



**FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STORAGE
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
2005 - 06**



GOVERNMENT OF
NEWFOUNDLAND
AND LABRADOR
Department of Natural Resources

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

1. Purpose of Program

The purpose of this program is to enhance the economic viability of horticultural producers through the expansion, upgrade and construction of fruit and vegetable storage facilities. This program is also available to regional producer associations for the upgrade, expansion or construction of a regional fruit and/or vegetable storage facility.

2. Eligible Applicants

This program is available only to horticultural producers, including producer co-ops, of Newfoundland and Labrador. Government departments and/or agencies as well as not-for-profit organizations are ineligible for funding assistance under this program.

- 2.1** Applicants for on-farm storage facility must have reported a minimum of \$10,000 in gross sales, from fruit/vegetable production, to Canada Custom and Revenue Agency in one of the last three years.
- 2.2** Applicants for regional storage facility must:
 - i. be a legal entity comprised of 3 or more regional fruit and/or vegetable producers. Member producers of this entity must have reported Income Taxes as a farmer and must have had at least \$10,000 in sales in one of the last three years.
 - ii. Applicants for the development of a new regional facility should also:
 - a. Demonstrate that they have the financial capacity and management ability to operate and maintain the facility;
 - b. Demonstrate that a need for such a facility exists within the region;
 - c. Demonstrate a commitment to fully utilize the facility for vegetable storage;
 - d. Commit at least a 25% equity share in the facility.
- 2.3** New Entrants may be considered for funding based upon their on-farm work experience, demonstrated commercial farm viability and have made a significant financial investment in their farm business.

3. Eligible Activities

This program will provide assistance for the construction, expansion or upgrade of building and equipment relevant to the storage of fruit and vegetables.

4. Ineligible Activities

Costs not covered under this program include:

- i. Expenses incurred prior to the submission of the Fruit and Vegetable Storage Assistance Program application.
- ii. Expenditures for buildings and equipment not used exclusively for this facility and/or the purpose of this facility including vehicles.
- iii. Assets purchased from associated or affiliated producers or companies.
- iv. Costs associated with restructuring of existing debts.
- v. HST/GST or other taxes are ineligible.
- vi. In-kind or “sweat equity” contributions.
- vii. Expenditures not directly related to the construction, expansion or upgrade of the storage facility (e.g. legal fees, financing charges, etc).
- viii. Other costs deemed inappropriate by the Program Management Committee.

5. Available Assistance

All assistance offers are subject to the availability of program funds.

5.1 On Farm Storage Facility

Assistance is in the form of a non-repayable grant and is available to the lesser of 50% of approved costs or \$10,000.

5.2 Regional Storage Facility

Assistance is in the form of a non-repayable grant and is available up to 75% of approved costs. Assistance is limited based upon the scope, reach (e.g number of farms) and benefit of the facility to the regional producers.

6. How to Apply

Producers must:

1. Complete the attached Fruit and Vegetable Storage Assistance Program application form.
2. Attach supporting documentation to show that you meet the eligibility criteria (e.g. copies of Income Tax returns, financial statements, etc).
3. In the case of applications for a new regional storage facility, include a business plan demonstrating that your organization meets the eligibility criteria in Section 2.2 above and that the proposed facility is viable.

Please ensure all sections are complete as incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Completed forms should be submitted by **June 15, 2005** to the Agricultural Representative in your area.

If you should have any questions, please contact your local Agricultural Representative or call (709) 637-2572.

**Fruit and Vegetable Storage
Assistance Program**

Application Form

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Date: _____

**All relevant sections must be completed to be
considered eligible for assistance**

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Please note that the Department reserves the right to request supporting documentation.

Any payments made by the Department are subject to the right of Government, under the Financial Administration Act, to set off any amounts owing to it by the applicant. Additionally, the amount of assistance made available to you under this Program may be released as public information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I certify that the information provided in this document is complete and accurate.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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