option is offered at a reduced premium rate depending on the calculated dollar coverage of the crops insured. There is a full offset feature in this plan that determines eligible claim payments. The result is that good yields in one crop will offset poor yields in another, resulting in one net claim for the whole farm. Premium discounts range from 17-45% on all crops insured under this option.

► Notice Of Damage

In the event of crop damage, **you must submit a “Notice of Crop Damage Report”** (see back of booklet). If damage results in a claim, a Proof of Loss form must be completed (this is an application for a claim). A claim settlement will be made for any shortfall in production below the production guarantee due to losses from any insurable perils.

► Types Of Claims

Reseeding/Overseeding (corn, forage establishment, spring grain, soybeans) - Loss or damage occurs, due to an insurable peril, to 2 hectares or more from date of planting for a 30-day period. The Commission must be notified immediately when damage occurs before the crop is removed from production or overseeded.

Crop	Overseed Payment (% or Price Option)	Reseed Payment (% or Price Option)
Corn	\$75/ha	25%
Spring Grain		25%
Soybean		25%
Forage Establishment	50%	100%

Stage 1 (spring/winter grain, corn, soybean, potato) - Damage occurs from the date of seeding up to a period of 30 days and the damaged area is removed from production.

Stage 2 (spring/winter grain, corn, soybean, potato) - Damage occurs after the Stage 1 period up to the time of harvest.

Stage 3 (all crops) - The crop is harvested but yield falls below the production guarantee due to one or more insurable perils.

The indemnity values are based on a percentage of the price options for the damaged area as listed below.

Crop	Stage 1 % of Price Option	Stage 2 % of Price Option	Stage 3 % of Price Option
Corn	60%	80%	100%
Spring Grain - Feed/Milling Wheat	50%	80%	100%
- Barley, Oats, Mixed Grain	65%	80%	100%
Winter Grain - Milling Wheat	50%	80%	100%
- Feed Wheat, Rye	65%	80%	100%
Soybean	70%	80%	100%
Potato*	50%	80%	100%

*Minimum of 3 acres damaged

For some crops (blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, forage production, tree fruit, vegetables), there are no stage 1 or 2 adjustments - all claims are considered a stage 3.

► Insurance Example

Information:	Crop = Barley Average Insurable Yield = 3000 kg/ha Percent Coverage = 80% Price Option = \$160.00 Area Seeded = 1 ha Harvest Yield = 1600 kg
Production Guarantee:	= 3000 kg/ha x 80% x 1 ha = 2400 kg/ha
Costs:	Dollar Coverage = 2400 kg/ha x \$0.16/kg = \$384.00/ha Total Cost = \$384.00/ha x 8.9% = \$34.18/ha Producer Cost = \$34.18/ha x 40% = \$13.67/ha
Claim Calculation:	<p>The harvest yield (1600 kg) falls below the production guarantee (2400 kg) indicating a claim. The claim payable equals the production guarantee, less the harvested yield, multiplied by the price option chosen.</p> Claim Payable: = (2400 kg - 1600 kg) x \$0.16/kg = \$128.00/ha

► Other Program Details

Tree insurance

Who's Eligible: Producers who have insurance under the Tree Fruit Production Insurance Plan are eligible for tree insurance under this plan. New producers who have immature trees which are not yet producing are eligible for insurance providing they own a minimum of 500 trees. If a grower has both apple and pear trees but does not wish to insure both, only the trees making up the highest percentage of trees in the tree fruit orchard will be eligible for tree insurance. At the time of application the grower must indicate the number of apple and pear trees 1 year of age and older, owned or leased. Trees planted prior to June 1 in the crop year are eligible for coverage in the fall, providing total growth exceeds 46 centimetres. Under this plan, total premium must be paid at the time of application.

Perils: Tree Insurance provides coverage for apple and pear trees damaged as a result of wind, winter injury (excluding mouse damage), snow, ice, virus diseases, canker, fireblight (*erwinia amylovora*), and wildlife (excluding mouse damage).

Coverage: Under this plan, coverage shall be based upon the following table of insurable values, considering tree age and planting density. The Commission must be informed when the number of trees increases or decreases.

