

C O N T A C T

Newsletter for the Net Income Stabilization Account (NISA) Program

May 2001

2000 FULL ENTITLEMENT Application Deadline

■ **JUNE 15, 2001**

(Individuals)

filed with your 2000 tax package

■ **JUNE 30, 2001**

(Corporations/Cooperatives)

New

ALBERTA CATTLE IN NISA

In Alberta, cattle are now covered under NISA!

Send us your 2000 application with the correct commodity code and related sales and expense information and NISA will automatically do the adjustments.

The earlier you send in your application, the earlier you will receive government matching contributions and be eligible for potential payments.

Things You Should Know About NISA

Financial Institution:

Did you know? You must open a Fund 1 NISA account at a participating financial institution of your choice by the deadline indicated on your Deposit/Withdrawal Options Notice (DWON), even if you don't expect to make a deposit or request a withdrawal that first year. **If you do not open a Fund 1 account at a financial institution by the deadline, you will not be entitled to participate in the program or receive government contributions (including automatic deeming).**

To open a Fund 1 account, just visit your chosen participating financial institution and complete a NISA Account Application before your DWON deadline. Your NISA Fund 1 account can be opened even with a zero balance.

T1163-T2042?

Did you know? If you have your NISA application prepared by a third party, you should check with them to make sure that they submitted the application on your behalf. You should also ensure that the application is a NISA application (T1163) and not a farming income and expense statement (T2042). T2042s are not NISA applications and will not be accepted by NISA.

E-filing:

Did you know? All e-filed applications are issued a confirmation number upon acceptance. If you or your accountant e-files your application, check to make sure it was successfully transmitted.

Applications submitted via e-file but not accepted at CCRA (i.e. not issued a confirmation number) will not be accepted by NISA.

Need an ADVANCE?

Request your withdrawal entitlement for the next stabilization year, NOW!

The NISA program provides flexibility to producers participating in the program particularly if they are experiencing a low income year. One of the options available to all participants is the Interim Withdrawal Option.

Requesting a 2001 Interim Withdrawal is an easy process! All you have to do is:

- 1. CALL** the NISA toll-free line and request the application (after you have received your 2000 DWON);
 - 2. ESTIMATE** what you think you would receive as a withdrawal entitlement for the 2001 stabilization year; and,
 - 3. SUBMIT** your Interim Withdrawal application before the deadline.
- ✓ Interim Withdrawal requests are usually processed within 30 days;
 - ✓ There are no overpayment charges if you over-estimate your 2001 withdrawal entitlement within 20%;
 - ✓ If you do over-estimate by more than 20%, only a 3% overpayment charge will be applied. This rate is less than an average rate you would receive on a loan from your financial institution. And, you have one year to pay it back!
 - ✓ The deadline to submit an Interim Withdrawal application for the 2001 stabilization year is **March 1, 2002** and **March 1, 2003** for the 2002 stabilization year (for corporations with a non-calendar fiscal year end).

Q *When I make a deposit at my financial institution, do I need to provide them with my DWON? How will NISA know I made a deposit?*

A When you make a deposit, you do not have to provide the financial institution with a copy of your DWON. The financial institution sends NISA a report monthly indicating all transactions that were made by NISA participants. It is, however, in your best interest to request a deposit slip from your financial institution at the time of your deposit should NISA have a question about your deposit.

Q *When do I return Part 2 of my DWON response?*

A You should return Part 2 to NISA if you wish to:
1) request a withdrawal;
2) use your trigger to deem a deposit.

Automatic deeming may occur if you do not return Part 2 before December 31 each year.

For more information, visit our website or consult the 2000 NISA Handbook.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN...

Look for the NISA Information Booth at the upcoming trade show :

2001 Western Canada Farm Progress Show

**June 20-23, 2001
Regina Exhibition Park**

NISA Publications Available Online:

- ✓ NISA Program Facts
- ✓ Q&A by province
- ✓ NISA "Contact" Newsletters
- ✓ 2000 Forms and Guide
- ✓ 2000 NISA Handbook

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