

Application for a Lease of Crown Land for Agricultural Production

I wish to make application for the lease of Crown Land as described herein from the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries to be used for agricultural production
Please print

Name: _____
First name and Last name

Address _____
Street or P.O. Box

_____ City _____ Province _____ Postal Code

Location of Property: _____
(Local, Parish, County)

Telephone: _____

The land I wish to lease measures approximately _____ hectares or _____ acres in area

I intend to use this land for: _____

NOTE: The following must accompany this application:

A site map, showing a north arrow, existing roads and property lines. It is preferred that this be a copy from a recent orthophoto property map. If one is not available a copy of a Grant map or an aerial photograph with the property clearly outlined may be used.

A site development plan, containing the annual objectives which the grower will be implementing with respect to the subject property.

I hereby declare that I understand that the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries will endeavour to make this land available but that there is no commitment on their part if the land identified cannot be made available for lease.

If further information is required, contact the Land and Environment Branch at the address listed below.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date: _____

Land and Environment
New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Telephone : (506) 453-2109

Fax : (506) 453-7406

Under certain terms and conditions, Crown Land may be leased from the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries for the purpose of agricultural production.

Eligible Land

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will consider for transfer Crown Land which is clear cut, old fields or recently burned over areas for agricultural use. Forested land will not be considered for transfer unless it conforms or does not interfere with the Forest Management Plan.

Application

An application to lease Crown land for the purpose of agricultural production may be made on forms available from any office of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries (DAAF).

Applications must include:

1. A map or aerial photo showing the location of the subject property.
2. A site development strategy which will outline the plan, including timeframes, for the intended development of the site.

Applicants should apply for only those lands which are required for agricultural purposes. Applicants are encouraged to contact the nearest office of DAAF for assistance in completing their applications.

All applications are submitted for consideration to DAAF. Upon receipt of an application, the Department will seek supporting documentation from the relevant Departmental specialist regarding the intended agricultural production. Upon receipt and review of supporting documentation, a recommendation will be completed.

Transfer of Administration and Control

If the Crown Land requested is under the management of DNR, DAAF must submit a request to DNR for the transfer of administration and control of the land to DAAF. This process may require some months to complete, as it requires approval from other stakeholders which may have an interest in the land, (such as a timber licensee), before the transfer can take place.

When an agreement is obtained, DNR informs DAAF of the conditions under which the parcel will be transferred. The applicant is then notified of these terms and conditions. Upon acceptance of the terms and conditions, by the applicant, DNR will be requested to proceed with the transfer of administration and control of the parcel to DAAF.

Survey Requirements

In all cases, a survey of the subject property conducted by a registered NB land surveyor, is required, the cost of which is the responsibility of the applicant.

When the survey is completed it must be submitted to the Crown Lands Branch (DNR) by the surveyor (i.e., a Return of Survey). When that has been received, the necessary legal procedures to transfer the property to DAAF will be carried out.

Aboriginal Engagement

During the evaluation of the application, DAAF will engage the potentially affected Aboriginal communities regarding any potential infringement upon proven or asserted Aboriginal and treaty rights. The engagement timeline is variable as it is dependent on the determination of the impact to Aboriginal rights.

Permit to Occupy

Once the decision to transfer the property to NBDAA has been made, and while the survey is underway, the applicant may request a permit to occupy the land. **A permit to occupy may be granted at the discretion of the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries.** A letter of permission to occupy the land, from the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries, must be received by the applicant before work on the land may begin.

Site Development Strategy

Before the approval of a lease by the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries **applicants are required to submit a Site Development Strategy** for approval. This Site Development Strategy will consist of a plan containing the annual objectives that the grower will be implementing. The relevant specialist will provide applicants with the requirements of the Strategy. The Strategy will be included in the lease document and will comprise an essential component of it.

Leases will be monitored periodically by staff of the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries.

Rental Rates

Crown Land is leased for agricultural use according to the following fee schedule. This fee schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries.

| Land Use | Annual Rate | Comments |
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| Land in support of blueberry production | Yr 1 - 5 \$ 0.00/Ha. Yr 6 \$15.00/Ha. Yr 7 - 8 \$20.00/Ha. Yr 9 - 10 \$25.00/Ha. | Rates for years 1-8 apply to land under development, not previously managed for blueberry production |
| Land in support of livestock production(hay, pasture, grain) | \$15.00/Ha. | |
| High value crops(potatoes, fruit & vegetables) | Land under development (maximum two years)- \$5.00/Ha. Land fully developed-\$100.00/Ha. | |
| Cranberries | Supporting land-\$5.00/Ha. Productive land: Yr 1 - 3 \$5.00/Ha. Yr 4 \$50.00/Ha. Yr 5 \$100.00/Ha. Yr 6 \$150.00/Ha. Yr 7 - 25 \$200.00/Ha. | Supporting land includes building and machinery shed areas, drainage areas, reservoirs, tail water ponds, lakes, canals, and required buffer zones. The production area is delineated by the required production infrastructure including dykes and roadways that surround the production beds. Rates for years 1-6 apply to land under development, not previously managed for cranberry production. |

Land which is part of an existing lease and is judged by Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries officials as not being suitable for agricultural production will carry a rental fee of \$2.50 per hectare.