Tree Density/acre	Trees Age in Years → → → → →						Maximum Insurable Age
	1	2	3	4	5	6+	
<125	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$25.00	50 years
125-300	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	40 years
301-700	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	30 years

Damage: Notify the Commission immediately of any tree damage from insurable perils. It is also the grower's responsibility to notify the Commission 10 days prior to destruction or removal of trees. If damage to trees exceeds 3% (deductible) of the insured number of trees, causing removal due to insurable perils, a claim may be paid. The deductible will be applied separately and pear trees will be insured. In the crop year following a year in which the insured was paid for loss of trees, the Commission may waive the deductible clause as it applies to trees which have been identified by the Commission as having been injured by an insurable peril in the previous crop year.

Dairy Livestock Insurance

Dairy Livestock Insurance provides insurance against a loss of livestock from insurable diseases and a benefit for loss of income from milk production.

Livestock:

Insurable Diseases: The following are designated perils for the purpose of insuring against a loss of livestock from disease:

- Pasteurella Pneumonia or Mannheimia Hemolytica (shipping fever)
- Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (respiratory form) I.B.R.
- Reportable Diseases that are designated pursuant to the Health of Animals Act (Canada), except bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and foot and mouth disease (FMD).

Coverage and Costs: An applicant must insure all cows and heifers, 12 months of age and older. Coverage is in effect for one year from the date the Certificate of Insurance is issued. If the number of animals increases during the year, additional insurance coverage can be purchased.

Insurable Values and Cost Per Animal

Cows and Heifers

Herd Value	Cost/Animal
\$400	\$1.00
\$600	\$1.50
\$800	\$2.00
\$1,000	\$2.50
\$1,200	\$3.00

Herd Value	Cost/Animal
\$1,400	\$3.50
\$1,600	\$4.00
\$1,800	\$4.50
\$2,000	\$5.00

Calves Only

Herd Value	Cost/Animal
\$200	\$0.50
\$400	\$1.00

Herd Value	Cost/Animal
\$600	\$1.50
\$800	\$2.00

The minimum premium for basic coverage is \$25.00 per year. Premiums are calculated by giving a discount when indemnity is less than total premium paid. The maximum discount shall be 70%.

Notice of Claim: When an insured animal dies or must be destroyed due to an insurable disease, the insured person must notify the Crop & Livestock Insurance Commission within forty-eight (48) hours after the death of the animal. A “Notice of Claim”, along with a written statement from the attending veterinarian signifying the cause of death, must be submitted to the Commission. A necropsy must be performed by the attending veterinarian and the carcass forwarded to the Provincial Pathology Laboratory.

Adjustment of Claim: The maximum claim for which the Commission is liable is the insured value less any compensation through another agency, government department or salvage value, when applicable. The Commission is not responsible for the payment of transportation costs regarding salvage value or for costs to support a claim. The Commission reserves the right in the event of a claim to compensate according to the market value of the animal(s).

Loss of Income Benefit:

This benefit is included at no additional premium cost. A producer is compensated when the average gross monthly income from the sale of milk falls below 50% of the previous 12 months due to insurable perils. The perils under this endorsement include insurable diseases, fire and loss of buildings due to ice or snow. When a claim under the endorsement occurs, payments will be made for up to four months provided the producer continues in business.

Loss of Income Claim Payment: The Commission shall determine the reduction in income each month by subtracting from the maximum insurable income the actual monthly payment received from the sale of milk and/or the value of any compensation from the lease or rental of quota or other such contractual arrangements that provide for the sale of milk for the month.

► Forage Establishment

Crop Insurance provides protection against establishment failure during the first year of growth for alfalfa, grasses and other legumes.

There are two options available under the Forage Establishment Plan. Option A provides coverage of \$140 per acre and Option B provides coverage of \$90 per acre.

Damage: In the event of crop damage, you must submit a Notice of Crop Damage Report. If damage results in a claim, a Proof of Loss form must be completed.

Overseeding Benefit: When a grower has lost 2 or more acres, but where the total crop is not destroyed, an overseeding benefit is payable at the rate of \$70/acre for Option A and \$45/acre for Option B.

