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Minister's message

On behalf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and the Farm Products Council of Canada, I am pleased to present the 2017 to 2018 Report on Fees.

On June 22, 2017, the [Service Fees Act](#)ⁱ received royal assent, thereby repealing the [User Fees Act](#)ⁱⁱ.

The Service Fees Act introduces a modern legislative framework that enables cost-effective delivery of services and, through enhanced reporting to Parliament, improved transparency and oversight. The act provides for:

- a streamlined approach to consultation and the approval of new or modified fees
- a requirement for services to have service standards and reporting against these standards, along with a policy to remit fees to fee payers when standards are not met
- an automatic annual fee adjustment by the Consumer Price Index to ensure that fees keep pace with inflation
- annual detailed reporting to Parliament in order to increase transparency

This 2017 to 2018 Fees Report is the first report to be prepared under the Service Fees Act. The report includes new information such as a detailed listing of all fees along with future year fee amounts. Additional fee information will be included starting next fiscal year, once Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada fully transitions to the Service Fees Act regime.

I welcome the increased transparency and oversight that the Service Fees Act's reporting regime embodies, and I am fully committed to transitioning my department to this modern framework.



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General fees information

The tables that follow provide information on each category of fees, including:

- the name of the fee category
- the date that the fee (or fee category) was introduced and last amended (if applicable)
- service standards
- performance results against these standards
- financial information regarding total costs, total revenues and remissions

In addition to the information presented by fee category, there is a summary of the financial information for all fees as well as a listing of fees under the department's authority. This listing includes the existing fee dollar amounts and the adjusted dollar fee amount for a future year.

General and financial information by fee category

General information

Fee category	Canadian Agricultural Loans Act ⁱⁱⁱ Registration Fees
Fee-setting authority	Canadian Agricultural Loans Act ⁱⁱⁱ
Year introduced	2009
Year last amended	2009 (formerly known as Farm Improvement and Marketing Cooperatives Loans Act) ^{iv}
Service standard	Loans from lenders registered within 15 business days of receipt. Target is 90%.
Performance results	The department registered 96.9% (154 out of 159 loans) within 15 business days of receipt.
Other information	Not applicable

Financial information (dollars)

2016 to 2017 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Cost ¹	2017 to 2018 Remissions ²
787,345	780,782	960,697	Not applicable

1. The amount includes direct and indirect costs, where such costs are identifiable and material. The amount includes contributions to Employee Benefit Plans and excludes Public Services and Procurement Canada accommodation charges.

2. A remission is a partial or full return of a fee paid. Under the Service Fees Act, departments are required to develop policies that determine when fees will be remitted to fee payers should service standards not be met. The requirement for departments to remit is anticipated to come into effect on March 31, 2020. This effective date allows departments time to develop remissions policies and adjust service standard tracking and remittance systems. During fiscal year 2017 to 2018, some departments may have issued remissions, in accordance with the authority of their enabling legislation or regulation, as opposed to the authority given by the Service Fees Act. It is remissions issued under enabling legislations or regulations that are shown above.

General information

Fee category	Fees charged for the processing of access requests filed under the Access to Information Act
Fee-setting authority	Access to Information Act^v
Year introduced	1983
Year last amended	2018
Service standard	Response provided within 30 days following receipt of request; the response time may be extended pursuant to section 9 of the Access to Information Act. Notice of extension is to be sent within 30 days after receipt of request. Target is 90%. For details please visit Access to Information Act^v .
Performance results	The department was able to respond within 30 days or less in 59% of the completed cases. 32% of the requests were completed within 31-120 days and the remaining 9% of closed requests required extension of 121 days and over.
Other information	Not applicable

Financial information (dollars)

2016 to 2017 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Cost ¹	2017 to 2018 Remissions ²
1,259	810	881,371	Not applicable

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Fee category	Fees for Community Pastures Programs
Fee-setting authority	Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act^{vi}
Year introduced	1985
Year last amended	Not applicable
Service standard	Exempted
Performance results	Exempted
Other information	Not applicable

Financial information (dollars)

2016 to 2017 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Cost ¹	2017 to 2018 Remissions ²
Not applicable (no amounts were reported in 2016 to 2017)	9,162,497	9,427,361	Not applicable

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Fee category	Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency pari-mutuel betting levy
Fee-setting authority	Criminal Code of Canada, Section 204 ^{vii}
Year introduced	1920
Year last amended	Pari-mutuel payments order was last amended April 1, 1983.
Service standard	There are no outstanding issues of regulatory non-compliance amongst licensees.
Performance results	100% resolution of all issues of non-compliance.
Other information	Not applicable

Financial information (dollars)

2016 to 2017 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Cost ¹	2017 to 2018 Remissions ²
Not applicable (no amounts were reported in 2016 to 2017)	9,817,862	9,572,416	Not applicable

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General information

Fee category	Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency pari-mutuel betting proficiency test fee
Fee-setting authority	Criminal Code of Canada, Section 204 ^{vii}
Year introduced	Proficiency Testing program was created in 1998, but did not begin charging participants until 2005.
Year last amended	Proficiency Testing Cost per sample was last amended in 2014.
Service standard	A report with a summary of results from participants and scores to be sent to participants within three weeks.
Performance results	Proficiency Testing – 100% met.
Other information	Proficiency Testing system will be discontinued in 2018-19.

