

TIPS

for completing the new simplified 2006 CAIS Form

CAIS has significantly reduced the amount of information you are required to submit in 2006. A total of 19 categories of information have been eliminated, resulting in a new format that allows all inventory, payables, receivables, and structural change information to be collected on a single page. This sheet provides useful tips for completing the new, simplified form.

2006 CAIS application deadline

The deadline to submit your 2006 CAIS application has been changed to September 30th, 2007.

2006 Opening inventories

Previously, producers were required to provide opening and closing inventory amounts each year. Now that most producers have established several years of CAIS participation, the CAIS Administration will carry forward your ending 2005 inventory to establish opening 2006 inventory. As a result, the new simplified form no longer requires opening amounts for crops, livestock, inputs, payables or receivables. If you did not submit an application in 2005, CAIS will contact you to obtain your opening 2006 inventory.

Reporting inventory for crops you no longer produce

If you carried an ending inventory amount from 2005 into 2006 for crops or forage that you then stopped producing in 2006, complete columns a-c of Section 8, and enter zero in the 'acres' and 'quantity produced' columns. Indicate the amount (if any) of ending inventory in column f.

If you have ending inventory for the commodity in 2006, and it falls under Inventory Code List B, you must provide your own end-of-year price in column g.

New inventory pricing method

Previously, changes in inventory were valued using one year-end price. Market commodities (but not productive assets such as breeding stock) will now be valued using both an opening (P1) and ending (P2) price. The decline or increase in value of inventory will be included in the calculation of the program year margin. The value of ending inventory minus the value of opening inventory will determine the total value of the change in your inventory during the program year.

Inventory change worksheet

This worksheet is available for producers who would like to use the old format for calculating their changes in crop and livestock inventories. Amounts calculated on the worksheet can be transferred to Sections 7 and 8 of the CAIS application form. This worksheet is for participants' use only and should not be submitted to the CAIS Administration. The Inventory Change Worksheet is available on the CAIS web site at www.agr.gc.ca/caisprogram or by calling the CAIS toll-free line at 1-866-367-8506.

