

# How to Participate in 2006 CAIS

Protect your farm income by participating in the 2006 Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program. Payments are made when your current year farm income (program year margin) is less than your average farm income from previous years (reference margin).

If you've participated in CAIS before, signing up for 2006 will be easy. You will receive a notice this summer that you are automatically enrolled in 2006 CAIS at the maximum protection level. If you want to change your protection level, all you need to do is contact the CAIS Administration. Your notice will explain the details.

Here is what you need to do if you want to participate in CAIS for 2006:

If you participated in CAIS in 2005 or any previous year:

1. You will receive an Options Notice. On the Options Notice, you will automatically be assigned the maximum protection level. If you would like a different protection level, contact the CAIS Administration at 1-866-367-8506 by September 30, 2006 or 30 days from the date shown on the Options Notice.
2. Send your fee payment to the CAIS Administration by December 31, 2006.
3. Submit your 2006 CAIS forms. Once you're enrolled in the program, the forms will be sent to you automatically in early 2007.

If you have never participated in CAIS before, you must first submit some historical information about your farming operation.

1. Contact the CAIS Administration to request a 2006 CAIS New Participant Package. The 2006 package contains program information and forms which you will have to submit to receive a 2006 Options Notice.
2. Submit the information requested in the 2006 CAIS New Participant Package to the CAIS Administration by September 30, 2006.
3. Send the tear-off portion of the Options Notice along with your fee payment to the CAIS Administration by December 31, 2006.
4. Submit your 2006 CAIS forms. Once you're enrolled in the program, the forms will be sent to you automatically in early 2007.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about CAIS, please call the CAIS toll-free line at 1-866-367-8506 or visit the program Web site at [www.agr.gc.ca/caisprogram](http://www.agr.gc.ca/caisprogram).