Seeding Dates: The grower shall offer for insurance the total acreage of new seeding. The final seeding date for legumes and legume/grass mixtures is July 1 and for grasses is September 1. The final date of insurance protection is May 31 of the following calendar year.

Application Deadline: October 15th.

► Critical Dates

Crop	Crop Year	Final Seeding Date	Final Date to Report Yields
Blueberries	Nov. 15-Sept. 15 (Lowbush) Nov.15-Sept. 25 (Highbush)	N/A	Within 15 Days of Harvest Completion
Corn	May 1 - Nov. 15	June 8	Within 15 Days of Harvest Completion
Forage	Date of Seeding - May 31 of the next year	July 1 (Legumes & Legume Grass Mixture) Sept. 1 (Grasses)	N/A
Potatoes	Apr.20-Dec.20	June 8	Within 15 Days of Harvest Completion
Raspberries	Nov.1-Oct.31	N/A	Within 15 Days of Harvest Completion
Soybeans	May 20 -Nov. 1	June 8	Within 15 Days of Harvest Completion
Spring Grain	March 15-Sept. 30	June 8	Within 15 Days of Harvest Completion
Strawberries	Sept. 1- Aug. 31	N/A	Within 15 Days of Harvest Completion
Tree	Dec. 1-Nov. 30	N/A	N/A
Tree Fruit	Dec. 1-Nov. 30	N/A	Within 15 Days of Harvest Completion
Winter Grain	Sept. 1-Aug. 31	Sept. 30 (Zone 1) Sept. 20 (Zone 2)	Within 15 Days of Harvest Completion
Vegetables	March 15-Nov. 15	N/A	Within 15 Days of Harvest Completion

► How to Apply for Production Insurance

If you already have a production insurance contract for a particular plan, you will be given an opportunity to choose the coverage level and price option for the coming growing season via an information mailout. If a response is not received your policy for that plan will be made inactive for the current year. If you wish to add a new plan to your contract you have to apply before the deadline date. Producers who do not have production insurance and want to apply should contact the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission prior to the final application date (see schedule below and forms at the back of booklet).

Plan	Application Deadline	Cancellation Deadline
Blueberry Raspberry Strawberry	November 15 November 1 November 15	December 15 October 31 September 15
Forage Establishment	October 15	Contract ends May 31
Corn Soybean Spring Grain	May 1 May 1 May 1	March 15 March 15 March 15
Winter Grain	September 1	September 15
Potato Vegetable	April 20 March 15	March 15 March 15
Tree Fruit Tree Insurance	December 1 December 1	November 30 November 15

All applications for insurance require a premium deposit at the time of application as indicated in the table below.

Crop	Premium Deposit
Blueberries	\$20.00
Raspberries	\$50.00
Strawberries	\$20.00
Corn	\$20.00
Soybeans	\$50.00
Spring Grain	\$20.00
Winter Grain	\$50.00
Potatoes	\$50.00
Vegetables	\$50.00
Tree Fruit	\$50.00

► **Farm Transfers - Discount/Surcharge Policy**

It is the policy of the Commission that all new growers should be treated consistently regardless of their relationship to previous clients of the Commission. Based on this underlying principle, specific policies for the different farm transfer categories are as follows:

1) Corporate Ownership Transfers:

Corporations are separate legal entities. Despite any redistribution of shares, an insurance contract with a corporation will remain in force and unaltered.

2) Family Transfers:

Regardless of any previous relationship with any other client, a new client is entitled to begin their contract at a base premium rate (i.e. with a D/S of 1.0). Therefore, in the case of a family transfer, a new contract will be issued to the transferee, and the discount/surcharge shall begin at the base rate.

3) Non-Family Transfers:

Any person purchasing a farm from a currently insured person shall be issued with a new contract, and the discount/surcharge shall begin at the base rate.

4) Partnership Splits:

Whenever a partnership split occurs with an insurance contract, all partners shall be offered new contracts. In a case where the partnership split results in two or more enterprises being formed, then each of the former partners shall begin their new contract at the base premium rate, with no discount or surcharge applied. In a case where the resulting enterprise is held by only one of the partners, then the same contract shall continue, with the same discount or surcharge which was held by the partnership prior to being dissolved.