Financial information (dollars)

2016 to 2017 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Cost ¹	2017 to 2018 Remissions ²
Not applicable (no amounts were reported in 2016 to 2017)	26,320	Not available (The 2017 to 2018 cost amount was not identifiable.)	Not applicable

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General information

Fee category	Facility and personal fees under the Research - Sale Services Agreements (as outlined in the 1992 Order)
Fee-setting authority	Ministerial order: Treasury Board Research Memorandum of Understanding/Governor in Council St. Hyacinthe, Food Research and Development Centre Fees Order SR/92-478
Year introduced	1992
Year last amended	Not applicable
Service standard	80% of the time under normal circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respond to general inquiries before the end of the next business day; - Acknowledge receipt of application within 1 business day; and - Provide an approval or a rejection decision notification within 10 business days.
Performance results	The department was able to respond to general inquiries before the end of the next business day for 86% of cases; acknowledge receipt of application within 1 business day for 89% of cases; and provision of an approval or a rejection decision notification within 10 business days for 92% of cases.
Other information	Not applicable

Financial information (dollars)

2016 to 2017 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Revenue	2017 to 2018 Cost ¹	2017 to 2018 Remissions ²
Not applicable (no amounts were reported in 2016 to 2017)	159,760	146,261	Not applicable

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Financial totals for all fee categories

Total revenues, cost and remissions (dollars)

2016 to 2017 Total revenue	2017 to 2018 Total revenue	2017 to 2018 Total cost	2017 to 2018 Total remissions
788,604	19,948,031	20,988,106	Not applicable

Note: The totals are the sums of the revenues, costs and remissions reported for all fee categories in the "Financial information" tables.

Fees under the department's authority

Fee amounts for 2017 to 2018, 2019 to 2020, and a future fiscal year, as applicable (dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

Name of fee	2017 to 2018 Fee amount	2019 to 2020 Adjusted fee amount ¹	Future fee amount and fiscal year ²
AgriStability Program - Administrative Cost Sharing Fee	55 per year	Exempted	Not applicable
Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Registration Fees	0.85% of the loan amount	0.87% of the loan amount ³ (This fee is subject to review)	Not applicable
Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency pari-mutuel betting levy	0.8% of each dollar bet through an approved pari-mutuel system, as operated in conjunction with the conduct of horse racing.	Exempted	Not applicable
Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency pari-mutuel proficiency test fee	200 per sample for Qualitative testing 275 per sample for Quantitative testing	As per the Agency's operational decision, the proficiency test will discontinue as of April 1, 2019	Not applicable
Community Pasture Program - Born Calf fee	45 per season	As per Budget 2012, this fee will no longer exist as of April 1, 2019	Not applicable
Community Pasture Program - Breeding fee	45 per head	As per Budget 2012, this fee will no longer exist as of April 1, 2019	Not applicable
Community Pasture Program - Bull Rental fee	35 per head	As per Budget 2012, this fee will no longer exist as of April 1, 2019	Not applicable
Community Pasture Program - Castration fee	10 to 15 depending on age	As per Budget 2012, this fee will no longer exist as of April 1, 2019	Not applicable
Community Pasture Program - Grazing fee	0.66 per day	As per Budget 2012, this fee will no longer exist as of April 1, 2019	Not applicable
Community Pasture Program - Inoculation fee	At cost (market)	As per Budget 2012, this fee will no longer exist as of April 1, 2019	Not applicable
Community Pasture Program - Livestock Mineral supplements	At cost (market)	As per Budget 2012, this fee will no longer exist as of April 1, 2019	Not applicable

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Parking permit	2-5 per visit depending on locations; 25-65 per month depending on locations; 90 per month - reserved	Exempted	Not applicable
Research - development assistant (outlined in the 1992 Order)	30 per hour	30.66 per hour	Not applicable
Research - research assistant (outlined in the 1992 Order)	30 per hour	30.66 per hour	Not applicable
Research - right of access (outlined in the 1992 Order)	42 per hour	42.92 per hour	Not applicable
Research - scientific professional (outlined in the 1992 Order)	40 per hour	40.88 per hour	Not applicable
Research - scientific researcher (outlined in the 1992 Order)	63 per hour	64.39 per hour	Not applicable

1. Fees are adjusted annually in one of two ways: (a) Under the Service Fees Act, fees are adjusted in each fiscal year by the percentage change over 12 months in the April All-Items Consumer Price Index for Canada, as published by Statistics Canada for the previous fiscal year. The Consumer Price Index rate for this report is 2.2%.

(b) The fee is subject to a periodic adjustment at a predetermined rate, in accordance with another authority in legislation or regulation.

2. The "Future fee amount and fiscal year" is the new amount of the fee, in a future fiscal year other than 2019 to 2020, adjusted by a predetermined rate, in accordance with the authority in legislation or regulation.

3. The Canadian Agricultural Loans Act fee identified in the "2019 to 2020 adjusted fee amount" column may not be adjusted as indicated if Treasury Board makes regulations with regard to low materiality fees before the fee's adjustment date and if Treasury Board considers this fee to be a low materiality fee pursuant to those regulations. The regulations, currently under development, are targeted to come into force sometime between from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

Endnotes

- i. Service Fees Act, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-8.4/index.html>
- ii. User Fees Act, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/U-3.7/20040331/P1TT3xt3.html>
- iii. Canadian Agricultural Loans Act, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/f-2.7/index.html>
- iv. Farm Improvement and Marketing Cooperatives Loans Act, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/f-2.7/20021231/P1TT3xt3.html>
- v. Access to Information Act, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1/index.html>
- vi. Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/P-17/FullText.html>
- vii. Criminal Code of Canada, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/>