



## Manitoba Welcomes You...

Manitoba is the ideal size and place to start a farm and to raise a family. It has a population of 1.2 million people who have diverse skills and multicultural backgrounds. Manitobans have a history of welcoming newcomers and we know how important farm immigrants are to our province's cultural and economic growth.

We encourage you to take advantage of the many services available to newcomers. We are committed to helping you and your family settle successfully and establish your farm in the province.

This program is coordinated by the Business Immigration and Investment Branch of Manitoba Competitiveness, Training and Trade and the Immigration Promotion and Recruitment Branch of Manitoba Labour and Immigration.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FARM BUSINESS IMMIGRATION TO MANITOBA AND EXPLORATORY VISITS, CONTACT:

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# Open to Farming through Immigration



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## Manitoba Young Farmer Nominee Program Criteria

Manitoba welcomes experienced, young farmers with business skills to take part in farming ventures that create opportunities for themselves and add to the economic growth of the province. The Manitoba Young Farmer Nominee Program helps young farmers through the immigration process. To qualify under the program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have a minimum personal net worth of \$150,000 (Cdn) after relocating to Manitoba
- Invest a minimum amount – \$150,000 (Cdn) – of equity in a farm in Manitoba
- The principal applicant be under 40 years of age
- Have a minimum of three (3) years farm ownership, or three (3) years farm management background
- Have marketable skills (principal applicant and/or spouse) to supplement farm income
- Have conducted a visit to Manitoba for a minimum of seven (7) days to investigate farming opportunities and Manitoba's quality of life prior to applying.

A decent standard of living for an average farm family of four is a minimum of \$35,000 (Cdn) per year. This minimum family living expense can be earned from farming and/or work off the farm.

## Farming in Manitoba

As a farmer in Manitoba, you may choose tilling soil, raising and exhibiting livestock, raising horses for racing, raising poultry, farming fur, farming dairy, growing mushrooms and fruit, and beekeeping. You may also want to consider running a nursery, greenhouse or chick hatchery, market gardening or fish farming. There are over 20,000 farms in Manitoba and about 98 per cent are family-operated. The average farm size is about 317 hectares. Many farm families also work at jobs off the farm to supplement their incomes.

Manitoba has a total land area of 55.4 million hectares with 14.6 million hectares (26.5 per cent) used for agriculture.

Major Manitoba farm products include wheat, barley, oats, rye, oilseeds such as canola, flaxseed and soybeans, a variety of vegetables and fruits, beef and dairy cattle, swine and poultry. Many farms also grow specialty crops and livestock. The average value of capital (both debt and equity) used by Manitoba farmers is about \$702,000 (Cdn) per farm operation. Capital investment averages 67 per cent for land and buildings, 22 per cent for machinery and equipment and 11 per cent for livestock and poultry inventories.

For information on the diversity of Manitoba's agriculture industry and available opportunities, visit these websites:

- Profiles on agriculture and its individual crop and livestock sectors: [www.manitoba.ca/agriculture/statistics](http://www.manitoba.ca/agriculture/statistics)
- Cost of production guidelines; various assistance programs and services: [www.manitoba.ca/agriculture/financial/farm](http://www.manitoba.ca/agriculture/financial/farm)
- News, information and programs for younger farmers: [www.manitoba.ca/agriculture/financial/youngfarmers](http://www.manitoba.ca/agriculture/financial/youngfarmers)



## Farming Opportunities in Manitoba, Canada

Manitoba reflects the finest elements of our nation, Canada, which the United Nations frequently names the world's best place to live. Our province offers farming and career opportunities, family activities and a balanced lifestyle that you may be seeking in a new home.

Immigrants from many nations built our prairie communities, and today people from around the world continue to choose to make their homes in Manitoba. Our province offers a rich, varied geography, abundant natural resources, an enviable standard of living and a diversified, growing economy. It is an ideal place to live, do business, work and raise a family.

Manitoba offers you and your family many advantages. Overall personal living costs are lower in Manitoba than in most provinces of Canada. Our automobile insurance, electricity and retail sales tax rates are among the lowest in the country. Manitoba also offers publicly funded health care and a world-class education system that compares with the best anywhere. Added advantages include Manitoba's central North American location, excellent transportation links, inexpensive, abundant hydro-electric power and productive, affordable agricultural land and operating costs.



## How to Apply for the Manitoba Young Farmer Nominee Program

### STEP # 1

Contact the Business Immigration and Investment Branch to obtain an application kit for the Manitoba Young Farmer Nominee Program. You can print a copy of the application from our website at [www.manitoba-canada.com/pnp-b](http://www.manitoba-canada.com/pnp-b).

### STEP # 2

Contact the Business Immigration and Investment Branch at 204-945-1872, or by email at: [pnp-b@gov.mb.ca](mailto:pnp-b@gov.mb.ca) to arrange for a visit to Manitoba (minimum 7 days) to explore the options available to you in the province. This visit will include an interview with an immigration officer.

### STEP # 3

Send your completed application to the Business Immigration and Investment Branch.

### STEP # 4

If your application is accepted for nomination, you will be required to sign a Cash Deposit Agreement (contract) and make a deposit of \$75,000 (Cdn) into a bank account in Manitoba. You will forward your original Federal immigration forms, required processing fees and Right of Permanent Residence fees to a Canadian Visa Office that serves your area (address will be provided to you at that time).

### STEP # 5

The Canadian Embassy will review the file, conduct a security and health check, and may ask for an interview with you. At their discretion, they may issue you (and your dependents, if applicable) a Permanent Resident Visa.

### STEP # 6

On arrival in Manitoba, contact the Manitoba Business Immigration and Investment Branch to receive settlement and business related information. Once your investment has been verified in the farm business that you have proposed, your \$75,000 (Cdn) deposit will be returned to you. Any changes to the Cash Deposit Agreement must be discussed and approved by the Manitoba Business Immigration and Investment Branch before you start your business (including the type of farming activity).