5) Mid-Season Transfer:

Whenever a farm transfer takes place part way through the insurance year, then the insurance contract currently in force shall be offered to the new owner (unaltered) for the remainder of the crop year. This contract would be terminated at the end of the crop year and a new contract issued to the new owner (at the base rate). A transfer form must be signed by the transferor and the transferee. All premium in respect of the contract shall be payable by the new owner. If the new owner declines to assume the previous

owner's insurance contract, then the premium shall still be deemed as earned, and shall be payable by the previous owner.

6) Transfers Back to Previous Owner:

If a client transfers their farm to another person, and at some later date purchases the farm back again, then that person shall resume their coverage based on the discount/surcharge that they held at the time of the initial transfer.

► What Paperwork Will I Receive?

Once your application has been received and the necessary information has been processed, you will receive the following in the mail:

Paperwork	Explanation
1. Contract of Insurance	Contract between grower and the Commission outlining the terms and conditions. An entire contract of insurance consists of a contract, a completed application form and a copy of the plan regulations.
2. Regulations	Plan regulations as made under the Crop & Livestock Insurance Act.
3. Arbitration Proceedings	Outlines procedures for arbitration in the event of a claim dispute.
4. Coverage Offer	Producer declares estimated acres, coverage level and insured price for upcoming crop year.
5. Seeding Report (grains and oilseeds, potatoes, vegetables)	To be completed 10 days after seeding is complete.
6. Certificate of Insurance	Provides details of insured crop(s), including acreage, production guarantee, dollar coverage and premium.
7. Notice of Damage	To be completed when crop damage occurs.
8. Harvest Yield Report	To be completed within 15 days of harvest completion.
9. Proof of Loss Form	To be completed when applying for a claim.
10. Claim Release Form	Outlines details of claim calculation.

► **Your Obligations and Responsibilities**

- **Complete spring seeding no later than June 8th** - If your crop is seeded after the seeding date your insurance coverage may be reduced or coverage may not be offered on the late seeded crop.
- **File seeding report no later than 10 days after crop planted** - This ensures full coverage for crops grown.
- **Insure all acres under an insured plan** - All crops under an insured plan must be declared for production insurance.
- **Provide accurate reporting of area planted** - When in a claim situation, the insured area will be measured for most crops. If the measured area is less than the insured area, the total guaranteed production and the amount of insurance will be reduced accordingly and no premium refund will be made. If the measured area exceeds the insured area, the total harvested yield will be prorated to the insured area when calculating the claim payable.
- **Pay premium no later than August 1** - The exceptions are strawberries and raspberries, payable no later than July 1; winter grain, payable no later than April 30; forage production and tree endorsement, payable no later than December 1.
- **Report damage when it occurs - within five days of any loss or damage!** Failure to report crop damage may jeopardize your production insurance claim or result in a delay of claim payment.
- **Provide accurate yield information within 15 days of harvesting of insured crop** - Accurate yield information provides for accurate coverage and reflects your crop management practices. If you are carrying over crop from a previous year, purchasing a crop, or mixing crops, it is your responsibility to report this information to the Commission.
- **Cancel coverage by appropriate deadline** - Plan ahead! If you wish to cancel your contract for any production insurance plan, please do so by the required date.
- **Confirm production insurance documents** - You should review all production insurance documents you receive for accuracy. Please report errors immediately!

► Appeals

The Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Arbitration Board resolves production insurance claim disputes between insured producers and the Nova Scotia Crop & Livestock Insurance Commission. If you wish to appeal a settlement of any loss arising out of an adjustment of a claim please follow the procedures outlined in the Regulations under Arbitration.

► Questions?

If you have any questions regarding production insurance contact:

Nova Scotia Crop & Livestock Insurance Commission
PO Box 1092
Truro, Nova Scotia
B2N 5G9

Telephone: (902) 893-6370
Toll Free: 1-800-565-6371
Fax: (902) 895-4622
Email: nsclic@gov.ns.ca
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APPLICATION FORM

CLIENT IDENTIFICATION

Name		
Farm Name	Farm Location	
Address	Postal Code	☎ Home
Civic Address	☎ Cellular	
Type of Operation	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	☎ Barn
SIN/Tax ID#	☎ Fax	
E-mail Address		
Contact Person	Telephone	

INSURANCE PLANS

Plan	COVERAGE LEVEL	PRICE OPTION
<input type="checkbox"/> Blueberry <input type="checkbox"/> Lowbush <input type="checkbox"/> Highbush		
<input type="checkbox"/> Corn		
<input type="checkbox"/> Forage Establishment		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pea & Bean (processing) <input type="checkbox"/> Wax <input type="checkbox"/> Green		
<input type="checkbox"/> Potato		
<input type="checkbox"/> Raspberry		
<input type="checkbox"/> Soybean		
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Grain		
<input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Fruit <input type="checkbox"/> Apples <input type="checkbox"/> Pears		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable		
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Grain		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

* Refer to booklet for coverage levels and price option

Do you currently hold a Crop Insurance Contract?
 Yes No

Have you ever held a Crop Insurance Contract?
 Yes No

Previous crop yield available?
 Yes No

PREMIUM DEPOSIT

Premium Deposit of \$ _____ accompanies this application. Please make cheque payable to Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission

DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, certify that the information provided is accurate. I have read and agreed to the conditions outlined on the reverse of this application form.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Commission Representative

OFFICE USE

Effective Date

Contract No.

CONDITIONS

1. I understand that: the land to be insured is land that I (we) own, lease or operate.
2. I shall offer for insurance, all of the area planted in each crop year to an insured crop(s) on the farm or farms owned or operated in Nova Scotia.
3. I am obligated to pay premium on the entire insured area, as calculated by the N.S. Crop & Livestock Insurance Commission using the premium rate schedule for the current year.
4. I must notify the N.S. Crop & Livestock Insurance Commission of any claims for loss as follows:
 - (a) Re-seeding - area must be inspected by a Commission Representative prior to being worked down and/or re-seeded.
 - (b) Pre-harvest Yield Loss Claims - area must be inspected by a Commission Representative before being pastured, cut for purposes other than threshing, worked down or otherwise destroyed. Should I do so, insurance will no longer apply on the portion of the crop destroyed and the premium shall be deemed earned.
 - (c) Post-harvest Yield Loss Claims - must be submitted within 5 to 15 days of completion of harvest (refer to specific plan regulation).
 - (d) Proof of Loss Report must be submitted when filing for a claim.
5. I must file a Harvest Yield Report when harvest is complete whether filing a claim or not.
6. If my application is accepted by the N.S. Crop & Livestock Insurance Commission, the Contract of Insurance shall be in effect from the date the Commission accepts the application, and from year to year thereafter unless terminated by either the Commission or myself, by giving the other party notice in writing of termination on or before the date specified

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HISTORICAL PRODUCTION RECORDS

(to accompany Crop Insurance Application)

Contract # _____

Name of Applicant, Corporation or Partnership _____ Telephone # _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

1. Crop Insurance Plan: _____ Crop _____

2. Yield History (please complete giving the past 10 years of records)

YEAR	AREA		YIELD				TOTAL INCOME	OFFICE USE ONLY	
	Ac <input type="checkbox"/>	Ha <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kg	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lb	AHY		Yld Rpt #	

3. Present Total Area of Crop Owned: _____

4. Area to be Harvested next crop year: _____

5. Indicate varieties planted: _____

Permission is hereby granted to verify production and sales records at: _____

Date _____

Commission Representative

Signature of Applicant



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DAIRY LIVESTOCK INSURANCE PLAN APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

Name		
Farm Name		Farm Location
Address	Postal Code	☎ Home
Civic Address		☎ Cellular
Type of Operation <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation		☎ Barn
SIN/Tax ID#		☎ Fax
E-mail Address		
Contact Person		Telephone

INSURABLE DISEASE PROTECTION & LOSS OF INCOME

CLASS OF ANIMAL	# ANIMAL		INSURED VALUE/ANIMAL		COST/ANIMAL		TOTAL	
	PREVIOUS	RENEWAL	PREVIOUS	RENEWAL	PREVIOUS	RENEWAL	PREVIOUS	RENEWAL
Cows-Heifers (12 mths & older)								
Heifers (6-11 mths.)								
Calves (under 6 mths)								
					PREMIUM			
INSURED'S INCOME* MONTHLY AVERAGE			KGS OF QUOTA		LESS DISCOUNT			
PREVIOUS	RENEWAL	PREVIOUS	RENEWAL	NET PREMIUM DUE MINIMUM \$25.00				
				LESS CREDIT				
*Average monthly gross income from sale of milk for the previous 12 months. Premium for Basic Loss of Income Endorsement is included in premiums for animals (4 months of coverage).					AMOUNT DUE			

I, the undersigned, hereby propose to insure the above animals, subject to the terms and conditions of the Dairy Livestock Insurance Plan, and I agree that at this date, the animals listed on the Application are in good health and includes all animals over 12 months of age. I acknowledge that this Insurance Coverage shall commence at the date the Certificate of Insurance is issued by the Commission.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE: _____

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NOTICE OF CROP DAMAGE

Name of Insured _____ Contract # _____

Location _____ Telephone # _____

Indicate Crop _____ Date Damaged _____

Area Insured _____ Area Damaged _____ (ha/ac) _____

Cause of Damage (Please check)

- excessive moisture
- drought
- hail
- wildlife (no known control)
- insect infestation
- disease
- adverse weather
- snow
- spring frost
- fall frost
- wind
- pollination failure
- winter injury

Describe damage briefly: _____

I HEREBY REQUEST PERMISSION (PLEASE SIGNIFY YOUR INTENTION):

1. **TO CONTINUE THE CROP TO HARVEST**

A. I anticipate a claim and declare that I have some old crop stored on my farm as of this date. I request that this crop be measured.
I expect to start harvesting on _____

B. My crop will not be completely harvested by the final harvesting date.

2. **TO ABANDON OR DESTROY THE DAMAGED CROP**

Note: Please complete proof of loss form for claim application.

A. Re-plant to another crop

B. Re-plant to same crop

C. Other (specify) _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Insured Person



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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Regulations require that you notify the Commission in writing **immediately after damage occurs**.
2. You must not abandon or destroy the crop without notice to and consent of the Commission in writing.
3. If loss or damage occurs and it appears that the potential production of the crop will be less than the guaranteed production, you must notify the Commission in writing within such time as to permit a pre-harvest inspection.
4. Notwithstanding any notice given as required above, if the actual production on completion of harvesting is less than the guaranteed production due to one or more of the perils insured against, you must notify the Commission in writing, **within five days of harvesting**.
5. If you anticipate a claim and have some of the same type of crop stored on the farm from a previous crop year, please advise. Our adjuster will measure such storage in order that it may be excluded from calculation of yield for the current crop year.

Mail to:

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Request for Transfer of Contract of Insurance

Name of Current Insured _____ Contract No. _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone No. _____

Insurance Plan(s) _____

I hereby certify that I have transferred ownership of my farming operation to the person(s) listed below and request that the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission transfer my contract of insurance to that person for the remainder of the crop year now in effect.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Applicant _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone No. _____

Insurance Plan(s) _____

I hereby certify that I have purchased the farming operation described above and request that the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission transfer their contract of insurance to me for the remainder of the crop year now in effect. I agree to abide by all terms and conditions of the Contract of Insurance and the applicable regulations for these insurance plans. I further agree to pay all premiums payable for this contract for the current crop year.

Signature _____ Date _____

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THE BENEFITS OF PRODUCTION INSURANCE

- ✓ Guarantees level of production
- ✓ Provides dependable collateral
- ✓ Aids in long term planning
- ✓ Assists with family financing
- ✓ Eliminates stress and anxiety
- ✓ Compensates grower if they have to reseed
- ✓ Reduces taxable income - premiums are tax deductible as an operating expense
- ✓ Helps to maintain high reference margin in the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program during low production years

